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.

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 Stanekwitz, 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

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