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THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE AND TRADE

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

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, Geiss, Love and Moss.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Garrett.

Representative Sheppard moved to adopt the minutes from the **March 22, 2016**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Graves laid **SB 929** before the committee:

SB 929 (Meekhof) Liquor; licenses; quota for certain specially designated merchants; implement and provide for other general amendments.

Representative Leutheuser moved to report **SB 929** for re-referral to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **18-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Chair Graves laid **SB 853** before the committee:

SB 853 (Stamas) Environmental protection; pollution prevention; ordinances regulating plastic bags and other containers; preempt.

TESTIMONY

Representative Stamas, sponsor of SB 853, explained his bill to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed.

Linda Gobler and **Amy Drumm**, representing the Michigan Grocer's Association, testified in support of the bill.

Robert O'Meara, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association, testified in support of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

Charlotte Jameson, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Mark Huizenga, representing Key Green Solutions, testified in support of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), supports the bill.

Susanne Maskaluk, representing the Petoskey Plastics Inc., testified in support of the bill.

The following people submitted a card and/or written testimony but did not wish to speak:

Deric Bajema, representing the Michigan Soft Drink Association, supports the bill.

Stacie Behler and Andrew Martin, representing Meijer, support the bill.

Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League, opposes the bill.

Josh Lunger, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, supports the bill.

Gary Reed, representing the American Progressive Bag Alliance, supports the bill.

Peter Langley, representing the American Petroleum Institute (API) – Michigan, supports the bill.

Mark Griffin, representing the Michigan Petroleum Association, supports the bill.

Dan Papineau, representing the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers, supports the bill.

Shelly Stahl, representing the Wine Institute, supports the bill.

Chair Graves laid **HB 5651** and **HB 5652** before the committee:

HB 5651 (Hughes)	State financing and management; authorities; port authority act; revise, and allow to create certain authority under certain circumstances.
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HB 5652 (Byrd)	Economic development; Michigan strategic fund; definition of port projects; modify.
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TESTIMONY

Representative Hughes, sponsor of HB 5651 and **Representative Byrd**, sponsor of HB 5652, explained their bills to the committee.

John Loftus, Executive Director of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Questions and discussion followed.

Mark Eisenbarth and Mickey Knight, representing Muskegon County, testified in support of HB 5651.

Rick Chapla, representing The Right Place, testified in support of HB 5651.

Scott Musselman, representing the West Michigan Dock and Market, testified in opposition to HB 5651.

Erin Kuhn, representing the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC), testified in support of HB 5651.

The following people submitted a card and/or written testimony but did not wish to speak:

Paul LaMarre, representing the Port of Monroe, supports HB 5651.

Josh Lunger, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, supports HB 5651.

Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League, supports the bills.

Dennis McKee, representing Consumers Energy, supports HB 5651.

William Webber, representing Sargent Docks and Terminal, Inc., opposes the bills.

J.W. Fisher, P.E., representing the Fisher Contracting Company, opposes the bills.

Doug Wood, representing the Orchard View Community Education, supports HB 5651.

Michael O'Connor, representing the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance, supports HB 5651.

Kimberley Sims, representing the City of Muskegon Heights, supports HB 5651.

Kenneth Hulka, representing the Muskegon County Road Commission, supports HB 5651.

Paul Griffith, representing Michigan Works! West Central, supports HB 5651.

Todd Blake, representing the Newaygo County Economic Development Office, supports HB 5651.

Representative Moss excused Representative Garrett from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Graves adjourned the meeting at 11:59 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 29 Minutes