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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, June 28, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:23 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 Kowall moved to adopt the minutes from June 23rd, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4746 (Rep. Huuki). Senate Committee members discussed the proposed substitute from Senator Kowall.

The following people submitted cards but did not testify on House Bill 4746:

- Bill Black, representing the Michigan Teamsters—Support
- Andrea Brown, representing the Michigan Association of Planning—Oppose (Organization also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Stephanie Johnson, representing the International Union of Operating Engineers—Support
- Craig Ryan, representing Laforge Cement-Alpena—Support
- Steve Pence, representing Pence and Numinen P.C.—Oppose (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Moreno Taylor, representing the Michigan Association of Counties—Oppose
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose (Organization also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Kevin Grzelak, citizen and plaintiff in lawsuit against Valley View Quarry—Oppose (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

The following people testified on House Bill 4746, and answered questions from committee members:

- Richard Norton, representing the Michigan Association of Planning—Oppose
- Michael Newman and Ken Vermeulen, representing the Michigan Aggregates Association—Support
- David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Neutral
- Andy Schor, representing the Michigan Municipal League—Neutral
- Sally Santeford, resident of Houghton—Oppose

The following people submitted written testimony on House Bill 4746 but were not in attendance at the meeting (all testimony is on file with clerk):

- Bruce Petersen, Portage Township Supervisor
- Carol Little, Charter Township of Portage Resident
- Ted Gilmer, Resident of Empire
- Vic and Emily Betterly, Residents of Houghton

Senator Casperson announced that voting would not take place on the bill at the day's meeting as the substitutes were still being worked on. Senator Casperson announced that his intention was to vote on the bill at Thursday's scheduled meeting.

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:10 a.m.

6/30/11

Date Approved by Committee

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