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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
FINANCIAL LIABILITY REFORM

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

11:45 a.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

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The House Standing Committee on Financial Liability Reform was called to order by **Representative Pat Somerville**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Somerville, Leutheuser, Farrington, LaFontaine, Lyons, Poleski, Wittenberg, Byrd and Chirkun.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Leutheuser** moved to adopt the minutes from the **June 3, 2015**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chair Somerville** read in the letter from Speaker Cotter replacing Representative Pam Faris with Representative Wendell Byrd. Chair Somerville introduced Representative Byrd.

**Representative Byrd** gave comments to the committee.

**Chair Somerville** laid **SB 306** before the committee:

SB 306 (Green) Legislature; other; compact for a balanced budget; enact.

**TESTIMONY**

**Senator Green**, sponsor of SB 306, explained his bill to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed.

**Jack McHugh**, Senior Legislative Analysis, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, testified in support of the bill.

**Nick Dranias**, representing Compact for America, testified and submitted handouts in support of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

**Rachel Richards**, Policy Analyst, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

**Nathan Makla**, representing the Heartland Institute, testified in support of the bill.

**Leon Drolet**, representing Compact for America, testified in support of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

**Nick Dranias** returned and gave additional comments.

Questions and discussion followed.

*The following individual submitted written testimony but did not wish to speak:*

Norman Hughes, Chair of the Michigan Conservative Union and Michigan Freedom to Work.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

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**Representative Pat Somerville, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Financial Liability Reform**  
Malika Abdul-Basir  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256  
1 Hour and 13 Minutes