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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, October 27, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m.

Members present: Senators Caspersen, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof and Warren
Members excused: Senators Green and Hood

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

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from October 20, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Caspersen placed before the committee House Bill 4298 (Rep. Lindberg). Senator Caspersen called forth Kendra Everett, Legislative Director for Senator Caspersen, to explain the S-1 substitute before the committee and answer questions. Senator Caspersen then called forth Representative Lindberg to add additional testimony on his bill and answer questions.

The following people testified on House Bill 4298, and answered questions from committee members:

- Gary Owen and Tom Wellman, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bill 4298:

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

Senator Kowall moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to House Bill 4298. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the substitute was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Caspersen, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Green, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson recessed the committee at 8:52 a.m.

Senator Casperson reconvened the committee at 8:55 a.m.

Senator Pavlov moved that House Bill 4298 (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, Kowall, Meekhof (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Green, Hood (2)

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

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

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 8:57 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.