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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2016

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Commerce was scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Reported SB 853 (Stamas) with recommendation and recommend immediate effect
- 2) Presentation: "Business Leaders' Insights: Michigan's Talent Forecast"

Chair Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present: Senators Schmidt, Kowall, MacGregor, O'Brien and Hertel, A quorum was present.

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the minutes from April 20, 2016 meeting. Being no objection the motion prevailed.

The following provided testimony regarding a position on Senate Bill 853:

- Anne Woiwode, Sierra Club – Oppose
- Yousef Rabhi, Washtenaw County Commissioner – Oppose
- Charles Owens, Nat'l Federation of Independent Business - Support

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

- Michigan Forest Products Council – Support
- Shelly Stahl, Wine Institute – Support
- Pete Lund, Americans for Prosperity – Support
- Derek Bajema, MI Soft Drink Assoc. – Support
- Dan Papineau, Associated Food & Petroleum Dealers – Support
- Gary Reed, Progressive Bag Alliance – Support
- Katie Abraham, Associated Petroleum Industries – Support
- Jim Miller, City of Grand Rapids - Oppose

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Kowall to report Senate Bill 853 to the floor with recommendation that it pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Senators Schmidt, Kowall, MacGregor, O'Brien

Nays: Senator Hertel

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 853. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman introduced Tim Sowton from Business Leaders for Michigan to give the committee a presentation: “Business Leaders’ Insights: Michigan’s Talent Forecast”

Being no further business before the committee, The Chairman moved to adjourn the Commerce committee meeting without objection at 9:35 a.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: 05/04/16