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**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE  
THE QUALIFICATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES CINDY  
GAMRAT AND TODD COURSER**

Thursday, September 10, 2015

9:30 a.m.

352 State Capitol Building

Representative Ed McBroom, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives McBroom, Heise, VerHeulen, LaFontaine, Chirkun, Liberati.

Representative Heise moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, September 9, 2015 meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members appointed to serving on the committee.

Chair McBroom announced the Committee had received written testimony from several individuals and will be added to the public record.

Chair McBroom called Brock Swartzle, General Counsel and Chief of Staff for House Speaker Kevin Cotter, before the Committee.

Chair McBroom reminded Mr. Swartzle that he was still under oath.

Mr. Swartzle gave a closing statement before the Committee and took questions from the Committee.

Representative Chirkun moved to report House Resolution 137 with recommendation.

Chair McBroom placed the Committee at ease, the time being 9:57 a.m.

Chair McBroom called the Committee back to order, the time being 10:00 a.m.

Chair McBroom ruled Representative Chirkun's motion out of order due to House Resolution 137 not being properly before the Committee at that time.

Representative Chirkun moved to place House Resolution 137 before the Committee for consideration.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 2-4-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

Yeas: Representatives Chirkun, Liberati.

Nays: Representatives McBroom, Heise, VerHeulen, LaFontaine.

Pass: None.

Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to make statements. Each member of the Committee made a statement, and discussion followed.

The Chair placed before the Committee the following resolution:

HR 139 (McBroom) A resolution to expel Representative Todd Courser of the Eighty-Second House District, State of Michigan.

Representative Heise moved to report HR 139 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 4-0-2.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives McBroom, Heise, VerHeulen, LaFontaine.

Nays: None.

Pass: Representatives Chirkun, Liberati.

The Chair placed before the Committee the following resolution:

HR 141 (McBroom) A resolution to expel Representative Cindy Gamrat of the Eightieth House District, State of Michigan.

Representative LaFontaine moved to report HR 141 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 4-0-2.

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives McBroom, Heise, VerHeulen, LaFontaine.

Nays: None.

Pass: Representatives Chirkun, Liberati.

Representative Chirkun moved to place House Resolution 142 before the Committee for consideration.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 1-4-1.

#### UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representative Chirkun.

Nays: Representatives McBroom, Heise, VerHeulen, LaFontaine.

Pass: Representative Liberati.

With no further business to come before the committee at that time, Representative Heise moved to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Ed McBroom, Chair

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Todd Courser

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Date approved by the Committee

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