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Minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting
of the
Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
and
Senate Standing Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

1:45 p.m.

Senate Hearing Room,
Ground Floor, Boji Tower

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

The Clerk called the roll; **members present were Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason. (5/5)**

Colin Brooks, Research Scientist and Manager of Environmental Science Laboratory at Michigan Tech Research Institute, led the members of the joint committee in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance to the flag*.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 10, 2010 as printed.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the minutes of February 10, 2010 as printed.

Senator Gleason 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 committees the topic of "Invasive Species in the Great Lakes."

John Nevin, Strategic Policy Advisor, United States Section of the International Joint Commission of the United States and Canada, provided the joint committee an overview of Aquatic Invasive Species in the Great Lakes.

At 2:15 p.m.

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The Senate Standing Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Senator Jim Barcia, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; **members present were Senators Barcia, Allen and Prusi. (3/5)**
Members absent and excused were Senators McManus and Cropsey. (2/5)

Senator Allen moved to excuse Senators McManus and Cropsey from today's committee meeting.

Senator Prusi supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Barcia, Allen and Prusi, (3/5)

Nays: None. (0)

The members were excused.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 11, 2010 as printed.

Senator Allen moved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2010 as printed.

Senator Prusi supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Barcia, Allen and Prusi, (3/5)

Nays: None. (0)

The minutes were adopted as printed.

Senator Birkholz was in the Chair.

The Chair laid before the committees the topic of "Invasive Species in the Great Lakes."

Mr. Nevin addressed questions from joint committee members. A copy of his printed PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

Dr Robert Shuchman, Co-Director of the Michigan Tech Research Institute, and Dr. Alex Mayer, Director of Michigan Tech Center for Water and Society, briefly describe how Michigan Technological University is involved in invasive species in the Great Lakes. Following their presentation, Dr. Shuchman and Dr. Mayer responded to questions from joint committee members. Copies of their PowerPoint presentation and handouts are attached to the minutes.

Ken Harrington, Tribal Chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and a guest of Senator Allen, urged the joint committee to look into the Asian carp issue.

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Peter Manning, Division Chief for the Office of the Attorney General Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, briefed the joint committee about the United States Supreme Court Action-fighting Asian carp. A copy of his handouts and PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

Noah Hall, Professor of Law at Wayne State University and attorney at the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center, updated the joint committee on the legal action that is being done by the center on behalf of Senator Birkholz and Representative Warren in the United States Supreme Court.

There being no other business before the committee; **the Senate Chair adjourned** the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee meeting, the time being 3:40 p.m.
The Senate Committee was adjourned.

Senator Barcia was in the Chair.

There being no other business before the committee; **the Senate Chair adjourned** the Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation Committee meeting, the time being 3:40 p.m.
The Senate Committee was adjourned.

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

Senator Jim Barcia, Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation

Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee