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**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 2, 2014**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology was scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

1. Reported HB 5397 with recommendation and immediate effect.
2. Heard testimony regarding SB 1123 and SB 1124.
3. Heard testimony regarding SB 1089.

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Nofs, Sen.(s) Proos, Jones, Walker Hopgood and Young, a quorum.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Proos to adopt the minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Connie Burgess to summarize HB 5397 for the committee.

The Chairman invited the following people to present testimony before the committee regarding HB 5397: Brindley Byrd, MEECA – Support

The following individuals were advised to attend the House Committee for the hearing on Smart Meters:

Donald Hillman, Citizen  
Carol Kanners, Citizen  
Vern Lanphear, Citizen

The Chairman read the cards of those people not wishing to testify before the committee regarding HB 5397:

Derek Tisler, Michigan Municipal League – Support  
Nicholas Occhipinti, West Michigan Environmental Action Council – Support  
Sara Mullkoff, Michigan Environmental Council – Support  
Charlotte Jameson, Michigan League of Conservation Voters – Support  
Liesl Clark, Energy Innovation Business Council – Support  
Larry Ward, Michigan Conservative Energy Forum – Support

Keith den Hollander, Christian Coalition – Support  
 Jim Weeks, Michigan Municipal League – Support  
 Ryan Cotton, City of Holland – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Jones to report HB 5397 with recommendation that it pass.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5397. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

At 1:25pm, Sen.(s) Schuitmaker and Bieda entered the meeting.

Next, the Chairman invited Sen. Walker to summarize SB 1123 & SB 1124 for the committee:

The Chairman invited the following people to present testimony regarding SB 1123 & SB 1124:

Marty Lagina, Heritage Sustainable Energy – Support

David Sheldon, Citizen – Opposed

Carole Gorecki, Citizen – Opposed

Judy Allen, Michigan Townships Assn. – Opposed

Frank Gonzales and Linda Kertz, Citizens – Opposed

Andrew Richner, Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative – Oppose

Troy Simonsen, Citizen – Opposed

Karen Spranger, Citizen – Opposed

The Chairman read the cards of those people not wishing to testify before the committee regarding SB 1123 & SB 1124:

Liesl Clark, Energy Innovation Business Council – Support

Andrew Vermeesch, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

Derek Tisler, Michigan Municipal League – Oppose

Sarah Mullkoff, Michigan Environmental Council – Support

Larry Ward, Michigan Conservative Energy Forum – Support

Next, the Chairman invited Sen. Jones to summarize SB 1089 for the committee:

The Chairman read the cards of those people not wishing to testify before the committee regarding SB 1089:

Sgt. Amy Dehner, Michigan State Police – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Jones to excuse absent members from the meeting. Without objection, Sen. Marleau was excused.

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

Date Adopted by Committee: