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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**COMMERCE AND TRADE**

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

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, Camilleri, Greimel, Geiss, Neeley and Scott.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Byrd.

Representative Garcia moved to adopt the April 10th, 2018, minutes. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid House Resolution No. 303 before the committee:

HR 303 (Cambensy) A resolution to endorse continued investment in Michigan's Upper Peninsula by Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. and to encourage a partnership between the state of Michigan and Cleveland-Cliffs to support Cliffs' reinvestment in the Empire Mine in Richmond Township.

Representatives Cambensy, LaFave, Chatfield, and Dianda, and all testified in support of the Resolution. Question and discussion followed.

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

Jon Cool, representing the Michigan Railroads Association.  
Jon Byrd, representing the Michigan Laborer's Council.  
Steve Claywell, representing Michigan Building Trades.

Representative Garcia moved to report **House Resolution No. 303** with recommendation.

The Chair laid the committee at ease at 10:51 a.m.

The Chair called the committee back order at 10:53 a.m.

The motion prevailed **14-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Leutheuser, Garcia, Hughes, Kesto, McCready, Iden, Frederick, Hornberger, Rendon, Camilleri, Greimel, Geiss, Neeley and Scott.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair laid House Resolution No. 261 before the committee:

HR 261 (Kesto) A resolution to urge a bilateral free trade agreement between the United States and the Republic of China and reaffirm our support for increasing their international visibility.

Representative Kesto and Sophia Cheng, a representative of the Taiwan Association, testified in support of the resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Greimel offered the following amendments to House Resolution No. 261:

1. Amend the resolution after the fourth Whereas clause, by inserting:  
“Whereas, American workers have often been harmed by unfair trade agreements that have included special rights and courts for corporations, but have lacked enforceable labor standards and protections; and”.
2. Amend the resolution in the first Resolved clause, after “visibility” by inserting “, but only if such a trade agreement includes strong, binding, and enforceable labor standards and excludes special rights, privileges, and courts for corporations”.

Representative Greimel discussed the proposed amendments before the committee.

Representative Greimel moved to amend **House Resolution 261**. The motion did not prevail **5-9-0**.

#### **UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Camilleri, Greimel, Geiss, Neeley, and Scott.**

**Nays: Reps. Leutheuser, Garcia, Hughes, Kesto, McCready, Iden, Frederick, Hornberger, and Rendon.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair laid the committee at ease, at 11:00 a.m.

The Chair brought the committee back to order, at 11:01 a.m.

Representative Kesto moved to report **House Resolution No. 261** with recommendation. The motion prevailed **9-5-0**.

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Leutheuser, Garcia, Hughes, Kesto, McCready, Iden, Frederick, Hornberger and Rendon,**

**Nays: Reps. Camilleri, Greimel, Geiss, Neeley, and Scott.**

**Pass: None.**

Chairman Leutheuser invited Rob Folwer and Tony Stamas, the president and vice president of the Small Business Association of Michigan, to give a presentation on the 2018 Michigan Entrepreneurship Score Card. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Neeley made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

**Representative Eric Leutheuser, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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