



## THE SENATE

### COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### April 20, 2016

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Commerce was scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

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#### The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) SB 853 (Stamas) – Testimony only
- 2) Presentation: “Areas of Opportunity for Michigan Disadvantaged Businesses”

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Chair Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Schmidt (C), Kowall, MacGregor, O'Brien and Hertel

Excused: None

Chairman Schmidt made a motion to adopt the minutes from March 16, 2016 meeting. Being no objection the motion prevailed.

The Chairman invited Senator Stamas to provide the committee with an overview of his legislation, Senate Bill 853.

The following provided testimony regarding Senate Bill 853:

- Linda Gobler, MI Grocers Assoc. – support
- Mark Huizenga, City of Walker – support
- James Clift, MI Environmental Council – oppose
- Susanne K. Maskaluk, Petoskey Plastics, Inc. – support
- Amy Drumm, MI Retailers Assoc. – support
- Robert O'Meara, MI Restaurant Assoc. - support

The Chair read in the following cards submitted to indicate a position on Senate Bill 853:

- Josh Lunger, Grand Rapids Area Chamber – support
- Erik Hingst, WalMart – support
- John Dulmes, MI Chemistry Council – support
- Andrew Martin, Meijer – support
- Rob Elhenicky, – American Chemistry Council
- John Easter, American Chemistry Council
- Dan Papineau, Assoc. Food and Petroleum Dealers – support
- Katie Abraham, Associated Petroleum Industries – support
- Jennifer Rigterink, MI Municipal League – oppose
- Robert Gordon, Sierra Club – oppose
- Mike Berkawitz, Sierra Club - oppose

Being no additional testimony, the Chair introduced the following individuals to give the committee a presentation on Areas of Opportunity for Michigan Disadvantaged Businesses:

- Michelle Sourie Robinson, MI Minority Supplier Development Council
- Robert Young, Toyota
- Dr. KB Stallworth, MI Minority Supplier Development Council
- Bing Guei, MI Minority Supplier Development Council
- Mary Carmen Munoz, MI Minority Supplier Development Council

Being no further business before the committee, The Chairman adjourned the Commerce committee meeting without objection at 9:39 a.m.

**Date Adopted by Committee: 04/27/2016**