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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 9:00 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, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Brunner, Lane, Dianda, Kivela, Kosowski, Byrd, D. Miller, Plawecki.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Garrett.

Representative LaFontaine made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on May 20, 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.

HB 4303 (Brett Roberts) Public utilities; natural gas utilities; infrastructure expansion investment costs for certain underserved or unserved areas; allow natural gas utilities to recover.

HB 4304 (Sheppard) Public utilities; public service commission; assessment of certain fines or penalties; prohibit.

Representatives Brett Roberts and Sheppard reviewed the provisions of HB 4303 and HB 4304 with the Committee.

Testimony was provided by:

Jim Byrum, representing the Michigan Agri-Business Association, in support of HB 4303
Holly Bowers, representing Consumers Energy, in support of HB 4303
Dan Brudzynski, representing DTE Energy, in support of HB 4303 and HB 4304
Wayne Kohley, representing the Michigan Propane Gas Association and Excel Propane, in opposition to HB 4303

The following individuals were unable to speak due to time restraints:

Douglas Luciani, representing Traverse Connect, in support of HB 4303
James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in opposition to HB 4303
Robert Gordon of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in opposition to HB 4303

Cards were submitted by:

For HB 4303:

Cami Pendall, representing ABATE, in opposition as written

Mark Griffin, representing the Michigan Petroleum Association, in opposition

Todd Tennis, representing the Utility Workers Union of America, in support

For HB 4303 and HB 4304:

Dondre' Young and Charlotte Jameson, representing Michigan LCV, in opposition

Mike Berkowitz, representing the Sierra Club, in opposition to HB 4303 and in support of
HB 4304

Justin Clement, representing the Michigan Soybean Association, in support

James Ault, representing the Michigan Electric and Gas Association, in support

Andrew Vermeesch, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support

Chrissy Beckwith, representing Semco Energy, in support

Subsequent to testimony and discussion, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:30 a.m.

Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538