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The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lexington Community Center, 6964 Huron Avenue, Lexington.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Meekhof, and Hood

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

- SB 795 Sen. Kowall Natural resources; nonnative species; prohibited species violations; increase penalties.
- SB 796 Sen. Meekhof Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for prohibited species violations; enact.
- SB 797 Sen. Pavlov Natural resources; nonnative species; instrumentality of violations; provide for forfeiture of.
- SB 798 Sen. Green Vehicles; other; commercial vehicle group designations; provide suspension procedures for aquatic prohibited species violations.
- SB 799 Sen. Casperson Natural resources; fishing; commercial fishing licenses; provide suspension procedures for aquatic prohibited species violations.
- SB 800 Sen. Walker Natural resources; hunting; suspension of hunting, fishing, or trapping rights; provide for under certain circumstances.
- SB 801 Sen. Moolenaar Natural resources; fishing; commercial fishing licenses; provide suspension procedures for aquatic prohibited species violations.

- SB 802 Sen. Hansen Natural resources; nonnative species; instrumentality of violations; provide for forfeiture of.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order and announced that Senator Pavlov, the committee Vice Chair, would be leading the meeting.

Senator Pavlov led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Senator Pavlov introduced the committee members and welcomed Representative Muxlow to the panel.

Senator Kowall, and Eric Dean, chief of staff for Senator Walker, gave members a brief overview of the package of bills.

The following individuals testified before the members regarding Senate Bills 795-802:

- Trevor VanDyke, MI Department of Natural Resources—Support
- Don Brown, legislative aide for Congresswoman Candice Miller—Support
- Charles Miller, Trustee, Clay Township—Support
- Greg Alexander, Sanilac County Drain Commissioner—Support

Senator Pavlov read into the record, a letter of support submitted by Mike Berkowitz, with the Sierra Club-MI Chapter.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on Senate Bills 795-802 but did not wish to speak:

- Jerry Cooper, Director, Lapeer County Conservation District—Neutral
- William Deater, Supervisor, Grant Township—Support
- Mary Brown, Administrator, Lapeer County Conservation District—Support

Senator Pavlov advised members the package of bills would be brought up at a later date for further testimony.

Being no further business, Senator Pavlov adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: March 27, 2014