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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES October 13, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Reported SB 155 with recommendation
- 2) Reported SB 538 (S-1) with recommendation and recommended I.E.
- 3) Reported SB 543 with recommendation and recommended I.E.
- 4) Reported SB 544 with recommendation and recommended I.E.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Sen. (s) Brandenburg, Robertson, Knollenberg, Casperson, Bieda and Warren, a quorum was present.

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the committee meeting minutes of October 6, 2015. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Chairman Brandenburg summarized Senate Bill 538 for the committee.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 538:

- Carolee Kvoriak Smith, Consumers Energy – support
- Michigan Treasurer Khouri – support

The following cards were read by the Chairman stating their position on SB 538:

- Jon Hallack, Stryker Corp. – support
- Jason Pucas, Detroit Regional Chamber – support
- Tricia Kinley, Michigan Chamber – support
- Eric Tuori, SpartanNash – support
- Kimberly K. Hanrahan, Steelcase Inc. - support

Senator Proos joined the meeting.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Robertson, supported by Sen. Casperson, to adopt the S-1 version of SB 538.

Yeas: Sen. (s) Brandenburg, Robertson, Knollenberg, Casperson, Proos, Bieda, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the sub was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Bieda, supported by Sen. Warren to report SB 538 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Sen. (s) Brandenburg, Robertson, Knollenberg, Casperson, Proos, Bieda, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 538. Without Objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Senators MacGregor and Knollenberg to summarize SB 543 and SB 544 for the committee.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 543 and SB 544:

- Chris Harris, WMU Seita Scholars – support
- Ashley Benson, WMU Seita Scholars – support
- Brandon Foster, Park West Foundation – support
- Saba Gebrai, Park West Foundation - support

The following cards were read by the Chairman stating their position on SB 543 and SB 544:

- Howard Ryan, Michigan Treasury – support
- Rachel Richards, MI League for Public Policy, support

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Beida, supported by Sen. Casperson, to report SB 543 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Sen. (s) Brandenburg, Robertson, Knollenberg, Casperson, Proos, Bieda, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 543. Without Objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Knollenberg, supported by Sen. Proos, to report SB 544 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Sen. (s) Brandenburg, Robertson, Knollenberg, Casperson, Proos, Bieda, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 544. Without Objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman invited Senator Gregory to summarize the legislation for SB 155 for the committee.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 155:

- Howard Ryan, Michigan Treasury – support

The following cards were read by the Chairman stating their position on SB 155:

- David Worthams, MI Bankers Assoc, support

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Robertson, supported by Sen. Casperson to report SB 155 with recommendation that it pass.

Yeas: Sen. (s) Brandenburg, Robertson, Knollenberg, Casperson, Proos, Bieda, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

Being no further business before the Committee, The Chairman adjourned the Finance meeting without objection at 3:08 p.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: 12/01/2015