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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Thursday, May 22, 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, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Absent:

Excused: Senator Hood

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

Adoption of the minutes from the May 15, 2014 meeting

- 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 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.
- HB 5400 (Rep. Schmidt) Environmental protection; solid waste; low-hazard industrial waste, beneficial use by-products, and inert material; reduce regulation of.
- HB 5401 (Rep. McBroom) Environmental protection; cleanups; person who stores or uses inert materials and beneficial use by-products; exempt from liability.
- HB 5402 (Rep. Potvin) Agriculture; fertilizer; liming material licensing conditions; provide for beneficial use by-products and inert materials.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 15, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Warren made a motion to excuse absent members; being no objection, absent members were excused.

Senator Green entered at 9:09 a.m.

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, SB 795, SB 796, SB 797, SB 799, and SB 800.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 795, 796, 797, 799, and 800:

- Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau – Supports concept

The following individuals submitted a testimony card regarding SB 795, 796, 797, 799, and 800 but did not wish to speak:

- Jean Doss for James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Support
- Lori Phalen, Michigan Association of Conservation Districts – Support
- Trever VanDyke, Department of Natural Resources – Support
- Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Clubs – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-3) substitute to SB 795. Sen. Kowall so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 795 (S-3) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Pavlov so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 796. Sen. Kowall so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 796 (S-1) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Warren so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 797. Sen. Pavlov so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 797 (S-1) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Kowall so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 799. Sen. Kowall so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 799 (S-1) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Meekhof so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 800. Sen. Kowall so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 800 (S-1) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Meekhof so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, HB 5400, 5401, and 5402. Representative Potvin and Representative Schmidt offered a brief overview of the bills.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding HB 5400, 5401, and 5402:

- Andy Such, Michigan Manufacturers Association – Support

- Charles Barbieri, Michigan Manufacturers Association – Support
- Dr. Gary Dawson, Consumers Energy – Support
- Mike Lenahan, Michigan Foundry Association – Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card regarding HB 5400, 5401, and 5402, but did not wish to speak:

- Maggie Datema and Steve Sliver, Department of Environmental Quality – Support
- Dan Batts, Michigan Waste Industries Association – Neutral
- Gary Melow, Michigan Biomass – Neutral
- Mike Berkowitz, Michigan Sierra Club – Oppose
- Dondre Young, Michigan League of Conservation Voters – Oppose
- Jean Doss for James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Oppose (HB 5400)
- Mark Stadt, DTE Energy – Support
- Bill Lievense, Foundry Association of Michigan – Support
- Brian O’Connell, General Motors – Support
- George Carr, Wisconsin Electric – Support
- George Carr, Michigan Ground Water Association – Support

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: 5/27/14

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