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THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE AND TRADE

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

10:30 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade was called to order by **Representative Joseph Graves**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Graves, Sheppard, Callton, Jenkins, Johnson, Rendon, Somerville, Hughes, Barrett, Garcia, Glenn, Leutheuser, Schor, Townsend, Byrd, Garrett, Geiss, Love and Moss.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Sheppard moved to adopt the minutes from the **February 3, 2015**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Graves laid **HB 4119** before the committee:

HB 4119 (Garcia) Civil procedure; garnishment; garnishment of periodic payments; revise procedure.

Representative Schor moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 4119**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **19-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Graves, Sheppard, Callton, Jenkins, Johnson, Rendon, Somerville, Hughes, Barrett, Garcia, Glenn, Leutheuser, Schor, Townsend, Byrd, Garrett, Geiss, Love and Moss,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Schor moved to report **HB 4119** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **19-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Graves, Sheppard, Callton, Jenkins, Johnson, Rendon, Somerville, Hughes, Barrett, Garcia, Glenn, Leutheuser, Schor, Townsend, Byrd, Garrett, Geiss, Love and Moss,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Chair Graves laid **HB 4120** before the committee:

HB 4120 (McCready) Labor; fair employment practices; deductions from wages without written consent of employee; include certain reimbursements related to garnishment.

Representative Garcia offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to **HB 4120**:

1. Amend page 5, line 12, after "effect" by striking out the balance of the enacting section and inserting "September 30, 2015."

The motion prevailed by a vote of **19-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Graves, Sheppard, Callton, Jenkins, Johnson, Rendon, Somerville, Hughes, Barrett, Garcia, Glenn, Leutheuser, Schor, Townsend, Byrd, Garrett, Geiss, Love and Moss,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

The following people submitted a card and/or written testimony but did not wish to speak:

Patrick Clawson, representing the Michigan Process Servers' Alliance, opposes HB 4119. Jason Puscas, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, supports the bills.

Representative Love offered the following amendment to **HB 4120**:

1. Amend page 4, line 15, after "**LEAST**" by striking out "**1 PAY PERIOD**" and inserting "**2 PAY PERIODS**".

Subsequent to further discussion, **Representative Love** withdrew her amendment.

Representative Callton moved to report **HB 4120** with recommendation, as amended.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **19-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Graves, Sheppard, Callton, Jenkins, Johnson, Rendon, Somerville, Hughes, Barrett, Garcia, Glenn, Leutheuser, Schor, Townsend, Byrd, Garrett, Geiss, Love and Moss,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Chair Graves opened the floor for a presentation from:

Tim Sowton, representing the
Business Leaders for Michigan

Tim Sowton gave an overview of the business climate in Michigan and submitted a handout to the committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

Chair Graves opened the floor for a presentation from:

Wendy Block, representing the
Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Wendy Block gave an overview of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce's members, types of businesses, mission, positions on unemployment insurance and workers' compensation. Questions and discussion followed.

Chair Graves opened the floor for a presentation from:

Charles Owens, representing the
National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

Charles Owens gave an overview of the Small Business Act, the (NFIB) and the (NFIB)-Michigan, and Michigan Small Business facts. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Representative Joseph Graves, Chair
House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade
Malika Abdul-Basir
Committee Clerk
517-373-7256
1 Hour and 24 Minutes