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**Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism was held on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 1:22 p.m.

Members present: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason, and Young  
Members excused: None

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Senator Hansen called the meeting to order.

Senator Hansen announced the order of business for the day:

Approval of Minutes

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| HB 4379 Rep. Kowall   | Natural resources; inland lakes; procedure for dissolution of lake improvement boards; expand to include a petition of property owners being assessed by the lake board for 2/3 of cost. |
| HB 4371 Rep. Pettalia | Natural resources; hunting; minimum hunting age; eliminate, and create mentored youth hunting program.   |
| SB 412 Sen. Booher    | Natural resources; hunting; wild turkey license fee; modify use.   |

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 412 (Sen. Booher).

Senator Booher testified in explanation of his bill. Senator Booher introduced his guest, Jim Maturen representing the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association, to give further explanation. Senator Booher and Mr. Maturen answered questions from the committee members. (Mr. Maturen submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

The following people testified on Senate Bill 412 and answered questions from committee members:

- Dan Potter, representing the National Wild Turkey Federation—Concerns (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

Senator Hansen announced that the bill would still be worked on, and asked that interested parties work together to address concerns raised at the meeting.

Senators Hansen and Hildenbrand left the committee room at 1: 49 p.m.

Senator Brandenburg took over as chair at 1:49 p.m.

Senator Brandenburg placed before the committee House Bill 4371 (Rep. Pettalia).

Kent Wood, representing Rep. Pettalia, testified in explanation of the bill and substitute. Mr. Wood then answered questions from the committee members.

The following people testified on House Bill 4371 and answered questions from committee members:

- Dan Potter, representing the National Wild Turkey Federation—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on House Bill 4371:

- Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support

Senator Casperson moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to House Bill 4371. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the substitute was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason and Young (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Hansen and Hildenbrand (2)

Senator Gleason moved that House Bill 4371 (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 Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason and Young (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Hansen and Hildenbrand (2)

By unanimous consent, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Brandenburg placed before the committee House Bill 4379 (Rep. Kowall).

Marnie Wills, representing Rep. Kowall, testified in explanation of the bill with guest Tom Middleton. Ms. Wills and Mr. Middleton then answered questions from committee members. (Mr. Middleton submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

The following people testified on House Bill 4379 and answered questions from committee members:

- Sandra Carolan, citizen and representing her mother, Isabel M. Douse—Support (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Peter Carolan, citizen—Support

Senator Casperson moved that House Bill 4379 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 Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason and Young (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Hansen and Hildenbrand (2)

By unanimous consent, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Moolenaar moved to adopt the minutes from May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Brandenburg adjourned the committee at 2:37 p.m.

6/23/11  
Date Approved by Committee

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