



Committee Minutes

COMMITTEE: Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor
CHAIRPERSON: Ron Young
DATE: September 19, 2017
TIME: 1:30 PM
ROOM: Room 113

Chairman Young called the Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee to order at 1:32 pm. The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was present. Chairman Young asked the committee to review the minutes from the September 12th committee meeting. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Young called House Bill 230 for its fourth hearing. Representative Greenspan made a motion to favorably pass HB230 out of committee. The Clerk called the roll. The bill ultimately passed 13-0.

The Chair then called HB 245 for its second hearing. David Kowalski, Campaign Lead for the Communications Workers of America, first provided testimony. Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan asked several questions. Next, the committee heard from Renee Rouser, a member of the Communications workers of America. Rep. Kelly asked a question and it was answered through the chair. The next Witness was Marvin Thompsen, service Representative for the Communications Workers of America. Questions were asked by Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan, West and followed by Chairman Young. Seeing no further witnesses, that concluded the second hearing on HB 245.

The Chair called HB 236 for its first hearing with Sponsor testimony provided by Representative Patton. Multiple questions were asked by Representatives Reece and Arndt. With no additional questions, that concluded the first hearing on HB236.

The Chair then called HB 211 for its third hearing. Representative Landis made a motion to accept sub bill 0847-2. Hearing no objections, the substitute bill was accepted. Chairman Young called upon Blain Swan, Chairman of the ASHI Joint Chapter Legislative Committee to provide proponent testimony. Representative Stein and Chairman Young asked questions. Next, the committee heard proponent testimony from Joseph Jefferys, Director of the Home Inspection

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Institute. Representative Reece and Representative Arndt asked questions. Representative Arndt began standing in as Acting-Chair at 2:40 PM. Next, opponent testimony was given by Micah Derry, State Director of Americans for Prosperity. Representative Stein and Representative Arndt asked questions. Last, the committee heard opponent testimony from Douglas Curfman, owner of Sherlock Holmes Independent Inspection Agency. With no additional questions, that concluded the third hearing on HB 211. Chairman Young returned to the committee at 2:55 PM.

The Chair then called HB 163 for its second hearing. Don Boyd, Director of Labor and Legal Affairs with the Chamber of Commerce, first gave proponent testimony. Questions were asked by Rep. Sheehy, Rep. Reece, Rep. West, Rep. Arndt, and Rep. Reece. Next, the committee heard proponent testimony from Bryan Williams, Director of Government Affairs with Associated Builders and Contractors. Questions were asked by Rep. Lepore-Hagan, Rep. Arndt, Rep. West, Chairman Young, Rep. Kelly, and Rep. Arndt. Micah Derry returned to give proponent testimony, followed by questions from Rep. Sheehy and Rep. West. The committee then heard proponent testimony from T.J. Honerlaw, President of Honerlaw Construction and Remodeling. Rep. Kelly and Rep. West asked questions. Next, Jeannie Hoffman, a small business owner, gave proponent testimony, and Rep. West asked a question. The committee then heard proponent testimony from Chief Butch Valentine, Fire Chief of the Laurelville Fire Department. Rep. Lepore-Hagan and Rep. West asked questions. Last, the committee heard proponent testimony from Thaddeus Claggett, President of Claggett and Sons, Inc. Questions were asked by Rep. West, Chairman Young, Rep. Kelly, Chairman Young, and Rep. West. The Chair then called on Ray Warrick to testify. No written testimony was provided. With no additional questions, Chairman Young mentioned that written testimony was provided by Nathan Martin, Chris Ferruso, and Howard Call. With no further witnesses, that concluded the second hearing of HB 163.

Having concluded the business of the day, the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee was adjourned at 4:56 PM.

Ron Young, Chair

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