



## THE SENATE

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

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Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

Adoption of the May 31, 2011, minutes

HB 4315 Rep. Price Highways; name; renaming a portion of US-31; designate as the Medal of Honor Recipients Highway".

SB 162 Sen. Pappageorge Vehicles; registration plates; specialty plate for Michigan humane society; create.

SB 291 Sen. Pavlov Vehicles; motorcycles; motorcycle helmet requirement; abolish under certain circumstances.

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Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall made the motion to adopt the minutes from the May 31, 2011, committee meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was Senate Bill 162. As the sponsor of the bill, Senator Pappageorge offered members a brief summary of the bill.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business was House Bill 4315. As the sponsor of the bill, Representative Price offered members a brief summary of the bill.

Roger Jansen, representing the Holland Area Veterans Council, spoke in support of the bill.

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

- Greg Kiekintveld, Holland Area Veterans Council
- Kelly Bartlett, MI Department of Transportation
- Rich Overway, Disabled American Veterans
- Daniel Broe, Holland Veterans Council

The Chair then returned to the previous order of business, Senate Bill 162.

Linda Reider and Kevin Hartman, representing the MI Humane Society, spoke in support of the bill.

Chris Hackbarth and James Fackler, representing the MI Secretary of State, submitted a card indicating their office was neutral on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

This was the first week the bills 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 was Senate Bill 291. As the sponsor of the bill, Senator Pavlov offered members a brief summary of the bill.

The following individuals testified on SB 291, their position follows:

- Vince Consiglio, American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) of MI, support
- Don Smith, Skilled Motorcyclist Assn Responsible Trained & Educated Riders (SMARTER), oppose
- Dr. Gerald Ockert, SMARTER and MI Driver and Traffic Safety Education Assn (MDTSEA), oppose
- Lance Binoniemi, MI Licensed Beverage Assn, support
- Jim Rhodes, ABATE of MI, support

At the request of the Chair Heather Drake with AAA of Michigan, came forward to answer questions.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

- Eric Larson, SMARTER
- Patricia Herndon, State Farm Insurance
- Scott Hummel, MI Assn of Insurance Agents
- Peter Kuhnmuensch, Insurance Institute of MI
- Kevin McKinney, MI Brain Injury Providers Council, MI Brain Injury Assn of MI, and MI Osteopathic Assn
- Chris Mitchell, MI Health and Hospital Assn
- Joshua Richmond, MI State Medical Society
- Cia Segerlind, MI Insurance Coalition
- Mariam Gillespie, MI Nurses Assn
- Joe Neller, MI Academy of Family Physicians
- Dave Field, Allstate

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

- Ray Clemens, MI Harley-Davidson Dealers Assn
- Butch Brown, ABATE of MI

- David Brown, Moose Riders of MI

Being no further testimony, Senator Pavlov offered a motion to report Senate Bill 291 with recommendation.

Yeas: Casperson, Kowall, Brandenburg, Pavlov, and Gleason

Nays: Hood

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: June 14, 2011**

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