



MEMBERS:

SEN. PHIL PAVLOV, VICE CHAIRMAN
SEN. MIKE GREEN
SEN. MIKE KOWALL
SEN. ARLAN MEEKHOF
SEN. REBEKAH WARREN, MINORITY VICE CHAIR
SEN. MORRIS HOOD III

THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
ENVIRONMENT AND GREAT LAKES
SENATOR TOM CASPERSON
CHAIRMAN

705 FARNUM
P.O. BOX 30036
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909-7536
PHONE: (517) 373-7840
FAX: (517) 373-3932

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, January 19, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

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

Senator Casperson 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 December 8, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 744 (Sen. Kowall) for testimony. Senator Kowall explained his bill to the committee members and answered questions.

The following testified on Senate Bill 744, and answered questions from committee members:

- Jeff King, representing the Wetland Advisory Council—Support

The following submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 744:

- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Cyndi Roper, representing Clean Water Action—Support
- Maggie Cox, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- Amanda Fisher, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses—Support

The following submitted written testimony on Senate Bill 744, but were not present to testify:

- Dr. Grenetta Thomassey, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council—Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4578 (Rep. Goike) for testimony. Representative Goike explained his bill to the committee members and answered questions.

Senator Casperson left the committee room at 8:49 a.m. and turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Senator Pavlov.

The following testified on House Bill 4578, and answered questions from committee members:

- Joe Hall, President of the Michigan Septic Tank Association—Support
- Dave Snyder, representing the Michigan Septic Tank Association—Support
- Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Joe Quanan, attorney for the Michigan Septic Tank Association—Support

Senator Casperson returned to the room and took the gavel back at 9:07 a.m.

The following submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bill 4578:

- Charles Owens, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses—Support
- Maggie Cox, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- Moreno Taylor II, representing the Michigan Association of Counties—Oppose
- Cyndi Roper, representing Clean Water Action—Oppose
- Jame Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

Senator Casperson called forth Chuck Hersey of SEMCOG to give a presentation to committee members on the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Advisory Committee's recommendations. Mr. Hersey then answered questions from committee members. Mr. Hersey also submitted documents on file with the clerk.

Gary Burk, representing the City of Owosso testified in support of the Advisory Committee's recommendations.

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

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

1/26/2012

Date Approved by Committee

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