



## Committee Minutes

**COMMITTEE:** Public Utilities  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Jamie Callender  
**DATE:** September 26, 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 June 19th committee meeting and the minutes were approved without objection.

Chairman Callender then called HB 163 for its fifth hearing, all testimony. No witnesses were present to testify. No written testimony was submitted. Three amendments were entertained. Representative Seitz motioned to adopt AM0442 (Declaratory Judgement Actions) and Rep. Stein seconded the motion. Ranking Member Smith asked some clarifying questions. Mr. DeTemple, from the Ohio Township Association responded. The amendment was adopted with a roll call vote of 16-0. Representative Seitz then motioned to adopt AM0443x1 (No effect on existing contracts) and Rep. Patton seconded the motion. The amendment was adopted with a roll call vote of 11-5. Finally, Representative Seitz motioned adopt AM0775 (Presumption of reasonableness) and Rep. Stein seconded the motion. The amendment was adopted by a roll call voted of 11-6.

That concluded the fifth hearing on HB 163.

Chairman Callender called SB 33 for its third hearing for opponent testimony. The first witness to testify in opposition was Carla Rautenberg. Questions were asked of her by representatives Seitz, Sheehy, Antani, and Vitale. Next, the Chairman called Mary Ellen Berger to provide testimony. Representatives Vitale, Seitz, Miller, and Smith asked questions. With no further questions, Chairman Callender called Rev. Joan VanBecelaere to provide testimony. Representatives Vitale, Wilkin, and Antani asked several questions of the witness. Chairman Callender then called Dr. Randi Pokladnik. With no questions for the witness, the Chairman invited Carolyn Harding to provide opposition testimony. Representative Vitale asked questions of the witness. Next, Roxanne Groff provided testimony. There were no questions asked, but she did provide letters of opposition to be entered into the record. Finally, Chairman Callender called Tim Keller to testify on SB 33. No members had any questions. Seeing no further witnesses for SB33, Chairman Callender noted that written testimony was

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online for Leatra Harper, Andrea Chu, Cathy Cowan Becker, and Beverly Reed.

Seeing no further business to come before the committee and having concluded the business of the day, the House Public Utilities Committee adjourned at 12:56 pm.

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Jamie Callender, Chair

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