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The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of June 5, 2012 minutes
- HB 4303 Rep. McBroom Natural resources; wetlands; wetland mitigation; exempt county road commission.
- SB 1164 Sen. Casperson Natural resources; mining; access to gravel sources on state-owned land; allow.
- HB 5044 Rep. Geiss Highways; name; portion of I-94; designate as the "Auxiliary Lieutenant Dan Kromer Memorial Highway".
- HB 5045 Rep. Geiss Highways; name; portion of US-24; designate as the "Corporal Matthew Edwards Memorial Highway".
- SB 898 Sen. Bieda Highways; name; certain portion of M-29; designate as the "Staff Sergeant Ergin V. Osman Memorial Highway".
- SB 1089 Sen. Marleau Highways; name; certain portion of M-24; designate as "Gold Star Memorial Highway".
- HB 4790 Rep. Cotter Counties; boards and commissions; requirement for competitive

bidding by county road commissions on certain projects involving townships; provide for.

- HB 5007 Rep. Somerville Transportation; funds; financial performance audits; require of the department of treasury.
 - HB 5152 Rep. Outman Vehicles; equipment; definition of special mobile equipment; clarify, and exempt portable conveyors from brakes requirement.
 - HB 4146 Rep. Gilbert Vehicles; equipment; warning lights and alarms on commercial snow removal vehicles; require under certain circumstances.
 - SB 1121 Sen. Caswell Vehicles; agricultural equipment; definition of implement of husbandry; expand.
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Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 4303. Representative McBroom came forward and explained the bill to the committee.

The following individuals gave testimony regarding the bill, their position is indicated below:

- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Oppose
- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan – Support
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Assn – Support

The following individuals submitted cards indicating their position on the bill but did not wish to speak.

- Shannan Kane, the Sierra Club – Oppose
- Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

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 announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1164. Senator Casperson gave the members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals gave testimony regarding the bill, their position is indicated below:

- MoReno Taylor II, Michigan Association of Counties – Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Oppose
- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan – Support
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association – Support

The following individual submitted a card indicating their position on the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Shannan Kane, the Sierra Club – Oppose

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 announced the next order of business would be House Bill 4790. Matt Golden from Representative Cotter's office gave the members an overview of the changes in the S-4 version of the bill.

The following people gave testimony supporting the bill:

- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association

The following individual submitted a testimony card but did not wish to speak on the bill:

- Kelly Bartlett, Michigan Department of Transportation – Neutral

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-4 Substitute to House Bill 4790.

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

Nays: Senator Hood

Pass: Senator Gleason

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Kowall to report House Bill 4790 S-4 with recommendation.

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

Nays: Senator Hood

Pass: Senator Gleason

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be House Bills 5044-45. Representative Geiss came forward and explained the bill to the committee.

The following people gave testimony concerning House Bills 5044-45:

- Joyce Kromer, Wife of Auxiliary Lieutenant Dan Kromer – Support
- Shannon Edwards, Wife of Corporal Matthew Edwards – Support

The following individual submitted a testimony card but did not wish to speak on House Bills 5044-45:

- Gerald Cole, Taylor Police Department – Support
- Lino Pretto, American Legion Marine Corp League, Purple Heart – Support

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Hansen to report House Bill 5044 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Kowall to report House Bill 5045 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hood offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 898. Senator Bieda came forward and explained the bill to the committee.

The following individual gave testimony in support of the bill:

- Sara Osman, Mother of SSGT Ergin V. Osman – Support

The following individual submitted a testimony card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Lino Pretto, American Legion Marine Corp League, Purple Heart – Support

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Hansen to report Senate Bill 898 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hood offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1089. Senator Marleau came forward and explained the bill to the committee.

The following individual submitted a testimony card but did not wish to speak on the bill:

- Lino Pretto, American Legion Marine Corp League, Purple Heart – Support

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Kowall to report Senate Bill 1089 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5007. Testimony had been taken at a previous meeting. Senator Casperson announced there was an S-2 version before the members.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Lance Binoniemi, Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association – Support
- Kelly Bartlett, Michigan Department of Transportation – Support

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Brandenburg to adopt the S-2 version of House Bill 5007.

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

Nays: Senator Hood

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Kowall to report the S-2 version of House Bill 5007 with recommendation.

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

Nays: Senator Hood

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5152. Representative Outman came forward and explained the bill to the committee.

The following individual gave testimony concerning the bill:

- Mike Newman, Michigan Aggregates Association – Support

The following individual submitted a testimony card but did not wish to speak on the bill:

- James Fackler, Michigan Secretary of State's office – Support

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Hansen to report House Bill 5152 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 4146. Senator Pavlov came forward and explained the bill to the committee.

The following individual gave testimony in support of the bill:

- John Wunch, a citizen

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Pavlov to report House Bill 4146 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1121. Senator Casperson announced there was an S-1 version before the members.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card but did not wish to speak on the bill, their position is indicated below:

- James Fackler, Michigan Secretary of State's office – Support
- Joel Sheltroun, Elio Motors – Support
- Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support
- Kelly Bartlett, Michigan Department of Transportation – Neutral

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Kowall to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 1121.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Hansen to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 1121 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

Being no further testimony, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: September 11, 2012

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