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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, December 8, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

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

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 December 1, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Green moved to adopt the minutes from December 6, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

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

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 528-533 (Sens. Casperson, Booher, Pavlov, Meekhof, Kowall and Green). Senator Casperson announced that there were substitutes for the bills. Kendra Everett, Legislative Director for Senator Casperson, testified in explanation of the substitutes and answered questions.

Senator Warren explained her two amendments to Senate Bill 528 and one amendment to Senate Bill 533 to the committee members. Senator Warren then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Warren moved to adopt the Warren Amendment #1 to the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 528. 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 the Warren Amendment #2 to the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 528. 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 Pavlov moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Bill 528. 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: Senator Warren (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 528 (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: Senator Warren (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Hood (1)

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

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Bill 529. 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: Senator Warren (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Green moved that Senate Bill 529 (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: Senator Warren (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Hood (1)

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

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Bill 530. 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: Senator Warren (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Green moved that Senate Bill 530 (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: Senator Warren (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Hood (1)

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

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Bill 531. 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: Senator Warren (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 531 (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: Senator Warren (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Hood (1)

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

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Bill 532. 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: Senator Warren (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Kowall moved that Senate Bill 532 (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: Senator Warren (1)
Pass: none (0)
Excused: Senator Hood (1)

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

Senator Warren moved to adopt the Warren Amendment #1 to the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 533. 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 Pavlov moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Bill 533. 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: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 533 (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: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hood (1)

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

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

- Mark Griffin, representing the Michigan Petroleum Association and Michigan Association of Convenience Stores—Support
- Ed Weglarz, representing the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers—Support
- Jason Geer, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce—Support
- Dave Worthams, representing the Michigan Bankers Association—Support bills and substitutes
- Randy Gross, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:55 a.m.

1/19/12

Date Approved by Committee

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