

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
COMMERCE**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2014**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 308 House Office Building**

---

The House Standing Committee on Commerce was called to order by **Representative Frank Foster**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Foster, Zorn, Haines, Schmidt, Farrington, Glardon, Johnson, Nesbitt, Somerville, Outman, Kelly, Leonard, Switalski, Barnett, Townsend, Santana, Oakes, Driskell and Yanez.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Nesbitt** moved to adopt the minutes of the **February 12, 2014**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chair Foster** laid **SB 427** before the committee:

SB 427 (Walker) Employment security; benefits; eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits; exempt oil, gas, and mineral landmen.

**TESTIMONY**

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

Frank Mortl, representing the Michigan Oil and Gas Association, supports the bill.

**Representative Zorn** moved to report **SB 427** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **18-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Foster, Zorn, Haines, Farrington, Glardon, Johnson, Nesbitt, Somerville, Outman, Kelly, Leonard, Switalski, Barnett, Townsend, Santana, Oakes, Driskell and Yanez,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Chair Foster** laid **HB 4526** and **HB 4527** before the committee:

HB 4526 (Barnett) Businesses; business corporations; benefit corporations; create.

HB 4527 (Schmidt) Businesses; business corporations; benefit corporations; authorize in business corporation act.

**TESTIMONY**

**Representative Barnett**, sponsor of HB 4526, explained her bill to the committee.

**Representative Schmidt**, sponsor of HB 4527, explained his bill to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed.

**Eric Trojian**, Director of Policy at B Lab, testified in support of the bills.

**Elizabeth Garlow**, Executive Director of Michigan Corps and **Dayne Walling**, Mayor of the City of Flint and Michigan Corps board member, testified in support of the bill.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

---

**Representative Frank Foster, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Commerce**  
Malika Abdul-Basir  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256  
1 Hour 21 Minutes