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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 7, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 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 218 (Sen. Hansen) Economic development; tax increment financing; sunset on water resource improvement tax increment finance authority; remove, and allow dredging.
- 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 171 (Sen. Pavlov) Natural resources; hunting; restitution value for possession of certain wildlife; modify.
- SB 172 (Sen. Casperson) Natural resources; hunting; penalties for trespassing; modify.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 171 & 172 (Sens. Pavlov & Casperson).

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 171 & 172:

- Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support

Senator Hildenbrand moved that Senate Bill 171 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, Young (6/7)

Nays: None (0)
Pass: None (0)
Absent: Senator Hopgood (1)

Senator Meekhof moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 171. By unanimous consent, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Moolenaar moved that Senate Bill 172 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, Young (6/7)

Nays: None (0)

Pass: None (0)

Absent: Senator Hopgood (1)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 172. By unanimous consent, the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 218 (Sen. Hansen) for testimony. Senator Hansen explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

Senator Hopgood entered the committee room at 12:34 p.m.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 218 and answered questions from committee members:

- Trevor VanDyke, Department of Natural Resources—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 218:

- Nikki Brown, Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Bret Marr, Michigan Boating Industries Association—Support

Senator Hansen directed members to a letter before them from the Pentwater Township regarding Senate Bill 218.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 229 (Sen. Moolenaar) for testimony. Senator Moolenaar explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

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

- Trevor VanDyke and Jon Mayes, Department of Natural Resources—Oppose
- Julie Stoneman, Heart of the Lakes—Oppose
- Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Oppose
- Brad Garmon, Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

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

- Bret Marr, Michigan Boating Industries Association—Support
- Jon VanCamp, Sierra Club—Oppose

Senator Young moved to adopt the committee minutes from March 6, 2013 by unanimous consent. Without any objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hansen adjourned the committee without objection at 1:39 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: March 12, 2013

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