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Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes was held Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m.

Members present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren and Hood
Members absent: none

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order and led committee and audience members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Green moved to adopt the minutes from April 28th, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Resolution 39 (Casperson). Senator Casperson then explained his resolution to the committee members.

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on Senate Resolution 39:

- Dave Nyberg, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support
- Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau—Support

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the resolution. Mr. Clift then answered questions from the committee.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4415 (Rep. Foster).

Representative Foster testified in explanation of his bill. Rep. Foster invited Scott Heather, representing the Department of Natural Resources, to join him to answer questions on the bill. Rep. Foster and Mr. Heather then answered questions from the committee members.

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on House Bill 4415:

- Dave Nyberg, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support
- Mark Docherty, representing the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union—Support
- Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Melissa Yutzey, representing the Michigan Fire Service Coalition—Support
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:06 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.