

**HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
TAX POLICY**

Room 519 House Office Building                      Wednesday 9:00 a.m.                      September 24, 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 September 17, 2014.

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

The Chair laid HB 5665 before the committee.

HB 5665 (Cotter)                      Property tax; assessments; property transfer affidavit; impose confidentiality requirement on local tax collecting unit.

Representative Cotter explained his bill to committee members.

The following testified on HB 5665:

Nick McConnell, representing himself (support)  
Patrick M Clawson, representing himself (oppose)  
Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Realtors (oppose)  
Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury (neutral)

The following submitted testimony a card on HB 5665 but did not wish to speak:

Mickey Knight, representing the Michigan Assessors Association (oppose)

The Chair laid SB 831 before the committee.

SB 831 (Nofs)                      Property tax; principal residence exemption; homestead exemption; prohibit increase upon death of homeowner under certain conditions.

Greg Moore, Legislative Director for Senator Nofs' office, explained SB 831 to committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

The following testified on SB 831:

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards (oppose)

The following submitted testimony cards on SB 831 but did not wish to speak.

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

David Stafford, representing the Michigan Education Association (oppose)

Mickey Knight, representing the Michigan Assessors Association (oppose)

Emily Laidlaw, representing the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators and the Michigan Association of School Administrators (oppose)

Don Olendorf, representing the Educational Service Agency Legislative Group (oppose)

Jerry Johnson, representing the Genesee Intermediate School District (oppose)

Ray Telman, representing the Middle Cities Education Association (oppose)

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  
September 24, 2014  
60 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed