

**HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
TAX POLICY**

Room 519 House Office Building                      Wednesday 9:00 a.m.                      February 26, 2014

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair, called the meeting to order.

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

Present: Representatives Farrington, O'Brien, Genetski, Cotter, Foster, Lyons, Nesbitt, Price, Somerville, Kelly, Barnett, Switalski, Haugh, LaVoy and Townsend,  
Absent/Excused: None.

Representative Genetski moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 19, 2014.

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

The Chair laid SB 114 before the committee.

SB 114    (Gregory)                      Property tax; assessments; assessment of commercial rental property; revise.

The following submitted testimony cards on SB 114 but did not wish to speak.

Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury (support)  
Don Olendorf, representing the Educational Service Agency Legislative Group (support)  
Gerald Peregord, representing the School Equity Caucus (support)  
Bob Kefgen, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (support)  
Lisa Hansknecht, representing Oakland Schools (support)  
David Zuhlke, representing the Middle Cities Education Association (support)

Representative O'Brien moved to report SB 114 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 14-0-0

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Farrington, O'Brien, Genetski, Cotter, Foster, Lyons, Nesbitt, Price, Somerville, Kelly, Barnett, Switalski, Haugh, and Townsend,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

SB 114 reported with recommendation

The Chair laid SB 711 and SB 735 before the committee.

SB 711 (Marleau) Sales tax; exemptions; tax exemption on tangible personal property used in construction or renovation of qualified convention facility; extend sunset.

SB 735 (Marleau) Use tax; exemptions; tax exemption on tangible personal property used in construction or renovation of qualified convention facility; extend sunset.

The following submitted testimony card on SB 711 and SB 735 but did not wish to speak.

Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury (support)

Representative Foster moved to report SB 711 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 14-0-0

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Farrington, O'Brien, Genetski, Cotter, Foster, Lyons, Nesbitt, Price, Somerville, Kelly, Barnett, Switalski, Haugh, and Townsend,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 711 reported with recommendation

Representative Cotter moved to report SB 735 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 14-0-0

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Farrington, O'Brien, Genetski, Cotter, Foster, Lyons, Nesbitt, Price, Somerville, Kelly, Barnett, Switalski, Haugh, and Townsend,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 735 reported with recommendation

The Chair laid HB 5342 before the committee.

HB 5342 (Lyons) Use tax; exemptions; over-the-counter medications sold pursuant to a prescription; exempt.

Representative Lyons explained her bill to committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

Howard Ryan and Mike Eschelback, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in support of HB 5342. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony card on the HB 5342 but did not speak.

Amanda Lick, representing the Michigan Pharmacists Association (support)

The Chair laid SB 327 before the committee.

SB 327 (Robertson) Taxation; administration; certain guidelines used by employees involved in the administration, collection, or auditing of taxes; clarify.

The Chair placed the committee at ease, the time being 9:15 a.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order, the time being 9:25 a.m.

Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of SB 327. Questions and discussion followed.

Howard Ryan and Mike Eschelback, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in opposition to SB 327. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted a testimony card on the SB 327 but did not speak.

John Lindley, representing the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (support)

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:00 a.m.

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Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

David C. Mead  
Committee Clerk  
February 26, 2014  
60 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed