

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCIAL LIABILITY REFORM**

Thursday, September 11, 2014

8:30 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Financial Liability Reform was called to order by **Representative Earl Poleski**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Poleski, Victory, Denby, McMillin, Schmidt, Callton, Jacobsen, Cavanagh, Irwin, Robinson, and Barnett.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Victory moved to adopt the minutes of the **March 20, 2014**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Poleski laid **SB 922** before the committee:

SB 922 (Brandenburg) State financing and management; bonds; issuance of certain types of bonds; extend sunset.

TESTIMONY

Dan Papineau from Senator Brandenburg's office testified in support of the bill.

John Axe, president of Axe & Ecklund, P.C., representing Macomb and Washtenaw counties, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Benjamin Frederick, mayor, **Donald Crawford**, city manager and **Richard Williams**, finance director, representing the City of Owosso, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill with an amendment.

Jim Ritsema, representing the City of Kalamazoo, testified in support of the bill.

The following people submitted a card but did not wish to speak:

Jim Miller, representing the City of Grand Rapids, supports the bill.

Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, supports the bill.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association, supports the bill.
John LaMacchia, representing the Michigan Municipal League, supports the bill.
Casey Steffee, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, supports the bill.

*Chair Poleski placed the committee at ease @ 8:59 a.m.
The committee reconvened at 9:01 a.m.*

Representative Cavanaugh offered the following amendment to **SB 922**:

1. Amend page 5, line 4, after "of" by striking out "AA" and inserting "A".

Representative Barnett moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of **4-7-0**.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Cavanaugh, Irwin, Robinson and Barnett,
Nays: Representatives Poleski, Victory, Denby, McMillin, Schmidt, Callton and
Jacobsen,
Pass: None.

Representative Cavanaugh offered and moved the following amendment to **SB 922**:

1. Amend page 5, line 3, after "rating" by striking out "within the category of AA or higher" and inserting "**THAT IS CONSIDERED INVESTMENT GRADE**".

The motion did not prevail by a vote of **4-7-0**.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Cavanaugh, Irwin, Robinson and Barnett,
Nays: Representatives Poleski, Victory, Denby, McMillin, Schmidt, Callton and
Jacobsen,
Pass: None.

Representative Barnett offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to **SB 922**:

1. Amend page 5, line 21, after "**RATING**" by striking out "**WITHIN THE CATEGORY OF AA OR HIGHER**" and inserting "**THAT IS CONSIDERED INVESTMENT GRADE**".

The motion did not prevail by a vote of **4-7-0**.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Cavanaugh, Irwin, Robinson and Barnett,
Nays: Representatives Poleski, Victory, Denby, McMillin, Schmidt, Callton and
Jacobsen,
Pass: None.

Representative Victory moved to report **SB 922** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **7-1-3**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Poleski, Victory, Denby, McMillin, Schmidt, Callton, and Jacobsen,

Nays: Representative Robinson,

Pass: Representatives Cavanagh, Irwin and Barnett.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Representative Earl Poleski, Chair
House Standing Committee on Financial Liability Reform
Malika Abdul-Basir
Committee Clerk
517-373-8099
35 Minutes