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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

February 10, 2016

12:00 p.m.

Room 307 House Office Building

Chair Chatfield called to 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 January 27, 2016. The motion prevailed.

Chair Chatfield laid before the committee HB 4004 – Heise – Townships; charter; procedures to approve annexation petition; revise.

Chair Chatfield recognized Rep. Heise who brought the committee up to date on discussions that are ongoing concerning HB 4004. Rep. Heise also explained the H-2 substitute for HB 4004 that was handed out to committee members and the public.

The following people filled out testimony cards in opposition to HB 4004.

Brian Westrin representing Michigan Realtors
David Pierson representing Michigan Realtors
Lee Schwartz representing Michigan Home Builders

Chair Chatfield laid before the committee HB 5261 – Cole – Transportation; funds; funding for township road construction projects; provide for.

Chair Chatfield recognized Rep. Cole to explain HB 5261.

The following people testified in support of HB 5261.

Susan Schlaybaugh representing Frank Hamilton, Norwood Township Supervisor
Judy Allen representing Michigan Townships Association

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of HB 5261 but did not want to testify.

Jon Smalley representing Muchmore, Harrington & Smalley
Patrick Shorty Gleason representing Michigan Building Trades
Steve Currie representing Michigan Association of Counties

Chair Chatfield laid before the committee HB 4795 – Chatfield – Local government; other; prohibition of local ordinances dealing with pistols and other firearms; clarify, and provide penalties.

Chair Chatfield turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Price.

Vice-Chair Price recognized Chair Chatfield who explained HB 4795 to members of the Local Government Committee.

Questions followed.

Vice-Chair Price turned the meeting over to Chair Chatfield.

The following people testified in support of HB 4795.

Dakota Moore representing the National Rifle Association
Steve Dulan representing Michigan Responsible Gun Owners Coalition
Brady Schikinger representing Michigan Responsible Gun Owners Coalition
Tom Lambert representing Michigan Open Carry Inc.
Johnny Roching representing Michigan Open Carry Inc.
Brent Bott representing Michigan Gun Owners
Gregory O'Neill representing himself

The following people testified in opposition to HB 4795.

Marcy Conder representing Michigan Coalition Against Gun Violence
Linda Brundage representing Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
Andrew Zweifler representing Physicians for Prevention of Gun Violence
Jerry Walden representing Physicians for Prevention of Gun Violence
Annie Vandenberg representing the former Mayor of Grand Rapids, George Heartwell

The following people wanted to testify in opposition to HB 4795 but there was insufficient time.

Melany Mack representing herself
Nicole Bedi representing Moms Demand Action
Linda Melaragni representing herself

The following people filled out a testimony card in support of HB 4795 but did not want to testify.

Patty O'Neill representing herself
Phillip Hofmeister representing himself

The following people filled out testimony cards in opposition to HB 4795 but did not want to testify.

Ben Bodkin representing Michigan Sheriff's Association
John LaMacchia representing the Michigan Municipal League
Judy Allen representing Michigan Townships Association
Kathleen Merry representing Wayne RESA
Frank Foster representing Everytown.org
Marge Alff representing Moms Demand Action
Joe Alff representing Moms Demand Action
Heather Street representing Moms Demand Action
Linsey White representing Moms Demand Action
Therese Dykstra representing Moms Demand Action
Sarah Dykstra representing Moms Demand Action
Natalie Pochert representing herself
Judith Bridger representing Greater Lansing Network Against War & Injustice
Catherine Durbin representing herself
Jack Helder representing Unitarian Universalist Church
Catherine Allen representing herself
Paula Harney representing Moms Demand Action
Kathy Kinlema representing Moms Demand Action
Gloria Thomas representing Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
Carole Boris representing Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
Barb McRae representing Moms Demand Action
Tom Bartley representing Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
Lynn Bartley representing Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence
Leslie DePietro representing Moms Demand Action
Diana Farmer representing herself
Sharron Schokora representing herself

With no further business to come before the committee Chair Chatfield adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:20 p.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk