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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, March 15, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:41 a.m.

Members present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren

Members excused: Senators Green, Hood

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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 March 8, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 939-942 (Sens. Meekhof, Proos, Casperson, & Green). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute for SB 939 for consideration. Senator Meekhof testified in explanation of the bills and substitute, and answered questions from the committee members.

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on Senate Bills 939-942:

- Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass—Neutral

Senator Kowall moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 939. 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, Meekhof, Warren, (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 939 (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, Meekhof (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

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

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 940 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, Meekhof (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

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

Senator Kowall moved that Senate Bill 941 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, Meekhof (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

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

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 942 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, Meekhof (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, 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 8:46 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: March 22, 2012

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