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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 Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.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 229 (Sen. Moolenaar) Natural resources; funding; natural resources trust fund; clarify that money may be expended for dredging of harbors for use by recreational watercraft.
- SB 264 (Sen. Casperson) Natural resources; other; issuance of permits for dredging; modify procedure.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the committee minutes from March 12, 2013 by unanimous consent. Without any objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Young entered the committee room at 12:35 p.m.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 229 (Sen. Moolenaar).

The following people testified on Senate Bill 229 and answered questions from committee members:

- Nancy Krupiarz, Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance—Oppose

Senator Hopgood entered the committee room at 12:38 p.m.

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 229:

- Becky Rymbrandt, City of Wyoming—Oppose
- Trevor VanDyke, Department of Natural Resources—Concerns regarding conflicts with the Michigan Constitution
- Michael McDonald, Michigan Recreation & Parks Association—Oppose
- Jack Schmitt, Michigan League of Conservation Voters—Oppose

- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- Mike Berkowitz & Anne Woinwode, Michigan Sierra Club—Oppose
- Lauri Kay Elbing, The Nature Conservancy—Oppose
- Dave Worthams, Michigan Bankers Association—Support

Senator Moolenaar moved that Senate Bill 229 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, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar (5/7)

Nays: Senators Young, Hopgood (2/7)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Hildenbrand moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 229. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 264 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Hansen announced that there was a substitute for consideration. Senator Casperson explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 264 and answered questions from committee members:

- Maggie Datema & Kim Fish, Department of Environmental Quality—Support

The following person submitted a card, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 264:

- Dave Worthams, Michigan Bankers Association—Support

Senator Hildenbrand moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 264. 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 Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: Senators Young, Hopgood (2/7)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Casperson moved that Senate Bill 264 (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 Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: Senators Young, Hopgood (2/7)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Meekhof moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 264 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Hansen adjourned the committee without objection at 12:58 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: March 20, 2013

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