Final Minutes of Open Session Legislative Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. Senate Appropriations Room • State Capitol Building

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Speaker Rick Johnson, Chair
Senator Ken Sikkema, Alternate Chair
Senator Jason Allen, Member
Senator Robert Emerson, Member
Representative Edward Gaffney, Member
Senator Beverly Hammerstrom, Member
Senator Gilda Jacobs, Alternate Member
Representative John Moolenaar, Member
Representative Randy Richardville, Member
Senator Alan Sanborn, Alternate Member
Senator Mark Schauer, Member

Members Excused:

Senator Cameron Brown, *Alternate Member*Representative Diane Byrum, *Member*Representative Jack Minore, *Alternate Member*Senator Bruce Patterson, *Member*Representative David Robertson, *Alternate Member*Representative Fulton Sheen, *Alternate Member*Representative Mary Waters, *Member*

Suzanne Miller Allen, Chief of Staff for Senator Sikkema John Bollman, Legislative Service Bureau Susan Cavanagh, LC Administrator's Office Marcia Cornell, Legislative Service Bureau Shelley Edgerton, Senate Majority Policy Office Gary Garbarino, Senator Schauer's Office Traci Kanillopoolos, Legislative Service Bureau Jerry Lawler, Legislative Council Facilities Agency Richard McLellan, Chair of the Law Revision Commission Jim Murray, Deputy Chief of Staff for Speaker Johnson Elliott Smith, Legislative Service Bureau John Strand, Legislative Council Administrator Denis Sullivan, Legislative Service Bureau

Other individuals were present, but did not identify themselves.

ITEM 1. Convening of the Meeting

Senator Sikkema called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was present. All absent members were excused.

ITEM 2. Election of Officers

Senator Allen moved, supported by Representative Richardville, to elect Speaker Rick Johnson Chair of the Legislative Council for 2004. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Yeas—10: Senator Sikkema Speaker Johnson

Senator AllenRepresentative GaffneySenator EmersonRepresentative MoolenaarSenator HammerstromRepresentative Richardville

Senator Jacobs Senator Sanborn

Nays-0

Senator Emerson moved, supported by Senator Allen, to elect Senator Ken Sikkema Alternate Chair of the Legislative Council for 2004. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Yeas—10: Senator Sikkema Speaker Johnson

Senator Allen Representative Gaffney
Senator Emerson Representative Moolenaar
Senator Hammerstrom Representative Richardville

Senator Jacobs Senator Sanborn

Nays—0

ITEM 3: Approval of the Minutes of the October 23, 2003 Legislative Council Meeting

Senator Hammerstrom moved, supported by Senator Allen, to adopt the minutes of the October 23, 2003 Legislative Council meeting. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Yeas—10: Senator Sikkema Speaker Johnson

Senator Allen Representative Gaffney
Senator Emerson Representative Moolenaar
Senator Hammerstrom Representative Richardville

Senator Jacobs Senator Sanborn

Nays-0

ITEM 4. Reappointment of George Ward to the Michigan Law Revision Commission

Senator Sikkema moved, supported by Senator Allen, to reappoint George Ward to the Michigan Law Revision Commission. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Yeas—11: Senator Sikkema Speaker Johnson

Senator Allen Representative Gaffney
Senator Emerson Representative Moolenaar
Senator Hammerstrom Representative Richardville

Senator Schauer Senator Jacobs Senator Sanborn

Nays—0

ITEM 5. Reappointment of Richard McLellan to the Michigan Law Revision Commission

Senator Hammerstrom moved, supported by Representative Moolenaar, to reappoint Richard McLellan to the Michigan Law Revision Commission. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Yeas—11: Senator Sikkema Speaker Johnson

Senator Allen Representative Gaffney
Senator Emerson Representative Moolenaar
Senator Hammerstrom Representative Richardville

Senator Schauer Senator Jacobs Senator Sanborn

Nays-0

ITEM 6. Reappointment of Richard McLellan as Chair of the Michigan Law Revision Commission

Senator Allen moved, supported by Senator Hammerstrom, to reappoint Richard McLellan as Chair of the Michigan Law Revision Commission. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Yeas—11: Senator Sikkema Speaker Johnson

Senator Allen Representative Gaffney
Senator Emerson Representative Moolenaar
Senator Hammerstrom Representative Richardville

Senator Schauer Senator Jacobs Senator Sanborn

Nays—0

ITEM 7. Appointment of Thomas Buiteweg to the Michigan Commission on Uniform State Laws

Representative Gaffney moved, supported by Senator Allen, to appoint Thomas Buiteweg to the Michigan Commission on Uniform State Laws. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Yeas—11: Senator Sikkema

Senator Allen Senator Emerson Senator Hammerstrom Senator Schauer Senator Jacobs Senator Sanborn Speaker Johnson Representative Gaffney Representative Moolenaar Representative Richardville

Nays-0

Item 8. Legislative Council Budget

Speaker Johnson called on Mr. Strand to briefly comment on the Legislative Council budget recommendations for FY 2004/2005. In response to Representative Gaffney's inquiry, Senator Sikkema provided a brief explanation of the health insurance study. The issue was discussed further and Senator Emerson asked to be advised of the process and perimeters of the study when it is finalized. Senator Schauer inquired about the amount allocated for the study and Speaker Johnson indicated they do not expect the study to cost more than \$250,000. Senator Sikkema moved, supported by Representative Richardville, that the budget as presented be adopted. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Yeas—11: Senator Sikkema

Senator Allen Senator Emerson Senator Hammerstrom Senator Schauer Senator Jacobs Senator Sanborn Speaker Johnson Representative Gaffney Representative Moolenaar Representative Richardville

Nays-0

ITEM 9. Staffing Report

A staffing report listing the number of employees of the Legislative Council agencies was presented to the Council members. Mr. Strand provided an update on the staff reductions. Speaker Johnson acknowledged receipt of the report and thanked Council staff for the great service they provide to legislative members.

ITEM 10. Legislation Report

A list of pending and passed legislation pertaining to Legislative Council agencies was presented to the Council members. There was no further discussion. Speaker Johnson acknowledged receipt of the report.

ITEM 11. Public Participation

The Chair asked for public participation. There was none.

ITEM 12. Adjournment

Having no further business, Senator Sanborn moved, supported by Senator Sikkema, to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Strand, Secretary

(Approved by Legislative Council, Thursday, March 10, 2005.)