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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:34 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 April 24, 2012 minutes
- SB 1030 Sen. Caswell Traffic control; traffic regulation; certain requirements for stopping for school bus; revise.
- SB 1034 Sen. Hildenbrand Vehicles; registration; multiple reinstatements of license suspended for nonpayment of driver responsibility fee; allow under certain circumstances.
- HB 5228 Rep. MacMaster Transportation; carriers; applicability of motor carrier safety act of 1963 to certain commercial vehicles; revise to exclude commercial vehicles weighing under 26,001 pounds.
- SB 445 Sen. Warren Transportation; funds; continued funding for certain districts; provide for.
- SB 873 Sen. Marleau Transportation; carriers; indemnity clauses; prohibit in motor carrier transportation negotiations.

- SB 1078 Sen. Casperson Vehicles; motorcycles; definition of motorcycle; create exception for enclosed vehicles with 3 wheels.
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Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 24, 2012 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 5228.

The members took testimony on the measure the previous week.

Sgt. Dwayne Gill, of the Michigan State Police, gave a brief overview of the changes in the S-1 version before the members. The agency remained neutral on the bill.

Representative MacMaster was available to answer questions but offered no additional testimony.

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

- Dave Ladd, MI Aggregate Association
- George Carr, MI Underground Water Association / Water Well Drillers

The Chair advised members they would take the measure up again at a later meeting.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1030.

The members took testimony on the measure the previous week and no additional cards were submitted.

Senator Kowall made a motion to report Senate Bill 1030 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1034.

The members took testimony on the measure the previous week and no additional cards were submitted.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to report Senate Bill 1034 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be Senate Bill 1078.

Joel Sheltroun, representing Elio Motors, Inc., offered testimony in support of the bill.

Kelly Bartlett, with the Michigan Department of Transportation, submitted a card indicating the Department is neutral on the bill.

This was the first week the bill 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 would be Senate Bill 445.

Senator Warren gave members an overview of the S-1 version before the members.

Kelly Bartlett, with the Michigan Department of Transportation, submitted a card indicating the Department is neutral on the bill.

This was the first week the bill 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 would be Senate Bill 873.

Ryan Burtka, Legislative Aide for Senator Marleau, gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified in support of the bill:

- Jim Burg, James Burg Trucking Company
- Carl Brune, McKinley Trucking / Michigan Trucking Association
- John T. Eads, Great West Casualty Company and their insured customers

Kelly Bartlett, with the Michigan Department of Transportation, submitted a card indicating the Department is neutral on the bill.

This was the first week the bill had been brought before the members so testimony was taken and the legislation was held over for voting at a later date.

Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: May 8, 2012

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