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The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 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 May 22, 2012 minutes
- SB 402 Sen. Schuitmaker Occupations; physicians; voluntary reporting to secretary of state patients with conditions that affect ability to operate a motor vehicle; allow, and provide for immunity.
- SB 403 Sen. Schuitmaker Traffic control; driver license; examination regarding existence of certain medical condition affecting applicant's ability to operate safely; revise and clarify.
- HB 4025 Rep. Agema Sales tax; distribution; distribution of certain revenue from aviation fuel to be earmarked into the state aeronautics fund; provide for.
- HB 5007 Rep. Somerville Transportation; funds; financial performance audits; require of the department of treasury.
- SB 1121 Sen. Caswell Vehicles; agricultural equipment; definition of implement of husbandry; expand.
- SB 1154 Sen. Kowall Transportation; carriers; mobility policies; eliminate limits on

hours of operator time and on-duty periods for commercial motor vehicles engaged in seasonal construction-related activities.

- SB 1146 Sen. Kowall Vehicles; historic; use of historic vehicles during the month of August; designate as exhibition.
 - The Michigan Department of Transportation gave a presentation on high speed rail.
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Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senatore Casperson announced the first order of business would be Senate Bill 1121. Senator Caswell came forward and explained the bill to the committee.

The following people submitted testimony cards concerning SB 1121:

- Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support
- Jim Byrum, Michigan Agri-Business – Support
- Kelly Bartlett, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) – Neutral

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on SB 1121:

- James Fackler, Secretary of State – Support
- Ed Noyola, County Road Association – Support

The following people submitted written testimony concerning SB 1121:

- Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

During this time, Senators Hood, Gleason, Brandenburg and Pavlov entered the meeting.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 4025.

Representative Amegma came forward and explained HB 4025 to members of the committee.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on HB 4025:

- Steve Young, Michigan Business Aviation Association – Support
- Brad Comment, Michigan Association of Airport Executives – Support
- Kelly Bartlette, MDOT – Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-1 Substitute to HB 4025.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson then entertained a motion from Senator Kowall to report HB 4025 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Brandenburg, Pavlov, Gleason 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 HB 5007.

Representative Sommerville came forward and explained HB 5007 to members of the committee.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on HB 5007:

- Kelly Bartlette, MDOT – Support
- Ed Noyola, County Road Association – Neutral

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be SB 1154.

Senator Kowall explained SB 1154 to members of the committee.

The following people testified and answered questions for committee members on SB 1154:

- Mike Nystrom, Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA) – Support
- Chris Shea, MITA – Support
- Mark Johnston, MITA – Support

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be SB 402 and SB 403.

Rebecca DeVooght, of Senator Schuitmaker's office, explained SB 402 and 403 to members of the committee.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on HB 4025:

- Christin O'Brien, Michigan Academy of Family Physicians – Support

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be SB 1146.

Senatore Kowall explained SB 1146 to members of the committee.

The following people testified concerning SB 1146

- James Fackler, Secretary of State – Support

At this time, Senator Hansen entered the meeting.

Senator Casperson entertained a motion from Senator Kowall to report HB 1146 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Brandenburg, Pavlov, Hansen, Gleason 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 Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of SB 402 .

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

Nays: None

Pass: Gleason and Hood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report the S-1 version of SB 402 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Gleason and Hood

The motion prevailed

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

Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of SB 403 .

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

Nays: None

Pass: Gleason and Hood

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report the S-1 version of SB 403 with recommendation.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Gleason and Hood

The motion prevailed

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

Senator Pavlov offered a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 22, 2012 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson then called forward Tim Hoeffner, Director of the Rail Office at MDOT for a presentation concerning highlights from the Michigan railway system.

Being no further testimony, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: June 12, 2012

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