

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

8:30 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Shirkey, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order.

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Nathan.

Representative Farrington made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2014. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

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

The Chair aid 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.

Rick Coy, representing the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity (ABATE), spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5555.

Mike Byrne and Brian Ballenger, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of HB 5556.

Monica Martinez, representing American's Natural Gas Alliance, spoke in support of HB 5555.

Cards for the bills were submitted by:

Keith Den Hollander, representing the Christian Coalition of Michigan, in support
Brindley Byrd, representing MEECA, in support

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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:35 a.m.

Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538