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A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 2:03 p.m. in the Capitol Building, Room 402/403.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen, and Smith

Excused: Hunter

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

(Testimony Only)

- HB 4394 Rep. Haveman - Employment security; benefits; computation and charging of unemployment benefits; modify for continuing employer.
- SB 410 Sen. Richardville - Transportation; funds; a new international bridge crossing act; create.
- SB 411 Sen. Richardville - Transportation; authorities; authority created under the new international bridge crossing act; include as an eligible governmental agency under the state trunk line highway system act.

Senator Smith motioned, supported by Senator Hansen that the committee adopt the minutes of September 28, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Mike O'Brien, representing the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) gave verbal testimony in support of HB4394. Mr. O'Brien then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals gave verbal testimony opposed to a New International Trade Crossing (NITC) Bridge, SB410, and SB411:

Minister Malik Shabazz, Resident of Detroit

Gabriel Kenyatta, Resident of Detroit

Baray Ross, Resident of Detroit

Malik Shelton, Resident of Detroit

Reverend Horace Sheffield III, and Horace Sheffield IV, Resident of Detroit

Fred Feliciano, representing Hispanic Young Professional Entrepreneurs

Carlos Topp, Resident of Detroit

Kenneth Holloway, Resident of Detroit

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The following individuals gave verbal testimony to the committee members in support of a NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411:

Eric Henning & Chief Economist Mustafa Mohatorem, representing General Motors (GM)
Steve Minella, representing IUOE Local #324
Nick McCreary, representing the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters
Frank Rodriguez, Resident of Detroit
Leah Hudson, Resident of Detroit
Jesse Gonzoles, Resident of Detroit
Simone Sagovac, Resident of Detroit and Member of the SW Detroit Community Benefits Coalition (CBC)
Scott Brines, Resident of Detroit and CBC Member

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411 but did not wish to speak:

Elaine Masbouth, CBC Member (written testimony also)
Phillip Allmond, Resident of Detroit (written testimony also)
Sarah Clark, CBC Member
Cheryl Hudson, Resident of Detroit and CBC Member
Noah Kaminsky, CBC Member
Leslie Cadman, CBC Member

The following individuals submitted testimony cards opposed to the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411 but did not wish to speak:

Jeffrey Lewis, representing People United for Better Housing
Lula Gardfrey, Resident of Detroit
Ifraj Schkooor, Resident of Detroit
Wilma Cage, Resident of Detroit
Moriah Pettes, Resident of Detroit
Joie Canty, Resident of Detroit
Arnold Woods, Resident of Detroit
Javara Bufkin, Resident of Detroit
Lydell Dukes, Resident of Detroit
Linda Johnson, Resident of Detroit
T. Goodin, Resident of Detroit
Char'ron Hardges, Resident of Detroit
Marissa Barlow, Resident of Detroit
Terrilyn Cooper, Resident of Detroit
Jessica Cooper, Resident of Detroit
Kenya Johnson, Resident of Detroit
Mary Griffin, Resident of Detroit
Ayasha Quick, Resident of Detroit
Octana Bostic, Resident of Detroit
Veronica Wise, Resident of Detroit
Michael Bussey, Resident of Detroit
Gwendolyn Shelton, Resident of Detroit
Chocarra Egeston, Resident of Detroit
Markus Barr, Resident of Detroit

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Senator Smith motioned to excuse Senator Hunter.
Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: October 5, 2011

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