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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNEMENT

December 2, 2015

12:30 p.m.

Room 307 House Office Building

Chair Chatfield called the meeting to order.

Present were: Reps. Chatfield, Price, Heise, Maturen, Runestad, Sheppard, Theis, Moss, Brunner, Rutledge, Neeley,

Absent and excused: None.

Rep. Price moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held November 4, 2015. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Chatfield laid before the committee SB 303 – Knollenberg – Cemeteries and funerals; other; investment of money in a perpetual care and maintenance fund; expand authority.

Chair Chatfield recognized Senator Knollenberg to explain SB 303.

The following person testified in support of SB 303.

Keith Sawdon representing the City of Rochester Hills, MI

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of SB 303 but did not want to testify.

Barb Farrah representing the Michigan Cemetery Association
Chris Hackbarth & Nikki Brown representing the Michigan Municipal League
Judy Allen representing the Michigan Townships Association
Rep. Michael Webber representing District 45

Chair Chatfield laid before the committee SB 394 – Robertson – Housing; inspection; multi-unit inspections; modify, and include certain townships within scope of act.

Chair Chatfield recognized Erika Farley representing Senator Robertson's office to explain SB 394.

The following people testified in support of SB 394.

Forest Wall representing the Apartment Association of Michigan
Nikki Brown representing the Michigan Municipal League

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of SB 394 but did not want to testify.

Judy Allen representing the Michigan Townships Association
Brian Westrin representing Michigan Realtors

Chair Chatfield laid before the committee HB 4686 – Santana – Torts; government immunity; sidewalk injury claims; allow use of “open and obvious” defense.

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 4686 but did not want to testify.

Nikki Brown representing the Michigan Municipal League

Rep. Sheppard moved to report out HB 4686 with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 6-5-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Price, Maturen, Runestad, Sheppard, Theis,

Nays: Reps. Heise, Moss, Brunner, Rutledge, Neeley,

Pass: None.

Chair Chatfield recessed the meeting to the call of the chair, the time being 12:46 p.m.

Chair Chatfield reconvened the meeting, the time being 12:50 p.m.

Chair Chatfield laid before the committee HB 5041 – Chatfield - Land use; zoning and growth management; nonconforming property; allow for improvements or additions.

Chair Chatfield recognized Rep. Sam Singh representing the City of East Lansing, MI who testified in opposition to HB 5041.

The following person testified in opposition to HB 5041.

George Lahanas, City Manager for the City of East Lansing, MI

Chair Chatfield recognized the following people who testified in support of HB 5041.

Mark Fisk representing himself
Matt Hagan representing Hagan Reality
Nancy Marr representing Prime Housing Group

The following people filled out testimony cards in opposition to HB 5041 and wanted to speak but there was insufficient time.

Carol Edmunds representing herself
Konrad Hittner representing the Bailey Community Association of East Lansing, MI
Ralph Monsma representing Pinecrest Neighborhood, East Lansing, MI
Christine Root representing herself
Andrea Brown representing Michigan Association of Planning

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 5041 but did not want to testify.

Jeffrey Hudgins representing Hudgins Reality

The following person filled out a testimony card in opposition to HB 5041 but did not want to testify.

Nikki Brown representing Michigan Municipal League

Chair Chatfield stated that he would give the committee more time to study HB 5041 but that it was his intention to report out HB 5041 at the meeting next week.

With no further business to come before the committee Chair Chatfield adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:28 p.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk