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## MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 11:22 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Committee members present: Cassis (C), Gilbert (Maj. VC), Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs (Min VC), Whitmer, Cherry.

Committee members absent: None

Senator Cassis gave opening remarks regarding the order of business:

- SB 69 Sen. Cassis - Michigan business tax; credit; small business credit and entrepreneurial credit; revise.
- SB 191 Sen. Cassis - Income tax; property tax credit; homestead property tax credit and income qualifier; increase.
- SB 201 Sen. Sanborn - Sales tax; collections; sales tax on difference between trade-in and purchase price of new or used car or boat; provide for.

Senator Cassis, bill sponsor of SB69 gave brief statements explaining the bill. Senator Cassis then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Cassis explained that SB69 had previously been taken up in committee on February 19, 2009 and that many individuals had submitted both verbal and written testimony on SB69 at that time.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in favor of SB69 but did not wish to speak:

Scott Hummel representing the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents  
Mike Batterbee representing the Small Business Association of Michigan  
Brad Ward representing the Michigan Association of Realtors

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition of SB69 but did not wish to speak:

Jack Minore representing the Michigan State AFL-CIO (written testimony also)

Scott Schrage representing the Michigan Department of Treasury gave verbal testimony opposed to sections 441 and 417 of SB69. Mr. Schrage then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Gilbert moved, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee adopt the substitute S-1 to SB69.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge

Nays: Jacobs, Whitmer, Cherry

The motion prevailed

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Senator Jansen motioned, and Senator Pappageorge seconded, that the committee report SB69 S-1 with favorable recommendation and Immediate Effect.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge

Nays: Jacobs, Whitmer, Cherry

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cassis, bill sponsor of SB191 gave brief statements explaining the bill. Senator Cassis then answered questions from committee members.

Felicia Wasson representing AARP gave verbal testimony neutral to SB191. Ms. Wasson then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in favor of SB191 but did not wish to speak:

Summer Minnick representing the Michigan Municipal League

Brad Ward representing the Michigan Association of Realtors

Scott Schragger representing the Michigan Department of Treasury gave verbal testimony opposed to SB191 as written. Mr. Schragger then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Jansen moved, and Senator Pappageorge seconded, that the committee adopt the Jansen amendment #1 to SB69.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Whitmer, Cherry

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gilbert moved, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee adopt the Gilbert amendment #2 to SB69.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Whitmer, Cherry

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge moved, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee adopt the Pappageorge amendment #3 to SB69.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Whitmer, Cherry

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge moved, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee report SB191 as amended as a clean substitute with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Whitmer, Cherry

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Sanborn, bill sponsor of SB201 gave brief statements explaining the bill. Senator Sanborn then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Gilbert moved, and Senator Pappageorge seconded, that the committee adopt the substitute S-1 to SB201.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Jacobs, Whitmer

Nays: None

The motion prevailed

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Jay Wortley, Senior Economist with the Senate Fiscal Agency gave brief statements regarding SB201. Mr. Wortley then answered questions from committee members.

Ralph Shaheen representing Shaheen Chevrolet gave both verbal and written testimony in support of SB201. Mr. Shaheen then answered questions from committee members.

Sherrill Freeborough representing Saturn of Okemos and Grand Ledge gave both verbal and written testimony in support of SB201. Ms. Freeborough then answered questions from committee members.

Mark MacGuidwin representing Michigan CAT gave both verbal and written testimony in support of SB201. Mr. MacGuidwin then answered questions from committee members.

Rob McCarthy representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) gave verbal testimony in support of SB201. Mr. McCarthy then answered questions from committee members.

Paul Reed representing MBIA and Toledo Beach West gave verbal testimony in support of SB201. Mr. Reed then answered questions from committee members.

Patti Smith representing MBIA and Silver Spray Sports gave verbal testimony in support of SB201. Ms. Smith then answered questions from committee members.

Ronald Montoya and Carol Voss representing MBIA and Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales gave verbal testimony in support of SB201. Mr. Montoya and Ms. Voss then answered questions from committee members.

Chris Stevens representing MBIA and Grand Pointe Marina gave verbal testimony in support of SB201. Mr. Stevens then answered questions from committee members.

Scott Schrage representing the Michigan Department of Treasury gave verbal testimony opposed to SB201 as written. Mr. Schrage then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Cherry moved, and Senator Jacobs seconded, that the committee adopt the Cherry amendment #1 to SB201 S-1.

Yeas: Jacobs, Whitmer, Cherry

Nays: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge,

The motion failed.

Senator Jacobs moved, and Senator Cherry seconded, that the committee adopt the Jacobs amendment #2 to SB201 S-1.

Yeas: Jacobs, Whitmer, Cherry

Nays: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge,

The motion failed.

Senator Cassis moved, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee adopt the Cassis amendment #3 to SB201 S-1.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Cherry

Pass: Jacobs, Whitmer

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Gilbert moved, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee adopt the Gilbert amendment #4 to SB201 S-1.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Cherry

Pass: Jacobs, Whitmer

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in favor of SB201 but did not wish to speak:

Michey McWilliams representing the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association

Jim Smock representing the Michigan Credit Union League (written testimony also)

Kirk Profit representing Chrysler

George Nasdas representing himself

Jim Ryan representing the Michigan Independent Auto Dealers

Bill Byers representing the Michigan Towing Association

David Ladd representing the National Marine Manufacturers Association

Brad Williams representing the Detroit Chamber of Commerce

Lee Schwarz representing the Association of Home Builders

Charlie Pryde representing Ford Motor Company

Eric Henning representing General Motors

Chris Fisher representing the Associated Builders & Contractors (written testimony also)

Noel LaPorte representing the Michigan Snowmobile Association

Keith Ledbetter representing the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association

Tim DeWitt representing MARVAC

Ray Underwood representing the Recreational Boating Community (written testimony also)

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee report SB201 S-1 as amended as a clean substitute S-2 with favorable recommendation and Immediate Effect.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Whitmer, Cherry

Pass: Jacobs

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappageorge moved, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee adopt the minutes of February 19, 2009.

Yeas: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge

Nays: None

The motion prevailed

Senator Cassis adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Clerk

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Chairperson

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Date approved by the Committee