



Committee Minutes

COMMITTEE: Economic Development, Commerce and Labor
CHAIRMAN: Ron Young
DATE: March 7, 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 March 7, 2017 meeting. Hearing no objections or changes requested, the minutes were accepted.

The Chair called HB 42 for its third hearing. Seeing no witnesses to come before the committee that concluded the third hearing on House Bill 42.

The Chair called House Bill 2 for its 4th hearing. He called Barbara Letcher, Vice-President of Governmental Affairs for the Human Resources Association of Central Ohio to provide proponent testimony to the committee. Questions were asked of Representatives Lepore-Hagan, Reece and West.

A motion was made to amend Substitute HB2 with AM0094 with modified the definition of an employer. Without objection, the motion was accepted and the amendment was made part of the bill.

Chairman Young then called Fred Gittes, who has testified in previous meetings as an opponent of the bill and who is the legislative council, with the Ohio Employment Lawyers Association to answer a few questions. Questions were asked by Representatives Young, Lepore-Hagan and Stein.

Chairman Young called Don Boyd and Bill Nolan to bring proponent testimony before the committee. Don Boyd began with testimony followed by Mr. Nolan. At the conclusion of the testimony questions were asked by Representatives Lepore-Hagan and Kelly.

Chairman Young called for a recess at 3:13 pm. for 20 minutes more or less. The Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee returned from recess and was called to order at 3:36 pm.

Representative Lepore-Hagan moved to amend Am. Sub. HB 42 with AM0089 regarding individual liability. She explained the need for the amendment, Rep. Hood responded to the amendment. Rep. Landis motioned to lay the amendment on the table. With a vote of 6-5 the amendment was laid upon the table.

Representative West moved to amend Am. Sub. HB 42 with AM0090 regarding revising the statute of limitations. Rep. Hood responded to the amendment. Rep. West explained the need for the amendment Rep. Landis motioned to lay the amendment on the table. With a vote of 6-5 the amendment was laid upon the table.

Representative Reece requested a final question directed toward LCS. Chairman Young agreed.

Written proponent testimony was provided by the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys.

Written opposition testimony was provided by John VanDoorn of the Ohio Association for Justice, Cheryl Washington, Esquire, Connie Nolder of CRN Consulting, and Brian Spitz of Spitz Law Firm.

Seeing no further witnesses, that concluded the 4th hearing of House Bill 2. Having concluded the business of the day, the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

Ron Young, Chair

Rep. Lepore-Hagan, Committee Secretary

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