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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, September 13, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

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

Members excused: Senator Hood

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 June 13, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson welcomed those in attendance from the Upper Peninsula, who were appearing at committee via video conference.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1206 (Sen. Casperson) for testimony. Senator Casperson explained the bill and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1206 and answered questions from committee members:

- Debbie Pellow & Paul Altobello, representing the Ishpeming Wastewater Treatment Facility—Support
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Neutral

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1206:

- Maggie Datema & Mike Person, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 1261-1265 (Sens. Hansen, Casperson, Pavlov, Warren, Green) for testimony. Senator Pavlov explained the bill package and answered questions from committee members. Senators Hansen and Warren offered additional explanation.

The following people testified on Senate Bills 1261-1265 and answered questions from committee members:

- Ann Conklin, representing the Michigan Recreation and Park Association—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1261-1265:

- Chad Wing, representing Eastern Michigan University—Support
- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support
- Erin Schor, representing the Michigan Community College Association—Support
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Ray Fahlsink, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1212 (Sen. Green) for testimony. Senator Green explained the bill and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1212 and answered questions from committee members:

- Dan Wyant, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality—Oppose
- Peter Manning, Natural Resources Division Chief representing the Attorney General’s Office—Oppose
- Tiffany Watrous, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber—Support
- Patrick Sutka, representing Nicholson Terminal & Dock Company—Support
- Karl Heim, representing the International Association of Machinists—Support
- Neil Kagan, representing the National Wildlife Federation—Oppose
- John Jamian & Christopher Johnson, representing the Port of Detroit—Support

Senator Casperson announced that due to time constraints the remaining cards would be held until the next committee meeting on the bill. Senator Casperson informed members and those in the audience that those cards would be given the opportunity to speak or would be read into the record at that meeting.

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

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:58 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: September 19, 2012

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