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A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at 1:50 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, Hunter, Smith

Excused: None

Senator Nofs motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of June 15, 2011.
Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

(Testimony Only)

- SB 410 Sen. Richardville - Transportation; funds; a new international bridge crossing act; create.
- SB 411 Sen. Richardville - Transportation; authorities; authority created under the new international bridge crossing act; include as an eligible governmental agency under the state trunk line highway system act.

Senator Kowall gave opening remarks regarding the New International Bridge Crossing (NITC).

Senator Kowall read into the record correspondence from Lieutenant Governor Calley clarifying his previous statements on June 15, 2011, relative to user fees within SB410.

Senator Pappageorge gave a presentation relative to the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC)/NITC. Senator Pappageorge then answered questions from committee members.

Matt Moroun and Mickey Blashfield representing the Ambassador Bridge gave a presentation opposed to NITC, SB410, and SB411. Mr. Moroun and Mr. Blashfield then answered questions from committee members.

Samara Barend representing AECOM gave verbal and written testimony in support of public-private partnerships, NITC, SB410, and SB411. Ms. Barend then answered questions from committee members.

Lucas Lahitou representing AECOM gave verbal testimony in support of public-private partnerships, NITC, SB410, and SB411. Mr. Lahitou then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Kowall announced that due to time constraints, there would have to be a continuation of hearings held to allow for additional testimony. He then announced that if individuals could not return, everyone who submitted a testimony card and any written testimony submitted would have their positions documented into the record.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: September 7, 2011

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)