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HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE

SENATOR JIM MARLEAU, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee was held on Thursday, June 9, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in the Boji Tower, Senate Hearing Room. Senator Marleau called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, Schuitmaker, and Warren

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Hune and Gleason

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Senator Marleau announced the order of business:

- Adoption of the May 24, 2011, minutes
- SB 374 Sen. Moolenaar Businesses; nonprofit corporations; filling vacancies on county, city, or village hospital board of trustees; revise selection process.
- HB 4350 Rep. Haines Torts; medical malpractice; liability of employees being paid by their employer to provide voluntary care at health clinics; clarify.

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Senator Robertson moved to adopt the Health Policy Committee Minutes of May 24, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 374. As the sponsor of the measure, Senator Moolenaar gave testimony explaining the legislation.

Doug Pattullo, from West Branch Regional Medical Center spoke in support of Senate Bill 374.

Chris Mitchell, with MI Health and Hospital Association, submitted a card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak.

Senator Marleau offered a technical amendment and a motion to adopt the amendment to Senate Bill 374.

Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, and Warren

Nays: None

Pass: None

Senator Marleau offered a motion to report Senate Bill 374 as amended, as a clean substitute, with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, and Warren

Nays: None

Pass: None

Senator Marleau announced the next order of business was House Bill 4350. As the sponsor of the bill, Representative Haines gave testimony explaining the legislation.

The following individuals submitted a card supporting House Bill 4350, but did not wish to speak:

- Joe Neller, MI Academy of Family Physicians
- Chris Mitchell, MI Health and Hospital Association
- Kevin McKinney, MI Osteopathic Association
- Colin Ford, MI State Medical Society
- Christine Shearer, MI Association of Health Plans

Barry Gates, representing MI Association for Justice, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Todd Tennis, representing the Negligence Law Section, of the State Bar of MI, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson offered a motion to report House Bill 4350 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, and Jones

Nays: Senator Warren

Pass: Senator Schuitmaker

The motion failed.

The Chair recessed for a short break.

Upon returning, Senator Marleau made a statement that work would continue on the bill and changes would be taken up when the bill goes before the full Senate.

Senator Schuitmaker made a motion to reconsider the vote by which House Bill 4350 was not reported.

Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, and Schuitmaker

Nays: Senator Warren

Pass: None

The motion passed.

Senator Robertson offered a motion to report House Bill 4350 with recommendation.

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Yeas: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Jones, and Schuitmaker

Nays: Senator Warren

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Marleau offered a motion to excuse Senators Hune and Gleason; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Marleau adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:29 p.m.

**Date approved by the Committee: June 28, 2011**

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)