ARIZONA STATE SENATE

50TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: February 9, 2012 **TIME:** 9:00 a.m. **ROOM :** SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator Steve Yarbrough **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator John McComish

ANALYST: Carolyn Speroni **INTERN:** David Fernandez

COMMITTEE SECRETARY: Toy Brown

ATTENDANCE **BILLS**

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex	Bill Number	Disposition
Senator Aboud	X			SB 1190	DP
Senator Gould	X			SB 1214	DPA
Senator Jackson	X			SB 1229	DPA
Senator Klein	X			SB 1283	DP
Senator Murphy	X			SB 1308	DPA
Senator McComish, Vice-Chairman	X			SCR 1012	DP
Senator Yarbrough, Chairman	X			SCR 1025	DP

Chairman Yarbrough called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Yarbrough stated that without objection, the minutes of February 2, 2012 were approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1214 – use tax declaration; repeal – DO PASS AMENDED

Carolyn Speroni, Finance Committee Analyst, explained SB 1214 and the 5-line Yarbrough amendment dated 2/7/12 at 2:47 p.m. (Attachment A). Ms. Speroni answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Biggs, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1214 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator McComish moved SB 1214 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator McComish moved the 5-line Yarbrough amendment dated 2/7/12 at 2:47 p.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator McComish moved SB 1214 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-1-2 (Attachment 1).

SCR 1012 – personal property tax exemption amount – DO PASS

Carolyn Speroni, Finance Committee Analyst, explained SCR 1012 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Biggs, bill sponsor, further explained SCR 1012 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Farrell Quinlan, State Director, National Federation of Independent Business, distributed copies of a letter to the Senators from Barry Broome, President and CEO, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, regarding support for SCR 1012 (Attachment B). Mr. Quinlan testified in support of SCR 1012 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Sean Laux, Legislative Liaison, Arizona Department of Revenue, testified as neutral to SCR 1012 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator McComish moved SCR 1012 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 2).

Senator Aboud explained her vote.

SB 1308 – temporary military duty; lodging tax – DO PASS AMENDED

David Fernandez, Finance Committee Intern, explained SB 1308 and the 8-line Yarbrough amendment dated 2/8/12 at 1:55 p.m. (Attachment C). Mr. Fernandez answered questions posed by the Committee.

James Varga, taxpayer, representing self, testified in support of SB 1308 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Peter DeRosa, representing self, testified in support of SB 1308 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Varga further answered questions posed by the Committee.

> **Senator McComish moved SB 1308 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.**
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> **Senator McComish moved the 8-line Yarbrough amendment dated 2/8/12 at 1:55 p.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.**
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> **Senator McComish moved SB 1308 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 3).**

SB 1229 – tax exemption; residential solar electricity – DO PASS AMENDED

David Fernandez, Finance Committee Intern, explained SB 1229 and the 44-page Yarbrough amendment dated 2/7/12 at 9:59 a.m. (Attachment D). Mr. Fernandez answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Griffin, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1229 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dean Miller, Interim Executive Director, Arizona Corporation Commission, Solar Energy Industries Association, testified in support of SB 1229 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Russell Smoldon, Salt River Project, testified in support of SB 1229 and answered questions posed by Committee.

Mr. Miller further answered questions posed by the Committee.

Sean Laux, Legislative Liaison, Arizona Department of Revenue, further explained SB 1229 and the 44-page Yarbrough amendment dated 2/7/12 at 9:59 a.m. (Attachment D).

Senator McComish moved SB 1229 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator McComish moved the 44-page Yarbrough amendment dated 2/7/12 at 9:59 a.m. (Attachment D) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator McComish moved SB 1229 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 4).

SB 1190 – tax credit; military family relief – DO PASS

David Fernandez, Finance Committee Intern, explained SB 1190 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Griffin, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1190 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

David Hampton, PIO, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, testified in support of SB 1190 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Travis Schulte, Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Manager, testified in support of SB 1190 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator McComish moved SB 1190 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 5).

SB 1283 – special district petitions; multiple ownership – DO PASS

Carolyn Speroni, Finance Committee Analyst, explained SB 1283 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Trey Williams, Legislative Liaison, Arizona Association of Counties, testified in support of SB 1283 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator McComish moved SB 1283 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 6).

SCR 1025 – property tax assessed valuation; limitation – DO PASS

Carolyn Speroni, Finance Committee Analyst, explained SCR 1025 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Kevin McCarthy, President, Arizona Tax Research Association, distributed a handout entitled "Arizona Tax Research Association Supports SCR 1025" (Attachment E). Mr. McCarthy answered questions posed by the Committee.

Brandt Palmer, Manager, representing self and Pivotal Tax Solutions, testified in opposition to SCR 1025 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

William Ryan, representing self and Pivotal Tax Solutions LLC, testified in opposition to SCR 1025 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

> **Senator McComish moved SCR 1025 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-2-0 (Attachment 7).**

Senator Klein and Senator Yarbrough explained their votes.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on the agenda items (Attachment F).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toy Brown
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at http://www.azsenate.gov)