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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 Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

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

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

Members excused: Senator Meekhof

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

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from June 6, 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 4132 (Pettalia) - Natural resources; soil and erosion; membership on a conservation district board; allow temporary appointments to fill vacancies 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.
- SB 50 (Caspersen)-- Natural resources; other; operation of off-road vehicles on certain state highways; provide for.
- HB 4284 (Johnson) – Highways; local; off-road vehicle shoulder access on state trunk line highways; allow under certain circumstances.
- SB 394 (Hune)- Environmental protection; water pollution; effluent limitations for sodium in groundwater discharges; prohibit.

Senator Caspersen placed before the committee Senate Bill 394 (Sen. Hune) for testimony only. Senator Hune explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 394 and answered questions from committee members:

- Leslie Zawada, Anthony Dowson, & Lannie Young, Lyon Township and Green Oak Township—Support
- Maggie Datema & Rick Rusz, Department of Environmental Quality—No position given

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 394:

- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Justin Winslow, Michigan Restaurant Association—Support

Senator Hood entered the committee room at 8:44 a.m.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4132 (Rep. Pettalia). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute for consideration. Steven Shine, from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, explained the bill and substitute to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Green moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to House Bill 4132. 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, Warren, Hood (7/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Pavlov moved that House Bill 4132 (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, Warren, Hood (7/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4132 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4284 (Rep. Johnson). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute for consideration. Ben Frederick, staff to Representative Johnson, explained the bill and substitute to committee members and answered questions.

Kelly Bartlett, representing the Department of Transportation, and Trevor VanDyke, representing the Department of Natural Resources, testified and answered questions on House Bill 4284, Senate Bill 50, and House Bill 4299.

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

- Kent Wood, Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Lewis Shuler, The Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan—Support
- Steve Currie, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- John LaMacchia, Michigan Municipal League—Support (in concept)

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to House Bill 4284. 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: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Green moved that House Bill 4284 (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: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)
Absent: none (0)

Senator Pavlov moved to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4284 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 50 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute for consideration. Kendra Everett, staff to Senator Casperson, explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

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

- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support
- Dick Ranney, Michigan Motorized Recreation Council—Support
- Kent Wood, Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Steve Currie, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- Lewis Shuler, The Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan—Support

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 50. 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: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 50 (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: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 50 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4299 (Rep. Bumstead). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute for consideration. Representative Bumstead explained the bill and substitute to committee members and answered questions. Senator Kowall offered additional comments regarding the substitute.

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

- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan—Support

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

- Kent Wood, Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support
- Lewis Shuler, The Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan—Support
- Steve Currie, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- John LaMacchia, Michigan Municipal League—Support (in concept)

Senator Kowall moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to House Bill 4299. 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: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Kowall moved that House Bill 4299 (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: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4299 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Senator Casperson adjourned the committee without objection at 9:16 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: September 12, 2013

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