



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

REP. THOMAS A. ALBERT

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 9:00 AM Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol Building

The House Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chair Albert.

The Clerk read a letter from House Speaker Jason Wentworth which appointed members of the House Committee on Appropriations.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Albert, Whiteford, Allor, Brann, Hornberger, VanSingel, Yaroch, Bollin, Glenn, Huizenga, Lightner, Maddock, Slagh, VanWoerkom, Beson, Borton, Fink, Tate, Hammoud, Peterson, Sabo, Tyrone Carter, Hood, Cynthia Johnson, Brabec, O'Neal, Steckloff, Thanedar, Weiss.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Chair Albert stated that the committee would follow the committee rules, as prescribed in Chapter 4 of the House Rules.

Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, and Scott Ryan, representing Gentex, gave a presentation on the effect of COVID-19 orders on businesses. Questions and discussion followed.

John McNamara, representing the Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association, gave a presentation on the effect of COVID-19 on restaurants in Michigan. Questions and discussion followed. Jeff Lobdell, representing Restaurant Partners Management and Nya Marshall, representing Ivy Kitchen and Cocktails, joined to answer questions.

Brian Calley, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan, and Ginny Sherrow, owner of Fenton Winery and Brewery, gave a presentation on the effect of COVID-19 orders on their businesses. Questions and discussion followed.

Charlie Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses, gave a presentation on the effect of COVID-19 restrictions on their industry.

Representative Hornberger moved to adopt room 352 State Capitol Building, at the call of the Chair, as the normal time and location for meetings of the House Committee on Appropriations.

The motion prevailed 29-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Albert, Whiteford, Allor, Brann, Hornberger, VanSingel, Yaroch, Bollin, Glenn, Huizenga, Lightner, Maddock, Slagh, VanWoerkom, Beson, Borton, Fink, Tate, Hammoud, Peterson, Sabo, Tyrone Carter, Hood, Cynthia Johnson, Brabec, O'Neal, Steckloff, Thanedar, Weiss.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4019 before the committee:

HB 4019 (Rep. Albert)

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Whiteford moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4019. The motion prevailed 29-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Albert, Whiteford, Allor, Brann, Hornberger, VanSingel, Yaroch, Bollin, Glenn, Huizenga, Lightner, Maddock, Slagh, VanWoerkom, Beson, Borton, Fink, Tate, Hammoud, Peterson, Sabo, Tyrone Carter, Hood, Cynthia Johnson, Brabec, O'Neal, Steckloff, Thanedar, Weiss.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

At 10:27 AM, the Chair laid the committee at ease.

At 2:30 PM, the Chair called the committee back to order.

The Chair laid HB 4047, HB 4048 and HB 4049 before the committee:

HB 4047 (Rep. Beson)

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

HB 4048 (Rep. Paquette)

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending section 11 (MCL 388.1611), as amended by 2020 PA 165,

and by adding sections 11n, 23b, 23c, 23d, 98b, and 104a.

HB 4049 (Rep. Hornberger)

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 2253 and 2453 (MCL 333.2253 and 333.2453), section 2253 as amended by 2006 PA 157, and by adding section 2453a.

Representative Paquette and Hornberger introduced the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Beson introduced HB 4047. Questions and discussion followed.

Ben Gielczyk, representing the House Fiscal Agency, testified on HB 4047.

John McNamara, representing the Michigan Restaurants and Lodging Association, submitted a card in support of the bills, but due to time was unable to speak.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Thomas Albert adjourned the meeting at 3:03 PM.

Representative Thomas Albert, Chair

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