



## THE SENATE

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Kowall, Brandenburg, Pavlov, Hansen, Gleason, and Hood  
Absent: None  
Excused: None

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Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of the October 11, 2011, minutes
- Adopt revision to the committee rules
- SB 516 Sen. Proos                      Vehicles; agricultural equipment; definition of modified agriculture vehicle; create, and provide an exception from certain weight requirements.
- 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.
- HB 4642 Rep. McBroom                      Traffic control; traffic regulation; definition of authorized emergency vehicle; amend to include privately owned vehicles of an emergency management unit.
- SB 575 Sen. Walker                      Transportation; other; public transit buses transporting schoolchildren to and from school; allow to have warning lights and stop sign.

- SB 576 Sen. Walker Transportation; other; drivers of vehicles approaching certain public transit buses; require to stop if red lights are flashing.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to adopt the minutes from October 11, 2011. Senator Brandenburg offered the motion; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to adopt the revision to the Committee rules, changing it to a seven member committee. Senator Gleason offered the motion.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bills 575-76. As the sponsor, Senator Walker gave members a brief overview of the bills.

The following individuals testified on the bills, their position is listed below:

- Michael Murray, Superintendent, Suttons Bay Public Schools, SUPPORT
- Thomas Menzel, Bay Area Transportation Authority, SUPPORT
- Dr. Howard Dashney, Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation, OPPOSED
- Paul Wegmeyer, Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation, OPPOSED
- Kellie Dean, Dean Transportation Inc., OPPOSED
- Sgt. Brody Boucher, Michigan State Police, NEUTRAL

Dusty Fancher submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to offer testimony.

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 that Senate Bill 432 was being pulled from the day's agenda.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 516. As the sponsor of the measure, Senator Proos was available to answer questions.

Senator Proos gave an explanation of the substitute language in the S-2.

Ed Noyola, with the County Road Association of Michigan, gave testimony opposing the bill.

The following submitted cards but did not offer testimony on SB 516, their position is listed below:

- Kelly Bartlett, from Michigan Department of Transportation, NEUTRAL
- Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau, SUPPORT IN CONCEPT
- Brent Bair, Road Commission for Oakland County, OPPOSED

Being no further testimony, Senator Brandenburg made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of Senate Bill 516.

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

Nays: Senator Hood

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall offered a motion to report the S-2 version of Senate Bill 516 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Brandenburg, 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 582.

Matt Blinkilde gave an explanation of the substitute language in the S-2.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill but did not give testimony:

- Kelly Bartlett, with the Michigan Department of Transportation
- Keith Ledbetter, with Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of Senate Bill 582.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg offered a motion to report the S-2 version of Senate Bill 582 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 4642.

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall offered a motion to report House Bill 4642 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 2:18 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: October 25, 2011**

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