



## THE SENATE

### COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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## MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Transportation held a meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Ananich

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Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of the minutes from the February 11, 2014 meeting
- 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.

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Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 11, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

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

Senator Casperson announced Senate Bills 695-97 were the next order of business. He invited Senator Smith to provide members with a brief overview of the bills.

The following individuals testified before the members regarding SBs 695-97:

- Paul Childs and Cameron Piggott, M1 Rail— Support
- Matt Groen, MI Cable Telecommunications Association—Oppose SB 696 as introduced

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on SBs 695-97 but did not wish to speak:

- Jason Puscas, Detroit Regional Chamber—Support
- Brian Kandler, HNTB Corporation—Support
- Jeff Prygoski, MI Environmental Council—Support
- Nicole Nystrom, Rock Ventures/Quicken Loans—Support
- Angela Stempky, MI Department of Transportation—Neutral (SBs 695-696)

As it was the first week these bills were on the agenda, the Chair advised members that he would be holding the vote at a later meeting.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: March 18, 2014**

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