

**HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Room 519 House Office Building Wednesday 9:00 a.m. October 1, 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, Haugh, LaVoy, and Townsend,
Absent/Excused: Representative Switalski.

Representative Price moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2014.

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

Representative Barnett moved to excuse the absent member.

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

The Chair laid HB 5202 before the committee.

HB 5202 (McCready) Property tax; special assessments; certain special assessments placed on property; eliminate being placed as a lien on property.

Representative McCready explained the changes in the purposed (H-1) substitute. Questions and discussion followed.

Patricia Herndon, representing the Michigan Bankers Association testified in support of HB 5202.

The following submitted testimony cards on HB 5202 but did not wish to speak.

Tom Parker, representing himself (support)
Julie Fielder, representing herself (support)
Jim Fielder, representing himself (support)
Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association (support)
Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury (support)

Representative Genetski moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 5202.

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

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Haugh moved to report HB 5202 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

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

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5202 reported with recommendation as substitute (H-1)

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

Paul Connor, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury (support)

Representative O'Brien moved to adopt substitute (H-2) for SB 831.

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

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Foster moved to report SB 831 as substitute (H-2) with recommendation.

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

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 831 reported with recommendation as substitute (H-2)

The Chair laid SB 786 and SB 787 before the committee.

SB 786 (Caswell) Property tax; exemptions; aquaculture production facility and hydroponics production facility; exempt.

SB 787 (Caswell) Taxation; specific tax; specific tax on hydroponics and aquaculture production facilities; provide for.

Senator Caswell explained the bill package to committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

The following testified on SB 786 and SB 787:

Steve Attridge, representing the Mastronardi Produce LTD (support)

Mark Hilpert, representing the Mastronardi Produce LTD (support)

Eric Toye, representing the Mastronardi Produce LTD (support)

Jeff Budd, representing the City of Coldwater (support)

Derek Bajema and Mike DiBernardo, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (support)

Nathan Kilbourne, representing Kilbourne Produce (support)

The following submitted testimony cards on SB 786 and SB 787 but did not wish to speak.

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

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:30 a.m.

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

David C. Mead
Committee Clerk
October 1, 2014
90 minutes

Date Approved and Signed