

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for COMMERCE

Date: ***March 4, 2015***

Location: ***RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber***

Convened: ***3:00 PM***

Adjourned: ***4:00 PM***

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Cownie-CH, Carlson-VC, Oldson-RM, Baltimore, Dawson, Forbes, Grassley, Hagenow, Hall, Holt, Jacoby, Kaufmann, Kressig, Landon, Lykam, Meyer, Ourth, Pettengill, Rizer, Sands, Soderberg, Vander Linden, Watts

Absent:

Excused:

Chairman Cownie called the Commerce Committee meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Cownie gave opening remarks and both parties went to caucus at 3:01 p.m.

Reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Chairman Cownie asked for any revisions to the minutes of the March 2nd meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman Cownie announced the following bill assignment:

[HF 426](#) – Cownie-CH: Soderberg & Oldson

Chairman Cownie turned the chair over to Vice-Chair Carlson.

Vice-Chair Carlson recognized Representative Cownie to take up [HSB 104](#); a study bill relating to and providing for the facilitation of broadband access in targeted areas of the state, including property tax incentives for broadband infrastructure installation, a broadband grant program and fund, making appropriations, and including applicability provisions. The subcommittee report of Reps. Cownie, Sands and Soderberg was submitted and signed. Reps. Hall and Oldson declined. Rep. Cownie gave opening remarks and asked permission to take up amendment 104.669. Amendment passed on a voice vote. After a lengthy discussion, Rep. Cownie gave closing remarks and moved the bill. Vice-Chair Carlson moved [HSB 104](#), as amended as a committee bill on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 22 ayes, 1 nay. (The nay vote was Rep. Pettengill).

Vice-Chair Carlson turned the chair back to Chair Cownie for other business.

Representative Watts was recognized to take up [HSB 191](#); a study bill for requiring that disconnection devices be installed for certain distributed electric generation facilities, providing penalties, and including effective date provisions. The subcommittee report of Reps. Watts and Rizer was submitted and signed. Rep. Dawson declined. Rep. Watts gave opening remarks, discussion followed and Rep. Watts gave closing remarks and moved the bill. Chair Cownie

moved [HSB 191](#), as a committee bill on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 22 ayes, 1 nay. (The nay vote was Rep. Dawson).

Chairman Cownie announced a brief caucus and both parties went to caucus at 3:45 p.m.

Reconvened at 3:48 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Cownie gave closing remarks and moved to adjourn. Representative Jacoby seconded the motion.

The Commerce Committee adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Representative Peter Cownie

Marlene Martens, Committee Secretary