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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of the May 17, 2011, minutes
- HB 4366 Rep. O'Brien Transportation; authorities; member of public transit authority; prohibit if individual is employee or officer of another public transit authority.
- HB 4367 Rep. McCann Transportation; authorities; qualifying criteria to form a public authority; clarify.
- HB 4533 Rep. Rogers Traffic control; driver license; individual with level 2 graduated driver license; modify limitation on hours of operation and exception to number of passengers allowed in vehicle under certain circumstances.
- SB 187 Sen. Booher Vehicles; fund-raising registration plates; specialty plate for ducks unlimited; provide for.
- SB 389 Sen. Anderson Vehicles; registration plates; specialty plate for the Michigan breast and cervical cancer control program; provide for.
- Presentation by Carmine Palombo, from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments to provide an overview of transportation funding comparisons with other states.

- Presentation by Brent Bair, Managing Director of the Road Commission for Oakland County to provide information on implementing a mileage-based user fee as a future transportation funding source.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall made the motion to adopt the minutes from the May 17, 2011, committee meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was House Bills 4366-67. The Committee heard testimony on the bill at the May 17, 2011, meeting. There were no additional comments or testimony cards submitted.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to report House Bill 4366 with recommendation. Senator Kowall made the motion.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg offered a motion to recommend immediate effect. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to report House Bill 4367 with recommendation. Senator Kowall made the motion.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall offered a motion to recommend immediate effect. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was House Bill 4533. As the sponsor of the bill, Representative Rogers offered members a brief summary of the bills.

Senator Schuitmaker was in attendance and indicated her support for the measure.

James Fackler and Chris Hackbarth, representing the MI Secretary of State, submitted a card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak.

This was the first week the bill had been brought before the members so testimony was taken and the bill was held over for voting at a later date.

The Chair explained the following two bills would be taken up for voting even though they had not been given a week hold over. Timing issues required their immediate consideration.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 187. As the sponsor of the bill, Senate Booher offered members a brief summary of the bill.

Russ Terry, with Ducks Unlimited, spoke in support of the bill.

Al Stinson, DVM, with MI Hunting Dog Federation, submitted a card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak.

James Fackler and Chris Hackbarth, representing the MI Secretary of State, submitted a card indicating they are neutral on the bill but did not wish to speak.

Being no further testimony, Senator Casperson requested a motion to adopt the (S-2) version of Senate Bill 187. The motion was offered by Senator Pavlov.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to report the (S-2) version of Senate Bill 187 with recommendation. Senator Kowall made the motion.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg offered a motion to recommend immediate effect. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 389. As the sponsor of the bill, Senator Anderson offered members a brief summary of the bills.

E.J. Siegl, with MI Department of Community Health, spoke in support of the bill.

Karen Jennings, with the Ingham County Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program spoke in support of the bill.

James Fackler and Chris Hackbarth, representing the MI Secretary of State, submitted a card indicating they are neutral on the bill but did not wish to speak.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to report Senate Bill 389 with recommendation. Senator Brandenburg made the motion.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall offered a motion to recommend immediate effect. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Carmine Palombo, from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments gave a presentation to provide members with an overview of transportation funding in comparison with other states.

Brent Bair, Managing Director of the Road Commission for Oakland County gave a presentation to provide members information on implementing a mileage-based user fee as a future transportation funding source.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: May 31, 2011

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