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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, October 17, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

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

Members excused: Senators Green, Meekhof, and Hood

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

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

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from September 27, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson announced that the topic for the meeting was "Testimony on the establishment of a game season on wolves in Michigan."

The following people testified on the topic and answered questions from committee members:

- Trevor VanDyke, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Support
- Adam Bump, DNR – Support
- Jimmie Mitchell, Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority – Oppose
- Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation – Support
- Melba Coleman, Citizen – Oppose
- Kent Wood, Michigan United Conservation Clubs – Support
- Jill Fritz, The Humane Society of the United States – Oppose
- Rebecca Parks, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on the topic:

- Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians – Oppose
- Doug Dougherty, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation of Michigan – Support
- Gary Schinske, Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association – Support
- Dean Hall, Michigan Bow Hunters Association – Support
- Matt Pedigo, Michigan Bearhunters Association – Support
- Joe Hudson, U.P. Bearhoundsmen Association – Support
- Jim Wale, Michigan State United Coon Hunters – Support
- Roger Thorman, Michigan State Fox Hunters – Support

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 8:38 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: November 8, 2012

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