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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON REFORMS, RESTRUCTURING, AND REINVENTING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2011

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Reforms, Restructuring, and Reinventing was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, in rooms 402-403 of the Capitol Building at 8:30 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Jansen, Colbeck, Casperson, Kowall, Robertson, Young, and Warren  
Absent: None  
Excused: None

**The Agenda Summary is as follows:**

- 1) Adoption of the committee minutes**
- 2) Presentation by John Bebow and Phil Powers, of the Center for Michigan, giving their recommendations for reforms and structural changes that are needed to grow Michigan's economy**
- 3) Presentation by Jonathan Williams, of the American Legislative Exchange Council**
- 4) Presentation of new website by Bill Carney, with the Senate Majority Communications Office**

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

The Chair began by taking roll.

Senator Jansen then made a motion to adopt the minutes from February 9, 2011; support was offered by Senator Colbeck. Being no objection, the motion carried.

The Chair then offered introductory remarks for John Bebow and Phil Powers, with the Center for Michigan.

Phil Powers gave a presentation discussing the statewide research they have completed, and the changes their organization is recommending for the state of Michigan.

Following the presentation, questions were offered by the members.

The Chair then invited Jonathan Williams, from the American Legislative Exchange Council, to present their recommendations for state budget reforms.

Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair concluded with an announcement and presentation by Bill Carney, of the Senate Majority Communications Office, explaining the website which will allow residents from across the state, to offer their suggestions and ideas for reforming state government.

Questions and discussion followed.

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

February 23, 2011  
Date Adopted by Committee

An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.