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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:42 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Ananich

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

Adopt the minutes of the May 20, 2014 committee meeting

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| HB 5064 Rep. Rutledge | Highways; name; designation of I-75 as the "Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Highway"; provide for. |
| SB 695 Sen. Richardville | Transportation; other; definition of street railway in nonprofit street railway act; amend. |
| SB 696 Sen. Smith | Transportation; other; obligation of street railway to pay costs of modifying or relocating public utility facilities; waive under certain circumstances and regulate provisions of operating license agreements between street railways and road authorities. |
| SB 697 Sen. Casperson | Property tax; exemptions; property owned by nonprofit street railway; exempt from general property tax act. |
| SB 903 Sen. Hildenbrand | Vehicles; fund-raising registration plates; fund-raising registration plate recognizing "Michigan Blood"; create, and earmark to Michigan Blood. |
| SB 940 Sen. Ananich | Traffic control; traffic regulation; permissible width of vehicle loads; modify to allow 108-inch load width for vehicles hauling steel pipe. |

SB 970	Sen. Casperson	Vehicles; driver training; certain requirements applicable to commercial learner's permit; amend to comply with federal regulations.
HB 5168	Rep. Walsh	Transportation; authorities; agreement between a regional transit authority and a street railway; allow, and provide other general revisions.
HB 5169	Rep. Schmidt	Transportation; authorities; definition of public transportation provider in regional transit authority act; amend to exclude street railways.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 20, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

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

Senator Casperson announced two bills were being added to the agenda, House Bills 5168-69.

Senator Casperson announced House Bill 5064 was the next order of business. Representative Rutledge gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on HB 5064 but did not wish to speak:

- Angela Stempky, Michigan Department of Transportation—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Hood made a motion to report House Bill 5064 with recommendation that the bill pass.

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 Senate Bill 903 was the next order of business. He reminded members testimony had been taken at the May 13, 2014 meeting, and advised them there was an S-1 substitute before them.

Senator Hildenbrand gave members a brief overview of the changes in the substitute.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on SB 903 but did not wish to speak:

- David Lossing, a citizen—Support

Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 903.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 903, with recommendation that the bill pass.

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 Senate Bill 970 was the next order of business and advised members there was an S-1 substitute before them.

The following individuals testified before members to indicate their position on SB 970:

- David Richmond, John Harris & Kristy Jarrad, Michigan Secretary of State—Support
- Chris Hackbarth, Insurance Auto Auctions—Support with changes in substitute

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 970.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 970, with recommendation that the bill pass.

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 Senate Bills 695-697 were the next order of business and reminded members testimony had been taken at the February 25, 2014 meeting.

Senator Casperson offered an amendment to Senate Bill 696.

The following individuals testified before the committee to indicate their position on SBs 695-697:

- Steven Liedel, Dykema, M-1 Rail—Support
- Jim Casha, a citizen from Ontario—Oppose

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on SBs 695-697 but did not wish to speak:

- Jason Pucas, Detroit Regional Chamber—Support

- Nicole Nystrom, on behalf of Quicken Loans, and Rock Ventures—Support
- Jennifer Greenburg, Telecommunications Association of Michigan—Support SB 696 w/amendment
- John LaMacchia, Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Matt Groen, Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association—Neutral w/amendment
- Jim Kirsch, AT&T—Support w/amendment

Being no further testimony, Senator Brandenburg made a motion to report Senate Bill 695 with recommendation that the bill pass.

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 Kowall made a motion to adopt the Casperson amendment to Senate Bill 696.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall made a motion to report Senate Bill 696, as amended, with recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Nays: None

Pass: Senator Hood

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Casperson requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

Senator Hansen made a motion to report Senate Bill 697 with recommendation that the bill pass.

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 House Bills 5168-69 were the next order of business.

The following individuals testified before the committee to indicate their position on HBs 5168-69:

- Jim Casha, a citizen from Ontario—Oppose

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall made a motion to report House Bill 5168 with recommendation that the bill pass.

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 Brandenburg made a motion to report House Bill 5169 with recommendation that the bill pass.

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 Senate Bill 940 was the next order of business. He reminded members testimony had been taken at the May 20, 2014 meeting, and advised them there was an S-1 substitute before them.

Bryanna McGarry, legislative aide for Senator Ananich gave members a brief overview of the changes in the substitute.

Being no further testimony, Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 940.

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

Nays: None

Pass: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Bill 940, with recommendation that the bill pass.

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.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: September 23, 2014

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