

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for COMMERCE

Date: *February 17, 2014*

Location: *RM 103*

Convened: *3:00 PM*

Adjourned: *3:55 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Cownie-CH, Brandenburg-VC, Hall-RM, Baltimore, Dawson, Fisher, Forbes, Grassley, Jacoby, Kressig, Landon, Lykam, Meyer, Oldson, Ourth, Riding, Sands, Smith, J., Soderberg, Taylor, R., Vander Linden, Watts

Absent: None

Excused: Representative Pettengill

The Commerce Committee meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Cownie.

Roll call was called with a quorum present.

Chairman Cownie asked for any revisions to the minutes of the February 12th meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman Cownie announced the following (2) bill assignments:

[HSB 641](#) – Watts-CH: Fisher & Hall

[HSB 642](#) – Pettengill-CH: Landon & Oldson

Chairman Cownie gave opening remarks and announced the order of the bills to be discussed and both parties went to caucus at 3:03 p.m.

Reconvened at 3:34 p.m.

Chairman Cownie turned the chair over to Representative Brandenburg.

Chair Brandenburg recognized Representative Cownie for opening remarks on [HSB 515](#); a study bill relating to and providing for the facilitation of broadband access in unserved or underserved areas of the state, including a property tax exemption for broadband infrastructure, and making appropriations. The subcommittee report of Reps. Cownie, Ourth and Sands was submitted and signed. Rep. Cownie gave opening remarks followed by discussion and committee members voiced concerns. Rep. Cownie gave closing remarks and moved the bill. Chair Brandenburg moved [HSB 515](#), as a committee bill on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 22 ayes.

Chair Brandenburg turned the chair back to Representative Cownie.

Chair Cownie recognized Representative Smith to take up [HSB 623](#); a study bill relating to consumer lending transactions by modifying provisions applicable to certain loan charges and modifying designated monetary limits specified in the consumer credit code. The subcommittee

report of Reps. Smith, Dawson and Fisher was submitted and signed. Rep. Smith gave opening remarks. Discussion followed. Rep. Smith gave closing remarks moved the bill. Chair Cownie moved [HSB 623](#), as a committee bill on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 22 ayes.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Cownie gave closing remarks and reminded the committee that this week is funnel week and moved to adjourn. Representative Jacoby seconded the motion.

The Commerce Committee adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Representative Peter Cownie

Marlene Martens, Committee Secretary