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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES October 29, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology was scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. Testimony regarding SB 314.
2. Testimony regarding SB 636.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Nofs, Sen.(s) Proos, Jones, Marleau Schuitmaker, Walker, Hopgood, and Bieda, a quorum.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Proos to adopt the minutes of the October 22, 2013 meeting. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited the following people to present testimony regarding SB 636 to the committee:

Greg White & Robin Ancona, MPSC – Neutral
Tom Frazier, Michigan Township Association – Neutral
Bob Stewart & Bob Pero, Frontier Communications – Support
Ben Bodkin, Michigan Association of Counties – Oppose

The Chairman read the cards of those individuals not wishing to present testimony regarding SB 636 to the committee:

Tiffany Hauser, Detroit Regional Chamber – Support
Linda Daichandt, MTAM – Support
Frank Accavitti, Accavitti Consulting Group – Neutral

The Chairman invited the following people to present testimony regarding SB 314 to the committee:

Tonia Olson, Granger – Support
Steve Montle, Resource Recycling Systems – Oppose
Tom McMurtrie, City of Ann Arbor – Oppose
Michael Nicholson, WeCare Organics – Oppose

The Chairman read the cards of those individuals not wishing to present testimony regarding SB 314 to the committee:

Jason Geer, Michigan Chamber of Commerce – Support
Samantha Harkins, Michigan Municipal League – Support
Jim Weeks, Michigan Municipal Electric Association – Support
Tiffany Hauser, Detroit Regional Chamber – Support
Cathy Wilson, Consumers Energy – Support
Noel LaPorte, Lansing Board of Water & Light – Support
Kevin Kendall, Republic Services Inc. – Support
James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Oppose
Kerrin O’Brien, Michigan Recycling Coalition – Oppose
Gary Melow, Michigan Biomass – Oppose
Fred Thompson, Indian Summer – Oppose
Bernie Berens & Keith Heyboer, I.B. Compost – Oppose
Mike Shelton, Scotts Miracle-Gro – Oppose
Scott Robbins, Michigan Forest Products Council – Oppose

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Hopgood to excuse absent members. Without objection Senator Young were excused from the meeting.

There being no further business before the Committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m., on a voice vote, without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: 11-5-13