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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 19th, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities was scheduled for Thursday, February 19th, 2009, for 1:00 p.m., in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Discussion regarding grid technology
 - 2) Presentation by SunCrest Energy regarding waste to energy
 - 3) SB 190 Sen. Thomas Communications; video services; dispute resolution process; provide for.
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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Patterson, Senators, Brown, Birkholz, Kuipers, Richardville, Olshove, and Clarke, a quorum.

ABSENT: Sen. Thomas

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12th committee meeting. Sen. Kuipers so moved.
The motion Passed without objection.

At 1:06 p.m., the Chairman proceeded to agenda item number one. He invited Dr. David K. Luneke of EcoSphere Energy to present testimony regarding renewable energy.

Dr. Luneke provided the committee with a copies of his presentation. (Copies of the document are available in the Clerk's files.)

Sen.(s) Patterson, Olshove, Richardville, Kuipers and Brown, posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Luneke for his testimony.

At 1:40 p.m., the Chairman proceeded to agenda item number two. He invited Mr. Gerald D. Wyse and Mr. Jack W. Hobbick of Consumers Energy to present testimony regarding smart grid technology.

Mr. Wyse and Mr. Hobbick provided the committee with copies of their presentation. (Copies of the document are available in the Clerk's files.)

Sen.(s) Patterson, Olshove, Clarke, Kuipers and Brown, posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Wyse and Mr. Hobbick for their testimony.

At 2:23 p.m., the Chairman proceeded to agenda item number three. He invited Ms. Samantha Harkins of the Michigan Municipal League to present testimony opposing SB 190 as introduced.

Sen. Patterson posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Harkins for her testimony.

At 2:25 p.m., the Chairman read into the record, those indicating they would support SB 190 if amended.

Mike Watza, PROTEC
Tim Lundgren, City of Detroit
David Bertram, Michigan Townships Associations

At 2:26 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Greg White of the Michigan Public Service Commission to clarify sections of SB 190.

Sen.(s) Patterson, Clarke and Kuipers posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. White for his testimony.

At 2:35 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 190 with recommendation and immediate effect. Sen. Clarke so moved.

The voting was as follows:

Yeas: Sen.(s) Patterson, Brown, Birkholz, Kuipers, Richardville, Olshove and Clarke.

Nays: Sen.(s).

The motion Passed.

At 2:40 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn. Sen. Brown so moved.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m., on a voice vote, without objection.

Scott Jones,
Clerk of the Committee

Senator Bruce Patterson,
Chairman of the Committee

Date Adopted by Committee