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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, February 21, 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 excused: none

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

Senator Casperson welcomed those in attendance in Lansing as well as those attending the meeting via video-conferencing from the Upper Peninsula.

Senator Casperson announced the order of business for the day:

Adopt Minutes

SB 78 Sen. Casperson Natural resources; wildlife; designation of biodiversity areas; prohibit by DNR and remove biological diversity from list of state forest management goals.

Senator Warren entered the committee room at 8:34 a.m.

Senator Kowall moved to adopt the minutes from February 14, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

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

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

Senator Meekhof left the committee room at 8:45 a.m.

Senator Green entered the committee room at 9:17 a.m.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 78 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute before the committee.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 78 and answered questions from committee members:

- Jonathan Lutz, Michigan Audubon—Oppose
- Artemis Eyster, citizen—Oppose
- Dr. Bradley Cardinale, School of Natural Resources & Environment, University of Michigan—Oppose
- Lisa Brush, Stewardship Network—Oppose
- John Punegar, citizen—Support
- Joseph Kaplan, citizen—Oppose
- Rory Mattson, Upper Peninsula Sportsman Alliance—Support
- Johannes Foufopuulos, University of Michigan—Oppose

Senator Casperson recessed the committee at 9:59 a.m.

Senator Casperson reconvened the committee at 10:37 a.m.

Senator Casperson announced that the committee would continue with testimony and discussing Senate Bill 78.

Senators Pavlov and Warren entered the committee room at 10:41 a.m.

Senators Hood and Kowall entered the committee room at 10:43 a.m.

Senator Green entered the committee room at 10:45 a.m.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 78 and answered questions from committee members:

- Daniel Hayes, Citizen—Oppose
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- Barbara O'Kelly, citizen—Oppose
- Elizabeth Gullotty, citizen—Oppose
- Shannon Carvey, Michigan State University—Oppose
- Alyssa Wethington, MSU Fisheries and Wildlife—Oppose
- Michael Rotter, citizen—Oppose
- Alec Lindsay, Northern Michigan University—Oppose
- Scott Hickman, citizen—Oppose
- Carina Baskett, citizen—Oppose
- Robert Gordon, citizen—Oppose
- J. Michael Vasievich, Tessa Systems LLC—Support
- Stephanie Mabie, Kent County Water Conservation—Oppose

Senator Warren left the committee room at 11:05 a.m.

Senator Green left the committee room at 11:28 a.m.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 78:

- Glenn Brado, citizen—Oppose
- Shikha Singh, Graduate Student MSU Fisheries and Wildlife—Oppose
- Dawn Lucas, citizen—Oppose
- Erin Mittendorf, citizen—Oppose
- Sarah Craddock, citizen—Oppose
- Brooke Merrill, citizen—Oppose
- Ian Lacy, citizen—Oppose
- Kaitlin Clark, citizen—Oppose
- David Orban, citizen—Oppose
- Will Borden, Lake State Lumber Association—Support
- Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Club—Support (as amended)
- Karen Beatty, citizen—Oppose

- Derek Bajema, Department of Natural Resources—Neutral
- Kathy Bradbury, citizen—Oppose
- Aaron Bulough, MSU Birding Club—Oppose
- Scott Robbins, Michigan Forest Products Council—Support

Senator Casperson recessed the committee at 12:07 p.m.

Senator Green entered the committee room at 12:10 p.m.

Senator Casperson reconvened the committee at 12:10 p.m.

Senator Casperson called forth Kendra Everett, his legislative director, to explained the substitute to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 78. 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 Hood (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Warren (1)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 78 (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 Hood (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Warren (1)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 78 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 12:12 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: March 7, 2013

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