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A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Thursday, April 30, 2009, at 12:30 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 Cassis gave opening remarks regarding the order of business:

- Presentation from Michigan Film Office Director Janet Lockwood on the Michigan Film Office 2008 Annual Report

Janet Lockwood, Director of the Michigan Film Office gave verbal and written testimony explaining the Michigan Film Office 2008 Annual Report. Ms. Lockwood then answered questions from committee members.

James McBryde, Director Governmental Affairs for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) gave verbal testimony explaining the MSU Center for Economic Analysis REMI (Regional Economic Models Inc.) report commissioned by MEDC. Mr. McBryde then answered questions from committee members.

David Zin, Economist with the Senate Fiscal Agency gave verbal and written testimony on the data regarding the costs of the Michigan film refundable tax credits.

Kathy Hoekstra and Patrick Wright representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy gave verbal and written testimony regarding concerns about the costs of the Michigan film refundable tax credits and the transparency of the Michigan Film Office.

John Lauri representing J. Lauri Filmworks submitted a testimony card in support of the Michigan Film Office but did not wish to speak.

Ken Orlich representing the Michigan film industry submitted a testimony card and written testimony opposed to SB404 and SB405 (see attached).

Senator Cassis adjourned the meeting without objection at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Clerk

Chairperson

Date approved by the Committee