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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Caspersen called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Caspersen, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren

Absent:

Excused: Senator Hood

Senator Caspersen announced the following order of business:

Adoption of the minutes from the May 22, 2014 meeting

- SCR 15 (Sen. Caspersen) A concurrent resolution to call on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw their proposed rule expanding the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act.
- SR 147 (Sen. Caspersen) A resolution to call on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw their proposed rule expanding the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act.
- 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.
- SB 891 (Sen. Caspersen) Environmental protection; cleanups; part 201 cleanup program; provide general amendments.
- SB 892 (Sen. Caspersen) Environmental protection; cleanups; definition of facility; modify to include all contiguous property under common ownership that is or contains a facility.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 22, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

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

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, SCR 15 and SR 147. The Chairman gave a brief overview of the resolutions.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SCR 15 and SR 147:

- Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card regarding SCR 15 and SR 147, but did not wish to speak:

- Scott Robbins, Michigan Forest Products Council – Support (SR 147)
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association – Support
- Doug Roberts, Consumers Energy – Support (SR 147)
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Oppose
- Brad Ward, Michigan Realtors – Support
- Lee Schwartz, Michigan Home Builders – Support
- Mike Crawford, Michigan Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association – Support (SR 147)
- Jason Geer, Michigan Chamber of Commerce – Support

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, HB 5400, 5401, and 5402

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

- Maggie Datema, Department of Environmental Quality and April Hunt, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Oppose

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

- Michael Lenahan, Foundry Association of Michigan – Support
- Charles Barbieri, Michigan Manufacturers Association – Support
- Andy Such, Michigan Manufacturers Association – Support
- Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support
- George Carr, Michigan Concrete Association – Support
- Jason Geer and Troy Lumings, Michigan Chamber of Commerce – Support
- Bill Lievense, Michigan Chemistry Council – Support
- Gary Dawson, Consumers Energy – Support
- Jason Wadaga, Michigan Sugar Company – Support

Senator Warren entered at 8:58 a.m.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-2) substitute to HB 5400. Sen. Meekhof so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5400 (S-2) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Green so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5401 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

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5402 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Green so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, SB 891 and SB 892.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 891 and SB 892:

- Bob Wagner and Maggie Datema, Department of Environmental Quality – Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Oppose

The following individuals submitted a testimony card regarding SB 891 and SB 892, but did not wish to speak:

- Jason Geer and Troy Cumings, Michigan Chamber of Commerce – Support
- Andy Such, Michigan Manufacturers Association – Support

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: 6/5/14

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