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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY

Wednesday, September 16, 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, Garrett, D. Miller, Plawecki.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Byrd.

Representative Barrett made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on June 3, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Chair Nesbitt made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

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| 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. |

Chair Nesbitt reviewed the provisions of HB 4297 (H-1) and HB 4298 (H-2) with the Committee.

Representative Cole reviewed the provisions of HB 4575 (H-2) with the Committee.

Representative Sheppard made a motion to adopt HB 4297 (H-1).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber. (15/25)

Nays: None. (0/25)

Pass: Representatives LaVoy, Brunner, Lane, Dianda, Kivela, Kosowski, Garrett, D. Miller, Plawecki. (9/15) (15/0/9)

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

Representative Sheppard made a motion to adopt HB 4298 (H-2).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber. (15/25)

Nays: None. (0/15)

Pass: Representatives LaVoy, Brunner, Lane, Dianda, Kivela, Kosowski, Garrett, D. Miller, Plawecki. (9/15) (15/0/9)

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

Representative Glenn made a motion to adopt HB 4575 (H-2).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, Brunner, Kivela, Plawecki. (17/25)

Nays: Representatives Maturen, Lane, Garrett. (3/25)

Pass: Representatives LaVoy, Dianda, Kosowski, D. Miller. (4/25) (17/3/4)

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

Cards were submitted by:

Martin Kushler, representing the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, in opposition to HB 4297

Brindley Byrd, representing the Michigan Energy Efficiency Contractors Association (MEECA), neutral on HB 4297 (H-2) and HB 4298 (H-1)

Sarah Mullkoff, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in opposition to HB 4297 and HB 4298

Mike Berkowitz, representing the Sierra Club, in opposition to HB 4297, HB 4298, and HB 4303*

Robert Gordon of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in opposition to HB 4297, HB 4298 and HB 4303*

Linda Gobler, representing the Michigan Grocers Association, in opposition to HB 4298
Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in opposition to HB 4303*

Mark Griffin, representing the Michigan Petroleum Association, in opposition to HB 4303*

Randy Gross, representing ITC, in support of HB 4575 (H-2)

*HB 4303, listed on the Committee agenda for September 16, 2015, was not discussed at the meeting.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:16 p.m.

Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538