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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Caucus meetings delayed the start of committee; Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Kowall (VC), Brandenburg, Pavlov, Gleason, and Hood

Absent: None

Excused: None

The following list provides the order of business:

Adoption of March 22, 2011 minutes

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| SB 265 (Casperson) | Traffic control; violations; weight restriction during frost restriction periods; provide exemption for trucks transporting heating fuel under certain circumstances. |
| HB 4004 (Kurtz) | Transportation; railroads; certain segment of property formerly used for railway; exempt from divestiture provision. |
| HB 4129 (Knollenberg) | Highways; name; portion of M-24; designate as the "William Davidson memorial highway". |
| SB 102 (Pappageorge) | Vehicles; registration plates; "Gold Star Family" registration plates; create. |
| SB 104 (Khan) | Vehicles; registration plates; specialty plates for scouts; create. |

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall made the motion to adopt the minutes from the March 22, 2011 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

The Chair began with the bills taken up at the previous meeting, Senate Bill 265 and House Bill 4004.

Additional testimony was offered on Senate Bill 265, sponsored by Casperson.

Ed Noyola, representing the County Road Association of Michigan, provided the members with additional testimony continuing to oppose the bill.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to speak:

- Derek Dalling, on behalf of the MI Propane Gas Assn – SUPPORTS
- Mark Griffin, representing the MI Petroleum Assn – SUPPORTS
- Matt Breslin, Road Commission for Oakland County – OPPOSED

Being no further testimony, Senator Casperson requested a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for SB 265.

Senator Kowall moved to adopt the S-1.

Yeas: Casperson, Kowall, Brandenburg, Pavlov, and Gleason

Nays: Hood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to report the S-1 version of SB 265 with recommendation.

Senator Brandenburg moved to report the S-1 version of SB 265 with recommendation.

Yeas: Casperson, Kowall, Brandenburg, Pavlov, and Gleason

Nays: Hood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to recommend immediate effect.

Senator Kowall moved to recommend immediate effect.

Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Senate Committee on Transportation reported the S-1 version of SB 265 with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole and further recommended the bill be given immediate effect.

The Chair invited Representative Knollenberg to provide background on his legislation, House Bill 4129. The sponsor gave opening remarks on the bill, then Joel Jacob, representing the William Davidson family, joined the Representative to speak in support of the bill.

Being no further testimony, the Chair moved on to the next item, House Bill 4004.

As the members had taken testimony on this legislation the week before, it was brought forward for the purposes of voting.

Kelly Bartlett, on behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation, submitted a card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to report HB 4004 with recommendation.

Senator Kowall moved to report HB 4004 with recommendation.

Yeas: Casperson, Kowall, Brandenburg, Pavlov, Gleason, Hood
Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to recommend immediate effect.

Senator Gleason moved to recommend immediate effect.

Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Senate Committee on Transportation reported HB 4004 with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole and further recommended the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Casperson announced the next item of business would be Senate Bill 104.

Jon Cool, speaking on behalf of Senator Kahn as the sponsor, provided the members with a brief overview of the legislation.

Steve and Gerrit Bakker, residents of Alma, both having acquired the rank of Eagle Scouts, spoke in support of the measure.

James Fackler and Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, submitted a card indicating they are neutral on the bill, and were available for questions.

Senator Hood acknowledged Sgt. Brody Boucher, of the Michigan State Police. He asked their opinion on the bill. They were taking a neutral position as they were not the lead agency handling the measure.

Being no further testimony, the Chair moved on to the final item of business, Senate Bill 102, sponsored by Senator Pappageorge. Senator Casperson explained to members that the sponsor requested the measure be postponed for the time being.

The Chair then asked the members to keep Senator Hansen's family in their thoughts and prayers for the health of their son.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: April 26, 2011

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