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**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

Members Present: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Hansen, and Hunter  
Members Excused: Senator Nofs, Emmons, and Smith

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Senator Kowall called the meeting to order.

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

- A Discussion of the Economic Impact of the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority

Senator Hildenbrand, supported by Senator Hansen, motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of August 15, 2012. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall introduced the topic of discussion to committee members: the Economic Impact of the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority. Senator Kowall then called forth those wishing to speak on the subject.

The following persons testified on the topic and answered questions from the committee members:

- Paul C. LaMarre III, representing the Port of Monroe—Support
- Art Papapanos, representing the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation—Oppose
- Donald Hart, representing the Stern Brothers & Company—Support
- John Jamian and John Kerr, representing the Port of Detroit—Support (also submitted written documents on file with the clerk)

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:52 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: September 13, 2012

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