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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:33 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 September 27, 2011, minutes
- 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.
- SB 432 Sen. Kowall Traffic control; violations; gross vehicle weight for vehicle mounted mobile pavement marking equipment; define, and create exception from general axle weight requirements.
- SB 582 Sen. Casperson Traffic control; traffic regulation; access to designated highways for unloaded lowboys; allow.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 582.

These individuals offered testimony on Senate Bill 582, their position follows:

- Keith Ledbetter, Michigan Infrastructure Transportation Association (MITA), SUPPORT
- Jim Tinkey, L& L Construction, SUPPORT
- Ben Berard, Michigan CAT, SUPPORT
- Joe Ballard, Ballard Towing, SUPPORT
- Kelly Bartlett, Michigan Department of Transportation, NEUTRAL
- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan, OPPOSED

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 requested a motion to adopt the minutes from September 27, 2011. Senator Brandenburg offered the motion; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced Senate Bill 516 was being removed from the agenda for further work.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 561. Testimony had been taken on the measure at a previous meeting. The sponsor of the measure, Senator Brandenburg, offered additional comments.

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

- Kelly Bartlett, Michigan Department of Transportation, NEUTRAL
- Nicholas Kokas, Brentwood DET and Great Lakes Limousine Association, SUPPORT
- Michael P. O'Hara, Great Lakes Limousine Association, SUPPORT

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall offered a motion to report Senate Bill 561 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 432. As the sponsor of the measure, Senator Kowall gave the members a brief explanation.

The following individuals spoke regarding the bill, their position follows:

- Chris and Kevin Shea, PK Contracting, SUPPORT
- Kelly Bartlett and Aarne Frobom, Michigan Department of Transportation, NEUTRAL
- Ed Noyola, from the County Road Association of Michigan, OPPOSED
- Jim Shea, with PK Contracting, SUPPORT
- Mike Nystrom, MITA, SUPPORT

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

- Keith Ledbetter, MITA, SUPPORT
- Ben Berard, Michigan CAT, SUPPORT

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Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: October 11, 2011

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