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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:40 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 June 7, 2011, minutes
- SB 162 Sen. Pappageorge Vehicles; registration plates; specialty plate for Michigan humane society; create.
- HB 4316 Rep. Huuki Vehicles; equipment; requirement for brakes; exempt log slasher units.
- HB 4315 Rep. Price Highways; name; renaming a portion of US-31; designate as the Medal of Honor Recipients Highway".
- SB 351 Sen. Proos Sales tax; distribution; percentage of sales tax collected to be earmarked to transportation funding; establish.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall made the motion to adopt the minutes from the June 7, 2011, committee meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 162. Testimony on the bill had been taken the previous week, and no additional testimony cards were submitted.

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall offered a motion to report Senate Bill 162 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was House Bill 4316. As the sponsor of the bill, Representative Huuki offered members a brief summary of the bill.

Jim Maeder and Warren Suchovsky, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen, spoke in support of the bill.

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

- Judy Augenstein, Great Lakes Timber Professionals, support
- Sgt. Brody Boucher, MI State Police, neutral
- Matt Smego, MI Farm Bureau, support

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

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was House Bill 4315. Sherry Sofia, from Representative Price's office, explained the amendment language that was before the members.

Kelly Bartlett, representing the MI Department of Transportation, submitted a card in support of the bill and amendment but did not wish to speak.

Being no further testimony, Senator Casperson offered the amendment and made the motion to adopt the amendment to House Bill 4315.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason offered a motion to report House Bill 4315 as amended, as a clean substitute, with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 351. As the sponsor of the bill, Senator Proos offered members a brief summary of the substitute before them.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of MI
- Summer Minnick, MI Municipal League
- Mike Nystrom, MI Infrastructure and Transportation Association

The following individuals submitted cards opposing the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Tom Fischer, MI Environmental Council
- Kelly Bartlett, MI Department of Transportation

Being no further testimony, Senator Brandenburg offered the motion to adopt the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 351.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall offered a motion to report the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 351 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: June 21, 2011

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