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A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, December 03, 2013, in Room 405 of the Capitol Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith, and Ananich
Members Excused: none

Senator Kowall called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- SB 679 (Sen. Smith) – Criminal procedure; defenses; rebuttable presumption for larceny of metal under certain circumstances; provide for.
- HB 4593 (Rep. Muxlow) – Occupations; junk and secondhand dealers; nonferrous metal regulatory act; expand to include other scrap metal and scrap metal dealers.
- HB 4595 (Rep. Ananich) – Crimes; larceny; stealing nonferrous metals; expand to prohibit stealing of other scrap metal.
- HB 4327 (Rep. Farrington) – Economic development; corridor improvement; corridor improvement authority capture provisions; modify.
- HB 5017 (Rep. O'Brien) – Property tax; exemptions; exemption for development property; expand to include both land and new construction.

Senator Kowall invited Representative Muxlow, Representative Kesto, and Senator Ananich forward to explain House Bill 4593 and House Bill 4595. The legislators then answered questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak in support of House Bill 4593:

- Derek Hassan, DTE Energy

Senator Kowall invited Representative Farrington and Mark Vanderpool, city manager of Sterling Heights, to explain House Bill 4327 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak in support of House Bill 4327:

- Nikki Brown, Michigan Municipal League (MML)
- James McBryde, Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)
- Judy Allen, Michigan Townships Association (MTA)
- Tim Fischer, Michigan Environmental Council

Senator Kowall invited Representative O'Brien and Dawn Crandall, of the Home Builders Association of Michigan, forward to explain House Bill 5017 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak in opposition to House Bill 5017:

- Bill McMaster, Taxpayers United

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning House Bill 5017:

- Samantha Harkins, MML – Oppose
- M. L. Mickey Knight, Michigan Assessors Association – Oppose
- Jennifer Smith, Michigan Association of School Boards – Oppose
- Chris Fisher, Association of Builders and Contractors – Support
- Amanda Fisher, National Federation of Independent Business – Support
- Michigan Association of Realtors – Support

Senator Kowall invited Mayor Dayne Walling, City of Flint, and Darnell Earley, Emergency Manager for the City of Flint, forward to explain House Bill 4595 and answer questions for committee members

Senator Ananich motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, to report with recommendation House Bill 4327.

Yeas: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith, and Ananich

Nays: None

Pass: None

Excused: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Ananich, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, moved to give House Bill 4327 immediate effect.

Without objection, it was so moved.

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Hildenbrand, to report with recommendation House Bill 5017.

Yeas: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Smith, and Ananich

Nays: None

Pass: None

Excused: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith, supported by Senator Ananich, moved to give House Bill 5017 immediate effect. Without objection, it was so moved.

Senator Kowall invited Senator Smith to explain Senate Bill 679 and answer questions for committee members.

Senator Smith motioned, supported by Senator Ananich, to report with recommendation Senate Bill 679.

Yeas: Senators Kowall (C), Emmons, Hansen, Smith, and Ananich

Nays: None

Pass: Senators Hildenbrand and Nofs

Excused: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith, supported by Senator Ananich, moved to give Senate Bill 679 immediate effect. Without objection, it was so moved.

The following testimony cards were submitted to the committee concerning House Bill 4593, House Bill 4595, and Senate Bill 679:

- Rob Anderson, Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) – Support
- Nikki Brown, MML (HB 4593 and HB 4595 only) – Support
- Nicole Nystrom, Quicken Loans and Rock Ventures (HB 4593 and HB 4595 only) – Support
- Michael Penty, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (HB 4593 and HB 4595 only) – Support
- Mike Frederick, Michigan Historic Preservation Network – Support
- Sgt. Amy Dehner, Michigan State Police (HB 4593 and HB 4595 only) – Support
- Randy Gross, ITC Holdings (HB 4593 and HB 4595 only) – Support
- Judy Allen, MTA (HB 4593 and HB 4595 only) – Support
- William Elson, Executive Board of the Michigan Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) – No Position Given
- Roger Simon, Executive Board of the Michigan ISRI – No Position Given
- Patricia Herndon, Michigan Bankers Association – Support
- Jon Cool, Michigan Railroads Association (HB 4593 only) – Support
- Ruben Vasquez, CSX Railroad (HB 4593 only) – No Position Given
- Jonathan Raven, Friedland Industries – Support
- Lawrence Bass, Friedland Industries (HB 4593 only) – Support
- Jerry Haensler, Adrian and Blissfield Rail Road (HB 4593 and HB 4595 only) – Support
- John D. Dingell III, Dix Scrap Iron & Metal Company – Neutral

Senator Hildenbrand, supported by Senator Hansen, moved to approve the minutes of November 13, 2013. Without objection, it was so moved.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:32 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: December 4, 2013

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