

COMMITTEE MINUTES for STATE GOVERNMENT

Date: February 23, 2012

Place: Room 103

Convened: 2/23/2012
10:00 AM

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Reconvened:

Adjourned: 2/23/2012
12:20 PM

Present: Representatives Cownie-CH, Vander Linden-VC, Lensing-RM, Drake, Gaskill, Hein, Helland, Hunter, Isenhardt, Iverson, Jorgensen, Kajtazovic, Kaufmann, Koester, Mascher, Massie, Pettengill, Quirk, Rogers, Schulte, Taylor, T.

Absent: None

Excused: Representatives Raecker, Wenthe

The State Government Committee was called to order by Chair Cownie at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Chair Cownie asked for any revisions to the minutes of the February 20th meeting. Hearing none, Chair Cownie moved to approve the minutes as printed.

Chair Cownie announced the following (2) bill assignments:

HSB 655 - Iverson/Chair: Vander Linden & Kajtazovic
HSB 656- Iverson/Chair: Helland & Isenhardt

Chair Cownie announced the order of today's bills: HSB 655, HF 2119, HF 2257 and HSB 645, and both parties went to caucus at 10:05 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

Representative Iverson was recognized for HSB 655. An Act relating to electrical and mechanical amusement devices concerning liability for device distributors and penalties for awarding cash prizes for the use of electrical or mechanical amusement devices. The subcommittee report was submitted and signed by Rep. Iverson, Vander Linden, and Kajtazovic. Rep. Iverson gave opening comments, discussion followed and with closing remarks moved HSB 655. Chair Cownie moved HSB 655, as a committee bill to the calendar on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 20 ayes, 3 absent.

Representative Vander Linden was recognized for HF 2119. A bill for an act concerning allowable prizes at annual game nights conducted by religious organizations. Rep. Vander Linden gave opening remarks and asked permission to take up amendment .4188. Discussion followed and amendment .4188 passed short form on a voice vote. Closing remarks were made and Chair Cownie moved HF 2119 as amended, to the calendar on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 20 ayes, 1 nay (Massie), 2 absent.

Representative Pettengill was recognized for HF 2257. A bill for an act relating to the procedures governing boards and commissions and the grounds for licensee discipline. The subcommittee report was submitted and signed by Rep. Pettengill, Hein and Wenthe declined. Opening remarks were made and Rep. Pettengill asked permission to take up amendment .4301. Discussion followed and amendment .4301 passed short form on a voice vote. Closing remarks were made and Chair Cownie moved HF 2257 as amended, to the calendar on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 21 ayes, 2 absent.

Chairman Cownie turned the chair over to Representative Vander Linden.

Representative Cownie was recognized for HSB 645. An Act relating to government operations and efficiency, school elections, eliminating certain tax credits, making appropriations, and including effective date and applicability provisions. The subcommittee report was submitted and signed by Rep. Cownie, Vander Linden, Kaufmann, Lensing. Mascher declined. Opening remarks were made and Rep. Cownie asked permission to take up amendment .4328.

Discussion followed and amendment .4328 passed, short form on a voice vote with Hunter voting nay.

Representative Lensing was recognized for amendment .4307. Discussion followed, division was called and on a roll call vote, amendment .4307 failed.

Representative Lensing was recognized for amendment .4327. Discussion followed, short form was called and on a voice vote, amendment .4327 failed.

Representative Lensing was recognized for amendment 4309. Discussion followed, short form was called and on a voice vote, amendment .4309 failed.

Representative Mascher was recognized for amendment .4332. Discussion followed, short form was called and on a voice vote, amendment .4332 was adopted.

Representative Mascher was recognized for amendment .4330. Discussion followed, short form was called and on a voice vote, amendment .4330 was adopted.

Representative Isenhardt was recognized for amendment . 4311. Discussion followed, short form was called and on a voice vote, amendment . 4411 failed.

Committee members voiced concerns and after a lengthy discussion Rep. Cownie gave closing remarks and moved HSB 645 as amended. Chair Vander Linden moved HSB 645 as amended, as a committee bill to the calendar on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 16 ayes, (Cownie, Vander Linden, Lensing, Drake, Hein, Helland, Isenhardt, Iverson, Jorgensen, Kaufmann, Koester, Massie, Pettengill, Quirk, Rogers, Schulte) 5 nays, (Gaskill, Hunter, Kajtazovic, Mascher and Taylor) 2 absent, (Raecker and Wenthe)

Chairman Vander Linden turned the chair back to Representative Cownie.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Cownie moved for adjournment. Representative T. Taylor seconded the motion.

The Committee adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

Representative Peter Cownie

Marlene Martens, Committee Secretary