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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 Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

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

Members absent: None

Members excused: Senator Hood

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

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from May 26th, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 248 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson explained his bill and the substitute, and then answered questions on his bill.

Senator Casperson then called forth Gary Owen and Lynn Boyd from the Department of Natural Resources to answer questions from committee members.

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on Senate Bill 248:

- Judy Augenstein, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen - Support
- Scott Hagerstrom, representing Americans for Prosperity of Michigan - Support

The following people testified on Senate Bill 248 and answered questions from committee members:

- Ted Nugent, representing himself as a sportsman - Support

The following people and organizations submitted written testimony but did not testify on Senate Bill 248:

- Henry Schienebeck, representing the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association - Support

Senator Warren moved to adopt Amendment #1 to the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 248. By a vote of a majority of members serving, the amendment failed. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senator Warren (1/7)

Nays: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Warren moved to adopt Amendment #2 to the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 248. By a vote of a majority of members serving, the amendment failed. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senator Warren (1/7)

Nays: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Warren moved to adopt Amendment #3 to the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 248. By a vote of a majority of members serving, the amendment failed. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senator Warren (1/7)

Nays: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Warren moved to adopt Amendment #4 to the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 248. By a vote of a majority of members serving, the amendment failed. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senator Warren (1/7)

Nays: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Warren moved to adopt Amendment #5 to the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 248. By a vote of a majority of members serving, the amendment failed. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senator Warren (1/7)

Nays: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Warren moved to adopt Amendment #6 to the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 248. By a vote of a majority of members serving, the amendment failed. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senator Warren (1/7)

Nays: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Warren moved to adopt Amendment #7 to the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 248. By a vote of a majority of members serving, the amendment failed. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senator Warren (1/7)

Nays: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Green moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Bill 248. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the substitute was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Hood (1)

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 248 (S-1) be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. 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 Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Hood (1)

Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 4:10 p.m.

6/9/2011
Date Approved by Committee

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