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**SENATOR EMMONS**  
**SENATOR HANSEN**  
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**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 1:35 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Excused: Hunter

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

(Testimony Only)

- SB 855 Sen. Kowall - Michigan business tax; credits; credit for certain high-powered energy batteries; modify.

Senator Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Smith, that the committee adopt the minutes of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall, bill sponsor of SB855, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill.

James McBryde, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, gave verbal testimony in support of SB855. Mr. McBryde then answered questions from committee members.

Joe Sproles, Subhash Dhar, and Dennis Townsend, representing Townsend Energy Solutions, gave both verbal and written testimony in support of SB855. Mr. Sproles, Mr. Dhar, and Mr. Townsend then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Smith excused himself and left the committee room at 1:52 p.m.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of SB855 but did not wish to speak.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, representing Oakland County

Mayor Kevin Hinkly, representing the City of Wixom

Senator Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to report with recommendation SB855.

Yeas: Kowall, Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand motioned to recommend immediate effect to SB855.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Nofs motioned to excuse Senator Hunter.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

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Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: December 8, 2011

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