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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, October 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

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

Members excused: Senator Hood

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

Senator Casperson announced the order of business for the day:

- SB 444 (Sen. Casperson) – Natural resources; nonnative species; permits for treatment of aquatic invasive species; revise, and authorize certain local ordinances.
- HB 4993 (Rep. Bumstead) – Natural resources; hunting; wildlife council and wildlife management public education fund; create.

Senator Casperson called forward Representative Bumstead to explain House Bill 4993 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people testified on House Bill 4993 and answered questions from committee members:

- Merle Shepard, Safari Club International – Support
- Dakota Moore, National Rifle Association – Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bill 4993:

- Trevor Van Dyke, Department of Natural Resources – Support
- Kent Wood, Michigan United Conservation Clubs – Support
- Rebecca Park, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

Senator Casperson explained for the committee Senate Bill 444, as well as the S-1 Substitute..

The following people testified on Senate Bill 444 and answered questions from committee members:

- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association – Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 444:

- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Oppose
- Matt Kurta, Michigan Waterfront Alliance – Support
- Maggie Datema, Department of Environmental Quality – Support
- Trevor Van Dyke, Department of Natural Resources – Support
- Sam Boumis, Michigan Aquatic Managers Association – Support

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 444. 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 (5/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1/7)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Hood (1/7)

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 444 (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 (5/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1/7)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Hood (1/7)

Senator Kowall moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 444 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from September 12, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

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

There being no further business before the committee, Senator Casperson adjourned the committee without objection at 9:34 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: October 24, 2013

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