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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, January 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m.

Members present: Senators Caspersen, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Members excused: Senators Pavlov and Hood

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

Senator Caspersen announced the order of business for the day:

- SB 719 (Sen. Booher) – Natural resources; funding; clean Michigan initiative loans; allow to renegotiate.
- HB 5005 (Rep. LaFontaine) – Environmental protection; solid waste; diverted waste; exempt from definition of solid waste and regulate collection centers.

Senator Caspersen called forward Senator Booher, joined by Brian Anderson of the Clare County Middle Michigan Development, to explain Senate Bill 719 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 719 and answered questions from committee members:

- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, concerning Senate Bill 719:

- Tracey Beadle, City of Harrison – Support
- Dale Majewski, Clare County – Support
- Katherine Methner, Middle Michigan Development Corporation – Support
- Sarah Howes, Department of Environmental Quality – Support
- Carrie Geyer, Chief of Brownfield Redevelopment Unit – Support

Senator Caspersen called forward Eric Ventimiglia, of Representative LaFontaine's office, to explain House Bill 5005 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people testified on House Bill 5005 and answered questions from committee members:

- Sarah Howes, Department of Environmental Quality – Support
- Liz Browne, Department of Environmental Quality – Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, concerning House Bill 5005:

- Paul Miron, Citizen – Support
- Amanda Lick, Michigan Pharmacists Association – Support
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association – Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Support
- Brian Kandler, Detroit Renewable Energy – Support
- Dan Batts, Michigan Waste Industries Association – Support

Senator Warren made a motion to excuse absent members and, without objection, it was so moved.

Senator Green moved to adopt the minutes from October 31, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

There being no further business before the committee, Senator Casperson adjourned the committee without objection at 9:29 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: January 30, 2014

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