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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 3:09 pm on the 3rd floor of the Capitol Building.

Committee Members present: Senators Kahn (C), Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson, Gregory, and Hood.

Absent:

Excused: Senators Hopgood and Johnson

A motion to excuse all absent members was made by Senator Booher and supported by Senator Moolenaar.

Senator Kahn gave his opening remarks regarding order of business:

- Organizational—adopt previous meeting minutes
- MDOT RFP Process for High Speed Rail Cars
- HJR N (Rep. Stamas) Higher education; tuition; public universities to offer in-state tuition to certain veterans; require.
- HJR M (Rep. Knezek) Higher education; community colleges; in-district tuition rates for active service and reserve members and honorably discharged veterans; provide for.
- HB 5451 (Rep. Rendon) Military affairs; other; tuition assistance program for Michigan national guardsmen; create.

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes from May 28, 2014. Moved by Senator Booher and supported by Senator Moolenaar.

Chairman Kahn called on Joe Schwarz to testify and provide background on his experience with the MDOT RFP Process for High Speed Rail Cars.

Chairman Kahn invited Frank Raha and Tim Hoefner with MDOT to provide a department perspective and also answer questions from members of the committee.

After considerable discussion, Chairman Kahn noted that there were still members of the committee that had indicated questions, including Senators Booher, Moolenaar, Hood, Jansen, and Schuitmaker. The chairman invited the audience and interested parties to return for another hearing on the matter the following week.

Chairman Kahn also apologized for the lack of time during the committee hearing, and announced that the rest of the agenda items would be considered the following week as well.

Without objection, Chairman Kahn adjourned at 4:07 pm.

6/10/14
Date Approved by the Committee