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The Senate Michigan Competitiveness Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Senate Hearing Room in the Boji Tower.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) SB 1 reported with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect.
- 2) SB 2 (S-1) reported with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect.
- 3) SB 3 (S-1) reported with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Shirkey(C), Stamas, Robertson, Proos, Warren

Excused: None

Senator Stamas made a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 18, 2015 meeting. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chair invited Senators Meekhof, MacGregor and Robertson to provide members with an overview of Senate Bills 1-3 and the S-1 substitutes on Senate Bills 2 and 3 before the members.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding their position on SBs 1-3:

- Chris Fisher, Associated Builders and Contractors – support
- Michael Stobak, Barton Malow – oppose
- Wendy Block, Michigan Chamber of Commerce – support
- John DeLine, a citizen – oppose
- Tony Daunt, Freedom Fund – support
- Ed Haynor, a citizen – oppose
- Mike Houseman, Wolverine Building Group – support
- James Judd, CEO, Master Craft – oppose
- Mike Nystrom, Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association – oppose

- Kraig Schutter, Masud Labor Law Group – support
- Patrick Gleason, Michigan Building Trades – oppose
- Charles Owens, National Federation of Independent Business – support

During the discussion of the bills, the Chair entertained motions to adopt the substitutes.

Senator Proos made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 2.

Yeas: Senators Shirkey (C), Stamas, Robertson, Proos

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed.

Senator Stamas made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 3.

Yeas: Senators Shirkey (C), Stamas, Robertson, Proos

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed.

After the testimony had concluded, Senator Warren offered an amendment to the S-1 version of Senate Bill 3.

Senator Warren made a motion to adopt the Warren amendment to the S-1 version of Senate Bill 3.

Yeas: Senators Warren

Nays: Senator Shirkey (C), Stamas, Robertson, Proos

The motion failed.

Senator Stamas made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 3, with recommendation that the bill be passed.

Yeas: Senators Shirkey (C), Stamas, Robertson, Proos

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed.

The Chair made a motion to recommend immediate effect be granted to the bill.

Yeas: Senators Shirkey (C), Stamas, Robertson, Proos

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report Senate Bill 1, with recommendation that the bill be passed.

Yeas: Senators Shirkey (C), Stamas, Robertson, Proos

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed.

The Chair made a motion to recommend immediate effect be granted to the bill.

Yeas: Senators Shirkey (C), Stamas, Robertson, Proos

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed.

Senator Proos made a motion to report the (S-1) substitute for Senate Bill 2, with recommendation that the bill be passed.

Yeas: Senators Shirkey (C), Stamas, Robertson, Proos

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed.

The Chair made a motion to recommend immediate effect be granted to the bill.

Yeas: Senators Shirkey (C), Stamas, Robertson, Proos

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on SBs 1-3:

- Tom Lutz, Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights – oppose
- Jason Gillman Jr., a citizen - support
- Todd Tennis – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-Michigan State Conference – oppose (SB 1)
- Bonnie Bochniak, Michigan Business & Professional Association – support
- Lee Schwartz, Home Builders Association of Michigan – support
- Bill Black, Teamsters – oppose
- Bart Carrigan, Associated General Contractors of Michigan – oppose
- Patrick Devlin, Michigan Building Trades – oppose
- Andy Johnston, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce – support
- Douglas Stockwell, Michigan Operating Engineers – oppose
- Andy Johnston, West Michigan Minority Contractors Association – support
- Tony Stamas, Small Business Association of Michigan – support
- Jonas Talbott, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 275 – oppose
- Sean Egan, Kent-Ionia Central Labor Council – oppose
- Jason Wadaga, Construction Association of Michigan – oppose
- Grant Warrington, Operating Engineers-Local 324 – oppose
- Heath Salisbury, Operating Engineers-Local 324 – no opinion given
- Russell McGregor, Operating Engineers-Local Union 324 – oppose
- Brandon Popps, Operating Engineers – oppose
- Brian Gangwer, Operating Engineers – oppose
- Kevin Besonen, Operating Engineers – oppose
- Ryan Dunn, Operating Engineers – oppose
- Kermit Burke, Operating Engineers Local Union 324 – oppose
- Lee Graham, Operating Engineers – oppose
- Matt Everly, Operating Engineers – oppose
- Kenneth Dombrow, Operating Engineers – oppose
- Curt Utterback, Operating Engineers-Local 324 – oppose
- Chad Lynch, Operating Engineers-Local 324 – oppose
- Tim LaLonde, Operating Engineers – oppose
- Joe Schippa, Operating Engineers – oppose
- Tim Ganton, Operating Engineers – oppose
- Beau Curtis, Operating Engineers – oppose
- John Peffeo, Operating Engineers-Local 324 – oppose

- Sam Houston, Operating Engineers – no opinion given
- Ryan Doom, Operating Engineers- Local 324 – oppose
- Zane Hubbard, International Union of Operating Engineers-Local 324 – no opinion given
- Mike Bartholomew, International Union of Operating Engineers-Local 324 – oppose
- Jonathan Bard, a citizen – oppose
- Charles Taormina, Sheet Metal Workers- Local 80 – oppose
- Ron Barnhart, Plumbers Union-Local 98 – oppose
- Dan Nixon, Plumbers Union-Local 98 – oppose
- Timothy Mulligan, Sheet Metal Workers-Local 80 – oppose
- Frank Rodriguez, Bricklayers Allied Craftworkers #2 – oppose
- Peter Accica, Bricklayers Allied Craftworkers – oppose
- Jason Grunenwald, Sheetmetal Workers-Local 80 – oppose
- Dennis Aguirre II, Ironworkers-Local 25 – oppose
- Michael Decker, Ironworkers-Local 25 – oppose
- James Horvath II, Ironworkers-Local 25 – oppose
- James Boyd, Heat & Frost Insulators-Local Union 25 – oppose
- James Brylowski, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers – oppose
- Chris Taylor, a citizen – oppose
- Antoine Bell, a citizen – oppose
- Daniel Husted, Laborers-Local 1075 – oppose
- Hugh Coward, West Michigan Construction Alliance – oppose
- Scott Brown, a citizen – oppose
- Craig Grigonis, Heat & Frost Insulators Union– oppose
- Benji Crowner, a citizen – oppose
- Mark Mangione, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry-Local 174 – oppose
- Alex Zurck, a citizen – oppose
- Robert Long, DCIM, Painter, Glaziers – oppose
- Jim Casha, a citizen – oppose

Being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 9:45 a.m.

Date Approved: June 11, 2015

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