

Senate Election Law and Internal Affairs Committee

Kelly Flathers 271-3093

SB 110, establishing the painted turtle as the state reptile.

Hearing Date: February 7, 2017

Time Opened: 9:45 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:48 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Soucy, Woodburn and Birdsell

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Gray and Sanborn

Bill Analysis: This bill establishes the painted turtle as the state reptile.

Sponsors:

Sen. Avar

Sen. Bradley

Rep. LeBrun

Rep. K. Rice

Rep. Klee

Rep. Jack

Rep. Murotake

Who supports the bill: Sen. Kevin Avar - District 12

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Kevin Avar – District 12

- Constituents in Ward 5 wrote some compelling testimony as to why we should have the painted turtle as our state reptile.
- One of the best reasons is that it represents our fall colors.
- It is a bipartisan bill to hear the children's voices.

Sen. Birdsell

- (Q) Do you still have the letters?
 - (A) **Sen. Avar:** No, but I did visit the school and they requested that, if I got reelected, I would offer this legislation. I am keeping my word to my constituents. It's a good lesson for them.
- (Q) Could they email the committee?
 - (A) **Sen. Avar:** I will ask.

Sen. Soucy

- (Q) Which school was this from?
 - (A) **Sen. Avar**: Main Dunstable Elementary, 4th and 5th grade. If this bill does pass, I would love to present it to them.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

Future Action: Pending

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