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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Kowall, Pavlov, Hansen, Hood, Ananich

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Brandenburg

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adopted minutes from March 18, 2014 meeting
- A Presentation on the Impact to residential, commercial and municipal water and sewer infrastructure; longitudinal ditches; commercial and residential buildings; and other ancillary consequences attendant to Michigan's Cold Weather Crisis.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 18, 2014 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

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

A Presentation on the Impact to residential, commercial and municipal water and sewer infrastructure; longitudinal ditches; commercial and residential buildings; and other ancillary consequences attendant to Michigan's Cold Weather Crisis.

The following individuals testified before members to share their concerns:

- John Kangas, City of Ishpeming
- Scott Erbish & Teresa Schwalbach, Marquette County
- Gerry Corkin, Marquette County

- Jeff Thornton, City of Negaunee
- Daniel LaFoilie, Schoolcraft County
- Curt Goodman & Fred Stonehouse, City of Marquette
- Jonathan Mead, Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners
- Jerry Doucette, Alger County and Michigan Association of Counties
- Tony Katarsky & Chris Hawkins, Michigan State Police

The following individuals submitted testimony cards but did not offer testimony:

- Jonathan Mead, Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress
- John LaMacchia, Michigan Municipal League
- Judy Allen, Michigan Townships Association
- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan

Chair Casperson took video-conferencing testimony from the following individuals and locations:

From Sault Ste Marie:

- Terry Stark, Emergency Management Coordinator, Luce County
- Paul C. Grondin, Mayor, St. Ignace
- Tony Bosbous, Mayor, Sault Ste. Marie
- Dennis Brown, Emergency Manager, Sault Ste. Marie

From Escanaba:

- Bob Berbohm, Emergency Manager, Escanaba
- Jim O'Toole, City Manager, Escanaba

From Houghton:

- Jack Dueweke, Emergency Measures Director, Houghton
- Eric Waara, City Manager, Houghton
- Joseph Erikson, Manager, Village of Ontonagon

From Ironwood:

- Jim Loeper, Emergency Management Coordinator for Gogebic County

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: April 22, 2014

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