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**HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
ROADS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Thursday, May 26, 2015

9:00 a.m.

352 State Capitol Building

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Farrington, Pettalia, Pscholka, LaFontaine, Afendoulis, Lane, Dianda.

Representative Pettalia moved to adopt the minutes from the May 21, 2015 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4614 (LaFontaine) Sales tax; collections; tax on motor fuel and alternative fuel; include in streamlined sales and use tax revenue equalization act.

HB 4615 (VerHeulen) Transportation; motor fuel tax; motor fuel tax; modify.

HB 4616 (McCready) Transportation; motor carrier fuel tax; flat tax rate; eliminate, and establish an 18-month limitation period for filing refund claims.

Representatives VerHeulen, LaFontaine, and McCready, introduced their bills to the committee.

Fred Schlemmer, representing Steel Pro, testified before the committee in support of HB 4615, in concept.

Howard Ryan and Sal Gaglio, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified on HB 4614, HB 4615, and HB 4616.

Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4614, HB 4615, and HB 4616.

The Chair laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4612 (Leutheuser) Vehicles; registration; registration fees; modify.

Representative Leutheuser introduced his bill to the committee.

David Richmond, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, testified on HB 4612, and was neutral to the bill.

Charles Griffith, representing the Ecology Center, testified in opposition to HB 4612.

Liz Treutel, representing the Michigan Environment Council, testified in opposition to HB 4612.

Phil Lombard, representing himself, testified in opposition to HB 4612.

Sam Boumis, representing Toyota, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4612, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4607 (Pettalia) State financing and management; funds; 21st century jobs fund; allow certain amount to be appropriated to the Michigan transportation fund.

HB 4608 (Chatfield) Economic development; Michigan strategic fund; certain amount to be appropriated to Michigan transportation fund; allow.

Representatives Chatfield and Pettalia introduced their bills to the committee.

The following people testified in opposition to HB 4607 and HB 4608:

Steve Arwood and Jeremy Hedges, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Brian Colfer, representing the Regional Transit Authority- Citizens Advisory Committee-Macomb.

Jim Casha, representing himself.

John LeMauhia, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

Mike Coast and Birgit Klohs, representing the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, and Rock Ventures.

Maureen Krause, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Frank Ervin, representing Magna.

Ed Reed, representing Delta Township.

Paul LaMarre III, representing the Port of Monroe.

Chris Miller, representing the City of Adrian.

Nancy Finegood, representing the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

Phillip Moore, representing the City of Alma.

Bob Trezize, representing the Lansing Economic Area Partnership.

Rachel Michaud, representing the Gillespie Group.

Tom Kelly, representing Automation Alley.

Robert Dewit, representing the Southwest Michigan Innovation Center.

Lauren Bigelow, representing herself.

Charles Moret, representing Invest.

Philip Tepley, representing the Small Business Development Center.

Keith Brophy, representing the Small Business Development Center.

Stella Wixom, Ken Nisbet, and Steve Wilson, representing the University of Michigan.

The following submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4607 and HB 4608, but did not wish to speak:

JoAnn Crery, President of Saginaw Future.
Veronica Horn, representing the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce.
Janice Karcher, representing the Flint and Genesee Chamber of Commerce.
Nicole Nystrom, representing Rock Ventures.
Robert Collier, representing the Coalition of Michigan Foundations.
Shawn Bunt, representing J.P. Morgan Chase.
Richard Chylla, representing the Michigan State University Innovation Center.
Skip Simms, representing the Ann Arbor Spark.
Scott Reisfield, representing Lighthouse Molding Inc.
Kenneth Cole, representing the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation.
Martin Dober, representing Invest Detroit.

The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition to HB 4607 and HB 4608, wishing to speak:

Ruby Ghosh, representing Opti O2, LLC.
Danny Ellis, representing Skyspecs.
Sean Ainsworth, representing RetroSense Therapeutics.
Susan Sprentall, representing American Laser Enterprises- Super Clean Inc.
Scott Newman- Bale, representing Shorts Brewing Company.
Charles Hasemann, representing Michigan State University.
Susan Mosey, representing Midtown Detroit, Inc.

Ed Noyola, representing the County Road Association, submitted a testimony card and was neutral to HB 4612, HB 4614, HB 4615, HB 4616, HB 4607, and HB 4608.

Lance Binoniemi, representing the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4612, HB 4614, HB 4615, and HB 4616, but did not wish to speak.

Dusty Fancher, representing the Michigan Public Transit Association, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4612, HB 4614, HB 4615, and HB 4616, but did not wish to speak.

Brad Darr, representing Fusion Coalition Systems, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4614, HB 4615, and HB 4616, wishing to speak.

Daniel Ellis, representing Skyspecs Inc., submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4614, HB 4615, and HB 4616, wishing to speak.

Jim Saber, representing Next Energy, submitted a testimony card wishing to speak to HB 4612, and HB 4615.

J. Kevin McCurren, representing eMerge West Michigan, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4612, HB 4614, HB 4615, HB 4607, and HB 4608.

Brad Williams, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4612, HB 4614, HB 4615, HB 4616, HB 4607, and HB 4608, but did not wish to speak.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:05 p.m.

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
May 26, 2015
3 hours 5 minutes

Date Approved and Signed