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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 1:45 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 March 6, 2012 minutes
- SB 909 Sen. Casperson Transportation; other; regional transit authority for southeast Michigan; establish.
- SB 911 Sen. Johnson Vehicles; registration; optional registration fees for regional transit authority; create.
- SB 912 Sen. Johnson Land use; zoning and growth management; Michigan zoning enabling act; amend to exempt southeast Michigan regional transit authority public transit facilities from local zoning ordinances or regulations.
- SB 967 Sen. Smith Transportation; other; state rights-of-way on state roads; allow dedication of lane for public transit.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 6, 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 Bills 909, 911, 912, and 967.

James Walker, from National Motorists Association spoke in support of the bills.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the bills:

- Bill McMaster, Taxpayers United MI Foundation
- Andy Schor, Michigan Municipal League (only opposing SB 912)

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills:

- Dennis Schornach, Office of Governor Snyder
- Felicia Wasson, AARP
- Lindsay Case, Detroit Regional Chamber
- Brian Kandler, HNTB Corporation
- John Langdon, Michigan Assn of Railroad Passengers

Senator Hood offered two amendments to the S-2 version and explained them to the members.

Senator Gleason made a motion to adopt the Hood amendment #1 to the S-2 version of Senate Bill 909.

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

Nays: Senator Pavlov

Pass: Senator Brandenburg

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason made a motion to adopt the Hood amendment #2 to the S-2 version of Senate Bill 909.

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

Nays: Senator Pavlov

Pass: Senator Brandenburg

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-2 version of Senate Bill 909 as amended.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Senators Gleason, and Hood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall made a motion to report the S-2 version of Senate Bill 909 as amended with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Pavlov, and Hansen

Nays: None

Pass: Senators Brandenburg, Gleason, and Hood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson offered a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion carried.

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

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Senator Pavlov made a motion to report Senate Bill 912 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, and Hansen

Nays: Senator Pavlov

Pass: Senators Brandenburg, Gleason, and Hood

The motion failed.

Senator Casperson made a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to report Senate Bill 912 with recommendation, failed.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Pavlov, and Hansen

Nays: None

Pass: Senators Brandenburg, Gleason, and Hood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: March 27, 2012

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