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MINUTES

A joint meeting of the Senate Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Economic Development was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. As Chair Casperson was delayed at the start of the committee meeting, Vice Chair Kowall called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Hood

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of the October 18, 2011, minutes
- Presentation by Steve Fisher, Executive Director of the American Great Lakes Ports Association, to provide a bi-national report on the economic impact of the maritime industry upon the Great Lakes region and on individual states, including Michigan.

John Jamian, Executive Director of Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority, gave testimony regarding the history and economic impact of the maritime industry.

Steve Fisher, Executive Director of the American Great Lakes Ports Association, gave an overview of the bi-national report regarding the economic impact of the maritime industry upon the Great Lakes region and on individual states. (Full report available at the following link: <http://greatlakesports.org/pp/uploads/EconStudy-FullReportFinalOct18.pdf>)

Marci Cisneros, from the Michigan Port Collaborative (MPC), gave an overview of the MPC website.

Lisa Shanley, representing the South Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau, submitted a card in support of the presentation, but did not wish to speak.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to adopt the minutes from October 18, 2011. Senator Gleason offered the motion; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to excuse absent members. Senator Hansen offered the motion; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: November 1, 2011

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