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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES May 21, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities was scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2009, for 1:00 p.m., in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

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#### The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Presentation by the Department of Information Technology regarding broadband in Michigan and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Patterson, Senators, Brown, Birkholz, Kuipers, Richardville, Olshove, and Clarke, a quorum.

ABSENT: Sen. Thomas

Next, the Chairman invited Mr. George Boersma, Eric Swanson, and David Newman, of the Michigan Department of Information Technology (DIT), to provide the committee with information regarding broadband investment and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Mr. Boersma, Mr. Swanson, and Mr. Newman provided the committee with copies of their presentation regarding broadband investment and the ARRA. (Copies of the document are available in the Clerk's files.)

Sen.(s) Patterson, Brown, Birkholz, Olshove and Richardville posed questions to which the witnesses responded.

During questioning, the committee discovered that the DIT was still waiting to receive guidelines from the federal government. The DIT was anticipating a June release date and would be willing to provide the committee with further details in the future.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Boersma, Mr. Swanson, and Mr. Newman for their testimony.

At 1:50 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting. Sen. Richardville so moved.

The motion Passed without objection.

Next, the Chairman entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. Sen. Brown so moved.

The motion Passed without objection.

At 1:55 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn. Sen. Birkholz so moved.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m., on a voice vote, without objection.

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Scott Jones,  
Clerk of the Committee

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Senator Bruce Patterson,  
Chairman of the Committee

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Date Adopted by Committee