

House Civil Justice Committee

Representative Jim Butler, Chair

February 15th, 2017

4:00 p.m.: Chair Rep. Jim Butler called the meeting of the House Civil Justice Committee to order; roll was taken and a quorum was present. Chairman Butler said with a quorum present, the committee shall operate as a full committee. The Chair welcomed the committee, and requested that committee members and staff briefly introduce themselves.

4:05 p.m.: Rep. Celebrezze nominated Ranking Member Boggs to serve as Committee Secretary; the motion was seconded by Rep. Sykes. There were no objections, and the motion was accepted.

4:06 p.m.: The Chair requested that committee members read the proposed operating rules for the committee. The Chair moved that the rules be adopted; the motion was seconded by several committee members. There were no objections, and the motion was accepted.

4:08 p.m.: The Chair called House Bill 1 for its first hearing. The committee heard sponsor testimony from Reps. Sykes and Manning. The committee heard proponent testimony from Mickey Valdez; Ms. Valdez responded to questions from Reps. Seitz and Rezabek. The committee heard proponent testimony from Judge Ron Cable, Officer Kelly DiBona, Victoria Morgan, and Diona Clark; there were no questions for the witnesses. The Chair asked that committee members note submitted written testimony from Dr. Penny Smith and Jane Ragozine.

4:50 p.m.: The Chair called House Bill 7 for its first hearing. The committee heard sponsor testimony from Rep. Cupp. Rep. Cupp responded to questions from Rep. Celebrezze, Seitz, Boggs, Rezabek, and Gavarone.

5:19 p.m.: With no further business to be brought before the committee, Chairman Butler adjourned the committee.

Rep. Jim Butler, Chair

Rep. Kristin Boggs, Secretary