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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, September 8, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m.

Members present: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason, and Young

Members absent: 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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| SB 508 | Sen. Casperson | Natural resources; nonnative species; federal ballast water standard; require advisory council to recommend.   |
| SB 509 | Sen. Walker    | Natural resources; nonnative species; multistate aquatic nuisance species compact; establish.  |
| SB 510 | Sen. Hansen    | Natural resources; nonnative species; aquatic invasive species introduction through trade pathways; require advisory council to recommend laws to prevent. |

Senator Hildenbrand moved to adopt the minutes from June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bills 508-510 (Senators Casperson, Walker, and Hansen). Senator Hansen briefly explained the package to the committee members. Senator Walker offered further explanation and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bills 508-510, and answered questions from committee members:

- Patricia Birkholz, Director of the Office of the Great Lakes, and Roger Eberhardt, Office of the Great Lakes—Support (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Matt Doss, representing the Great Lakes Commission—Support (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Marc Smith, representing the National Wildlife Federation—Support (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Dudley Pierce and Kenneth Wendt, representing the Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet—Neutral/Support (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

The following people submitted written testimony on Senate Bills 508-510, but were not in attendance at the meeting (all written testimony is on file with clerk):

- Phyllis A. Green, National Ballast Water Vector Response Coordinator, National Park Service—Support

The following people submitted cards but did not testify on Senate Bills 508-510:

- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- David Hamilton, representing The Nature Conservancy—Support
- Steve Yencich, representing the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association—Support

Senator Hansen adjourned the committee at 1:52 p.m.

9/22/11  
Date Approved by Committee

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