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## MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov, Green, Kowall, and Warren

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Meekhof, and Hood

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Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- Adoption of the minutes from the March 13, 2014 meeting
- Testimony on issues of importance to the forest products industry

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Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 13, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Warren made a motion to excuse absent members; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced members would be hearing testimony on issues of importance to the forest products industry. The following individuals testified:

- Trevor VanDyke & Debbie Begalle, Department of Natural Resources
- Scott Robbins & Todd Johnson, Michigan Forest Products Council
- Rich Newill, Michigan Association of Timbermen Self-Insurance Fund
- Gary Melow, Michigan Biomass

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: March 27, 2014**

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