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A meeting of the Senate Economic Development Committee was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 1:35 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, Boji Tower.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Senator Kowall announced the order of business:

(Testimony Only)

- 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 Hildenbrand motioned, supported by Senator Nofs, that the committee adopt the minutes of October 11, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Kowall called upon representatives of the Attorney General Bill Schuette to answer questions relative to the New International Trade Crossing (NITC) Bridge, SB410, and SB411.

Alan Cropsey; Molly Jason; David Brickey; and Robert Mol representing the Attorney General Bill Schuette, gave verbal testimony neutral to the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. These individuals then answered questions from committee members.

Angela Ryan, Former Port Director for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Detroit, gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. Ms. Ryan then answered questions from committee members.

Professor Robert Sedler, Wayne State University Law School, gave both verbal and written testimony opposed to the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. Professor Sedler then answered questions from committee members.

Eric Gaabo and John Nader, representing the City of Detroit, gave verbal testimony neutral to the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. Mr. Gaabo and Mr. Nader then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Kowall called upon representatives of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to answer questions relative to NITC, SB410, and SB411.

Laura Mester, Myron Frierson, and Denise Jackson, representing MDOT gave both verbal and written testimony in support of the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB411. These individuals then answered questions from committee members.

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Mickey Blashfield, representing the Ambassador Bridge, gave verbal testimony opposed to the NITC Bridge, SB410, and SB41.

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

Patricia Hartic, Former Mayor of Trenton, MI

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association (written testimony also)

Jonathan Byrd, representing Michigan Laborers District Council

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

Bill McMaster, representing Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation (written testimony also)

Deb OHagan

Being no further business before the committee, Senator Kowall adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: October 20, 2011

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