

## **Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism was held Tuesday, February 23, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Members present: Senators Allen, Nofs, Stamas and Hunter

Members excused: Senator Clarke

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Senator Allen called the meeting to order.

Senator Hunter moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held Tuesday, February 9, 2010 with unanimous consent. Senator Nofs supported the motion. By unanimous consent, the minutes from the meeting were adopted.

Senator Allen laid before the committee for consideration Senate Bill 1135 (Sen. Allen).

Ken Osborne testified before the committee, explaining that the bill was identical to a substitute for Senate Bill 697, which had a hearing previously before the committee. This bill fixes technical issues from the previous bill as well as making it single section.

Jim McBryde, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in support of the bill and stated the MEDC's appreciation that the bill was a single section to keep the focus narrow.

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturing Association, supported the legislation and did not wish to testify.

Senator Stamas moved that Senate Bill 1135 be reported out of committee with recommendation that the bill then pass. Senator Hunter supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Nofs, Stamas and Hunter (4/5)

Nays: None (0)

Pass: None (0)  
Excused: Senator Clarke (1)

Senator Nofs moved that Senate Bill 1135 be given immediate effect. Senator Hunter supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Nofs, Stamas and Hunter (4/5)  
Nays: None (0)  
Pass: None (0)  
Excused: Senator Clarke (1)

Senator Allen invited Commander Jonathan Spaner, Commanding Officer of the United States Coast Guard Air Station in Traverse City, and Commander Daniel Travers, Commanding Officer of the United States Coast Guard Air Station in Detroit, to brief the committee on the Mission of the Coast Guard in Michigan. Due to protocol of the United States Military, details of the briefing are omitted from the minutes.

Senator Allen announced that there would be a meeting next week of the committee, and that they are coming closer to an agreement on the Land Bank package. Senator Allen thanked Senator Hunter for their earlier conversation on the matter. Senator Allen also announced that a future topic for the committee would be LEED certified buildings.

Senator Allen adjourned the committee 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lauren K. Michalak  
Committee Clerk

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Jason E. Allen  
Chairman

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Date Approved by Committee