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THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE AND TRADE

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

10:30 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade was called to order by **Representative Joseph Graves**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Graves, Sheppard, Callton, Jenkins, Johnson, Rendon, Somerville, Hughes, Barrett, Garcia, Glenn, Leutheuser, Schor, Townsend, Byrd, Garrett, Geiss, Love and Moss.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes from the **January 27, 2015**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Graves laid **HB 4119** and **HB 4120** before the committee:

HB 4119 (Garcia) Civil procedure; garnishment; garnishment of periodic payments; revise procedure.

HB 4120 (McCready) Labor; fair employment practices; deductions from wages without written consent of employee; include certain reimbursements related to garnishment.

TESTIMONY

Representative McCready, sponsor of HB 4120, explained his bill to the committee.

Representative Garcia, sponsor of HB 4119, explained her bill to the committee.

Martin Block, attorney from Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak and Stewart, PLLC, testified in support of the bills.

Questions and discussion followed.

Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of the bills.

Michael Buckles, attorney, representing the Michigan Creditors Bar Association, testified in support of HB 4119.

The following people submitted a card but did not wish to speak:

Justin Winslow, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association, supports the bills.
Delaney McKinley, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, supports the bills.
Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association, supports the bills.
Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), supports the bills.
Allie Bush, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, supports the bills.
Kit Murphy, representing the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), indicated neutrality on the bills.

Chair Graves opened the floor for a presentation from the Michigan Retailers Association:

PRESENTER:

Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association gave an overview of the Michigan Retailers Association to the committee. Ms. Drumm submitted a handout and stated she would email the members a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Representative Joseph Graves, Chair
House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade
Malika Abdul-Basir
Committee Clerk
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1 Hour and 11 Minutes