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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

December 9, 2015

12:00 p.m.

Room 307 House Office Building

Chair Chatfield called the meeting to order.

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

Absent and excused: Rep. Maturen.

Rep. Heise moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held December 2, 2015. The motion prevailed.

Chair Chatfield laid before the committee the following 2 bills.

HB 4912 – Hughes - Animal; dogs; service dogs for veterans; provide grant programs.

HB 4913 – Hughes – Animals; dogs; dog license application; allow for a voluntary \$10.00 contribution and earmark revenue to the veterans service dog fund.

Chair Chatfield recognized Rep. Hughes to explain her bills HB 4912 and HB 4913.

The following people testified in support of HB 4912 and HB 4913.

Dave Eling representing the Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs
Mike Baauw representing the Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs
Mark Sutton representing American Legion

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 4912 and HB 4913 but did not want to testify.

Mia McNeil representing Protect Michigan Dogs

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

Rep. Sheppard moved to report out SB 303 with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 10-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Price, Heise, Runestad, Sheppard, Theis, Moss, Brunner, Rutledge, Neeley,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

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

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

Lee Schwartz representing Home Builders

Tabitha Zimmy representing Rental Property Owners Association of Michigan

The following person filled out a testimony card in opposition to SB 394 but did not want to testify.

Mia McNeil representing Property Management Association of Michigan

Rep. Sheppard moved to report out SB 394 with the recommendation it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 9-1-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Price, Heise, Runestad, Sheppard, Theis, Moss, Brunner, Rutledge, Neeley,

Nays: Rep. Brunner,

Pass: None.

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

Chair Chatfield stated that the committee would not take testimony today on HB 5041 as testimony was taken at the last 2 meetings. Chair Chatfield also stated that no action would be taken on HB 5041 at this time and that the committee would wait to hear what progress the City of East Lansing makes on this issue.

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 5041 and wanted to testify but Chair Chatfield stated that no testimony would be taken on HB 5041 at the meeting today.

Brya Williams representing Associated Students of Michigan State University

The following people filled out testimony cards in opposition to HB 5041 and wanted to testify but Chair Chatfield stated that no testimony would be taken on HB 5041 at the meeting today.

Gordon Taylor representing himself
Konrad Hittner representing Bailey Community Association, East Lansing, MI
Carol Edmunds representing herself
Dale Downes representing himself
Ben Fedewa representing the Chesterfield Hills neighbor of East Lansing, MI
Ralph Monsma representing himself
Sally Silver representing herself

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of HB 5041 but did not want to testify.

Tabitha Zimmy representing Rental Property Owners Association of Michigan
Lee Schwartz representing Home Builders
Steve Japinga representing Lansing Regional Chamber
Charles Noffsinger representing Associated Students of Michigan State University
Amanda Fisher representing National Federation of Independent Business

The following people filled out testimony cards in opposition to HB 5041 but did not want to testify.

Mark Meadows, Mayor, City of East Lansing, MI
Cynthia Sabin representing herself
Christine Root representing herself
Jonathan Sweet representing himself
John Kloswick representing himself
Ray Vlasin representing himself

With no further business to come before the committee Chair Chatfield adjourned to meeting, the time being 12:40 p.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk