

HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DETROIT'S RECOVERY AND MICHIGAN'S FUTURE

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

11:30 a.m.

352 State Capitol Building

Representative John Walsh, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Walsh, Poleski, McCready, Stallworth, and Santana.

Representative Poleski moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on May 13, 2014. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Sandy Baruah, Chief Executive Officer for the Detroit Regional Chamber, testified before the committee in support of the proposed plan for the State of Michigan to assist Detroit in the bankruptcy proceedings.

Chair Walsh laid the following bills before the committee:

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| HB 5566 (Walsh) | State financing and management; authorities; oversight commission act; create. |
| HB 5567 (Kivela) | Cities; home rule; chief financial officer for a city with a population of more than 600,000; require, and require 4-year financial plan. |
| HB 5568 (Haines) | Cities; home rule; base pay to calculate pension benefit in a defined benefit plan established by a city with a population of more than 600,000; provide for, and provide a defined contribution plan and elimination of retiree health benefits for new hires after December 31, 2014. |
| HB 5569 (LaFontaine) | Labor; public service employment; opt-out for public employee contribution to employer-provider health care benefits; modify. |
| HB 5570 (Yonker) | Retirement; pension oversight; oversight of certain pensions of cities with a population of more than 600,000; provide for. |
| HB 5571 (Goike) | Local government; authorities; art institute authorities act; remove authorization to levy a new tax or renew an existing tax. |
| HB 5572 (Olumba) | State financing and management; funds; budget stabilization fund distributions; modify. |

HB 5573 (Talabi)	State financing and management; funds; Michigan trust fund act; allow allocation of certain revenues into the budget stabilization fund; provide for.
HB 5574 (Stallworth)	State financing and management; funds; budget stabilization fund distribution; provide for.
HB 5575 (Durhal)	State financing and management; authorities; Michigan settlement administration authority; create.
HB 5576 (Haveman)	Labor; arbitration; certain local government arbitration awards; make subject to the oversight commission act.

Chairman Walsh explained the package of bills.

Representative Olumba testified before the committee in support of his bill (HB 5572).

Chairman Walsh specifically addressed HB 5566.

Representative Durhal testified before the committee in support of his bill (HB 5575).

Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Tim Sowton, Vice-President of Government Affairs and Public Policy for Business Leaders of Michigan, testified in support of the bill package.

Nick Ciaramitaro, Director of Legislation and Public Policy for the Michigan American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 25, testified on the package of bills. Mr. Ciaramitaro answered questions for committee members.

George Orzech, Chair of Board of Trustees, and Sean Neary, member of the Board of Trustees, Detroit Police and Firefighters Retirement System, testified before the committee in support of the bill package.

Don Taylor, President of the Retired Detroit Police and Firefighters Association, testified before the committee in support of the bill package.

The following people submitted testimony cards wishing to speak but were unable due to time constraints:

Jim Casha, representing himself, in opposition to HB 5572, HB 5573, HB 5574.

Gerald K. Belanger, representing himself, neutral on HB 5567.

John Lauve, representing himself, in support of HB 5566 and in opposition to HB 5575.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:25 p.m.

Representative John Walsh, Chair

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May 14, 2014
1 hour 55 minutes

Date Approved and Signed