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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
On
Oversight

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

2:30 p.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Oversight was called to order by Representative Tom McMillin, Chair.

Chair McMillin read a letter from Speaker Jace Bolger dated December 19, 2013, appointing Representatives Howrylak and Phelps to the Standing Committee on Oversight.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were Representatives McMillin, Kelly, O'Brien, Leonard, Howrylak, Townsend, Robinson, and Phelps. (8/8)

Representative Townsend moved to adopt the minutes of December 3, 2013 as printed.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

Chair McMillin laid the following bills before the committee:

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| HB 5193 | (McMillin) | Civil rights; open meetings; closed-door sessions for trial or settlement strategy; allow only if matter being discussed is currently being litigated. |
| HB 5194 | (McMillin) | Civil rights; open meetings; accountability for penalties for violating open meetings act; limit defenses. |

Jane Briggs-Bunting, representing the Michigan Coalition for Open Government, testified in support of the bills. Ms. Briggs-Bunting answered questions from the committee members.

Samantha Harkins, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in opposition to the bills as written and indicated a willingness to work on the legislation.

Lisa McGraw, representing the Michigan Press Association, submitted a card in support of the bills but did not wish to speak.

There being no other business before the committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 3:00 p.m.

Tom McMillin, Chair
House Standing Committee on Oversight

Doug Simon, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee