

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Shirkey, Nathan.

Representative Farrington made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2014. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Franz made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5555 (Nesbitt) Public utilities; natural gas utilities; infrastructure expansion investment costs for certain underserved or unserved areas; allow natural gas utilities to recover.

HB 5556 (Townsend) Natural resources; gas and oil; administrative fines for certain pipeline violations; modify.

HB 5557 (Nesbitt) Public utilities; public service commission; assessment of certain fines or penalties; prohibit.

Representative Farrington assumed the Chair, the time being 9:05 a.m.

Representatives Nesbitt and Townsend reviewed the provisions of the bills with the Committee.

Representative Nesbitt returned to the Chair, the time being 9:51 a.m.

Garrick Rochow, representing Consumers Energy, spoke in support of the bills.

Dan Brudzynski and Christine Cole, of DTE, representing UP Gas Sales and Supply, spoke in support of the bills.

The following individuals were unable to testify at this meeting due to time constraints:

Wayne Kohley and David Long, representing the Michigan Propane Gas Association, in opposition to the bills

Jim Byrum, representing the Michigan Agri-Business Association, in support of the bills

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in support of HB 5555

Rick Coy, representing the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity, regarding HB 5555

Beth Wallace, representing the Pipeline Safety Trust, in support of HB 5556 and HB 5557

Cards for HB 5555 were submitted by:

Andy Hayes, representing the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, in support

Don Olendorf, representing the Newaygo County ESA Legislative Group, in support

Patrick Shorty Gleason, representing Michigan Building Trades, in support

Doug Luciani, representing the Traverse Bay Economic Development Corporation, in support

Kent Wood, representing the Traverse City Chamber of Commerce, in support

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a card indicating support for HB 5556 and HB 5557.

Cards for HB 5555, 5556 and 5557 were submitted by:

Chrissy Beckwith, representing SEMCO Energy, in support

Dave Forsberg, representing Michigan Gas Utilities, in support

Andrew Vermeesch, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support

Jonathan Byrd, representing the Michigan Laborers District Council, in support

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:25 a.m.

Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538