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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chairman Filler.

Members present: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, S. Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative LaFave moved to adopt the minutes of April 30, 2019. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Filler laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4407 (Rep. Guerra) Courts; district court; authority of district court magistrate; expand.

Representative Guerra; Tom Clement, representing the State Court Administrative Office; and Sheldon Larky, representing himself, testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Marcia Hune, representing the Michigan District Judges Association, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Chairman Filler laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4454 (Rep. Cynthia Johnson) Environmental protection; other; criminal penalties and civil fines for unlawful dumping of garbage; provide for.

Representative Cynthia Johnson and Ed Martel, policy director for Representative Johnson, testified together in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Steven Rubinstein, representing himself, testified in support of the bill.

Jonathan Pommerville, representing Detroit, testified in support of the bill.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.
Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association.
John Lindley, representing the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds.
John Lindley, representing the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association.
Nick Occhipinti, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.
Robert Kosowski, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.
Dave Blaszkiewicz, representing Invest Detroit.
Kenneth Cole, representing the City of Detroit.
Jason Puscas, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.

Chairman Filler laid the following House Resolution before the committee:

HR 23	(Rep. Lower)	A resolution to declare this legislative body's policy to protect life by preserving legal protections for unborn children under Michigan law and to recognize that any abortion is a tragic loss of human life.
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Representative Lower testified in support of the House Resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HR 23, but did not wish to speak:

Rebecca Mastee, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.
Genevieve Marnon, representing the Right to Life of Michigan.
Gabrielle Strubhar, representing the Right to Life of Michigan.
Dan Jarvis, representing the Michigan Family Forum.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HR 23, but did not wish to speak:

Representative Kristy Pagan, representing the Progressive Women's Caucus.
Marissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.
Melina Brann, representing self.
Crystal Demps, representing self.
Amanda West, representing the Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan.

Representative Yancey moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HR 23. The motion did not prevail, the vote being 5-8-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.
Nays: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, S. Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak.
Pass: None.

Representative S. Johnson moved to report out HR 23, with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 8-5-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, S. Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak.

Nays: Reps. LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

Pass: None.

Chairman Filler laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4320	(Rep. Hornberger)	Health; abortion; partial-birth abortion provision; modify to include dismemberment abortion.
HB 4321	(Rep. Afendoulis)	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for the crime of dismemberment abortion; enact.

Representative Hornberger and Representative Afendoulis testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Marissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Amanda West, representing the Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Halley Crissman, representing the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card and/or written testimony in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Genevieve Marnon, representing the Right to Life of Michigan.

Gabrielle Strubhar, representing the Right to Life of Michigan.

Rebecca Mastee, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus, William Wagner, submitted a card and written testimony in support of HB 4320, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card and/or written testimony in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Lara Chelian, representing the Northland Family Planning Centers.

Mary Pollock, representing the American Association of University Women.

Emily Clancy, representing Planned Parenthood.

Chive Tomasovitch, representing Planned Parenthood.

Dan Cancro, representing Planned Parenthood.
DaJya Jackson, representing Planned Parenthood.
Ashlea Phenicie, representing self.
Christina Soliz, representing self.
John Kesperich, representing self.
Domenica Dalla-Vecchia, representing self.
Emily Kurjan, representing self.
Ethan Schmitt, representing self.
Emmerson Unger, representing self.
Karen Holcomb-Merrill, representing self.

Representative Rendon moved to report out HB 4320, with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 7-5-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, S. Johnson, Rendon, Wozniak.
Nays: Reps. LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.
Pass: Rep. Berman.

Representative Howell moved to report out HB 4321, with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 7-5-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, S. Johnson, Rendon, Wozniak.
Nays: Reps. LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.
Pass: Rep. Berman.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Filler adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:39 a.m.

Representative Graham Filler, Chair_____

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