



MICHIGAN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Standing Committee on Judiciary

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

12:00 p.m.

Room 326, House Office Building

Representative Jim Runestad, Chair, called the committee meeting to order.

The Chair requested the attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members; present were Representatives Runestad, Theis, Howrylak, Cole, Hornberger, LaFave, Greimel, Robinson, Guerra and Sowerby. (10/10)

Representative LaFave moved to adopt the minutes of March 20, 2018.
The motion prevailed by unanimous consent; the minutes were adopted.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5645.

HB 5645 (Barrett) Criminal procedure; witnesses; support dog when witness testifies; allow under certain circumstances.

Representative Tom Barrett, the bill sponsor, explained the bill, and introduced Douglas R. Lloyd, Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, and Bryan Seratt, Eaton County Canine Handler, with Regan, Eaton County K-9 Advocate. Prosecutor Lloyd testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Emily Corwin, Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, representing the Wayne County Prosecuting Office;

John Lazet, Director of the Crime Victim Advocacy for the Office of the Attorney General of Michigan;

Alan Cropsey, Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Attorney General of Michigan; and
Michael J. Sepic, Prosecuting Attorney for Berrien County, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on the Crime Victims' Rights Act.

Michael J. Sepic, Prosecuting Attorney for Berrien County, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Overview of the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim's Rights Act. Questions and discussion followed. A copy of the PowerPoint and handout are attached.

K.C. Steckelberg, Director of Public Affairs for the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, answered questions from a committee member.

There being no further business before the committee; the Chair declared the Committee adjourned, the time being 12:52 p.m.

Representative Jim Runestad, Chair

Date approved and signed

Joy Brewer, Acting Judiciary Committee Clerk
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