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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 402-403 of the Capitol Building. Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: None

The following list provides the order of business:

Adoption of April 12, 2011 minutes

HB 4129 (Knollenberg) Highways; name; portion of M-24; designate as the "William Davidson memorial highway".

SB 104 (Khan) Vehicles; registration plates; specialty plates for scouts; create.

SB 130 (Hildenbrand) Traffic control; civil infraction procedures; minimum number of unpaid parking tickets a person may have before the secretary of state will not issue or renew the person's operator's license; revise.

Testimony was also taken on:

SB 102 (Pappageorge) Vehicles; registration plates; "Gold Star Family" registration plates; create.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall made the motion to adopt the minutes from the April 12, 2011 committee meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

The Chair announced that session was in recess so the committee was limited on time and would limit their activity to voting on Senate Bill 104 and House Bill 4129, and taking testimony on Senate Bills 130 and 102.

The first item to be taken up was Senate Bill 130, sponsored by Senator Hildenbrand.

Senator Hildenbrand offered remarks providing background on the legislation.

James Fackler, representing the MI Secretary of State, addressed a question regarding the fiscal impact the bill would have on their office. He indicated the agency was neutral on the bill.

Andy Schor, from the MI Municipal League, submitted a card in support of the bill but did not wish to speak.

Ken Cole, representing the City of Detroit, spoke in support of the bill.

Al Mooney, Treasurer for the City of Grand Rapids, offered testimony supporting the legislation.

This was the first week the bill had been brought before the members, so testimony was taken and it was held over for voting at a later date.

As testimony had been taken on Senate Bill 104 and House Bill 4129 at the previous meeting, and there were no additional testimony cards submitted for either bill, the Chair moved on to voting.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to report Senate Bill 104 with recommendation. Senator Gleason made the motion.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to recommend immediate effect. Senator Kowall offered the motion. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Senate Committee on Transportation reported Senate Bill 104 with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole and further recommended the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to report House Bill 4129 with recommendation. The motion was made by Senator Brandenburg.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Casperson requested a motion to recommend immediate effect. The motion was made by Senator Gleason. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Senate Committee on Transportation reported HB 4129 with recommendation to the Committee of the Whole and further recommended the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Pappageorge had a constituent in attendance and requested that the Chair allow her to speak on Senate Bill 102.

Joyce Fabian, with the Blue Star Mothers, gave testimony supporting Senate Bill 102.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: May 3, 2011

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