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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, June 6, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

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

Members excused: Senator Hood

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

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from May 23, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

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

Senator Caspersen announced the order of business for the day:

- HB 4284 (Johnson) – Highways; local; off-road vehicle shoulder access on state trunk line highways; allow under certain circumstances.
- HB 4299 (Bumstead) - Natural resources; other; counties eligible to authorize off-road vehicles on road shoulders; extend to entire state and eliminate sunset.
- HB 4132 (Pettalia) - Natural resources; soil and erosion; membership on a conservation district board; allow temporary appointments to fill vacancies under certain circumstances.
- SB 50 (Caspersen)-- Natural resources; other; operation of off-road vehicles on certain state highways; provide for.

Senator Caspersen placed before the committee House Bill 4284 (Rep. Johnson) for testimony only. Representative Johnson explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bill 4284:

- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Steve Currie, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- Lewis Shuler, The Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan—Support

Senator Caspersen placed before the committee House Bill 4299 (Rep. Bumstead) for testimony only. Representative Bumstead explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following people testified on House Bill 4299 and answered questions from committee members:

- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan—Neutral (working with sponsor and chair)
- Kelly Bartlett, Michigan Department of Transportation—Neutral

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bill 4299:

- Steve Currie, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- Lewis Shuler, The Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan—Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4132 (Rep. Pettalia) for testimony only.

The following people testified on House Bill 4132 and answered questions from committee members:

- Steve Shine & Derek Bajema, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development—Support
- Lori Phalen, Michigan Association of Conservation Districts—Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 50 (Sen. Casperson) for testimony only. Senator Casperson explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 50:

- Steve Currie, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- Lewis Shuler, The Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan—Support
- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan—Neutral (working with sponsor and chair)
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support

There being no further business before the committee, Senator Casperson adjourned the committee without objection at 8:57 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: June 11, 2013

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