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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 3:50 p.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 Pappageorge moved, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee adopt the minutes from March 18, 2009 and March 12, 2009.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed

Senator Cassis gave opening remarks regarding the order of business:

- SB 141 Sen. Olshove - Property tax; principal residence exemption; eligibility for certain individuals; clarify.
- SB 282 Sen. Sanborn - Property tax; principal residence exemption; individual moving into assisted living facility; allow to retain principal residence exemption.
- SB 361 Sen. Gilbert - Michigan business tax; gross receipts; phase-in of exclusion of tobacco taxes from the definition of gross receipts; eliminate.
- SB 367 Sen. Olshove - Property tax; exemptions; definition of assisted living facility; include.
- HB 4496 Rep. Roberts - Michigan business tax; estimated payments; relief during transition period for penalties associated with the payment of estimated taxes; provide for.

Senator Gilbert, bill sponsor of SB361 gave brief statements explaining the bill. Senator Gilbert then answered questions from committee members.

Polly Reber and Bob Fencht representing the Michigan Distributors and Vendors Association gave verbal testimony in support of SB361. Ms. Reber and Mr. Fencht then answered questions from committee members.

Scott Schrage representing the Michigan Department of Treasury gave verbal testimony opposed to SB361. Mr. Schrage then answered questions from committee members.

Amanda Radaz representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses submitted a testimony card in support of SB361 but did not wish to speak.

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Senator Jacobs moved, and Senator Cherry seconded, that the committee adopt the Jacobs amendment #1 to SB361.

Yeas: Jacobs, Cherry

Nays: Cassis, Gilbert, Jansen, Pappageorge, Whitmer

The motion failed

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee report SB361 with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

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

Nays: Jacobs

The motion prevailed.

Senator Olshove, bill sponsor of SB141 gave brief statements explaining the bill. Senator Olshove then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Cassis offered Substitute S-1 to SB141.

Many Ablan representing the Area Agencies on Aging gave verbal testimony in support of SB141. Mr. Ablan then answered questions from committee members.

Felicia Wasson representing AARP submitted a testimony card in support of SB141 but did not wish to speak.

Senator Jacobs moved, and Senator Whitmer seconded, that the committee adopt S-1 to SB3141.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed

Senator Jansen motioned, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee report SB141 S-1 with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Amy Maxwell representing Senator Sanborn, bill sponsor of SB282 gave brief statements explaining the bill. Ms. Maxwell then answered questions from committee members.

Felicia Wasson representing AARP submitted a testimony card in support of SB141 but did not wish to speak.

Melissa Samuel representing Healthcare Association of MI submitted a testimony card in support of SB282 and SB367 but did not wish to speak.

Senator Jansen motioned, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee report SB282 with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Olshove, bill sponsor of SB367 gave brief statements explaining the bill. Senator Olshove then answered questions from committee members.

Felicia Wasson representing AARP submitted a testimony card in support of SB367 but did not wish to speak.

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Senator Jacobs motioned, and Senator Whitmer seconded, that the committee report SB367 with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

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

Nays: Pappageorge

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cassis adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Clerk

Chairperson

Date approved by the Committee