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Senate Committee on Judiciary

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 a.m.

Members present: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, and Bieda
Members excused: Senator Rocca

Senator Jones called the meeting to order.

Senator Jones announced the order of business for the day.

Approval of the minutes from February 15th, 2011

SB 188	Sen. Jones	Criminal procedure; sex offender registration; federal compliance with sex offenders registry; provide for.
SB 189	Sen. Pavlov	Criminal procedure; sex offender registration; federal compliance with sex offenders registry; provide for.

Senator Bieda moved to adopt the minutes from February 15th, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jones laid before the committee Senate Bills 188 (Sen. Jones) and 189 (Sen. Pavlov). Senator Jones announced that the bill would be testimony only. Senator Jones then explained the bills and that Sgt. Chris Hawkins and Karen Johnson from the Michigan State Police were on hand to answer questions that arose about the Sex Offender Registry and changes needed for compliance with the Adam Walsh Act. Senator Jones answered questions from the committee.

Senator Pavlov testified in explanation of his bill and the package, and answered questions from the committee.

Senator Jones read in the following cards from those who did not wish to testify:

Noah Smith, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan—Neutral
John Buczek, representing the Fraternal Order of Police—Supports
Paul Nowinski and Tom Robertson, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan—Supports
Vivian Denniston, citizen—Support with changes
Judge Dorene Allen, representing the Michigan Probate Association--Supports

The following people submitted written testimony, but were not present at the meeting (testimony is on file with the clerk):

Dan and Mary Myers, citizens
Don and Gloia Lowe, citizens
17th Judicial Circuit Court, State of Michigan
Mike Dackiw, citizen
Michigan Probate Judges Association
William C. Buhl, Retired Circuit Judge

Those who gave testimony on the bills were as follows:

Sgt. Chris Hawkins and Karen Johnson, from the Michigan State Police, testified in support and answered questions from the committee and raised by others testifying.
Tim Poxson, representing Citizens for a More Useful Registry—Supports with Additions
Sharon Denniston, Juvenile Advocate—Supports with Changes (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
Dana Schwartzenfeld, citizen—Support
Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan—Neutral
Kathryn McDonald, citizen—Supports with Changes
Greg Kelly, citizen—Opposes
Jennifer Merriman, citizen—Opposes
Kathie Gourley, citizen—Opposes (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
Nic Bottomley, representing the 17th Circuit Court Family Division—Opposes
Charles Peltier, citizen—Opposes
Cynthia Russell, citizen—Opposes

Senator Jones announced that work would continue on the bills.

Senator Schuitmaker moved to excuse absent members. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Senator Jones adjourned the committee at 9:48 a.m.

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Date Approved by Committee

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