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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, June 30, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.

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

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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 June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4746 (Rep. Huuki). Senator Kowall explained his substitute, S-4, to committee members.

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

- Kelly Dancsok, representing the Association of Builders and Contractors of Michigan—Support (Organization also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Maggie Cox, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- Charles Owen, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses—Support

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

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose (Organization also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

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):

- Vic and Emily Betterly
- Kevin Grzelak
- Sally Santeford
- Nancy Nemacheck

Senator Green moved to adopt the substitute (S-4) to House Bill 4746. 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: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Kowall moved that House Bill 4746 (S-4) 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: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 473 (Senator Pavlov). Senator Pavlov explained his bill to committee members.

The following people submitted cards but did not testify on Senate Bill 473:

- Maggie Cox, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- Te-Yang Soong, representing CTI and Associates—Support

The following people testified on Senate Bill 473, and answered questions from committee members:

- Terri Zick, representing CTI and Associates—Support (Organization submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Matt Williams, representing St. Clair County—Support
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

The following people or organizations submitted written testimony on Senate Bill 473 but were not in attendance at the meeting (all testimony is on file with clerk):

- Michigan Sierra Club—Oppose

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 528-533. Senator Casperson explained the package of bills to committee members.

The following people submitted cards but did not testify on Senate Bills 528-533:

- Paul Condino, representing the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers—Support
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose as introduced

- John Griffin, representing the Associated Petroleum Industry of Michigan—Support

The following people testified on Senate Bills 528-533, and answered questions from committee members:

- Randy Gross and Jim Sygo, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Concerns with bills as introduced
- Mark Griffin and Cliff Knaggs, representing the Michigan Petroleum Association—Support (Organization submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:45 a.m.

9/8/11  
Date Approved by Committee

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