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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES May 29, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology was scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Reported SB 763 with recommendation and immediate effect.
- 2) Reported SB 1134 (S-1) and SB 1135 (S-2) with recommendation and immediate effect.
- 3) Testimony regarding HB 4265 and HB 4266.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Nofs, Sen.(s) Proos, Jones, Marleau, Walker, Hopgood, Bieda and Young, a quorum.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 22, 2012 meeting. Sen. Proos so moved. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Sen. Jansen and Douglas Wood of the Kent County DPW to summarize SB 763 for the committee.

The Chairman invited the following individuals to present testimony before the committee regarding SB 763.

Support:
James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Proos to report SB 763 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Nofs, Proos, Jones, Marleau, Walker, Hopgood, Bieda and Young

Nays: None
The motion passed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Proos to recommend immediate effect for SB 763. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Next, the Chairman invited Sen. Caswell and Greg Moore of Sen. Nofs office to summarize SB 1134 and SB 1135 for the committee.

The Chairman invited the following people to present testimony before the committee regarding SB 1134 and SB 1135.

Support:
Isabelle Terry, Citizen
Jim Crisp and Nancy Macfarlane, Michigan Community Action

Oppose:
Tina Dupont, Citizen

Neutral:
Jeff Cook and Michelle Bert, DHS

The Chairman read into the record the cards of those people not wishing to testify before the committee regarding SB 1134 and SB 1135.

Support:
Chrissy Beckwith, SEMCO Energy
Felicia Wasson, AARP
Peri Weisberg, United Way for Southeastern Michigan
Winston Feeheley, DTE

Neutral:
Cami Pendell, ABATE

At 1:15 p.m., Sen. Schuitmaker entered the meeting.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Walker to adopt the (S-1) offered by Sen. Nofs, to SB 1134.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Nofs, Proos, Jones, Marleau, Schuitmaker, Walker, Hopgood, Bieda and Young

Nays: None
The motion passed.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Young to report the SB 1134 (S-1) with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Nofs, Proos, Jones, Marleau, Schuitmaker, Walker, Hopgood, Bieda and Young

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Proos to recommend immediate effect for SB 1134 (S-1). Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman made a to adopt his amendment to SB 1135.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Nofs, Proos, Jones, Marleau, Schuitmaker, Walker, Hopgood, Bieda and Young

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Bieda to report the SB 1135 as amended, as a clean sub, with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Nofs, Proos, Jones, Marleau, Schuitmaker, Walker, Hopgood, Bieda and Young

Nays: None

The motion passed.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Jones to recommend immediate effect for SB 1135 (S-2). Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Next, the Chairman invited the following people to present testimony before the committee regarding HB 4265 and HB 4266.

Support:

Jason Geer, Michigan Chamber

Sue Warren, Lansing Board of Water and Light

Jim Glas, Reinvented Earth

Oppose:

James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council

Michael Shelton, Scott's Miracle Grow

Christopher Bradlee, BASF Corporation

Bernice Berens, IB Compost LLC

Michael Howell, City of Wixom

Neutral:

Douglas Wood, Kent County Department of Public Works

The Chairman read into the record the cards of those people not wishing to testify before the committee regarding HB 4265 and HB 4266.

Oppose:

Alexis Blizman, Ecology Center
Tom Turner, Spurt Industries

Neutral:

Amy Frankmann, Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association

There being no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 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: 6/5/2012