

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

**Wednesday, December 10, 2014**

**8:15 a.m.**

**Room 327 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, Driskell and Yanez.

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

**Representative Nesbitt** moved to adopt the minutes from the **December 3, 2014**, meetings. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Representative Schmidt** moved to excuse Representative Oakes from the committee. 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.
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**TESTIMONY**

**Senator Walker**, sponsor of SB 427, explained his bill to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed.

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

Dennis Cawthorne, representing the Dickinson Wright Law Firm, supports the bill.

**Representative Zorn** moved to adopt the substitute (**H-1**) to **SB 427**.

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

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Representative Schmidt** moved to report **SB 427** with recommendation as substitute (**H-1**).

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

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Chair Foster** laid **SB 1074 and 1097** before the committee:

SB 1074 (Jansen) Higher education; community colleges; job training programs; revise statutory limits on number and aggregate amount of new training agreements and clarify definition of new job.

SB 1097 (Jansen) Economic development; economic development corporations; certified technology park distinct geographic areas; increase.

**TESTIMONY**

**Senator Jansen**, sponsor of SB 1074 and SB 1097, explained his bills to the committee.

**Mike Hanson**, representing the Michigan Community College Association and **Dennis Bona**, representing Kellogg Community College, testified in support of SB 1074.

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

Delaney McKinley, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, supports SB 1074.

Joel Freeman, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), supports SB 1074.

Rusty Merchant, representing Grand Rapids Community College, supports SB 1074.

**Representative Switalski** moved to report **SB 1074** with recommendation.

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

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Chair Foster** laid **SB 962** before the committee:

SB 962 (Robertson) Economic development; other; time period for forwarding certain applications or revocations; modify.

**TESTIMONY**

**John Cherry**, representing the Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of the bill.

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

Joel Freeman, representing the (MEDC), supports the bill.

**Representative Switalski** moved to report **SB 962** with recommendation.

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

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Chair Foster** laid **SB 852** before the committee:

SB 852 (Johnson) Economic development; plant rehabilitation; eligibility criteria for exemption certificate; modify under certain circumstances.

**TESTIMONY**

**Richard Barr**, representing Hamtramck Recycling, testified in support of the bill.

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

Joel Freeman, representing the (MEDC), supports the bill.

*The committee returned to the consideration of **SB 1097**.*

**Joel Freeman** and **James McBryde**, representing the (MEDC), testified in support of the bill.

**Kara Wood**, representing the City of Grand Rapids/SmartZone and **Jennifer Owens**, representing Lakeshore Advantage, testified in support of the bill.

**Jane Clark**, representing the Michigan West Coast Chamber of Commerce, and **Allie Bush**, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

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

Jim Miller from Governmental Consultant Services Inc. (GCSI), representing the City of Grand Rapids, supports the bill. (GCSI)

David Bertram, representing Michigan State University, supports the bill.

Rusty Merchant, representing The Right Place, supports the bill.

Kevin Stotts, representing Talent 2025, supports the bill.

*The committee returned to the consideration of **SB 852**.*

**Representative Schmidt** moved to report **SB 852** with recommendation.

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

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Chair Foster** laid **SB 6079** before the committee:

HB 6079 (Jenkins)                      Trade; securities; regulation of Michigan investment markets; extend implementation date.

**TESTIMONY**

**Andy Buss** from Representative Jenkins' office testified in support of the bill.

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

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

**Representative Outman** moved to report **HB 6079** with recommendation.

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

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Chair Foster** laid **SB 730** before the committee:

SB 730 (Emmons)                      Food; service establishments; food allergies; require training and distribution of certain information.

## **TESTIMONY**

**Will Wagner** from Senator Emmons' office testified in support of the bill.

**Marla Karimipour** testified in support of the bill.

**Justin Winslow**, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association, testified in opposition to the bill.

**Alexander Stahl** and **Josephine Pernu-Stahl** testified in support of the bill.

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

Carly Klein supports the bill.

Matthew Greenhawt, representing the University of Michigan Food Allergy Center, supports the bill.

Denise Sloan, representing the Michigan Academy of Pediatrics, supports the bill.

Christin Nohner, representing the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, supports the bill.

Angie Boldrey supports the bill.

HB 5856 was not taken up today.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

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**Representative Frank Foster, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Commerce**  
Malika Abdul-Basir  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256  
1 Hour and 43 Minutes