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A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 12:59 p.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

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

Committee members excused: Whitmer.

Senator Cassis gave opening remarks regarding the order of business:

- SB 192 Sen. Cassis - Michigan business tax; other; certain payments for construction management, architectural, and engineering services as purchases from other firms; include.
- SB 883 Sen. Cassis - Sales tax; collections; streamlined sales and use tax revenue equalization act; provide credit for sales tax paid on core charge of heavy earthmoving equipment.
- HB 5621 Rep. Ebli - Property tax; payment and collection; definition of eligibility for qualified error; clarify.

Senator Cassis called upon David Zin, Economist with the Senate Fiscal Agency. Mr. Zin introduced the Senate Fiscal Agency's new Chief Economist, Eric Scorsone. Mr. Scorsone was welcomed by the members of the Senate Finance Committee.

Amy Beard, Legislative Aide to Representative Ebli, gave verbal testimony explaining HB5621 on behalf of Representative Ebli, sponsor of SB38, who was not able to be present due to House Session. Ms. Beard then answered questions from committee members.

Martin Marshall representing the Michigan Assessors Association gave verbal testimony in support of HB5621. Mr. Marshall then answered questions from committee members.

Fred Doherty, Assistant Division Director of the Legislative Services Bureau, gave verbal testimony explaining technical details of HB5621.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in favor of HB5621 but did not wish to speak:

Summer Minnick representing the Michigan Municipal League
Larry Steckelberg representing the Michigan Department of Treasury
Kirk Profit representing MASCO
Bill Anderson representing the Michigan Townships Association

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Senator Jansen motioned, and Senator Pappageorge seconded, that the committee report HB5621 H-1 with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cassis, bill sponsor of SB192, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. Senator Cassis then answered questions from committee members.

Kevin Braye and Jim Crawford representing the Associated General Contractors of Michigan gave verbal testimony in support of SB192. Mr. Braye and Mr. Crawford then answered questions from committee members.

Ron Brenke representing the American Council of Engineering Companies gave verbal testimony in support of SB192. Mr. Brenke then answered questions from committee members.

Scott Schrage representing the Michigan Department of Treasury gave verbal testimony neutral to SB192. Mr. Schrage then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of SB192 but did not wish to speak:

Chris Fisher representing the Associated Builders and Contractors

Charles Owens representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee report SB192 with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cassis, bill sponsor of SB883, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. Senator Cassis then answered questions from committee members.

Summer Minnick representing the Michigan Municipal League submitted a testimony card in support of SB887 but did not wish to speak.

Mark MacGuidwin representing Michigan CAT gave verbal and written testimony in support of SB883. Mr. MacGuidwin then answered questions from committee members.

Scott Schrage representing the Michigan Department of Treasury gave verbal testimony opposed to SB883. Mr. Schrage then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Pappageorge motioned, and Senator Jansen seconded, that the committee report SB883 with favorable recommendation and immediate effect.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Jansen motioned, and Senator Gilbert seconded, that the committee adopt the minutes of December 9, 2009.

The motion prevailed by voice with no objections.

Senator Cassis motioned that Senator Whitmer be excused.

The motion prevailed by voice with no objections.

Senator Cassis adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Clerk

Chairperson

Date approved by the Committee