



## THE SENATE

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:32 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 February 7, 2012, minutes
- SB 909 Sen. Casperson Transportation; other; regional transit authority for southeast Michigan; establish.
- SB 911 Sen. Johnson Vehicles; registration; optional registration fees for regional transit authority; create.
- SB 912 Sen. Johnson Land use; zoning and growth management; Michigan zoning enabling act; amend to exempt southeast Michigan regional transit authority public transit facilities from local zoning ordinances or regulations.

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Senator Kowall was asked to Chair the beginning of the meeting. He led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 7, 2012, committee meeting. Senator Brandenburg offered the motion, support was offered by Senator Hood; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall announced the next order of business would be Senate Bills 909, 911, and 912. As sponsors of the bills, Senators Casperson, Warren, and Johnson, gave the members a brief overview of the bills.

After testifying, Senator Casperson resumed the position of Chair.

The following individuals spoke in support of the bills:

- Bill Rustem, Office of Governor Snyder
- Kirk Steudle, Michigan Department of Transportation
- John Hertel, John Swatosh, and Scott Anderson, Suburban Mobility Authority Regional Transit
- Gerald Poisson, Oakland County Executive Office
- Kirk Lewis, City of Detroit (supports in concept)
- Melissa Roy, Macomb County Executive Office
- Bob Morris, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
- Conan Smith, Washtenaw County
- Alan Helmkamp, Wayne County
- Tim Greimel, Oakland County Commission
- Megan Owens, Transportation Riders United
- Mark Flanders, J. Micheal Tasse, and Wardell Montgomery, M.O.S.E.S

Todd Tennis, representing the Amalgamated Transit Union, spoke in opposition to the bills.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills but did not wish to speak:

- Tim Fischer, Michigan Environmental Council
- Moreno Taylor II, Michigan Association of Counties
- Brad Williams, Detroit Regional Chamber

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: February 28, 2012**

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