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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND SENIORS

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 327 House Office Building

Representative Hooker, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Chair Hooker requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel, Hovey-Wright, Talabi, and Liberati,

Absent: None,

Excused: None.

Representative Forlini moved to approve the minutes from the February 11th, 2015 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4188, HB 4189, and HB 4190 before the committee.

HB 4188	(LaFontaine)	Children; adoption; objection to placements by child placing agency based on religious or moral convictions; allow.
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HB 4189	(Santana)	Children; adoption; objection to placements by child placing agency based on religious or moral convictions; allow.
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HB 4190	(Leutheuser)	Children; adoption; licensure of child placing agency that objects to placements on religious or moral grounds; allow.
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Representatives LaFontaine and Leutheuser introduced the bills.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Andrea Seyka and Jose Carerra, representing St. Vincent Catholic Conference, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed

Chad and Melissa Buck testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Jessica Barrow testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Brooke Tucker, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Sommer Foster, representing Equality Michigan, testified in opposition to the bills.

Bill Blacquiere and Troy Cummings, representing Bethany Christian Services, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Ken Kurtz testified in support of the bills.

The following people submitted testimony cards in support of HB 4188, HB 4189, and HB 4190, but did not wish to speak:

Dan Jarvis, representing the Michigan Family Forum.

Ed Rivet, representing Right to Life of Michigan.

The following person submitted a testimony card in opposition of HB 4188, HB 4189, and HB 4190, but did not wish to speak.

Mary Pollock, representing Michigan National Organization for Women.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting the time being 10:35 a.m.

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Representative Hooker, Chair

Matthew Carnagie  
Committee Clerk  
February 18<sup>th</sup> 2015  
95 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed