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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
TAX POLICY

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jeff Farrington.

Members present: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, March 4, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Townsend moved to adopt the minutes from the Tuesday, March 10, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee SB 81:

SB 81 (Brandenburg) Property tax; principal residence exemption; eligibility to claim exemption on certain homes in foreclosure claimed by certain foreclosing entities; eliminate requirement to pay amount equivalent to school operating mills.

Dan Papineau, representing Senator Brandenburg, introduced the bill and answered questions for committee members.

Brian Westrin, representing the Michigan Realtors, testified in support of SB 81.

Julie Rowe, representing the American Federation of Teachers Michigan, testified in opposition of SB 81

Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in opposition of SB 81.

Kirk Hanna and Mike Loucks, representing the Michigan Credit Union League, testified in support of SB 81.

David Worthams, representing the Michigan Bankers, submitted a testimony card in support of SB 81, but did not wish to speak.

Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 81, but did not wish to speak.

Gerald Peregurd, representing the School Equity Caucus, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 81, but did not wish to speak.

Ray S Aleman, representing the Middle Cities Education Association, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 81, but did not wish to speak.

Bob Kefgen, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 81, but did not wish to speak.

Jen Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 81, but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:10 a.m.

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
March 18, 2015
40 minutes

Date Approved and Signed