



THE SENATE

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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 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 January 17, 2012, minutes
- SB 756 Sen. Walker Traffic control; driver license; individuals with level 2 graduated driver license; prohibit cell phone use while operating a vehicle.
- SB 555 Sen. Hansen Vehicles; fund-raising registration plates; specialty plate recognizing "Michigan Trails and Greenways"; create.
- SB 600 Sen. Colbeck Vehicles; registration plates; specialty plate for "Right to Life"; create.
- SB 869 Sen. Casperson Vehicles; registration plates; specialty plates for the "Detroit Red Wings", "Detroit Tigers", "Detroit Lions", "Detroit Pistons", and "NASCAR"; create.
- HB 4754 Rep. Foster Transportation; railroads; sale of certain state-owned rail lines; prohibit.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 17, 2012, committee meeting. Senator Kowall offered the motion; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 756, sponsored by Senator Walker.

Senator Casperson made a motion to report Senate Bill 756 with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov entered the room at 12:38.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 555. Testimony had been taken at the previous meeting.

Being no further testimony, Senator Hansen made a motion to report Senate Bill 555 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 prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 600. Testimony had been taken at the previous meeting and the S-2 substitute version shared with the members.

Being no further testimony, Senator Gleason made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of Senate Bill 600.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall made a motion to report the S-2 version of Senate Bill 600 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 prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 869. Testimony had been taken at the previous meeting and the S-1 substitute version shared with the members.

Tony Des Chenes, representing the Detroit Pistons, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak.

Being no further testimony, Senator Brandenburg made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 869.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Being no further testimony, Senator Hansen made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 869 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov offered a motion to recommend immediate effect. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 4754. Jason Puscas, from the office of Representative Foster, the sponsor of the measure, gave the members a brief overview of the bill.

Kelly Bartlett, with the Michigan Department of Transportation submitted a card in support of the bill and stepped up to answer questions at the members' request.

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.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: January 31, 2012

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