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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Friday, May 13, 2011, at 3:10 p.m. at Raleigh Studios, 1999 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac, Michigan.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Kowall (C), Smith

Excused: Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- Public hearing on the economic impact of Michigan's Film Tax Credit.
Testimony provided by:
 - Mike Finney, President and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)
 - Jim McBryde, Vice-President of Governmental Affairs of MEDC
 - Carrie Jones, Director of the Michigan Film Office
 - Steve Lemberg, CFO of Raleigh Studios

Senator Kowall announced that SB383 would be added to the committee agenda as it was properly before the committee.

(Testimony Only)

- SB383 Sen. Kowall - Michigan business tax; credits; qualified film production credits; modify credit amounts.

Senator Kowall invited the following legislators to sit on the panel and take part in the discussions:

Representative Barnett

Senator Marleau

Representative Jacobsen

Mr. Finney and Mr. McBryde representing the MEDC gave verbal testimony relative to Michigan's Film Tax Credit and in support of SB383. Mr. Finney and Mr. McBryde then answered questions from committee members.

Steve Lemberg representing Raleigh Studios gave verbal testimony relative to the creation, history, and construction of Raleigh Studios and in support of Michigan's Film Tax Credit. Mr. Lemberg then answered questions from committee members.

Connie Dillinger representing Long Road Productions, Inc. gave verbal testimony relative to the economic impact of Michigan's Film Tax Credit and in support of SB383.

Mark Sejnowski representing IATSE Local #38 gave verbal testimony relative to the economic impact of Michigan's Film Tax Credit and in support of SB383. Mr. Sejnowski then answered questions from committee members.

Marcia Fishman representing the Screen Actors Guild gave verbal testimony relative to the economic impact and in support of Michigan's Film Tax Credit. Ms. Fishman then answered questions from committee members.

Mark Adler representing Michigan Production Alliance gave verbal testimony relative to the economic impact and in support of Michigan's Film Tax Credit. Mr. Adler then answered questions from committee members.

Erin Cummings representing herself as a cast member of Detroit 1-8-7 verbal testimony relative to the economic impact and in support of Michigan's Film Tax Credit. Ms. Cummings then answered questions from committee members.

Stephen Detherage representing HB Productions Casting gave verbal testimony relative to the economic impact and in support of Michigan's Film Tax Credit.

Nathaniel McClure representing Scientifically Proven Entertainment gave verbal testimony relative to the economic impact and in support of Michigan's Film Tax Credit.

Joann Sanneh representing Motionpicture Company of Burbank California and Nocturnal Sun of Detroit gave verbal testimony relative to the economic impact and in support of Michigan's Film Tax Credit.

Michael Jones representing himself gave verbal testimony relative to the economic impact and in support of Michigan's Film Tax Credit.

Senator Kowall announced that due to time constraints, the committee would have to adjourn by 5:00 p.m. He relayed that all of the testimony cards submitted would be entered into the committee record. He also relayed that there would be additional hearings scheduled to further discuss SB383 and the Michigan Film Tax Credit.

The following legislative members gave closing remarks:

Representative Barnett
Senator Smith
Representative Jacobsen
Senator Marleau
Senator Kowall

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of Michigan's Film Tax Credit and/or SB383:

Rose Gilpin and Kathy Remski representing Real Style Extras Casting
Andre Bufaline representing Teamsters Local Union #337
Adam Engler representing himself
Peter Carey representing the film community
Tracy Doyle representing Teamsters
Rob, Kelly, and Paul Petcou representing Teamsters #337
Noel Vega representing Exxodus Pictures
Danny Roth representing StoneBrook Entertainment
Tom Dodson representing VIP Truck Center
Kit Soltysrak representing herself
Dan Irving representing himself
Dave Kilgore representing himself
Jim and Deborah Cox representing herself
Brian McEllone representing himself
Adam Fallscheer representing himself
Danielle Champe representing herself
Kathi Moore representing herself as a SAG member

Testimony cards submitted in support of Michigan's Film Tax Credit and/or SB383 continued:

Grant Kersten Jr. representing himself
Nick Szczerba representing himself
Pamela Croydon representing herself
Charles Nelson representing Trans Teamsters
Michael Geldmacher Jr. representing Teamsters #337
Suzanne Faber representing Blue Sky Concepts
Michael Grady representing himself
Steve Kosinsky representing himself
Tracy St.Germain representing herself
Jim Dingeman representing Oakland County
Judith Nelson representing Teamsters
Roger Schrinen representing Teamsters Local #337
Oliver Cole representing Fantasy On Film
Robert Barry representing himself
David Rembiesa representing Mott Community College
Nicholas Ritz representing Eagle Scouting Productions
Brittany Pask representing Teamsters Local #38
Austin and Dennis Schwartz representing himself
David Jackson representing Teamsters Local 3337
Charlete O'Deay representing Mott Community College
Stephanie Tood representing Mott Community College
Desiree Freeman representing Mott Community College
Brian Dellar representing Mott Community College
Nicholas Kowalenski representing himself as a student of Mott Community College
Lucas Del Castillo representing Lucky (x), LLC

Senator Kowall requested that Senators Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Hunter be excused from committee.

Without objection, so ordered.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: May 18, 2011

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