

## MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

**Tuesday, March 25, 2014      8:30 a.m.      Room 352, State Capitol Building, Lansing**

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nesbitt, Shirkey, Farrington, Franz, Jacobsen, Outman, Pettalia, Price, Schmidt, Zorn, Graves, Lauwers, Howrylak, Stallworth, Hobbs, Nathan, LaVoy, Lane, Brunner, Yanez, Lamonte, Phelps.**

Representative Shirkey made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2014. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 5184 (Shirkey)      Public utilities; electric utilities; cap on electric choice; modify, require certain utilities to file a plan with the public service commission, and require the purchase of alternative electric suppliers' receivables.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5184:

Richard Doying, representing Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), neutral on the bill

Wayne Kuipers, representing Energy Choice Now, in support

Steve Kurmas, representing DTE Energy, in opposition

Jonathan Lesser, representing Energy Choice Now, in support

Representative Shirkey assumed the Chair, the time being 11:45 a.m.

Representative Nesbitt returned to the Chair, the time being 12:00 p.m.

The following individuals also spoke to the Committee:

Robert Spangler, representing McDonalds, in support

Melissa Seifert and Janee Briesemeister, representing AARP, in opposition

Gregory Iaonidis, representing ITC, neutral on the bill

Chair Nesbitt stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 1:27 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:42 p.m. in Room 519, House Office Building

The following individuals provided testimony for the Committee:

Steven Transeth, representing the Michigan Jobs and Energy Coalition, in opposition

Reese Serra, representing 123.Net, Inc., in support  
Ken Sikkema, representing Public Sector Consultants  
Jim Williams and Doug Boyce, representing EnerCom, Inc., in support  
Patrick “Shorty” Gleason, representing the Michigan Building Trades, in opposition  
Todd Tennis, representing Utility Workers Union of America and IBEW Local 17, in  
opposition  
Jim Weeks, representing the Michigan Municipal Electric Association, in opposition

Cards for HB 5184 were submitted by:

Roy Boston, representing Noble Solutions, in support  
Scott Hagerstrom, representing Americans for Prosperity of Michigan, in support  
Jeremiah Mankopf, representing Severstal North America, in support  
Val Vail-Shirey, representing the Michigan Floriculture Growers Association, in support  
Greg Clark, representing Indiana and Michigan Power, in opposition  
Jack Schmitt, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, in opposition  
Bryan Harrison, representing the Amway Corporation, in support  
Raj Bazaj, representing Integrys Energy Services, in support  
David Petersen, representing Eightcap, Inc., in opposition  
James Ault, representing the Michigan Electric and Gas Association, in opposition  
Louis Banwart of Pinckney, Michigan, in support  
Richard Terres, representing the Howell Public Schools, in support  
Tony Daunt, representing the Michigan Freedom Fund, in support  
Karen Schrock, representing Adult Well-Being Services, in opposition

Subsequent to testimony and discussion, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 6:20 p.m.

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Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538