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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 18th, 2010

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities was scheduled for Thursday, March 18th, 2010, for 1:00 p.m., in the Senate Hearing room of the Boji Tower.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Discussion of HB 5654.
- 2) Discussion of pending legislation regarding energy theft.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Patterson, Senators, Brown, Birkholz, Kuipers, Richardville, Nofs, Olshove, Thomas, Clarke and Clarke Coleman, a quorum.

At 1:04 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Richardville to approve the minutes of the March 11th committee meeting.
The motion Passed without objection.

At 1:05 p.m., the Chairman proceeded to agenda item number one. He invited Mr. Craig Brunet, Legislative Director for Rep. Lindberg to give an overview of HB 5654.

Sen.(s) Patterson and Birkholz posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Burnet for his testimony.

At 1:10 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Jim Weeks, executive director of the Michigan Municipal Electric Association to explain HB 5654 in greater detail.

Sen.(s) Patterson, Brown and Birkholz posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Weeks for his testimony.

At 1:12 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Birkholz to Pass HB 5654 for the day.

The motion Passed without objection.

At 1:13 p.m., the Chairman proceeded to agenda item number two. He invited Mr. Fred Shell, Vice President of Corporate and Governmental Affairs of DTE Energy and Ms. Nancy Moody, Director of State Government Affairs for DTE Energy to give an overview of the energy theft legislation pending referral.

Sen.(s) Patterson and Olshove posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Shell and Ms. Moody for their testimony.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m., on a voice vote, without objection.

Scott Jones,
Clerk of the Committee

Senator Bruce Patterson,
Chairman of the Committee

Date Adopted by Committee