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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 15, 2011

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology was scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Reported HCR 4 with recommendation that it be adopted.
- 2) Continued review of the Michigan Telecommunications Act.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Nofs, Sen.(s) Proos, Jones, Schuitmaker, Walker, Hopgood and Young, a quorum.

At 1:08 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 8, 2011 Energy and Technology Committee hearing. Sen. Proos so moved, supported by Sen. Hopgood.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Nofs, Proos, Jones, Schuitmaker, Walker, Hopgood and Young

Nays:

The minutes were adopted.

At 1:09 p.m., the Chairman invited Sen. Proos to present an overview of the HCR 4 for the committee.

The Chairman thanked the Sen. Proos for his summary.

At 1:10 p.m., Sen. Marleau arrived.

The following people submitted cards in support of HCR 4, but did not wish to testify:

Mark Stadt, DTE Energy

Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association

Jim Ault, Michigan Eclectic and Gas Association

Greg Clark, Indiana Michigan Power

Nell Kuhnmuensch, Entergy Palisades Nuclear Power Plant

At 1:13 p.m., the Chairman brought HCR 4 before the committee for further discussion.

At 1:14 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Proos, supported by Sen. Hopgood to report HCR 4 with recommendation that it be adopted.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Nofs, Proos, Jones, Marleau, Walker and Hopgood

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

At 1:15 p.m., the Chairman invited Ms. Robin Gleason and Mr. Mark Ortlieb of AT&T to provide the committee with an overview of the Michigan Telecommunications Act.

(Copies of the submitted written testimony are available in the clerk's files)

Sen.(s) Nofs, Hopgood, Young and Proos, posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked the witnesses for their testimony.

At 1:20 p.m., Sen. Bieda arrived.

At 1:35 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Kevin Schoin of ACD.net to provide the committee with an overview the Michigan Telecommunications Act.

(Copies of the submitted written testimony are available in the clerk's files)

The Chairman thanked the witness for his testimony.

At 1:50 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Gary Wolfram of the Hillsdale Policy Group to provide the committee with an overview the Michigan Telecommunications Act.

(Copies of the submitted written testimony are available in the clerk's files)

The Chairman thanked the witness for his testimony.

At 2:00 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Bob Stewart, Mr. Dale Zuelch and Mr. Brad Porter of Frontier Communications to provide the committee with an overview the Michigan Telecommunications Act.

(Copies of the submitted written testimony are available in the clerk's files)

Sen. Young posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked the witnesses for their testimony.

At 2:35 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Matt Groen and Mr. Mike Ashton of the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association to provide the committee with an overview the Michigan Telecommunications Act.

(Copies of the submitted written testimony are available in the clerk's files)

The Chairman thanked the witnesses for their testimony.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m., on a voice vote, without objection.

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)

Date Adopted by Committee: 4-12-11