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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 27, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

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

Members present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and 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 Green moved to adopt the minutes from September 20, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1238 (Sen. Booher). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute for consideration. Senator Booher explained the bill and substitute and answered questions from committee members.

Senator Green left the committee room at 8:06 a.m.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1238 and answered questions from committee members:

- Trevor VanDyke, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Support as amended
- Drew YoungeDyke, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters—Oppose
- Julie Stoneman, representing the Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy—Oppose as introduced
- Nancy Krupiarz, representing the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance—Oppose

Senator Kowall entered the committee room at 8:15 a.m.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1238:

- Jason Mancini, representing the Michigan Municipal League—Oppose
- Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass—Neutral
- Ann Conklin, representing the Michigan Recreation & Park Association—Oppose as originally presented
- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs--Neutral

Senator Warren entered the committee room at 8:20 a.m.

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1238. 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 (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 1238 S-1 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, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1238 S-1. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 1261-1265 (Sens. Hansen, Casperson, Pavlov, Warren, Green). Senator Casperson announced that there were substitutes for consideration for Senate Bills 1261, 1262, 1263, & 1264. Senator Pavlov explained the bill package and answered questions from committee members.

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

- Drew YoungeDyke, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters—Support
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Trevor VanDyke, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Support
- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1261. 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 Kowall moved that Senate Bill 1261 S-1 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, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1261 S-1. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1262. 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 Kowall moved that Senate Bill 1262 S-1 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, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1262 S-2. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1263. 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 1263 S-1 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, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1263 S-1. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1264. 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 Kowall moved that Senate Bill 1264 S-1 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, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1264 S-1. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Warren moved that Senate Bill 1265 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, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1265. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1008 (Sen. Moolenaar). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute for consideration. John Shiflett, staff to Senator Moolenaar, explained the bill and substitute and answered questions from committee members.

Senator Warren offered and explained her amendment (Amendment #1) to the S-4 substitute to Senate Bill 1008.

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

- Maggie Datema, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support in concept

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

- Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support

Senator Warren moved that Amendment #1 to the S-4 substitute to Senate Bill 1008 be adopted. 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 Pavlov moved that the S-4 substitute as amended as a clean substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1008. 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 Kowall moved that Senate Bill 1008 S-4 as amended as a clean substitute 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, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1008 S-4 as amended as a clean substitute. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Green entered the committee room at 8:42 a.m.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 1287 & 1288 (Sen. Booher). Kara Butters, staff to Senator Booher, explained the bills and answered questions from committee members. Ms. Butters also requested that Senate Bill 1288 remain before the committee and not be voted out, as their office was still working on the bill.

Senator Meekhof left the committee room at 8:43 a.m.

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

- Matt Smego & Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau—Support
- Jerry Grossman, representing Grossman Forestry—Oppose (SB 1288)
- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 1287 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, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1287. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1276 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute for consideration. Kendra Everett, staff to Senator Casperson, explained the bill and substitute and answered questions from committee members.

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

- Brad Garmon, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- Trevor VanDyke, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Neutral
- Rich Bowman, representing the Nature Conservancy—Oppose
- Scott Robbins, representing the Michigan Forest Products Council—Support

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

- Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass—Neutral
- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan Untied Conservation Clubs—Neutral
- Drew YoungeDyke, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters—Oppose

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1276. 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, Green, Kowall (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 1276 (S-1) 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, Pavlov, Green, Kowall (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1276 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 1155-1158 (Sens. Kowall, Proos, Pavlov & Hildenbrand) for testimony. Senator Casperson announced that there were substitutes for consideration for Senate Bills 1155, 1156, and 1157. Senator Kowall explained the bill package and substitutes and answered questions from committee members.

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

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Maggie Datema, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Don Stypula, representing the Michigan Association of Regions—Support
- Lance Binonieni, representing the Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association—Support
- Chuck Hersey, representing the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments—Support

Senator Kowall moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1155. 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, Green, Kowall, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Warren moved that Senate Bill 1155 (S-1) 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, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1155 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1156. 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, Green, Kowall, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Kowall moved that Senate Bill 1156 (S-1) 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, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1156 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1157. 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, Green, Kowall, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Kowall moved that Senate Bill 1157 (S-1) 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, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1157 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Warren moved that Senate Bill 1158 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, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1158. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1280 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute for consideration. Kendra Everatte, staff to Senator Casperson, explained the bill and substitute and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1280 and answered questions from committee members:

- Trevor VanDyke, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Neutral, supportive in concept as amended
- Rich Woman, representing The Nature Conservancy—Oppose, may be neutral with substitute

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1280:

- Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass—Neutral
- Drew YoungeDyke, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters—Oppose
- Judy Augenstein, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen—Neutral
- Judy Augenstein, representing the Great Lakes Timber Professionals—Support
- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Neutral

Senator Kowall moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1280. 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, Green, Kowall (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 1280 (S-1) 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, Pavlov, Green, Kowall (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Meekhof, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1280 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1328 (Sen. Casperson) for testimony. Kendra Everett, staff to Senator Casperson, explained the bill and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1328 and answered questions from committee members:

- Maggie Datema & Anne Couture, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- Andy Such, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1328:

- Bill Lievense, representing the Michigan Chemistry Council—Support concept
- Jason Geer, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce—Support

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

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:34 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: October 17, 2012

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