

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

April 29, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chair Schmidt called the meeting to order.

Present were: Reps. Schmidt, Glardon, Daley, Heise, Jacobsen, O'Brien, Pettalia, Lauwers, McCready, Lane, Dianda, Rutledge, Driskell, Cochran, Smiley.

Absent and excused: None.

Rep. McCready moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 17, 2014. The motion prevailed.

Chair Schmidt laid before the Committee HB 4923 – Nesbitt – Highways; name; portion of I-94 in Van Buren county; designate as the “Trooper Rick L. Johnson Memorial Highway”.

Chair Schmidt recognized Rep. Nesbitt to explain HB 4923.

The following people testified in support of HB 4923.

Mary Johnson representing the family

Bill Johnson representing the family

Captain Mike Krumm representing the Michigan State Police

Det. Sgt. Kevin Conklin representing the Michigan State Police

The following person filled out a testimony card stating a neutral position on HB 4923 but did not want to testify.

Troy Hagon representing the Michigan Department of Transportation

Rep. O'Brien moved to adopt the substitute H-2 to HB 4923. The motion prevailed, the vote being 15-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Schmidt, Glardon, Daley, Heise, Jacobsen, O'Brien, Pettalia, Lauwers, McCready, Lane, Dianda, Rutledge, Driskell, Cochran, Smiley,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Rep. Cochran moved to report out HB 4923, substitute H-2 with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 15-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Schmidt, Glardon, Daley, Heise, Jacobsen, O'Brien, Pettalia, Lauwers, McCready, Lane, Dianda, Rutledge, Driskell, Cochran, Smiley,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Chair Schmidt laid before the Committee HB 5447 – Kivela – Highways; name portion of US-41; designate as the “Earl DeMarse Memorial Highway”.

Chair Schmidt recognized Rep. Kivela to explain HB 5447.

The following person filled out a testimony card stating a neutral position on HB 5447 but did not want to testify.

Troy Hagon representing the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Rep. Dianda moved to report out HB 5447 with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 15-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Schmidt, Glardon, Daley, Heise, Jacobsen, O'Brien, Pettalia, Lauwers, McCready, Lane, Dianda, Rutledge, Driskell, Cochran, Smiley,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Chair Schmidt laid before the Committee the following bills that make up the House Transportation Funding Package.

Chair Schmidt stated that the following bills were testimony only at the meeting today

Chair Schmidt recognized Kirk Steudle, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation to explain the various bills and to answer questions.

HB 5167 – Schmidt – Transportation; funds; contracts entered into by state transportation departments and local road agencies; charge bidding requirements and allow state transportation department to borrow money from local road agencies.

Rep. Glardon moved to adopt the substitute H-1 to HB 5167. The motion prevailed, the vote being 15-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Schmidt, Glardon, Daley, Heise, Jacobsen, O'Brien, Pettalia, Lauwers, McCready, Lane, Dianda, Rutledge, Driskell, Cochran, Smiley,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 4251 – Cotter – Counties; boards and commissions; requirements for competitive bidding by county road commissions on certain projects involving townships; provide for.

Chair Schmidt recognized Rep. Cotter to explain the bill.

HB 5477 – VerHeulen – Transportation; motor fuel tax; motor fuel tax; modify.

Chair Schmidt recognized Rep. VerHeulen to explain HB 5477.

HB 5433 – Kosowski – Traffic control; traffic regulation; traffic fines for overweight and oversized vehicles; increase.

Chair Schmidt recognized Rep. Kosowski to explain HB 5453.

HB 5460 – Lauwers – Highways; construction and repair; replacement warranties on road repairs; modify, and extend warranty requirement to local road agencies.

Chair Schmidt recognized Rep. Lauwers to explain HB 5460.

HB 5452 – McCready – Traffic control; traffic regulation; permit fees charged by state transportation department for vehicles excluding vehicle weight or size limits; modify.

Chair Schmidt recognized Rep. McCready to explain HB 5452.

HB 4630 – McCready – Vehicles; registration; registration fees; modify.

Chair Schmidt recognized Rep. McCready to explain HB 4630 and the changes in the H-4 substitute.

Rep. McCready moved to adopt the substitute H-4 to HB 4630. The motion prevailed, the vote being 15-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Schmidt, Glardon, Daley, Heise, Jacobsen, O'Brien, Pettalia, Lauwers, McCready, Lane, Dianda, Rutledge, Driskell, Cochran, Smiley,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Chair Schmidt stated that HB 4925 – Lane – Transportation; other; public-private partnerships; allow the state transportation department to enter into. The H-1 substitute was adopted at the meeting held November 11, 2013 and was discussed at that time.

Chair Schmidt recognized Patrick “Shorty” Gleason representing the Michigan Building Trades who testified on the packages of bills but did not state a position.

Chair Schmidt recognized the following people who testified on the bill package and gave a presentation on the “State of the Roads 2014, Northern Michigan County Road Agencies” but did not state a position on the bills.

Ed Noyola representing the County Road Association of Michigan  
Burt Thompson representing Antrim County Road Commission  
Brian Gutowski representing Emmet County Road Commission  
Mike roper representing the Cheboygan County Road Commission  
Robert Laitinen representing the Chippewa County Road Commission  
Jim Cook representing the Grand Traverse County Road Commission  
Richard Timmer representing the Chippewa County Road Commission  
Denise Donohue representing the County Road Commission of Michigan

The following people wanted to testify in support of the bill package with changes but there was insufficient time.

Chris Kolb representing the Michigan Environmental Council  
Steve Currie representing the Michigan Association of Counties

The following person wanted to speak on the bill package but stated no position and there was insufficient time.

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John LaMacchia representing the Michigan Municipal League

The following people wanted to testify on the bill package to a neutral position but there was insufficient time.

Lance Binoniemi and Glen Bohowski representing the Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association.

Clark Harder representing the Michigan Public Transit Association

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of the bill package but did not want to testify.

Brad Williams representing the Detroit Regional Chamber

Kristen Beltzer representing the Lansing Chamber of Commerce

Brian Kandler representing HNTB

The following person wanted to testify in support of HB 4251 but there was insufficient time.

Tom Frazier representing the Michigan Township Association

The following people wanted to testify in opposition to HB 4925 but there was insufficient time.

James Walker representing the National Motorists Association

David Dudenhofer representing Campaign for Liberty

The following person wanted to testify in opposition to HB 5452 and HB 5453 but there was insufficient time.

Phil Lombard representing himself

The following person wanted to testify in support with changes to HB 5167 but there was insufficient time.

Dennis Kolar representing the Road Commission for Oakland County

The following person wanted to testify in opposition to HB 5167 but there was insufficient time.

Steve Warren representing the Kent County Road Commission

The following person filled out a testimony card in opposition to HB 5167 but did not want to testify.

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Jerry Griffin representing Wayne County

The following person wanted to testify in support of HB 5477 but there was insufficient time.

Tom Frazier representing the Michigan Township Association

Chair Schmidt stated that the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure would meet on Thursday, May 1, 2014 in room 307 of the House Office Building and take more testimony on the bill package.

With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Schmidt adjourn the meeting, the time being 12:10 p.m.

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Representative Wayne Schmidt, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk