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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, February 9, 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

Members absent: None

Members excused: Senator Hood

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

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from January 26, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Green moved to adopt the minutes from February 6, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 646 (Sen. Hopgood). Andrea Cascarilla, Chief-of-Staff for Senator Hopgood, testified in explanation of his bill and substitute, and answered questions from the committee members. Senator Hopgood's office also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 646:

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Neil Silver, representing the City of Romulus—Support

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on Senate Bill 646:

- Maggie Cox, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support with changes

- Susan Harley, representing Clean Water Action—Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Resolution 97 (Sen. Hansen). Peter Wills, Chief-of-Staff for Senator Hansen, testified in explanation of his resolution and substitute.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Resolution 97:

- Bill Zaagman, representing Laforge Alpena Cement—Support
- Tiffany Watrous, representing the Great Lakes Metro Chamber Coalition; and the Detroit Regional Chamber—Support
- Lauren Bridenbaugh, representing the Lake Carriers' Association—Support

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Resolution 97. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Kowall, Green, Meekhof, and Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Kowall moved that Senate Resolution 97 (S-1) be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted. 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, Kowall, Green, Meekhof and Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4994 (Rep. Kowall). Senator Casperson called forth Maggie Cox from the Department of Environmental Quality to explain the Casperson Amendment.

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on House Bill 4994:

- Peter Ostlund, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- Adam Stefanick, representing Representative Kowall—Support
- Susan Harley, representing Clean Water Action—Oppose

Senator Green moved that the Casperson Amendment be adopted to House Bill 4994. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Kowall, Green, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Kowall moved that House Bill 4994 be reported out of committee as amended as a clean substitute 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, Kowall, Green, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Pavlov moved to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4994. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Pavlov left the committee room at 8:52 a.m.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4578 (Rep. Goike).

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

- Joe Quandt and Dave Snyder, representing the Michigan Septic Tank Association—Support

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

- Kyle Kaminski, representing Representative Goike—Support
- Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Oppose
- Susan Harley, representing Clean Water Action—Oppose
- Maggie Cox, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Neutral

Senator Meekhof moved that House Bill 4578 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Pavlov and Hood (2)

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

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

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:01 a.m.

2/16/12
Date Approved by Committee

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