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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 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, Neely, Hammoud.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Cole moved to approve the minutes from the April 26th, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HCR 15 before the committee:

HCR 15 (Lilly) A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to take action on immigration reform.

Rep. Lilly testified in support of the concurrent resolution.

The Chair laid HB 4999 before the committee:

HB 4999 (VerHeulen) Taxation; other; local unit of government implementing an excise tax on the manufacture, distribution, or sale of food; prohibit.

Representative VerHeulen testified in support of the bill.

Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association, Dan Papineau, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, and Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, all testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

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

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Matt Miner, representing the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers.

Derek Bajema, representing the Michigan Soft Drink Association.

Bill Black, representing the Teamsters of Michigan.
Phil Knight, representing the Food Bank Council of Michigan.
Scott Faustyn, representing the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan.
Andy Johnston, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber.
Jack Schick, representing the National Association of Theater Owners.
Mike Wenkel, representing the Potato Growers of Michigan.
Mark Winkelman, representing the Better Made Snack Foods.
Matt Breslin, representing the Michigan Food Processors Association.
Annie Patnaude, representing the Americans for Prosperity.
Pete Langley, representing the American Petroleum Institute of Michigan.
Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Business.
Paul Stankewitz, representing Michigan Catholic Conference.
Jason Wadaga, representing the Michigan Sugar Company and the Michigan Dairy Foods Association.
Linda Gobler, representing the Michigan Grocers Association.
Robert O'Meara, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association.

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

Peter Ruddell, representing the Healthy Kids, Healthy Michigan.
Dennis Archambault, representing the Michigan Organization to Impact Obesity & Nutrition Coalition.

The Chair returned to House Concurrent Resolution 15.

Representative Hammoud gave remarks pertaining to the concurrent resolution.

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, submitted a card in support of the concurrent resolution, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Vaupel moved to report **House Concurrent Resolution No. 15** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair_____

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