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Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism was held on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m.

Members present: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason and Young
Members excused: Senator Meekhof

Senator Hansen called the meeting to order.

Senator Hansen announced the order of business for the day:

- Approval of Minutes
- HB 5226 --Rep. Haugh--Children; foster care; criteria for eligibility in the mentored youth hunting program; clarify.
- SR 127--Sen. Hansen--A resolution to memorialize Congress to reject the President's budget proposal to eliminate the search-and-rescue U.S. Coast Guard helicopter unit in Muskegon County and to restructure the Traverse City Air Station.
- A presentation by the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council on Invasive Plant Species.

Senator Hildenbrand moved to adopt the minutes from March 15, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee House Bill 5226 (Rep. Haugh). A staff member for Rep. Haugh recapped the bill for members.

Senator Moolenaar moved that House Bill 5226 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 Hansen, Hildenbrand, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason, Young (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Meekhof (1)

By unanimous consent, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Resolution 127 (Sen. Hansen). Senator Hansen testified in explanation of the resolution and answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Hildenbrand moved that Senate Resolution 127 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted. 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 Hansen, Hildenbrand, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: Senator Young (1)

Absent: Senator Meekhof (1)

Senator Hansen called forth members of the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council to give a presentation on Invasive Plant Species. Members of the council also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk. Members of the council then answered questions from committee members. The members who presented were as follows:

- Andrea Grix, M4-HYCC Coordinator
- Sam Owens, Midland County
- Samantha Bellairs, Washtenaw County
- Allison Melcher, Washtenaw County
- Samantha Ellison, Tuscola County
- Katie Fassone, Saginaw County
- Zachary Childs, Genesee County
- Cierra Dane, Hillsdale County
- Nate Garrett, Calhoun County
- Melissa Mikolowski, Macomb County
- Dakota Hewlett, Kent County
- Riley Burch, Benzie County
- Madelyn McMillan, Saginaw County
- Margaret Spens, Presque Isle County
- Jerry Dunham, Benzie County
- Mallory Ramelis, Mackinac County
- Duncan MacLoed, Kent County
- Nicolas Heilman, Mecosta County
- Kennedy Cogswell, Montcalm County
- Susan Smith, Mecosta County
- Kenny Smith, Mecosta County

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

Senator Hansen adjourned the committee at 1:26 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: May 3, 2012

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