

House Finance Committee

Minutes

December 12, 2017

Chairman Smith called the meeting of the House Finance Committee to order at 9:12 am in Statehouse Room 313.

Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

The minutes from the November 28, 2017 committee meeting were approved without objection.

Chairman Smith called up House Bill 281 for its third hearing.

Chairman Smith invited Representative Rick Carfagna to speak before the committee about changes in Substitute House Bill 281. Representative Carfagna answered questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith moved to accept the substitute bill for House Bill 281 (AM0957-2) The motion was approved without objection.

Chairman Smith invited Ryan Mack of the Defiance County Board of Commissioners to offer proponent testimony on substitute House Bill 281. No questions were asked of Mr. Mack.

Chairman Smith brought attention to written testimony offered by Kent Scarrett and Matthew DeTemple of the Ohio Municipal League and the Ohio Township Association, Joe Savarise of the Ohio Hotel and Lodging Association, and Steven Hill of the Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association.

Chairman Smith called up HB 3 for its third hearing. Vice-Chairman Ryan moved to favorably report House Bill 3. The bill was favorably reported by a vote of 22-0.

Chairman Smith called up House Bill 378 for its second hearing.

Chairman Smith invited Dr. Betty Young, President of Hocking College to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 378. Dr. Young answered questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith invited Phil Caskey of Consolidated Electric Cooperative to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 378. Mr. Caskey answered questions of committee.

Vice-Chairman Ryan invited Stu Johnson of Connect Ohio to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 378. Mr. Johnson answered questions of the committee.

Vice-Chairman Ryan invited Steve Golding of Ohio University to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 378. Mr. Golding answered questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith invited Richard Hodges of Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 378. Mr. Hodges answered questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith brought to attention written testimony by Matt Morris of Ohio University, Kent Scarrett and Mathew Temple of the Ohio Municipal League and Ohio Township Association, Brett Allphin of Buckeye Hills Regional Council, Jeanette Wierzbicki of the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association, Aaron Schill of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, and John Hemmings of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission.

Chairman Smith called up House Bill 102 for its second hearing.

Chairman Smith invited Ron Alder of the Ohio Coalition for Quality Education to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 102. Mr. Alder answered questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith invited Beth Lear, private citizen to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 102. Ms. Lear answered questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith invited Doug Mead of Toledo School for the Arts to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 102. No questions were asked of Mr. Mead.

Chairman Smith invited Thomas Babb of Constellation Schools LLC to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 102. No questions were asked of Mr. Babb.

Chairman Smith adjourned the committee at 11:40 AM.

Ryan Smith, Chair

Dan Ramos, Secretary