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The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:42 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Brandenburg

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of the June 28, 2011, minutes
- SB 35 Sen. Nofs Traffic control; traffic regulation; provision relating to maximum length allowed for a recreational vehicle; expand to include trailers.
- SB 534 Sen. Gleason Vehicles; fund-raising registration plates; anatomical gift donation fund-raising registration plate; create.
- SB 516 Sen. Proos Vehicles; agricultural equipment; definition of modified agriculture vehicle; create, and provide an exception from certain weight requirements.
- SB 561 Sen. Brandenburg Transportation; limousines; authority to license; limit to transportation department and department of state and repeal provision allowing safety inspection by local units of government.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 516. As the sponsor of the measure, Senator Proos gave the members a brief explanation of the bill.

George Brossman, Cass County Farm Bureau, offered testimony in support of the bill.

Tonia Ritter, with Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card indicating they support the bill in concept but did not wish to speak.

Ed Noyola, from the County Road Association of Michigan, submitted a card indicating they oppose the bill.

This was the first week the bill 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 Senate Bill 35. Testimony had been taken on the measure at a previous meeting. The sponsor of the measure, Senator Nofs was available for further questions.

Sgt. Brody Boucher, on behalf of the Michigan State Police, submitted a card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak.

Being no further testimony, Senator Casperson offered an amendment to the bill. Senator Kowall made a motion that it be adopted.

Yeas: Casperson, Kowall, Pavlov, and Gleason

Nays: Senator Hood

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov offered a motion to report Senate Bill 35 as amended with recommendation.

Yeas: Casperson, Kowall, Pavlov, and Gleason

Nays: Senator Hood

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 534. Testimony had been taken on the measure at a previous meeting. Senator Gleason discussed two amendments he would be offering.

Patty Jo Herndon, with the Michigan Donor Family Council, offered testimony in support of the bill.

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

Amy Olszewski, Gift of Life Michigan, SUPPORT

Chris Hackbarth, Secretary of State, SUPPORT

Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan, OPPOSED

Senator Gleason made a motion that the members adopt amendment #1 to Senate Bill 534.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason made a motion that the members adopt amendment #2 to Senate Bill 534.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall offered a motion to report Senate Bill 534 as amended with recommendation and immediate effect.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 561. On behalf of Senator Brandenburg, the bill sponsor, Dan Papineau, gave the members a brief explanation of the bill.

Kelly Bartlett and Sharon Edgar, with the Michigan Department of Transportation, offered testimony indicating the department is neutral on the measure.

James Fackler, with the Michigan Secretary of State, addressed questions, but indicated the department was neutral on the bill.

Ken Cole, representing the City of Detroit, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Nicholas Kokas with Brentwood DET and Great Lakes Limousine Association spoke in support of the bill.

Richard Greiner with Great Lakes Limousine Association spoke in support of the bill.

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

Jeffery A. Howes, Great Lakes Limousine Association, SUPPORT

Michael P. O'Hara, Great Lakes Limousine Association, SUPPORT

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Senator Casperson made a motion to excuse Senator Brandenburg. Being no objection; the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: October 4, 2011

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