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**OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION**

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**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH & EXECUTIVE BRANCH COMMITTEE**  
**FREDERICK MILLS, CHAIR**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

Chairman Mills called the meeting of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee to order at 12:36 p.m. A quorum was present and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved without objection.

Chairman Mills called forward John Green, on behalf of the Bliss Institute, to provide testimony on the subject of term limits.

Questions were asked by:

- Speaker Davidson: regarding similarities among other states in the number of years needed for a legislator to sit out until able to return to the same chamber.
- Pierrette Talley: regarding differences between executive branch term limits and legislative branch term limits.
- Dr. Macon: regarding whether expanded term limits are better than restricted term limits.
- Kathleen Trafford: regarding lengthening term limits and number of terms.
- Speaker Davidson: regarding the effective date if the expansion of term limits should take place.
- Governor Taft: regarding public thought on lengthening of term limits.
- Vice Chair Brooks: regarding the effect of redistricting on term limits.
- Representative Huffman: regarding the effect of term limits on competition within districts and the impact on campaign financials.
- Ms. Talley: regarding whether expansion of term limits would affect the characteristics of legislators, i.e. gender, race, etc.
- Dr. Macon: regarding Mr. Green's opinion on which state offices to expand term limits and which to restrict in Ohio.
- Chairman Mills: regarding the change of term limits in Florida and Arkansas.
- Vice Chair Brooks: regarding possible linkage between redistricting and the lengthening of term limits.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

  
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FREDERICK MILLS, CHAIR

  
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PAULA BROOKS, VICE CHAIR