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Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes
Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes was held Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

Members present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren, Hood
Members absent: None

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

Senator Pavlov entered the committee room at 8:33 a.m.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from March 7, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from March 21, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson announced the order of business for the day:

- SB 288 (Casperson)--_Natural resources; hunting; natural resources commission ability to designate species as game; provide for.
- SB 289 (Casperson)—Natural resources; hunting; right to hunt and fish; provide for.

Senator Hood entered the committee room at 8:39 a.m.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 288 & 289 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson explained the bills to committee members and answered questions.

The following people testified on Senate Bills 288 & 289 and answered questions from committee members:

- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- Trevor VanDyke and Bill Moritz, Department of Natural Resources—Support
- Julie Baker, Songbird Protection Coalition—Oppose (SB 288)
- Scott Kaplan, Keep Michigan Wolves Protected—Oppose (SB 288)
- Jill Fritz, The Humane Society of the United States—Oppose (SB 288)
- Doug Doherty, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation—Support

- Rebecca Hammond, citizen—Oppose
- Phil Lombard, citizen—Oppose
- Thomas Funke, Michigan Audubon Society—Oppose
- Bill Porter, Phd., scientist—Support
- Tracy Lynn, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Judy Brock, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Joyce Janicki, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- John Wernet, Sault Saint Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians—Oppose
- Rebecca Park, MI Farm Bureau—Support
- Hassan Abdallah, Keep Michigan Wolves Protected—Oppose (SB 288)
- Kristen Furseth, citizen—Oppose (SB 289)
- Merle Shepard, Safari Club International—Support
- Kent Wood, Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support

Senator Meekhof left the committee room at 9:28 a.m.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bills 288 & 289:

- Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation—Support
- Sarah Black, citizen—Support
- Dick Pershinske, Mac-Luce Schoolcraft Farm Bureau—Support
- Wendell Miller, Mac-Luce Schoolcraft Farm Bureau—Support
- Joe Hudson, Upper Peninsula Bear Hunters Association—Support
- Dale Hendershot, Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association—Support
- Matt Pedigo, Michigan Bear Hunters Association—Support
- Roger Thorman, Michigan State Fox Hunters Association—Support
- Jim Wale, Michigan State Coon Hunters Association—Support
- Joel Southworth, citizen—Support (SB 288)
- Pat Hartsoe, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Mike Schuur, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Lorri DeShon, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Stephanie Doran, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Jan Hruby, citizen—Oppose (SB 289)
- Barb Barton, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Beth Bechtel, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Rhea Linn, citizen—Oppose
- Cheryl Barea, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Catherine A. Tingley, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Chris Sytek, citizen—Oppose
- Pam Sordyl, Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan—Oppose (SB 288)
- Kurt Perron, Tribal Chair, Bay Mills Indian Community—Oppose
- John VanCamp, Michigan Sierra Club—Oppose (SB 288)
- Amy Koster-Wright, Protect Michigan Wolves/citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Billie Pickett, Protect Michigan Wolves/citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Patience Miller, citizen—Oppose (SB 288)
- Sam Boumis, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians—Oppose

Senator Meekhof entered the committee room at 9:46 a.m.

Senator Casperson offered and explained his amendment to Senate Bill 288.

Senator Green moved that Amendment #1 be adopted to Senate Bill 288. 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, Hood (7/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 288 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 288 as amended as a clean substitute. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 289 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 (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Green moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 289. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee without objection at 9:59 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: April 18, 2013

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