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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 1:32 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter, Smith

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- (Testimony Only)
HB 4158 Rep. Lyons - Trade; consumer goods and services; requirement for item pricing of consumer items; repeal.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, and the body seconded, that the committee adopt the minutes of February 16, 2010. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, bill sponsor of HB4158, gave both verbal and written testimony explaining the bill. Representative Lyons then answered questions from committee members.

James Hallen representing the Michigan Retailers Association gave both verbal and written testimony in support of HB4158. Mr. Hallen then answered questions from committee members.

John McKenzie representing himself gave verbal testimony opposed to HB4158. Mr. McKenzie then answered questions from committee members.

Linda Gobler representing the Michigan Grocers Association gave verbal testimony in support of HB4158. Ms. Gobler then answered questions from committee members.

Chris Michalakis representing United Food and Commercial Workers of MI (UFCW) gave verbal and written testimony opposed to HB4158. Mr. Earle then answered questions from committee members.

Tricia Kinley representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce gave verbal testimony in support of HB4158. Ms. Kinley then answered questions from committee members.

Linda Teeter representing the Michigan Citizen Action gave both verbal and written testimony in support of HB4158 if amended. Ms. Teeter then answered questions from committee members.

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The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of HB4158 but did not wish to speak:

Alan Cropsey representing the Attorney General Bill Schuette (written testimony also)

Scott Watkins representing the Anderson Economic Group

Charlie Owens representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses

Alan Canady from Clark Hill representing Rite Aid

David Jessup representing the Small Business Association of Michigan

Scott Faustyn representing the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers

David Worthams representing the Michigan Bankers Association

Bill Lobenherz representing the Michigan Soft Drink Association

Mike Gallagher representing Spartan Stores

Rob Elhenicky with Kelley Cawthorne representing Wal Mart

Stacie Behler representing Meijer

Sharon Rothwell representing MASCO

Felicia Wasson representing AARP

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: March 8, 2011

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)