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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY

Monday, April 13, 2015 9:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Brunner, Dianda, Garrett, Miller, Plawecki.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Maturen, Lane, Kivela, Kosowski, Byrd.

Representative LaFontaine made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Chair Nesbitt made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

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| HB 4298 (Nesbitt) | Public utilities; electric utilities; electric choice; eliminate, prohibit self-implementation of rate increases, and require utilities to utilize a competitive bid process. |
| HB 4299 (Nesbitt) | Public utilities; electric utilities; 1951 PA 35; update references. |
| HB 4300 (Nesbitt) | Public utilities; electric utilities; home rule city act; update references. |
| HB 4301 (Nesbitt) | Public utilities; electric utilities; electric cooperative member-regulation act; update references. |
| HB 4302 (Nesbitt) | Public utilities; electric utilities; clean, renewable, and efficient energy act; update references. |

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4298:

- Steve Kurmas, President and CEO, DTE Energy, in support
- David Zuhlke, representing the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC), in opposition
- Dr. Michael Rice, representing the Middle Cities Education Association
- David Mengebier and Tim Sparks, representing Consumers Energy, in support
- Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, in opposition (as written)

Keith Kenebrew, Associate Commercial Director for Energy and Climate Change Strategy, Dow Chemical, in support (with amendments)

Bryan Harrison, Corporate Government Affairs, Amway, in support (with amendments)

Chris Masciantonio, General Manager, Governmental Affairs, US Steel, in support (with amendment)

Chair Nesbitt stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 12:30 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

The following individuals also provided testimony for the Committee regarding HB 4298:

Craig Borr, representing the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association, in opposition

Jim Weeks and Mike Peters, representing the Michigan Municipal Electric Association, in support (with amendments)

Jim Ault, representing the Michigan Electric and Gas Association

Gary Roncelli, representing Roncelli, Inc., in support

Tim Lake, representing the Monroe County Business Development Corporation, in support

Tracy Oberletter, representing the Monroe County Economic Development Corporation, in support

Kim Molitor, President and CEO, Wolverine Power Marketing Cooperative, in opposition

Martin Vroegh, representing St. Marys Cement Company, in opposition

Wes Ecklund, representing Fleet Engineers, and John Workman, representing Eagle Alloy, in opposition

Reverend Horace Sheffield, Executive Director, The Detroit Association of Black Organizations, Inc.,

William Revely, representing the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and Vicinity

Bertram Marks, representing the Progressive National Baptist Convention and THAW, in support

Kent Wood, Director of Government Relations, Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance

Tom Moran, representing Moran Iron Works, Inc., in support

John DeAngelis, representing Steelcase, in opposition

Andy Johnson, Vice President of Government Affairs, and Joshua Lunger, Director of Government Affairs, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, in opposition

Daniel Dasho, President and CEO, Cloverland Electric Cooperative, in opposition

John Dulmes, representing the Michigan Chemistry Council, in opposition

Duane Hagan, representing MPI Research IU, in opposition

Teresa Riggenbock, representing Direct Energy, in opposition

Kate White, representing the Coalition to Keep Michigan Warm, supports (in principle)

Patrick (Shorty) Gleason), representing the Michigan Building and Trades Council, and Todd Tennis, representing the Utility Workers and IBEW, in support

Eric Hingst and Chris Hendrix, representing Walmart, in opposition

Laura Chappell, representing Energy Michigan, in opposition

Monica Martinez of Lansing, Michigan, in support (in principle)

Robert Bernardi, representing Executive Energy Services, in opposition

Naveed Ashraf, Director of Information Technology, Apple Home Health Services, in support

William Art Holdsworth, Director of Facilities Management, Oakland County, Michigan, in opposition

Van S. Eng, representing Filamcco, in support

Thomas Ihrig, representing Legacy Energy, in opposition

Jayant Patel, representing H. R. Technologies, in support

Cards indicating support for HB 4298 were submitted by:

Jeannette Bradshaw, representing IBEW Local 58

Michael Richard, representing IBEW State Conference

Marino Burla, representing DTE Energy

Frank Cloutier, representing the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Joseph Jones, representing the Grand Rapids Urban League

David Share, representing Alumalight, LLC

Keith Iseler, representing Citizens for Wind Energy

Perry Mehta, representing Future Net Group, Inc.

Lewis Walker, representing Lawrence Tech University

Linda Teeter, representing Michigan Citizen Action

Catherine Trefzer, representing Brio Energy Corporation

David Winowiecki, representing Art Van Furniture

Bill Ross, representing Booker T. Washington Business Association

Tack-Yong Kim, representing Michigan Korean Chamber of Commerce

Maggie DeSantis, representing ECN

Fay Beydoun, representing American Arab Chamber

Kim Coonan, representing Bay County Board of Commissioners

M L Berdan, representing NTC

Tom McCann, representing McCann Realty

James Leigeb, representing Midland County

Cards were submitted by the following individuals in opposition to HB 4298:

Tony Daunt, representing the Michigan Freedom Fund

Andy Coulouris, representing Dow Corning Corporation (opposition to the bill as written)

Mike Gallagher, representing Spartan Nash

Jennifer Steiner-Burner, representing Marathon Petroleum

Anna Ediger, representing Cliffs Natural Resources

Brian Broderick, representing the Michigan Association of Non Public Schools

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference

Linda Gobler and Dave Duthler, representing the Michigan Grocers Association

Mary Beth Rogers, representing Clarkston Community Schools

Rick Feifes, representing Howell Public Schools

Jim Baker, representing Huron Valley Schools

Cheryl Ebinger, representing Tweakt LLC

Janet Langlois and Laure Mullins, representing Building Owners and Managers Association

Michael Lee, representing Sol Electrica Renewable Energy
Paul Billings, representing WUVS

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:53 p.m.

Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538