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Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism
Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members present: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar, Young, Hopgood
Members excused: None

Senator Hansen called the meeting to order.

Senator Hansen announced the order of business for the day:

- Approval of the Minutes
- SB 215 (Sen. Brandenburg) Watercraft; marinas; marina dredging loans; reestablish program.
- SB 243 (Sen. Boohar) Natural resources; funding; funds for dredging and breakwalls; establish.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 215 (Sen. Brandenburg) for testimony. Senator Brandenburg explained the bills to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Young entered the committee room at 8:38 a.m.

Senator Meekhof entered the committee room at 8:40 a.m.

The following people testified on Senate Bills 215 and answered questions from committee members:

- Eric Foster, Belle Maer Harbor—Support
- Trevor VanDyke, Department of Natural Resources—Neutral
- Paul Conners & Mike Krause, Department of Treasury—Neutral

Senator Hildenbrand entered the committee room at 8:45 a.m.

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 215:

- Ken Verkest, Supervisor, Harrison Township—Support
- Dave Ladd, National Marine Manufacturers Association—Support
- David Worthams, Michigan Bankers Association—Support
- Bret Marr, Michigan Boating Industries Association—Support

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 243 (Sen. Booher) for testimony. Senator Booher and his staff, Kara Butters, explained the bills to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Hopgood left the committee room at 9:04 a.m.

Senator Hansen called forth Trevor VanDyke from the Department of Natural Resources to answer additional questions from committee members.

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 243:

- Dave Ladd, National Marine Manufacturers Association—Support
- David Worthams, Michigan Bankers Association—Support
- Bret Marr, Michigan Boating Industries Association—Support

Senator Hildenbrand moved to adopt the committee minutes from February 28, 2013 by unanimous consent. Without any objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hansen adjourned the committee without objection at 9:22 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: March 7, 2013

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