

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for COMMERCE

Date: *February 12, 2018*

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

Convened: *4:00 PM*

Recessed: *4:05 PM*

Reconvened: *4:55 PM*

Adjourned: *5:25 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Cownie-CH, Mohr, G.-VC, Oldson-RM, Best, Bloomingdale, Carlson, Fisher, Forbes, Grassley, Hall, Holz, Jacoby, Kacena, Kressig, Landon, Lundgren, McConkey, Meyer, Ourth, Pettengill, Vander Linden, Watts, Wills

Absent:

Excused:

The Commerce Committee meeting was called to order at 4:00 a.m. by Chairman Cownie.

Chair Cownie gave opening remarks and both parties went to caucus at 4:00 p.m.

Reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

Roll call was called with a quorum present.

Chairman Cownie asked for any revisions to the minutes of February 7th meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Representative Carlson was recognized to take up [HSB 624](#): A bill for an act relating to municipal utility retirement systems. The subcommittee report of Reps Carlson, Lundgren and Kacena was submitted and signed. Rep. Carlson gave opening remarks and discussion followed. Rep. Carlson gave closing remarks and moved the bill. Chair Cownie moved [HSB 624](#), as a committee bill to the House floor on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 23 ayes.

Representative Pettengill was recognized to take up [HSB 591](#): A bill for an act relating to matters under the purview of the utilities division of the department of commerce, providing fees, and making penalties applicable. The subcommittee report of Reps. Pettengill, Landon and Jacoby was submitted and signed. Rep. Pettengill gave opening remarks and asked permission to take up amendment .3218. Discussion followed. Amendment .3218 passed on a voice vote. Rep. Pettengill gave closing remarks and moved the bill. Chair Cownie moved [HSB 591](#) as amended, as a committee bill to the House floor on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 23 ayes.

Representative Landon was recognized to take up [HSB 637](#): A bill for an act relating to health benefit plans for members of certain agricultural organizations. The subcommittee report of Reps. Landon, Forbes and Wills was submitted and signed. Rep. Landon gave opening remarks. Discussion followed. Rep. Landon gave closing remarks and moved the bill. Chair Cownie

moved [HSB 637](#) as a committee bill to the House floor on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 14 ayes 9 nays (Reps. Oldson, Hall, Jacoby, Kacena, Kressig, McConkey, Meyer, Pettengill and Vander Linden were the nays).

Representative Wills was recognized to take up [HSB 559](#): A bill for an act relating to franchisor-franchisee relationships for the purposes of certain employment laws and including applicability provisions. The subcommittee report of Rep. Wills and Best was submitted and signed. Rep. McConkey declined. Rep. Wills gave opening remarks. Discussion followed. Rep. Wills gave closing remarks and moved the bill. Chair Cownie moved [HSB 559](#) as a committee bill to the House floor on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 14 ayes 9 nays (Reps. Oldson, Forbes, Hall, Jacoby, Kacena, Kressig, McConkey, Meyer, and Ourth were the nays).

Representative Mohr was recognized to take up [HSB 599](#): An act relating to permissible interest rates and finance charges for certain loans. The subcommittee report of Rep. Mohr and Holz was submitted and signed. Rep. Kressig declined. Rep. Mohr gave opening remarks. Discussion followed. Rep. Mohr gave closing remarks and moved the bill. Chair Cownie moved [HSB 599](#) as a committee bill to the House floor on a roll call vote. Motion carried with 14 ayes 9 nays (Reps. Oldson, Forbes, Hall, Jacoby, Kacena, Kressig, McConkey, Meyer, and Ourth were the nays).

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

The Commerce Committee adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Representative Peter Cownie

Marlene Martens, Committee Secretary