



## THE SENATE

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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 9, 2011

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 12:30 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

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#### The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Adopted the committee rules.
  - 2) Senate Bill 1 (Hildenbrand) – Testimony only
  - 3) Senate Bill 34 (Sen. Nofs) – Testimony only
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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Brandenburg, Sen.(s) Jansen, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren, a quorum.

EXCUSED: Sen. Pappageorge

At 12:37 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the rules of the Senate Committee on Finance. Sen. Jansen so moved, supported by Sen. Bieda.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays:

The committee's rules were adopted.

(Copies of the committee rules are available in the clerk's files.)

At 12:38 p.m., the Chairman invited Sen. Hildenbrand to summarize SB 1 for the committee.

The Chairman thanked the Senator for his testimony.

At 12:40 p.m., the Chairman invited Sen. Nofs and his constituent, Mr. Joe Dunigan of Dunigan Botheres Inc. to summarize SB 34 for the committee. Mr. Dunigan testified in support of SB 34.

Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Bieda and Proos posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked the Senator and Mr. Dunigan for their testimony.

At 1:00 p.m., The Chairman invited Mr. Andy Schor of the Michigan Municipal League, Richard Notte, Mayor of the City Sterling Heights and Abdul Haidous, Mayor of the City of Wayne, to present testimony opposing SB 34.

(Copies of Mayor Notte's testimony are available in the clerk's files.)

Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Jansen, Bieda and Proos posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

The Chairman thanked the Mr. Schor, Mayor Notte and Mayor Haidous for their testimony.

At 1:15 p.m., The Chairman invited Ms. Tricia Kinley of the Michigan Chamber to present testimony supporting SB 1 and SB 34.

Sen.(s) Bieda, Jansen and Warren posed questions to which the witness responded.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Kinley for her testimony.

At 1:45 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Leon Drolet of the Michigan Taxpayers Alliance to present testimony Supporting SB 1 and SB 34.

(Copies of Mr. Drolet's testimony are available in the clerk's files.)

Sen. Bieda posed questions to which the witness responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Drolet for his testimony.

At 1:55 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Michael LaFaive of the Mackinac Center to present testimony supporting SB 1 and SB 34.

(Copies of Mr. LaFaive's testimony are available in the clerk's files.)

Sen. Bieda posed questions to which the witness responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. LaFaive for his testimony.

At 2:10 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Bill Anderson of the Michigan Townships Association to present testimony opposing SB 1 and SB 34.

Sen. Jansen posed questions to which the witness responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Anderson for his testimony.

At 2:20 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Scott Hagerstrom of the Americans for Prosperity to present testimony supporting SB 1 and SB 34.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hagerstrom for his testimony.

At 2:23 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Phillip Moore of the City of Alma to present testimony opposing SB 34.

Sen. Bieda posed questions to which the witness responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Moore for his testimony.

The following testimony cards were submitted, not wishing to speak:

Support of SB 1:

Bonnie Bochniak, Michigan Business and Professional Association

Andy Deloney, Michigan Restaurant Association

Charles Owens, National Federation of Independent Businesses

Chris Fisher, Associated Builders and Contractors

Linda Gobler, Michigan Grocers Association

Lee Schwartz, Home Builders

Chris Glass, Grand Rapids Chamber - (Submitted written testimony available in the Clerk's records)

Support of SB 34:

Bonnie Bochniak, Michigan Business and Professional Association

Chris Glass, Grand Rapids Chamber

Brad Williams, Detroit Regional Chamber

Mark Lemoine, Spectrum Health System

Neutral SB 34:

Art Miller Jr., Leadership Consultants Inc.

Oppose SB 34:

Jerry Griffin, Wayne County Executive's Office

There being no further business before the Committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m., on a voice vote, without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: 2-23-11