

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

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 519 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, Farrington, Glardon, Johnson, Nesbitt, Somerville, Outman, Kelly, Leonard, Switalski, Barnett, Townsend, Santana, Oakes, Driskell and Yanez.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Schmidt.

The committee met in a Joint Session with the Higher Education Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Appropriations.

**Representative Glardon** moved to excuse Representative Schmidt from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chair Foster** introduced Doug Rothwell, President and CEO, representing the Business Leaders for Michigan and Patrick Doyle, President and CEO, representing Domino's Pizza and the Business Leaders for Michigan to the committee.

**Mr. Rothwell** gave comments on Michigan Turnaround Plan and introduced Mr. Doyle.

**Patrick Doyle** gave comments in support of Governor Snyder's Fiscal Year 2015 Executive Budget Recommendation and the proposed tuition cap at 3.2%. Questions and discussion followed. **Mr. Rothwell** gave additional comments regarding college affordability. Suggestions were made for increased funding for financially needy students. Business leaders want more graduates from Michigan universities, and for universities and the State of Michigan to create more funding.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:18 p.m.

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

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**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Glardon** moved to adopt the minutes of the **March 5, 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.

**TESTIMONY**

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

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

**Representative Driskell** offered the following amendment to **HB 5097**:

1. Amend page 2, line 20, after "**423.247.**" by inserting "**SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT PROHIBIT A RETROACTIVE INCREASE IN WAGES OR IN BENEFIT LEVELS OR AMOUNTS, IF THE RETROACTIVITY IS LIMITED TO 6 MONTHS OR LESS FOR ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.**".

**Representative Driskell** moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of **6-11-0**.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

Pass: None.

*Chair Foster placed the committee at ease at 11:37 a.m.  
The committee reconvened at 11:39 a.m.*

**Representative Glardon** moved to report **HB 5097** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **17-0-2**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Foster, Zorn, Haines, Schmidt, Farrington, Glardon, Johnson, Somerville, Outman, Kelly, Leonard, Switalski, Barnett, Townsend, Santana, Oakes and Yanez,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives Nesbitt and Driskell.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

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