

**HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Room 519 House Office Building Wednesday 9:00 a.m. June 4, 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, Nesbitt, Price, Somerville, Kelly, Barnett, Switalski, Haugh, LaVoy, and Townsend,
Absent/Excused: Representative Lyons.

Representative O'Brien moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 28, 2014.

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

Representative Somerville moved to excuse the absent member.

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

The Chair laid SB 156 before the committee.

SB 156 (Brandenburg) Michigan business tax; administration; gross receipts, certain credit and apportionment provisions; modify to clarify original intent.

The following submitted testimony cards on SB 156 but did not wish to speak.

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

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

Representative Cotter moved to report SB 156 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 156 reported with recommendation

The Chair laid HB 5552 before the committee.

HB 5552 (Pettalia) Property tax; assessments; definition of transfer of ownership; exclude certain transfers to a trust.

The following submitted testimony cards on HB 5552 but did not wish to speak.

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties (oppose)

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association (oppose)

Samantha Harkins, representing the Michigan Municipal League (oppose)

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

A substitute (H-1) for HB 5552 was adopted at the May 28, 2014, meeting.

Representative Barnett moved to adopt the following amendment to HB 5552 (H-1):

1. Amend page 16, following line 25, by inserting:

“(H) “SPOUSE” MEANS A PERSON IN A MARITAL RELATIONSHIP LEGALLY RECOGNIZED IN 1 OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES.”.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 5-8-0

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barnett, Switalski, Haugh, LaVoy, and Townsend,

Nays: Representatives Farrington, O'Brien, Genetski, Cotter, Foster, Nesbitt, Somerville, and Kelly,

Pass: None.

Representative Cotter moved to report HB 5552 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-5-0

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Farrington, O'Brien, Genetski, Cotter, Foster, Nesbitt, Price, Somerville, and Kelly,

Nays: Representatives Barnett, Switalski, Haugh, LaVoy, and Townsend,

Pass: None.

HB 5552 reported with recommendation as substitute (H-1)

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 following testified on SB 327:

Erika Farley, representing Senator Robertson's office (support)
Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce (support)
Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury (support)

The following submitted a testimony card on SB 327 but did not wish to speak:

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

Representative Cotter moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for SB 327

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

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Representative O'Brien moved to report SB 327 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

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

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

SB 327 reported with recommendation as substitute (H-1)

The Chair laid HB 5034 before the committee.

HB 5034 (Cavanagh) Property tax; delinquent taxes; sales of tax reverted property;
revise conditions for purchase.

Representative Cavanagh explained HB 5034 to committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

The following testified on HB 5034:

Steve Liedel, representing the Michigan Association of County Treasures (oppose)
Paul Connors, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury (neutral)

The Chair laid HB 4882 before the committee.

HB 4882 (Cavanagh) Property tax; delinquent taxes; interest imposed on delinquent taxes in distressed communities; revise.

Representative Cavanagh explained HB 4882 to committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted a testimony card on HB 4882 but did not wish to speak.

Steve Liedel, representing the Michigan Association of County Treasures (oppose)

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 9:55 a.m.

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

David C. Mead
Committee Clerk
June 4, 2014
55 minutes

Date Approved and Signed