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A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 12:34 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 210.

Committee members present: Cassis (C), Gilbert (Maj. VC), Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs (Min VC), Whitmer, and Cherry

Senator Cassis gave opening remarks regarding the order of business:

- SB 38 Sen. Pappageorge - Income tax; credit; charitable contributions to an educational foundation; provide for.
- SB 887 Sen. Jansen - Property tax; exemptions; exemption for elderly or disabled families; revise.
- HB 4200 Rep. Lahti - Property tax; principal residence exemption; adjoining and contiguous timber-cutover property; exempt.

Representative Lahti, bill sponsor of HB4200 gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. Representative Lahti then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in favor of HB4200 but did not wish to speak:

Charles Owens representing National Federation of Independent Businesses

Aaron Tabor representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen

Aaron Tabor representing the Great Lakes Timber Professionals

Larry Steckelberg representing the Michigan Department of Treasury submitted a testimony card neutral to HB4200 but did not wish to speak.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee adopt substitute S-1 to HB4200.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Pappageorge, Whitmer, Cherry

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee report HB4200 S-1 with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Pappageorge, Whitmer, Cherry

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

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Justin Winslow Legislative Aide to Senator Pappageorge gave verbal testimony explaining SB38 on behalf of Senator Pappageorge sponsor of SB38 who was not able to speak due to a medical issue. Mr. Winslow then answered questions from committee members.

Paul Long representing the Michigan Catholic Conference gave verbal testimony opposed to SB38. Mr. Long then answered questions from committee members.

Brian Broderick representing the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools gave verbal testimony opposed to SB38. Mr. Broderick then answered questions from committee members.

Larry Steckelberg representing the Michigan Department of Treasury gave verbal testimony opposed to SB38. Mr. Steckelberg then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted written testimony regarding SB38:

Robert Collier representing Council of Michigan Foundations – opposed

Mahesh Nayak representing the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence – support

Steven Gaynor representing the Bloomfield Hills Schools - support

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee adopt substitute S-1 to SB38.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Cherry

Nays: Jansen

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee report SB38 S-1 with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge

Nays: Jacobs, Cherry

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jansen, bill sponsor of SB887 gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. Senator Jansen then answered questions from committee members.

Summer Minnick representing the Michigan Municipal League submitted a testimony card in support of SB887 but did not wish to speak.

Larry Steckelberg representing the Michigan Department of Treasury gave verbal testimony in support of SB887. Mr. Steckelberg then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee report SB887 with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Cherry

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Gilbert motioned, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee adopt the minutes of October 15th and October 22nd, 2009.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Cherry

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cassis adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Clerk

Chairperson

Date approved by the Committee