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**Committee on Natural Resources
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Minutes of the Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 1:00 p.m. Room 110, Farnum Building

The Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs was called to order by Senator Patricia Birkholz, Chair.

Senator Birkholz introduced to the committee Cody A. Weaver, a senior at Detroit Central, who was job shadowing the Chair for the day.

Cody A. Weaver led the members of the committee in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance to the flag*.

The Clerk called the roll; **members present were Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Basham and Gleason. (4/5)**
Member absent and excused was Senator Patterson. (1/5)

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 3, 2010 as printed.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the minutes of February 3, 2010 as printed.
Senator Basham supported the motion.
There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee the topic Businesses Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability.

Doug Roberts, Director of Environmental and Energy Policy for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, and Randy Gross, Director of Regulatory Affairs for the Michigan Manufacturers Association, provided background information on what Michigan businesses are trying to achieve in environmental stewardship practices. Jon W. Allan, Executive Director of

Environmental Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs for Consumers Energy; John Bradburn, Senior Environmental Project Engineer for General Motors Corporation; David Rinard, Director of Global Environmental Performance for Steelcase Corporation; and Eric Vandellen, Project Supervisor for Environmental Health and Safety for Amway Corporation, briefed the committee on their company's environmental practices. Following their joint power point presentations, Mr. Allan, Mr. Bradburn, Mr. Rinard, and Mr. Vandellen addressed questions from the committee members. Copies of their power point presentations and handouts are attached to the minutes.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to excuse Senator Patterson from today's committee meeting.

Senator Basham supported the motion.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; Senator Patterson was excused.

There being no other business before the committee; **Senator Birkholz adjourned the meeting,** the time being 2:30 p.m.

Patricia L. Birkholz, Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee