



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2015 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Brunner, Lane, Dianda, Kivela, Kosowski, Byrd, Garrett, D. Miller, Plawecki.**

Representative Barrett made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 4297 (Nesbitt) Energy; alternative sources; energy generated from waste; allow to qualify as renewable or advanced cleaner energy, modify renewable energy location requirements, and eliminate energy optimization program.

HB 4298 (Nesbitt) Public utilities; electric utilities; electric choice; eliminate, prohibit self-implementation of rate increases, and require utilities to utilize a competitive bid process.

HB 4575 (Cole) Public utilities; electric utilities; Michigan electric infrastructure act; create.

Representative Jacobsen made a motion to adopt HB 4298 (H-3).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nesbitt, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Brunner, Kivela, Kosowski, Byrd, D. Miller. (20/25)**

**Nays: Representatives Glenn, Dianda. (2/25)**

**Pass: Representatives Lane, Garrett, Plawecki. (3/25) (20/2/3)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt HB 4575 (H-3).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Brunner, Lane, Kivela, Kosowski, Byrd, D. Miller, Plawecki. (22/25)**

**Nays: Representative Maturen. (1/25)**

**Pass: Representatives Dianda, Garrett. (2/25) (22/1/2)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chair Nesbitt stated that the Committee would stand at east, the time being 11:18 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

A card for HB 4297 was submitted by Jim Weeks, representing the Michigan Municipal Electric Association, in support.

Cards for HB 4298 were submitted by:

Rick Coy, representing ABATE, in opposition to the H-3

Martin Kushler, representing the ACEEE, in opposition

Chrissy Beckwith, representing Semco Energy, in support of H-3

David Zuhlke, representing Michigan School Energy Coop, in opposition to H-3

Jennifer Steiner-Burner, representing Marathon Petroleum, in opposition to H-3

Teresa Ringenbach, representing Direct Energy, in opposition to H-3

Cami Pendall, representing Steel Pro, in opposition to H-3

Chris Masciontenio, representing United States Steel Corporation, in opposition to H-3 as

written

Larry Friedman, representing IGS Energy, in opposition to H-3

Amy Drumm, representing the Michigan Retailers Association, in opposition to H-3

Erik Hingst, representing Walmart, in opposition to H-3

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, in opposition to H-3

Brian Broderick, representing the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools, in opposition

Nick Dreher, representing the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, no position stated for H-3

Dwayne Pickett, representing Exelon/Constellation, in opposition to H-3

Rory Neruner, representing Michigan Air Michigan Health, in opposition

Nick Wagner, representing Printing Industries of Michigan, in opposition

Mike Frederick, representing St. Marys Cement Company, in support

Kathleen Merry, representing Wayne RESA, in opposition

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, in opposition

Todd Tennis, representing the Utility Workers Union of America, in support

Dean Bradley, representing the IBEW Michigan State Conference, in support

Alexis Blizman, representing the Ecology Center, in opposition

Linda Gobler, representing the Michigan Grocers Association, in opposition

Lisa Hansknecht, representing Oakland Schools, in opposition

Annie Patnauden, representing Americans for Prosperity, in opposition

Cards for HB 4297 and HB 4298 were submitted by:

Sam Gomberg, representing the Union of Concerned Scientists, in opposition  
Liesl Clark, representing Michigan Energy Innovation Biz, in opposition  
Judy Augenstein, representing the Michigan Association of Timberman, in opposition  
Larry Ward and Keith den Hollander, representing the Michigan Conservative Energy Forum and Christian Coalition of Michigan, in opposition  
Mike Berkowitz, representing the Sierra Club, in opposition  
Rich Vander Veen, representing MI EIBC and MANS, in opposition  
Jack Schmitt, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, in opposition  
Scott Robbins, representing MFPC, in opposition  
James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in opposition

Cards for HB 4297, HB 4298 and HB 4575 were submitted by:

Brian O'Connell, representing General Motors, in opposition/opposition to HB 4298 (H-3)  
Mike Crawford, representing the Michigan Chapter of National Electrical Contractors Association, in support  
Susan Schlaybaugh, representing the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association, in support  
Roy Boston, representing Noble American Energy Solutions, in opposition

Cards for HB 4575 were submitted by:

Jim Weeks, representing the Michigan Municipal Electric Association, in opposition  
Hank Matulewicz, representing IBEW Local 876, in support  
Robert LaLumiere, representing the National Electric Contractors Association,, in support  
John Garvin, representing the American Transmission Company, in opposition  
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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 3:24 p.m.

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Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538