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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building. Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:38 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 December 6, 2011, minutes
- Adoption of amended November 1, 2011, minutes
- SB 853 Sen. Emmons Vehicles; driver training; fingerprint and criminal history record information requirements under driver education provider and instructor act; revise.
- HB 5125 Rep. Switalski Counties; boards and commissions; powers and duties of county road commissioners to be exercised by the county board of commissioners; provide for.
- HB 5126 Rep. Zorn Counties; boards and commissions; transfer of functions of a county road commission to the county board of commissioners; provide for.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 6, 2011, committee meeting. Senator Brandenburg offered the motion; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to adopt the amendment to the minutes of the November 1, 2011, committee meeting. Testimony cards that had been submitted by the public were recently given to the clerk and have now been added to the record. Senator Kowall offered the motion to accept the amended minutes; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 853. Testimony had been taken at the previous meeting.

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall made a motion to report Senate Bill 853 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be House Bills 5125-26. As the sponsors of the bills, Representatives Switalski and Zorn gave members a brief overview of the bills.

The following individuals gave testimony on the bills, their position is indicated below:

- Kelly Bartlett, MI Department of Transportation, SUPPORT
- Tom Frazier, MI Townships Association, SUPPORT with changes
- Nick Ciaramitaro, American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, SUPPORT with changes
- Jason Sheppard, Monroe County Commissioner, SUPPORT
- Steven Liedel, MI Association of County Treasurers, made a number of recommendations
- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of MI, SUPPORT substitute versions
- Jon Rice, Kent County Road Commission, SUPPORT substitute versions
- James Iwanicki, Marquette County Road Commission, SUPPORT with changes
- Moreno Taylor, MI Association of Counties, SUPPORT
- Vince Dragonetti, Ingham County Commissioner, SUPPORT

The following individuals submitted testimony cards on the bills but did not wish to speak, they supported the substitute versions of the bills:

- Dorothy Pohl, Ionia County Road Commission
- Robert Laitinen, Chippewa County Road Commission
- Mark Craft, Gratiot County Road Commission
- Dr. John Daly, Genesee County Road Commission
- Craig Kelso, Schoolcraft County Road Commission
- Joe Pulver, Clinton County Road Commission
- Alan Cooper, Wexford County Road Commission
- James Harmon, Washtenaw County Road Commission

- Steven Puuri, Washtenaw County Road Commission

The following individuals submitted testimony cards on the bills but did not wish to speak, they opposed the bills:

Mark Straley, R.S. Scott Associates, Inc.

Mark Sohlden, Gladwin County Road Commission

Jim Dravenstatt-Moceri, Ingham County Road Commission

Bernard Lund, Schoolcraft County Road Commission

Brent Bair, Road Commission for Oakland County

Neal Hentschl and John Hunt, Huron County Road Commission

Darrell Tennis, Eaton County Road Commission

Matt Smego, with Michigan Farm Bureau submitted a testimony card indicating they are neutral on the bill, and did not wish to speak.

Senator Casperson announced the committee would recess to allow a member to work with Legislative Service Bureau (LSB) to draft an amendment.

Senator Casperson called the meeting back to order at 2:00 p.m.

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of House Bill 5125 with recommendation.

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

Nays: Senator Pavlov

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Being no further testimony, Senator Hansen made a motion to report House Bill 5125 with recommendation.

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

Nays: Senator Pavlov

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Casperson offered an amendment to the S-2 version of House Bill 5126. Matt Blinkilde from the Senate Majority Policy Office gave an explanation of the amendment.

Senator Hansen made a motion to adopt the Casperson amendment to the S-2 version of House Bill 5126.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of House Bill 5126 as amended.

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

Nays: Senator Pavlov

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall made a motion to report the S-2 version of House Bill 5126 as amended, with recommendation.

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

Nays: Senator Pavlov

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Casperson requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau to include the changes adopted by the Committee.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: January 17, 2012

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