



MICHIGAN  
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS

Wednesday, May 23, 2018                      12:00 noon                      Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, and Yancey.

Members absent/excused: None

Representative Vaupel moved to approve the minutes from the May 22nd, 2018 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid Senate Bill Nos. 992, 993, and 994 before the committee:

SB 992      (Horn)                      Insurance; health insurers; health insurance claims assessment act; sunset and repeal under certain conditions.

SB 993      (MacGregor)                      Use tax; collections; trigger for assessment on certain medical services; eliminate.

SB 994      (Shirkey)                      Insurance; health insurers; insurance provider assessment act; create.

Representative Lilly moved to report **Senate Bill No. 992** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

Representative Cole moved to report **Senate Bill No. 993** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

Representative Rendon moved to report **Senate Bill No. 994** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

## **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair laid House Bill No. 5723 before the committee:

HB 5723 (Chatfield) State financing and management; purchasing; use of state funds in water supply and wastewater projects; require use of certain materials.

Dan Papineau and Greg Baird, both representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, and John Dulmes, representing the Michigan Chemistry Council, all testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Bonnifer Ballard and John Willemin, representing the American Water Works Association, and Pat Staskiewicz, representing the Ottawa County Road Commission, all testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Home Builders Association, submitted a card in support of the bill, wishing to speak, but unable to due to time constraints.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Joshua Longer, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.  
Bruce Hollands, representing Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association.  
Charlie Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business.  
Michael Heltzer, representing BASF.  
John Easter, representing the American Chemistry Council.  
Melissa Seifert, representing AARP.  
Andy Such, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Associations.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Karyn Ferrick, representing the City of Grand Rapids.  
Shada Biabani, representing the Michigan Water Environment Association.  
Todd Wibright, representing the City of Grandville.  
John LaMacchia, representing Michigan Municipal League.  
John O'Brien, representing the Genesee County Drain Commission.  
Ron Brenke, representing the American Council of Engineering Companies.  
Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association.  
James Ensign, representing the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.  
Thomas Reeder, Michigan American Institute of Architects.  
Garret Jones, representing the Michigan Ground Water Association and St. Mary's Cement Company.  
Jen Flood, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.  
Barry LaRoy, representing the City of Monroe.  
Tom Washabaugh, representing the Concrete Pipe Association of Michigan.  
Stephen Pangori, representing Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick INC.  
Doug Sky, representing Rowe Professional Services.  
Tim Zebell, representing the Water Services Joint Operating Board, and the City of St. Joseph.

Jax Wheeler, representing the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers - Great Lakes Bay Region Chapter.

LeAnne Panduren, Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.

Eric Preissner, representing the Preissner Engineering and Consulting, and the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.

John Kloet, representing the Upper Peninsula Pipe Company.

Bill Washabaugh, representing the Northern Concrete Pipe Company.

Joseph Bacik, representing the American Cast Iron Pipe Company.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

**Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

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