



**MEMBERS:**

SEN. JOHN PROOS, VICE CHAIR  
SEN. KEN HORN  
SEN. TONYA SCHUITMAKER  
SEN. JOE HUNE  
SEN. MIKE SHIRKEY  
SEN. DALE ZORN  
SEN. HOON-YUNG HOPGOOD, MINORITY VICE CHAIR  
SEN. DAVID KNEZEK  
SEN. IAN CONYERS

**THE SENATE**  
**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND**  
**TECHNOLOGY**  
**SENATOR MIKE NOFS**  
**CHAIR**

S-132 CAPITOL BUILDING  
P.O. BOX 30036  
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909-7536  
PHONE: (517) 373-2426  
FAX: (517) 373-2964

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 8, 2018**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology was scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 12:30 p.m., in the 1100 Room of the Binsfeld Building.

---

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. Reported SB 637 (S-2) (Sen. Hune) with recommendation and immediate effect.
2. Reported SB 894 (Sen. Nofs) with recommendation and immediate effect.
3. Reported HB 5097 (Rep. Griffin) with recommendation and immediate effect.

---

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present: Chairman Nofs, Sen.(s) Proos, Horn, Schuitmaker, Hune, Shirkey, Zorn, Knezek, and Conyers. a quorum was present.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Proos to adopt the meeting minutes from March 1, 2018. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Sen. Hune offered an (S-2) version to SB 637.

The Chairman invited Sen. Hune to summarize (S-2) version of SB 637.

The Chairman invited Carmen Siciliano, of the Chairman's office, to further summarize the (S-2) version of SB 637.

The Chairman invited the following individuals to present testimony regarding SB 637:

Jim Weeks, Michigan Municipal Electric Association – Support  
Phil Bronne, Michigan Department of Transportation – Support  
Jeanine Deal, Citizen – Oppose  
David Lonier, Utility Meter Choice 4 Michigan – Oppose  
Mike Wata, PROTEC – Oppose  
Pamela Wallace, Citizen – Oppose  
Tawn Beliger, Citizen – Oppose  
Deanna Hilbert, Citizen – Oppose  
Thomas Strode, Citizen – Oppose

Karen Strode, Citizen – Oppose  
Belle Jackson, Michigan for Safe Technology – Oppose  
Sheila Pomaranski, Citizen – Oppose  
Lori Ebaugh, Citizen – Oppose

The Chairman read the cards of those individuals not wishing to testify before the committee regarding SB 637:

Ron DeCook, Genesee, Lapeer, Huron, County Road Commission – Oppose  
Chris Jones, Michigan Association of Counties – Neutral  
Ed Noyola, County Road Association – Oppose  
Bob Stewart, Frontier Communications – Support  
Sue Schlaybaugh, Michigan Electric Cooperative Association – Support  
De O’Roark, Verizon – Support  
Dennis Kolar, Road Commission for Oakland County – Oppose  
Sam Boumis, Oakland County – Oppose  
John LaMacehia, Michigan Municipal League – Neutral  
Judy Allen, Michigan Townships Association – Neutral

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Hune to adopt the (S-2) version of SB 637. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Chairman Nofs, Sen.(s) Proos, Horn, Schuitmaker, Hune, Shirkey, Zorn, Knezek, and Conyers  
Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the (S-2) was adopted.

The Chairman summarized SB 894.

The Chairman read the cards of those individuals not wishing to testify before the committee regarding SB 894:

Bob Stewart, Frontier Communications – Support  
Deanna Hilbert, Citizen – Oppose  
Tawn Beliger, Citizen – Oppose  
Pamela Wallace, Citizen – Oppose  
Jeanine Deal, Michigan Safe Technology – Oppose  
Mike Watza, PROTEC – Oppose  
David Lonier, Utility Meter Choice 4 Michigan – Oppose  
Ron DeCook, Genesee, Lapeer, Huron, County Road Commission – Oppose

The Chairman invited Ryan Studley, of Rep. Griffin’s office, to summarize HB 5097.

The Chairman read the cards of those individuals not wishing to testify before the committee regarding HB 5097:

Chris Jones, Michigan Association of Counties - Oppose  
Jennifer GreenBurg, Telecom Association of Michigan – Support  
Dan Papinaeu, Michigan Chamber of Commerce – Support  
Amy Drumm, Michigan Retailers Association – Support  
Bob Stewart, Frontier Communications – Support  
Charles Owens, National Federation of Independent Business – Support  
Tony Stamas, Small Business Association of Michigan – Support  
Warren Evens, Wayne County – Neutral  
John LaMacehia, Michigan Municipal League – Oppose  
Tom Frazier, Michigan Township Association – Oppose

Ed Noyola, County Road Association – Oppose  
Deanna Hilbert, Citizen – Oppose  
Tawn Beliger, Citizen – Oppose  
Pamela Wallace, Citizen – Oppose  
Jeanine Deal, Michigan Safe Technology – Oppose  
Mike Wata, PROTEC – Oppose  
David Lonier, Utility Meter Choice 4 Michigan – Oppose  
Ron DeCook, Genesee, Lapeer, Huron, County Road Commission – Oppose

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Hune to report the (S-2) version of SB 637 to the floor with recommendation that it pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Chairman Nofs, Sen.(s) Proos, Horn, Hune, Shirkey, Zorn, Knezek, and Conyers  
Nays: Sen/ Schuitmaker

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman moved for immediate effect for SB 637 (S-2). Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Hune to report the SB 894 to the floor with recommendation that it pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Chairman Nofs, Sen.(s) Proos, Horn, Hune, Shirkey, Zorn, Knezek, and Conyers  
Nays: Sen. Schuitmaker

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman moved for immediate effect for SB 894. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Hune to report the HB 5097 to the floor with recommendation that it pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Chairman Nofs, Sen.(s) Proos, Horn, Schuitmaker, Hune, Shirkey, Zorn, Knezek, and Conyers  
Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman moved for immediate effect for HB 5097. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chairman moved to adjourn the committee. Without objection, the committee was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Date Adopted by Committee: 3/15/18