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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 Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

The meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m.

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

Members excused: Senator Meekhof

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

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1276 (Sen. Casperson) for testimony. Senator Casperson explained the bill and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1276 and answered questions from committee members:

- Will Borden, representing the Lake States Lumber Association—Support
- Brad Garmon, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- Rich Bowman, representing The Nature Conservancy—Oppose

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1276:

- Judy Augenstein, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen—Neutral
- Judy Augenstein, representing the Michigan Wisconsin Timber Professionals—Support
- Drew Youngedyke, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters—Oppose
- Shannon Kane, representing the Sierra Club—Oppose
- Kevin Korpi, representing the Michigan Forest Products Council—Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1008 (Sen. Moolenaar) for testimony. Senator Moolenaar explained the bill and substitute and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1008 and answered questions from committee members:

- Maggie Datema, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support with concerns

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1008:

- Dave Ladd, representing the Michigan Aggregate Association—Support
- Cia Sagerlind, representing the Michigan Potato Growers—Support
- Eric Rule, representing the Michigan Golf Course Owners Association—Support
- Amanda Fisher, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses—Support
- Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau—Support
- Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties—Support

- Val Vail Shirey, representing the Michigan Corn Growers Association—Support
- Jason Geer, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce--Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 1287 & 1288 (Sen. Booher) for testimony. Senator Booher explained the bill and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bills 1287 & 1288 and answered questions from committee members:

- Derek Bajema & Jim Johnson, representing the Department of Agriculture & Rural Development—No position on bill, still reviewing

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bills 1287 & 1288:

- Gerald Grossman, representing Grossman Forestry Company & Grossman Consulting Foresters—Oppose
- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Club—Support
- Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass—Support
- Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau—Support
- Lori Phalen, representing the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts—Support
- Will Borden, representing Lake States Lumber Association—Support
- Judy Augenstein, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen—Neutral
- Judy Augenstein, representing the Michigan Wisconsin Timber Professionals—Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 1155-1158 (Sens. Kowall, Proos, Pavlov & Hildenbrand) for testimony. Dave Biswas, staff for Senator Kowall, explained the bill package and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bills 1155-1158 and answered questions from committee members:

- Maggie Datema, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- Chuck Hersey, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments—Support
- Fred Cowles, representing the Michigan Water Environment Association—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1155-1158:

- Lauri Kay Elbing, representing The Nature Conservancy—Support
- Ron Brenke, representing the American Council of Engineering Companies—Support
- Jason Mancini, representing the Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Tiffany Watrous, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber—Support

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

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from September 13, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 4:19 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: September 20, 2012

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