

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nesbitt, Shirkey, Farrington, Franz, Jacobsen, Outman, Pettalia, Price, Schmidt, Zorn, Graves, Lauwers, Stallworth, Nathan, LaVoy, Lane, Brunner, Yanez, Lamonte.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Hobbs.

Representative Farrington made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 19, 2013. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

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

The Chair laid the SCR 5 and SCR 6 before the Committee..

Senator Proos spoke to the Committee regarding SCR 5 and SCR 6.

SCR 5 (Proos) A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to fulfill their obligation to establish a permanent repository for high-level nuclear waste.

Cards for SCR 5 were submitted by:

Mark Stadt, representing DTE Energy, in support
Nell Kuhnmuensch, representing Entergy (Palisades Plant), in support
Greg Clark, representing Indiana Michigan Power, in support
Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, in support
Isabelle Elise Terry, Rockford, Michigan, in support
Mike Byrne, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), in support
Brendan Ringlever, representing Exelon Corporation, in support

Representative Graves made a motion to report SCR 5 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nesbitt, Shirkey, Farrington, Franz, Jacobsen, Outman, Pettalia, Price, Schmidt, Zorn, Graves, Lauwers, Stallworth, LaVoy, Lane, Brunner, Yanez, Lamonte. (18/20)

Nays: None. (0/20)

Pass: None. (0/20) (18/0/0)

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

Senator Proos reviewed the provisions of SCR 6 with the Committee.

SCR 6 (Proos) A concurrent resolution to memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to support the continued and increased development and importation of oil derived from North American reserves and to urge the United States Secretary of State to approve the newly-routed Keystone XL pipeline application from TransCanada.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding SCR 6:

Peter Jaskoski, representing TransCanada, in support
John Griffin, representing the American Petroleum Institute, in support

Cards for SCR 6 were submitted by:

Jonathan Byrd, representing the Michigan Laborers Union, in support
Tiffany Watrous, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber, in support
Mark Stadt, representing DTE Energy, in support
Isabelle Elise Terry of Rockford, Michigan, in support

Representative Pettalia made a motion to report SCR 6 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nesbitt, Shirkey, Farrington, Franz, Jacobsen, Outman, Pettalia, Price, Schmidt, Zorn, Graves, Lauwers, Stallworth, LaVoy, Lane, Brunner. (16/20)

Nays: None. (0/20)

Pass: Representatives Nathan, Yanez, Lamonte. (3/20) (16/0/3)

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

Mike Byrne and Bob Kehres, representing the MPSC, provided a presentation to the Committee and reviewed the following topics relative to Electric Utility Rate Case Regulation: the Union Carbide decision; major substantive laws giving the Commission its jurisdiction; major procedural laws governing the Commission; ratemaking; utility rate regulation in Michigan; "social compact"; ratemaking principles and procedures; energy legislation in 2008; the substance of ratemaking; a sampling of issues typically raised in a rate case; and a calculation of base rate sufficiency.

Subsequent to the presentation and with no further business before the Committee, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:20 a.m.