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A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 1:35 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Boji Tower.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

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 Nofs motioned, supported by Senator Smith, that the committee adopt the minutes of October 5, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Marcus Lemon, Baker & Miller Law Firm (former Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration FHWA), gave both verbal and written testimony opposed to the New International Trade Crossing (NITC) Bridge, SB410, and SB411.

Valerie Southern, VJS Transportation (former Expert Consultant to FHWA and State Departments of Transportation), gave both verbal and written testimony opposed to the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. Ms. Southern then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Pappageorge gave verbal testimony opposed to the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411.

Van Conway, Conway MacKenzie Inc, gave both verbal and written testimony opposed to the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. Mr. Conway then answered questions from committee members.

Samara Barend, AECOM, gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. Ms. Barend then answered questions from committee members.

Daniel Benefiel, Willow Run Tea Party Caucus, gave both verbal and written testimony opposed to the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. Mr. Benefiel also read into the record written testimony submitted by Vince Wade.

Dennis Moore, Willow Run Tea Party Caucus, gave verbal testimony opposed to the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. Mr. Moore then answered questions from committee members.

Richard McLellan, representing himself, gave both verbal and written testimony neutral to the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. Mr. McLellan then answered questions from committee members.

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Marc Hesst, Resident of Delray, gave verbal testimony in support of the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. Mr. Hesst then answered questions from committee members.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: October 12, 2011

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