



## THE SENATE

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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## DRAFT MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in room 405 of the Capitol.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Brandenburg, Pavlov

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Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of November 27, 2012 minutes
- SB 1078 (Casperson) Vehicles; motorcycles; definition of motorcycle; create exception for enclosed vehicles with 3 wheels.
- HB 5487 (Potvin) Traffic control; violations; authority of authorized agent of a county road commission; expand.
- HB 4609 (Schmidt) Transportation; railroads; funding to maintain railroad grade crossings; increase.
- HB 5259 (LeBlanc) Vehicles; mopeds; definition of mopeds; remove horsepower threshold.

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At the time roll was called the following members were present: Senators Casperson, Kowall, and Gleason.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Casperson announced the next order of business would be House Bill 4609.

Representative Wayne Schmidt gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individual offered testimony on HB 4609:

- Bob Chaprnka, MI Railroads Association—Support

Senator Hansen left the room.

Senator Hood arrived.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card indicating their position but did not wish to speak:

- Nikki Brown, MI Municipal League—Neutral
- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of MI—Support
- Steve Currie, MI Association of Counties—Support

Senator Casperson offered an amendment. Marty Fittante, Chief of Staff for Senator Casperson, gave members a summary of the changes in the amendment.

Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the Casperson amendment to HB 4609.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Gleason, and Hood

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson made a motion to report HB 4609 as amended with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, 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 Senate Bill 1078.

Senator Casperson gave members an overview of the bill and advised members there was an S-1 before them. He gave the following update on the status of the bill. The S-1 version had been reported out of committee with recommendation and recommendation for immediate effect on May 8, 2012. The bill was then re-referred back to the Committee on Transportation on September 11, 2012 by the Committee of the Whole.

The following individual offered testimony on SB 1078:

- Joel Sheltroun, Elio Motors, Inc.—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 1078.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Gleason, and Hood

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 1078 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, 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 House Bill 5487.

Representative Potvin gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card indicating their position but did not wish to speak:

- Steve Currie, MI Association of Counties—Support
- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of MI—Support

Senator Kowall made a motion to report HB 5487 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, 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 House Bill 5259.

Representative LeBlanc gave members an overview of the bill.

Senator Hood made a motion to report HB 5259 with recommendation.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Kowall, 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 approve the minutes from the November 27, 2012 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Gleason made a motion to excuse absent members; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee:**

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