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**Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes**

A joint meeting of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes; and the House Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation was held Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Senator Casperson.

Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes:

Members present: Senators Casperson Pavlov, Green, Kowall, and Warren

Members excused: Senators Meekhof and Hood

Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation:

Members present: Representatives Foster, Huuki, Wayne Schmidt, Damrow, Hughes, Johnson, Pettalia, Haugh, Stapleton, Bledsoe, Slavens

Members excused: None

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Senator Casperson called the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes to order.

Representative Foster called the House Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation to order.

Senator Pavlov moved to excuse absent members. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Senator Casperson called forth Maggie Cox, representing the Michigan Forest Products Council, to give a presentation. Accompanying Ms. Cox were the following speakers:

Charlie Becker, representing Plum Creek  
Jon Lamy, representing Louisiana Pacific  
Mark Pontti, representing Verso  
Ken Neilson, representing Frontier Renewable Resources

Those presenting then answered questions from the joint committee members.

Representative Foster left the committee room at 8:55 a.m. and turned over the gavel to Representative Huuki for the remainder of the meeting.

Senator Casperson called forth Jim Sygo and Lynelle Marolf, of the Department of Environmental Quality, to give a presentation on Leaking Underground Storage Tanks. Ms. Marolf then answered questions from the joint committee members.

Senator Casperson called forth Mark Griffin, Craig Hoppen, Pete Bosanic, and Cliff Knaggs, representatives of the Michigan Petroleum Association, to give testimony on Leaking Underground Storage Tanks and the Department of Environmental Quality.

Senator Casperson left the committee room at 9:50 a.m. and turned over the gavel to Senator Pavlov for the remainder of the meeting.

Senator Pavlov adjourned the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes at 9:58 a.m.

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Date Approved by Committee

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