



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

REP. GRAHAM FILLER

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

9:00 AM

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by the Chair.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, S. Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

Absent/Excused: None.

Representative LaFave moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 30, 2019. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4407 before the committee:

HB 4407

(Rep. Guerra) A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 8512 (MCL 600.8512), as amended by 2014 PA 384.

Representative Guerra; Tom Clement, representing the State Court Administrative Office; and Sheldon Larky, representing himself, testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4407, but did not wish to speak:

Marcia Hune, representing the Michigan District Judges Association.

The Chair laid HB 4454 before the committee:

HB 4454

(Rep. Johnson) A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 8905a (MCL 324.8905a), as amended by 2014 PA 549.

Representative Cynthia Johnson and Ed Martel, policy director for Representative Johnson, testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Steven Rubinstein, representing himself, testified in support of HB 4454.

Jonathan Pommerville, representing Detroit, testified in support of HB 4454.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4454, but did not wish to speak:

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

John Lindley, representing the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds.

John Lindley, representing the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association.

Nick Occhipinti, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

Robert Kosowski, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

Dave Blaszkiwicz, representing Invest Detroit.

Kenneth Cole, representing the City of Detroit.

Jason Puscas, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.

The Chair laid HR 23 before the committee:

HR 23

(Rep. Lower) A resolution to declare this legislative body's policy to protect life by preserving legal protections for unborn children under Michigan law and to recognize that any abortion is a tragic loss of human life.

Representative Lower testified in support of HR 23. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HR 23, but did not wish to speak:

Rebecca Mastee, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.

Genevieve Marnon, representing the Right to Life of Michigan.

Gabrielle Strubhar, representing the Right to Life of Michigan.

Dan Jarvis, representing the Michigan Family Forum.

The following people submitted a card in opposition of HR 23, but did not wish to speak:

Representative Kristy Pagan, representing the Progressive Women's Caucus.

Marissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

Melina Brann, representing self.

Crystal Demps, representing self.

Amanda West, representing the Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan.

Representative Yancey moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HR 23. The motion did not prevail, the vote being 5-8-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

Nays: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, S. Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak.

Pass: None.

Representative S. Johnson moved to report out House Resolution No. 23 with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-5-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, S. Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak.

Nays: Reps. LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4320 and HB 4321 before the committee:

HB 4320 (Rep. Hornberger) A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 90h (MCL 750.90h), as added by 2011 PA 168.

HB 4321 (Rep. Afendoulis) A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16d of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16d), as amended by 2016 PA 88.

Representative Hornberger and Representative Afendoulis testified in support of HB 4320 and HB 4321. Questions and discussion followed.

Marissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, testified in opposition to HB 4320 and HB 4321. Questions and discussion followed.

Amanda West, representing the Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan, testified in opposition to HB 4320 and HB 4321. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Halley Crissman, representing the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, testified in opposition to HB 4320 and HB 4321.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4320 and HB 4321, but did not wish to speak:

Genevieve Marnon, representing the Right to Life of Michigan.

Gabrielle Strubhar, representing the Right to Life of Michigan.

Rebecca Mastee, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4320, but did not wish to speak:
Distinguished Professor Emeritus, William Wagner.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4320 and HB 4321, but did not wish to speak:

Lara Chelian, representing the Northland Family Planning Centers.
Mary Pollock, representing the American Association of University Women.
Emily Clancy, representing Planned Parenthood.
Chive Tomasovitch, representing Planned Parenthood.
Dan Cancro, representing Planned Parenthood.
DaJya Jackson, representing Planned Parenthood.
Ashlea Phenicie, representing self.
Christina Soliz, representing self.
John Keserich, representing self.
Domenica Dalla-Vecchia, representing self.
Emily Kurjan, representing self.
Ethan Schmitt, representing self.
Emmerson Unger, representing self.
Karen Holcomb-Merrill, representing self.

Representative Rendon moved to report out House Bill No. 4320 with the recommendation that the bill pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 7-5-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, S. Johnson, Rendon, Wozniak.
Nays: Reps. LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.
Pass: Rep. Berman.

Representative Howell moved to report out House Bill No. 4321 with the recommendation that the bill pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 7-5-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, S. Johnson, Rendon, Wozniak.
Nays: Reps. LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.
Pass: Rep. Berman.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Graham Filler adjourned the meeting at 10:39 AM.

Representative Graham Filler, Chair

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