



Committee Minutes

COMMITTEE: Public Utilities
CHAIRPERSON: Jamie Callender
DATE: October 23, 2019
TIME: 10:00 AM
ROOM: Room 116

Chairman Callender called the House Public Utilities Committee to order at 10:05 am. Chairman Callender welcomed and recognized Representative Cindy Abrams as the newest member of the House Public Utilities Committee.

The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was present.

The Chairman asked the committee to review the minutes from the October 9th committee meeting and the minutes were approved without objection.

Chairman Callender called SB 33 for its fifth hearing for the purpose of entertaining amendments.

The Chair recognized Representative Seitz for the purpose of making a motion to offer amendment AM1218-1. The Sponsor explained the amendment. Representatives Rogers and Smith asked questions of the amendment Sponsor. Having satisfactory answers and no further questions, AM1218 was accepted without objection.

The Chair recognized Representative Seitz for the purpose of making a motion to offer amendment AM1248. The Sponsor explained the amendment. Representative Smith had questions and a comment. Having satisfactory answers and no further questions, AM1248 was accepted without objection.

The Chair recognized Ranking Member Smith for the purpose of a motion to offer amendment AMAM1318. The Sponsor explained the amendment. With an objection by Representative Seitz, the Clerk took a roll call vote on the amendment. With 4 yeas and 11 nays, the amendment was not adopted and did not become part of the bill.

Chairman Callender informed the committee that there were several individuals who submitted written testimony and the testimony could be found on the committee website as well as on the members' iPads.

With no in-person witnesses and no further amendments before the committee that concluded the fifth hearing on SB 33.

Chairman Callender called HB 247 for its third hearing, opponent testimony. Oral opposition testimony was presented by six individuals. First, Joseph Olikier from IGS Energy presented his

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testimony. Questions were asked by Representatives Stein, Smith, and Seitz. Next, Chairman Callender called Teresa Ringenbach to testify on behalf of Direct Energy. Questions were asked by Representatives Seitz and Stein.

Chairman Callender handed the gavel to Vice-Chairman Wilkin who continued for the remainder of the committee as acting Chair.

The Chair called Robert Kelter from the Environmental Law and Policy Center to provide testimony. Questions were then asked of him through the chair by Representatives Smith, Rogers and Stein. Next, Chairman Wilkin invited Miranda Leppla of the Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund to bring testimony to the Committee. Representative Stein had a couple questions. Lastly, the Chairman asked Dave Schatz, from ChargePoint, Inc. and Michael Haugh of the Ohio Consumers' Council to provide testimony. The committee had no questions.

Chairman Wilkin pointed out that several other groups had provided written opponent testimony that could be found on the committee website as well as on the Member's iPads.

That concluded the third hearing on HB 247.

Seeing no further business to come before the committee and having concluded the business of the day, the House Public Utilities Committee adjourned at 11:49 am.

Jamie Callender, Chair

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