



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
REPRESENTATIVE TIM SCHAFFER  
HOUSE DISTRICT 77

**House Ways and Means Committee**

**March 7, 2017 – Minutes**

*Statehouse Room 121*

Chairman Schaffer called the meeting of the House Ways and Means Committee to order at 9:07 AM on March 7, 2017. The roll was called; a quorum was not present.

Chairman Schaffer called House Bill 49 for its third informal hearing.

Testimony was given by the following individuals:

- Dr. Richard Vedder of Ohio University (Proponent)
- Kent Scarrett of the Ohio Municipal League (Opponent)

At this time, a quorum was present and the minutes from the committee meeting held on March 2, 2017 were read and approved without objection.

Testimony continued and was provided by the following individuals:

- Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson (Opponent)
- Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers (Opponent)
- Tina Timberman, Income Tax Administrator for the City of Athens (Opponent)
- Mary Ann McClure, Athens City Treasurer and Owner of MS Accounting and Taxes, Inc (Opponent) - **no written testimony**
- Jay Barnes, CPA (Opponent)- **no written testimony**
- Alex Couladis, CPA of FAAS Accounting in Athens (Opponent) -**no written testimony**
- Greg Lawson, Senior Policy Analyst at the Buckeye Institute (Interested Party)
- Scott Drenkard, Economist and Director of State Projects at the Tax Foundation (Interested Party)
- Megan Durst, CPA on behalf of the Ohio Society of CPAs (Proponent)
- Jeff McClain, Director of Tax and Economic Policy at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce (Interested Party)
- Nassim Michael Lynch, Tax Commissioner of the City of Cleveland and Administrator of the Central Collection Agency (Opponent)
- Todd Fisher, Finance Director of the City of Brunswick (Opponent)
- Grove City Mayor Ike Stage (Opponent)

- Troy City Auditor John Frigge (Opponent)
- Dublin Tax Administrator Faye Gibson (Opponent)
- Keary McCarthy of the Ohio Mayors' Alliance (Opponent)
- Gambier Mayor Kachen Kimmell (Opponent)
- City of Dayton
- Bowling Green Tax Commissioner Robert Wright (Opponent)
- Kettering Vice Mayor Rob Scott (Opponent)
- Mason City Councilwoman Diana Nelson (Opponent)
- Sidney Mayor Mark Barhorst (Opponent)
- Centerville Law Director Scott Liberman (Opponent)
- Mayor Debroah Neale, Northeast Ohio Mayors and City Managers Association (Opponent)
- Marshall Griffin, CPA with West Troy Tool in Troy, OH (Opponent)
- Mayor of the Village of Farmersville Daryl E. Weller (Opponent)
- Mayor of the City of Oakwood William D. Duncan, CPA (Opponent)
- Hamilton City Finance Director Tom Vanderhorst (Opponent)

Written testimony was provided by the following individuals:

- Ohio Manufacturers Association (Proponent)
- The Associated General Contractors of Ohio, The Ohio Contractors Association, The National Electrical Contractors Association of Ohio, The Mechanical Contractors Association of Ohio, and The Construction Employers Association. (Proponent)
- Cleveland City Council President Kevin Kelley (Opponent)
- Richard Moore, Tax Commissioner of the Village of St. Bernard (Opponent)
- David Laing, Director of Legislative Affairs for Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley (Opponent)
- Christopher Ferruso, Legislative Director for the National Federation of Independent Businesses (Interested Party).

With no further questions, the third informal hearing on House Bill 49 was concluded.

With no further business before the committee, the House Ways and Means Committee adjourned at 3:34 PM.

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Chairman

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Secretary