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THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Thursday, June 11, 2015

10:30 a.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

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The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Bradford Jacobsen**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Jacobsen, Webber, LaFontaine, Greimel and Singh.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative LaFontaine** moved to adopt the minutes of the **March 26, 2015**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chair Jacobsen** laid **HB 4570, 4571, 4572** and **4573** before the committee:

HB 4570	(Nesbitt)	Education; financing; definition of turbine for purposes of industrial personal property exemption from school operating millage; provide for.
HB 4571	(Nesbitt)	Economic development; plant rehabilitation; definition of turbine; provide for.
HB 4572	(Nesbitt)	Michigan business tax; credits; definition of turbine in eligible personal property tax credit; provide for.
HB 4573	(Nesbitt)	Property tax; exemptions; definition of turbine; provide for.

**Representative Webber** moved to adopt the substitute (**H-1**) to **HB 4570**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **4-0-1**.

Yeas: Representatives Jacobsen, Webber, LaFontaine and Singh,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representative Greimel.

**Representative Singh** moved to adopt the substitute (**H-2**) to **HB 4571**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **4-0-1**.

Yeas: Representatives Jacobsen, Webber, LaFontaine and Singh,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representative Greimel.

**Representative LaFontaine** moved to adopt the substitute (**H-2**) to **HB 4572**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **4-0-1**.

Yeas: Representatives Jacobsen, Webber, LaFontaine and Singh,  
Nays: None,

Pass: Representative Greimel.

**Representative Webber** moved to adopt the substitute (**H-1**) to **HB 4573**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **4-0-1**.

Yeas: Representatives Jacobsen, Webber, LaFontaine and Singh,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representative Greimel.

### **TESTIMONY**

**Representative Nesbitt**, sponsor of the bills, explained the substitutes to the committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

**Edward VanderVries**, representing Van Buren County, testified in support of the bills.

**Charles Dunn**, representing the Midland Cogeneration Venture, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bills.

**Steve Schneider**, attorney from Honigman, representing Midland Cogeneration Venture, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

*The following people submitted a card but did not wish to speak:*

Rodger Kershner, attorney from Howard & Howard, representing the New Covert Generating Company, LLC, opposes the bills.

William Vajda, City Manager for the City of Marquette, supports the bills.

Ryan Wardin, representing Tenaska New Covert, opposes the bills.

Barbara Rose, representing Covert Township, supports the bills.

Mayor Kevin Klynstra, representing the City of Zeeland, supports the bills.

Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, supports the bills.

Dr. Bobbi Morehead, representing the Covert Public Schools, supports the bills.

Jeff Mills, representing the Van Buren Intermediate School District (I.S.D.), supports the bills.

Rep. Kivela, representing the 109<sup>th</sup> House District, supports the bills.

Marty Fittante, representing Senator Tom Casperson, supports the bills.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association, supports the bills.

Don Olendorf, representing the ESA Legislative Group, supports the bills.

Don Olendorf, representing the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, supports the bills.

Jerry Johnson, representing the Genesee (I.S.D.) supports the bills.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

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**Representative Bradford Jacobsen, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Government Operations**

Malika Abdul-Basir

Committee Clerk

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