

# Senate Watch

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## CONFERENCE REPORTS

[HB 4447](#) (Brown)

School Aid appropriations for fiscal year 2009-2010.

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> conference report was adopted [RC 526: 20 yes, 13 no, 4 excused]
- IE was ordered

## MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Advise and Consent to the appointment of James B. Falahee, Jr. to the Certificate of Need Commission.

- The appointment was consented to [RC 514: 32 yes, 5 excused]

## THIRD READING

[SB 533](#) (Gleason)

The bill would amend the Public Service Commission (PSC) law, to require a provider (a municipally owned utility) to make ongoing efforts to identify senior citizen customers

- SB 533 was passed [RC 515: 33 yes, 0 no, 4 excused]

**SB 535****(Barcia)**

The bill would amend the Public Service Commission (PSC) law, to require a provider (a municipally owned utility) to comply with particular PSC rules concerning the shut-off of utility service.

- SB 535 was passed [RC 519: 35 yes, 0 no, 2 excused]

**SB 554****(Kahn)**

The bill would amend Public Act 3 of 1939, the Public Service Commission law, to prohibit a provider (a municipally owned utility) from shutting off electric or natural gas service to a customer who had failed to satisfy an obligation to the provider, unless the provider complied with the notice requirements of R 460.138 of the Michigan Administrative Code, as in effect on the bill's effective date.

- SB 554 was passed [RC 516: 34 yes, 0 no, 3 excused]

**SB 557****(Patterson)**

The bill would amend the Public Service Commission (PSC) law, to allow the Attorney General or a customer to bring a civil action against a municipally owned electric utility that failed to meet the Act's requirements. Specifically, the Attorney General, on his or her own motion or upon a referral from the PSC in a case of serious injury or death, or any customer of a municipally owned electric utility, could commence a civil action for injunctive relief against the utility if it failed to meet the applicable requirements.

- SB 557 was passed [RC 517: 34 yes, 0 no, 3 excused]

**SB 338****(Jansen)**

The bill (as discharged) would amend the Public Service Commission (PSC) law, to authorize the PSC to review allegations of violations of utility shut-off procedures and order remedies and penalties. Upon a complaint or its own motion, the Commission could review allegations of violations of Section 9d, 9e, or 9f or rules promulgated under Section 9g of the law. If the PSC found that an electric or natural gas provider had committed a violation, it would have to order any remedies and penalties necessary to make a customer whole, including ordering the provider to pay a fine as determined by the Commission, and ordering a refund to the customer of any excess charges. Any fine assessed under the bill would have to be deposited into the Low Income and Energy Efficiency Fund.

- SB 338 was passed [RC 518: 34 yes, 3 no, 3 excused]

## GENERAL ORDERS – (TO PASSAGE)

### HB 4514

(Lahti)

EITC changes.

- Substitute S-3 adopted
- HB 4514 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- Cassis amendment adopted [RC 520: 19 yes, 13 no, 2 excused, 3 not voting]
- Gilbert amendment adopted
- HB 4514 was passed [RC 521: 20 yes, 13 no, 4 excused]
- IE was not ordered [RC 522: 21 yes, 12 no, 4 excused]

### SB 838

(Switalski)

MBT changes.

- Substitute S-1 adopted
- SB 838 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
- Cassis amendment adopted [RC 523: 25 yes, 8 no, 4 excused]
- Richardville amendment adopted [RC 524: 32 yes, 1 no, 4 excused]
- SB 838 was passed [RC 525: 19 yes, 14 no, 4 excused]