

**HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Room 519 House Office Building Wednesday 9:00 a.m. December 3, 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 O'Brien moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 2014.

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

The Chair laid HB 5831 before the committee.

HB 5831 (Tlaib) Taxation; administration; disclosure of certain tax-exempt property; provide for.

Representative Tlaib explained the bill and changes in the proposed (H-1) substitute. Questions and discussion followed.

The following testified on HB 5831:

Marshall Hunt, representing the Accounting Aid Society (support)
Tony Nelson, representing the AARP Tax Aide/Michigan (support)

The following submitted testimony cards on HB 5831 but did not wish to speak.

Michael Healy, representing the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (support)
Ross Yednock, representing the Michigan Economic Impact Coalition (support)
Paul Connors, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury (support)

The following submitted written comments:

Peggy Dzieierzawski, representing the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants
Marshall Hunt, representing the Accounting Aid Society

Representative O'Brien moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 5831.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 15-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Barnett moved to report HB 5831 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives Genetski, and Somerville.

HB 5831 reported with recommendation as substitute (H-1)

The Chair laid HB 5838 before the committee.

HB 5838 (MacGregor) Property tax; exemptions; real property of a sportsmen club that dedicates its facilities for charitable purposes for a certain period of time each tax year; exempt.

Representative MacGregor explained the bill to committee members Questions and discussion followed.

The following testified on HB 5838:

Gordon Pickerd, representing the Rockford Sportsman's Club (support)

Raymond Hanka, representing Western Wayne County Conservation Association (support)

Don Abramowicz, representing Western Wayne County Conservation Association (support)

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association (oppose)

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

The following submitted testimony cards on HB 5838 but did not wish to speak.

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

Christina Canfield, representing the Michigan Education Association (oppose)

Bob Kefgen, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals (oppose)

Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (oppose)

Lisa Harsknecht, representing Oakland Schools (oppose)

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards (oppose)
Matt Evans, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (support)
Derek Tisler, representing the Michigan Municipal League (oppose)

The following submitted written comments:

Jennifer Smith, Memorandum from Education group
Gordon Pickerd, representing the Rockford Sportsman's Club
Alan Hattey, representing the Rockford Sportsman's Club

The Chair laid HB 5278 before the committee.

HB 5278 (Yanez) Individual income tax; veterans; property tax credit; increase for certain qualified veterans.

Representative Yanez explained the bill to the committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards on HB 5278 but did not wish to speak.

Paul Connors, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury (oppose)

The following submitted written comments:

Representative Henry Yanez as bill sponsor

Representative Barnett moved to report HB 5278 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Farrington, Cotter, Foster, Lyons, Nesbitt, Price, Somerville, Kelly, Barnett, Switalski, Haugh, LaVoy, and Townsend,

Nays: None,

Pass: Representative Genetski.

HB 5278 reported with recommendation

The Chair laid HB 4301 before the committee.

HB 4301 (Townsend) Individual income tax; retirement or pension benefits; limitations and restrictions on retirement income deduction for a surviving spouse; clarify.

Representative Townsend explained the bill and changes in the proposed (H-2) substitute. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards on HB 4301 but did not wish to speak.

Michael Healy, representing the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (support)
Melissa Seifert, representing the AARP (support)

Representative Barnett moved to adopt substitute (H-2) for HB 4301.

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

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Representative Townsend moved to report HB 4301 as substitute (H-2) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 10-0-4.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

HB 4301 reported with recommendation as substitute (H-2)

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:18 a.m.

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

David C. Mead
Committee Clerk
December 3, 2014
48 minutes

Date Approved and Signed