

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

**Wednesday, March 5, 2014**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 308 House Office Building**

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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 Glardon** moved to adopt the minutes of the **February 19, 2014**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chair Foster** laid **HB 5097** before the committee:

HB 5097 (Walsh)	Labor; arbitration; limitation on wage increases during collective bargaining agreement negotiations; provide for exceptions.
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**TESTIMONY**

**Representative Walsh**, sponsor of HB 5097, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

**Ken Grabowski**, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM), testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Dave Lamontaine**, representing the (POAM) and the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan (DSAM), testified in support of the bill.

**Samantha Harkins**, representing the Michigan Municipal League (MML), testified in opposition to the bill.

**John Entenman**, representing the (MML), testified in opposition to the bill.

**John Buczek**, representing the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, testified in support of the bill.

**Judy Allen**, representing the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), testified in opposition to the bill.

**Fred Timpner**, representing the Michigan Association of Police Organizations (MAPO), testified in support of the bill.

**Deena Bosworth**, representing the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), testified in opposition to the bill.

**Peter Cohl**, representing the (MAC), testified in opposition to the bill.

**Dave Weisenberg**, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union, testified in support of the bill.

*The following individuals submitted a card and/or written testimony but did not wish to speak:*

Jon Pignataro, representing the (POAM) and the Calhoun County Deputy Sheriff Association, supports the bill.

Brian Earle, representing the (POAM) and the (DSAM)/Wayne County, supports the bill.

Kimberly Oostindie, Director of Human Resources, City of Wyoming, opposes the bill.

Bethany Smith and Patrick Burtch, representing the City of Jackson, opposes the bill.

Curtis Holt, representing the City of Wyoming, opposes the bill.

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

Frank Waters, representing the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), supports the bill.

Allie Bush, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, opposes the bill.

Jordyn Salmon, representing the Conference of Western Wayne, opposes the bill.

Michael Keller, representing the Michigan State AFL-CIO, supports the bill.

Alan Cropsey, representing Attorney General Bill Schuette, supports the bill.

Tony Daunt, representing the Michigan Freedom Fund, opposes the bill.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

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**Representative Frank Foster, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Commerce**

Malika Abdul-Basir

Committee Clerk

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1 Hour 36 Minutes