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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2011

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, in the Senate Hearing Room on the first floor of the Boji Tower at 8:30 a.m. Senator Jansen called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Jansen (C), Colbeck, Casperson, Kowall, Robertson, Young and Warren

Absent: None

Senator Jansen welcomed everyone to committee and announced the order of business.

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| HB 4361 | Rep. Gilbert Income tax; rate; general revisions and implementation of a corporate income tax; provide for.                                               |
| HB 4362 | Rep. Gilbert Michigan business tax; replacement; option to claim certain certificated credits after enactment of a corporate income tax act; provide for. |
| HB 4479 | Rep. Gilbert Taxation; other; multistate tax compact; modify.                                                                                             |
| HB 4480 | Rep. Gilbert Retirement; state employees; tax exemption for pensions; eliminate.                                                                          |
| HB 4481 | Rep. Gilbert Retirement; public school employees; tax exemption for pensions; eliminate.                                                                  |
| HB 4482 | Rep. Gilbert Retirement; legislative; tax exemption for pensions; eliminate.                                                                              |
| HB 4483 | Rep. Gilbert Retirement; other; tax exemption for pensions of city library employees; eliminate.                                                          |
| HB 4484 | Rep. Gilbert Retirement; judges; tax exemption for pensions; eliminate.                                                                                   |

Senator Jansen welcomed Charlie Owen from the National Federation for Independent Business, Nancy Marr, President of Prime House Group and Tom Gruno Executive Vice President of Teachout Security Solutions. They provided testimony in support of the legislation.

The Chair entertained a motion by Senator Casperson to adopt the minutes from the May 10, 2011 committee hearing. Without objection the minutes were adopted.

Senator Jansen then welcomed Doug Rothwell from the Business Leaders for Michigan who spoke in support of the legislation.

Senator Jansen then welcomed Bob Kopasz, Mary Pollock and Dan McLellan from the Michigan State Employee Retirees Association, and Doug Drake, Chair of the State Employee Retirement System Board. They spoke in opposition to the legislation.

Senator Jansen then recessed the committee at 10:02 a.m.

Senator Jansen reconvened the committee at 12:33 p.m.

Senator Jansen welcomed Ken Droz, Brian Winn, Than McClure, and Mike Rossi representing the Amend Don't End Film Coalition who spoke in support of the film tax credit.

Senator Jansen then welcomed Steve Roznowski, CEO of The Christman Company who spoke in support of HB 4361 and HB 4362 with amendments.

Senator Jansen then welcomed John Byl from the National Brownfields Association who spoke in support of HB 4361 and HB 4362.

Senator Jansen then welcomed John Duley from the Edgewood Non-Profit Housing who spoke in opposition to changing the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Senator Jansen then welcomed Bill McMaster from Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation who spoke in opposition to HB 4361 and HB 4362.

Senator Jansen then welcomed Linda Gobler from the Michigan Grocers Association who spoke in support of HB 4361 and HB 4362.

Senator Jansen then welcomed Frank Houston from A Better Michigan Future who spoke in opposition to all of the bills.

Testimony cards of those not wishing to speak were turned in by:

Support: Jared Rodriguez, West Michigan Policy Forum, HB 4361 & HB 4362, and HB 4479 – 4484  
Dawn Crandall, Michigan Association of Home Builders, HB 4361 & HB 4362  
Ross Yednock, CEDAM & MI EITC Coalition, HB 4361 will EITC in full or at 6%  
Janessa Smit, Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce, HB 4361 & HB 4362  
Andy Johnston, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, HB 4361

Neutral: Jack Kresnak, Michigan's Children

Oppose: Nick Ciaramitaro, AFSCME  
Rev. Alice Fleming Townley, Presbyterian Church of Okemos  
Rev. Kari Nicewander, Edgewood United Church Justice & Peace  
Michael Keller, AFL-CIO  
Hilda Patricia Curran, State Employees Retirement Association (SERA)  
William Beachler, SERA  
June Morse, SERA  
Patricia Snow, SERA  
Linda Nelson, SERA  
Francisca Vasconcellos, SERA  
Vergil Pinckney, SERA  
Jane Naasko, SERA  
David Naasko, SERA  
Kay Duncan, SERA  
Linda Largo, citizen  
Michael Largo, citizen  
Ken MacKellar, citizen  
Duane Hoffman, SERA  
Edward Panasiewicz, SERA  
Sue Colon, SERA  
Sandra Baker, SERA  
Rick Kershaw, SERA  
Norene Kershaw, SERA  
DeWayne Baker, SERA  
Louise Wing, SERA  
Peggy Kopasz, SERA  
Bob Kopasz, SERA

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:57 p.m.

Written testimony provided to the committee is available on the Senate website.

**Date Adopted by Committee:** \_\_\_\_\_

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