



## THE SENATE

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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES November 9, 2011

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at 12:30 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

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#### The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Reported SB 349 with recommendation and immediate effect.
  - 2) Reported SB 748 (S-3) and SB 790 with recommendation and immediate effect.
  - 3) Reported SB 483 (S-1) and SB 484 (S-1) with recommendation and immediate effect.
  - 4) Reported SB 60 and SB 61 with recommendation that it be re-referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.
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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Proos, and Bieda, a quorum.

The Chairman invited Sen. Hildenbrand to summarize SB 349 for the committee.

The Chairman read the cards of those not wishing to testify before the committee into the record.

#### Support:

Brad Ward, Michigan Association of Realtors  
Marilyn Plummer, Michigan Assessors Association

Oppose:

Robert LeFevre, Macomb ISD

At 12:55 p.m., Sen.(s) Pappageorge and Warren entered the meeting.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 349 with recommendation. Sen. Jansen so moved.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, and Proos

Nays: None

Pass: Sen. Bieda

The motion passed.

Next, the Chairman invited Sen. Hildenbrand to summarize SB 748 and SB 790 for the committee.

The Chairman invited Sen. Hansen and Rep. Hovey Wright to present testimony supporting SB 748.

The Chairman invited Michael Waalkes of Cityview Condo Association to present testimony supporting SB 748.

The Chairman invited Todd Ponstein of the Wealthy Street Historic Development to present testimony supporting SB 748 and SB 790.

The Chairman invited Jon Rooks of Parkland Properties, Sarah Rooks of Watermark and Gary Post of heritage Square Development to present testimony supporting SB 748.

The Chairman read the cards of those not wishing to testify before the committee into the record.

Support:

Mickey Knight, City of Muskegon

Brad Ward, Michigan Association of Realtors

Paul Connors, Treasury

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt his S-3 substitute to SB 748. Sen. Jansen so moved.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 748 (S-3) with recommendation. Sen. Bieda so moved.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 748. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 790 with recommendation. Sen. Jansen so moved.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 790. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Next, the Chairman invited Sen. Jansen to summarize SB 483 and SB 484 for the committee.

At 12:55 p.m., Sen. Robertson entered the meeting.

The Chairman invited Steve Arewood and Mike O'Brien of LARA to present testimony supporting SB 483 and SB 484.

The Chairman invited Charles Owens of the NFIB, Wendy Block of the Michigan Chamber, Dave Jessup of SBAM and Delaney Newberry of MMA to present testimony supporting SB 483 and SB 484.

The Chairman read the cards of those not wishing to testify before the committee into the record.

Support:

Lee Schwartz, Homebuilders

Chris Fisher, Associated Builder and Contractors

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt Sen. Jansen's S-1 substitute to SB 483. Sen. Bieda so moved.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 483 (S-1) with recommendation. Sen. Jansen so moved.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 483. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt Sen. Jansen's S-1 substitute to SB 484. Sen. Jansen so moved.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 484 (S-1) with recommendation. Sen. Bieda so moved.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 484. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Next, The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 60 with recommendation that it be referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary. Sen. Jansen so moved.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The motion passed.

Next, The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 61 with recommendation that it be referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary. Sen. Jansen so moved.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 26, committee meeting. Sen. Jansen so moved.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The motion passed.

There being no further business before the Committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m., on a voice vote, without objection.

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

Date Adopted by Committee: 11-10-11