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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE AND TRADE

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 10:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Leutheuser requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Leutheuser, Garcia, Hughes, Kesto, McCready, Iden, Frederick, Hornberger, Rendon, Schor, Greimel, Byrd, Geiss, Camilleri and Scott.

Members absent/excused: None

Representative Garcia moved to approve the minutes from the February 21st, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Chairman Leutheuser invited Wendy Block and Tricia Kinley to give a presentation on the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

The Chair laid SB 40 before the committee:

SB 40 (Zorn) Economic development; Michigan strategic fund; definition of "qualified new job"; expand to include out-of-state resident employed by a company located in a county that borders another state or country.

Shane Preston, representing Senator Dale Zorn, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Tim Lake, representing Monroe Business Development Corporation, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Jim VanDoern, representing Lenawee Now, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Jeremy Hedges, representing Talent and Economic Development, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Derek Nofs, representing Southwest Michigan First, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Barkley Garrett, representing Southwestern Michigan Economic Growth, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed

Fran Brennan, representing Michigan AFL – CIO, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Rob Cleveland, representing the Cornerstone Alliance.

Adrian Cazal, representing American Electric Power.

Senator John Proos.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Nick Ciaramitraro, representing American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Mike Stone, representing the United Automobile Workers.

Liza Estlund Olson, representing the Service Employees International Union.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Representative Eric Leutheuser, Chair _____

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