

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS

519 House Office Building

Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.

March 12, 2014

Representative Mike Shirkey, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Shirkey requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Shirkey, Yonker, Haines, Cotter, Franz, Goike, Lauwers, Leonard, Pagel, Clemente, Townsend, Schor, Santana and Segal.

Absent/Excused: Representative Foster.

Representative Santana moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 12, 2014.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Cotter moved to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HR 315 and HR 316 before the committee

HR 0315 (Kesto) A resolution to memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to support Michigan's application for a state-sponsored EB-5 regional center.

HR 0316 (Santana) A resolution to memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to support Michigan's request for 50,000 EB-2 visas to assist in the economic recovery of the city of Detroit.

Representative Kesto explained HR 315 to the committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Santana explained HR 316 to the committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

The following testified on HR 315 and HR 316.

Bing Goei, representing the Office for New Americans (support)
Brad Williams, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber (support)
Tim Sowton, representing the Business Leaders for Michigan (support)
Haris Alibasic, representing the City of Grand Rapids (support)
Stephen Arnold, representing the Commonwealth Associates (support)
Fred Feliciano, representing the Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council (support)

The following submitted testimony cards indicating support for the HR 315 and HR 316 but did not wish to speak.

Kenneth Cole, representing the City of Detroit
Joe Borgstrom, representing the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)
Mike Boulus, representing the Presidents Council/State Universities of Michigan
Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference
Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce

The following submitted written comments:

Mouhanad Hammami, representing the Michigan State Medical Society (International Medical Graduate Section Governing Council)

Representative Haines moved to report HR 315 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-1-0

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Shirkey, Yonker, Haines, Cotter, Franz, Goike, Lauwers, Leonard, Pagel, Schor, Santana, and Segal,
Nays: Representative Clemente,
Pass: None.

HR 315 reported with recommendation

Representative Pagel moved to report HR 316 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-1-0

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Shirkey, Yonker, Haines, Cotter, Franz, Goike, Lauwers, Leonard, Pagel, Schor, Santana, and Segal,
Nays: Representative Clement,
Pass: None.

HR 316 reported with recommendation

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:10 p.m.

Representative Mike Shirkey, Chair

David C. Mead
Committee Clerk
March 12, 2014
70 minutes

Date Approved and Signed