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**Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes**

A joint meeting of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes; House Committee on Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation: Forestry and Mining Sub-Committee; and the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee on Natural Resources was held Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 308 of the House Office Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes:

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

Members excused: Senator Hood

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Senator Casperson called the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes to order.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from June 7, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Bill O'Neel, Trevor VanDyke, and Sharon Schafer from the Department of Natural Resources gave a presentation to members on the Duck Lake Fire. Mr. O'Neel, Mr. VanDyke, and Ms. Schafer then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Casperson placed Senate Resolution 158 (Sen. Casperson) before members of the Senate Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes Committee. Senator Casperson then explained his resolution to his members and answered questions.

Senator Green moved that Senate Resolution 158 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Hood (1)

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

The following people testified via videoconference from Newberry, Michigan on the Duck Lake Fire and answered questions from committee members:

- Mary Arshambo, Newberry Help Center Coordinator
- Kevin Venetta, Business Owner

- Phil Nelson, Newberry Fire Chief
- Kathy Robinson, Rainbow Lodge Owner

Senator Casperson adjourned the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes at 9:15 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: September 13, 2012

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