



Committee Minutes

COMMITTEE: Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor
CHAIRPERSON: Ron Young
DATE: February 28, 2017
TIME: 1:30 PM
ROOM: Room 113

Chairman Young called the Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee to order at 1:35 pm. The Clerk called the roll; a quorum was present.

Chairman Young requested that the committee review the minutes of the February 28th meeting. Hearing no objections or changes requested, the minutes were accepted.

The Chair called HB 42 for its second hearing. Chairman Young invited Courtney Brooks, Director of Government Relations at the Rubber Manufacturers Association to the lectern to give proponent testimony. She and Dan Zielinski answered questions proposed by Representatives Reece, West, Hood, Young, Lapore-Hagan, and Landis.

Chairman Young called Alex Boehnke, Legislative Director of the Ohio Tire and Automotive Association to give proponent testimony. He answered questions from Representatives West, Young, Reece, Arndt, DeVitis, Hood, Landis and Greenspan with help by Dan Zielinski from RMA and Paul Luzzi of LSC.

Chairman Young called on Jeff Schroeder, Operations and Quality Business Process Lead at Cooper Tires and Rubber Company to provide proponent testimony. There were no questions of the witness.

The Chair mentioned that written proponent testimony was provided by Jeffrey Junkas of Property Casualty Insurers, Ric Oxender of Ohio Conference of AAA Clubs, Brandon Ogden of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Thomas Balzer for the Ohio Trucking Association, Maryellen Corbet of Continental Tire, and Ryan Augsburger of the Ohio Manufacturers Association.

That concluded the 2nd hearing on House Bill 42.

Chairman Young called for a recess at 2:48 pm. for 15 minutes more or less. The Economic

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Development, Commerce and Labor Committee returned from recess and was called to order at 3:19 pm.

The Chair called House Bill 2 for its 3rd hearing. Vice Chairman DeVitis motioned that Sub Bill L_132_0195-2 be adopted. Rep. DeVitis briefly explained the main purpose for the substitute bill and then requested that the details would be explained by Don Boyd from the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. Chairman Young called Mr. Boyd to the stand to explain the details of the sub bill. Without any questions of Mr. Boyd the Chair asked if there were any objections to accepting the sub bill. Representative Reece objected. Hearing the objection, Chairman Young asked for the clerk to call the roll. Substitute Bill L_132_0195-2 was accepted with a vote of 8-5.

Chairman Young called Fred Gittes, legislative Council, with the Ohio Employment Lawyers Association to offer opponent testimony. Questions were asked by Representatives Leporehagan, Sheehy, Young, Reece, and West.

Chairman Young called Gary Daniels, Chief Lobbyist for ACLU of Ohio to the stand. Opposition testimony was given. There were no questions for the witness. Leonard Hubert, Chairman of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission was then called to testify with opposition testimony before the committee. Several questions were asked by Representatives Young, Reece, and West. A few of the questions were answered by the OCRC chief legal counsel, Stephanie Bostos Demers.

The Chair mentioned that written proponent testimony was submitted by Joe Rosato of the Ohio Restaurant Association, and Chris Ferruso with the Ohio Alliance for Civil Justice.

Having concluded the business of the day, the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Ron Young, Chair

Committee Secretary

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