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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 23, 2011

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Finance was scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 12:30 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Senate Bill 142 (Caswell) – Testimony only
 - 2) Presentation by the Michigan FairTax Association
 - 3) Senate Bill 34 (Sen. Nofs) – Testimony only
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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Brandenburg, Sen.(s) Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren, a quorum.

At 12:34 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 2, 2011, committee meeting. Sen. Pappageorge so moved, supported by Sen. Warren.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Brandenburg, Pappageorge, Robertson and Warren

Nays:

The minutes were adopted.

At 12:35 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 17, 2011, committee meeting. Sen. Pappageorge so moved, supported by Sen. Bieda.

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

Nays:

The minutes were adopted.

At 12:36 p.m., the Chairman invited Sen. Caswell to summarize SB 142 for the committee.

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

The Chairman thanked the Senator for his testimony.

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

Oppose SB 142:
Arnold Weinfeld, Michigan Municipal League

At 1:00 p.m., The Chairman invited Mr. Ron Babin, Vice President of the Michigan FairTax Association, to present testimony supporting a FairTax.

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

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

The Chairman thanked Mr. Babin for his testimony.

At 1:33 p.m., The Chairman invited Mr. Fulton Sheen of the Michigan FairTax Association, to present testimony supporting a FairTax.

Sen.(s) Brandenburg and Jansen posed questions to which the witness responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Sheen for his testimony.

At 1:45 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Steve Vear and Ms. Linda Jolicoeur of the Michigan FairTax Association, to present testimony supporting a FairTax.

Sen. Bieda posed questions to which the witness responded.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Vear and Ms. Joliceur for their testimony.

At 1:55 p.m., the Chairman invited Mr. Shea Charles of the City of Howell to present testimony opposing SB 34.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Charles for his testimony.

There being no further business before the Committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:05 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: 3-2-11