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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, December 6, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.

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

Members excused: Hood

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

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from November 29, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

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

Senator Caspersen placed before the committee House Bill 5673 (Rep. Pscholka). Senator Caspersen announced that there was a substitute for consideration. Adam Carlson, staff for Representative Pscholka, explained the bill and substitute to committee members and answered questions.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bill 5673:

- Don Stypula, Michigan Association of Regions—Support

Senator Meekhof moved that the S-2 substitute be adopted to House Bill 5673. 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 Caspersen, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Hood (1)

Senator Kowall moved that House Bill 5673 (S-2) 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 Caspersen, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Hood (1)

Without objection the committee further recommended that House Bill 5673 (S-2) be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bills 4969, 4970 & 4302 (Reps. Foster, Huuki, & McBroom). Senator Casperson announced that there was substitutes before the committee for the bills.

The following people testified on House Bills 4969, 4970 & 4302 and answered questions from committee members:

- Rebecca Park, Michigan Farm Bureau—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bills 4969, 4970 & 4302:

- Derek Bagema & Rich Harlow, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development—Support
- Gary Melow, Michigan Biomass—Neutral
- Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support
- Lori Phalen, Michigan Association of Conservation Districts—Support

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-2 substitute be adopted to House Bill 4969. 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, Meekhof, Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Hood (1)

Senator Pavlov moved that House Bill 4969 (S-2) 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, Meekhof, Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Hood (1)

Without objection the committee further recommended that House Bill 4969 (S-2) be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Green moved that the S-2 substitute be adopted to House Bill 4970. 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, Meekhof, Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Hood (1)

Senator Kowall moved that House Bill 4970 (S-2) 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, Meekhof, Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Hood (1)

Without objection the committee further recommended that House Bill 4970 (S-2) be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to House Bill 4302. 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, Meekhof, Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Hood (1)

Senator Kowall moved that House Bill 4302 (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, Meekhof, Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Hood (1)

Without objection the committee further recommended that House Bill 4302 (S-1) be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:44 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee:

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