Committee Minutes

COMMITTEE: Public Utilities
CHAIRPERSON: Jamie Callender
DATE: May 29, 2019
TIME: 11:00 AM
ROOM: Room 116

Chairman Callender called the House Public Utilities Committee to order at 11:08 am. The Clerk called the role and a quorum was present.

The Chairman asked the committee to review the minutes from the May 1st committee meeting and the minutes were approved without objection.

Chairman Callender called SB 33 for its first hearing. Senator Hoagland provided sponsor testimony and then answered questions from ranking member Smith. With no further questions, that concluded the first hearing on SB 33.

Chairman Callender then called HB 163 for its third hearing. He recognized written testimony provided by Todd Danielson, Chair of the Water Utility Council at the American Water Works Association, Brian Greeser, President of the Association of Ohio Metropolitan wastewater agencies, American Municipal Power Inc., & Ohio Municipal Electrical Association, and the city of Springboro.

Chairman Callender then called on Brian Barger with the Ohio Municipal League to provide opponent testimony. Several questions were asked by Representatives Wiggam, Antani, and Patton. Proponent Testimony was then offered by Keary McCarthy, executive director of the Ohio Mayors Alliance, Cathy Bernardino Bailey, executive Director of the Greater Cincinnati Water Works, Eve Belfance, law director of the City of Akron, John Newsome, Administrator of the Columbus Division of Sewage and Drainage, and Blake Jordan. Respectively. Questions were asked by Representatives Antani and Wiggam.

With no further questions, that concluded the third hearing on HB 163.

Seeing no further business to come before the committee and having concluded the business of the day, the House Public Utilities Committee adjourned at 12:12 pm.

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Jamie Callender, Chair

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