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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 Monday, February 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the University Center of Gaylord, Room U-111/112, 80 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, MI 49735.

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

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

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

Senator Casperson announced the topic of the meeting would be public testimony on the Department of Natural Resources' Living Legacies or Biodiversity Stewardship Area program.

The following people testified on the topic:

- Dale McNamee, Citizen--Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Jack Kleinhardt, Citizen—Support
- Carol Clute, Back Country Horsemen—Support
- Pam Grassmick, Citizen—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Bret Huntman, Mackinaw Forest Council—Support
- George Graves, Citizen—Oppose
- Norman Seppi, Back County Horsemen—Oppose
- Connie Kleinhardt, Back Country Horsemen—Oppose
- Larry Kleinhardt, Back Country Horsemen—Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Tony Fox, Bisballe Forest Products—Oppose
- Diane McConnell, Citizen—Oppose

- Jim Hoy, Citizen—Oppose
- Scott Everett, Lake States Lumber Association—Oppose
- Brenda Owen, Michigan Association of Timbermen –Oppose
- Todd Johnson, Weyerhaeuser—Oppose
- Don Gilmet, Citizen—Oppose
- Rep. Greg MacMaster, 105th District—Oppose
- Darlene Alexander, Citizen—Oppose
- Scott Robbins, MI Forest Products Council—Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Mike Vasierich, Tessa Systems –Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Stan Hampton, Citizen—Oppose
- Rep. Joel Johnson, 97th House District
- Bill O’Neill, Michigan Department of Natural Resources—Support
- Professor Seamus Norgaard, North Central Michigan College—Support
- Robert Schafer, Citizen—Oppose

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on the topic:

- Jaqueline Pilette, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians—Neutral
- Larry Beckett, Otsego County Tea Party –Oppose
- Jeff Gilmet, Citizen—Oppose
- Brenda Hampton, Citizen—Oppose
- Robert Ricksgers, Citizen—Oppose
- Ron Smith, Otsego County Tea Party—Oppose

The following submitted written testimony on the topic but were not present to testify:

- Carole Williams, Citizen
- Sylvia M. Taylor, Ph.D., Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Michigan
- Kim Herman, Citizen
- Sandra Birdsall, Citizen

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 1:18 p.m.

2/9/12
Date Approved by Committee