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## MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Warren, and Hood

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Meekhof

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Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

Adoption of the minutes from the October 2, 2014 meeting

HB 4874 (Rep. Goike) Environmental protection; sewage; requirement to dispose of septage waste at receiving facilities; eliminate sunset on exemption for owners of certain storage facilities.

HB 5563 (Rep. LaFontaine) Environmental protection; solid waste; abandoned vehicle disposal process for watercraft, snowmobiles, and ORVs; establish.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 2, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

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

Senator Hood entered at 9:10 a.m.

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, HB 4874. Kendra Everett from Senator Casperson's office explained the amendment being offered.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding HB 4874:

- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association – Neutral (supports amendment)
- Todd Brittain, Leoni Township – Neutral
- Mark Scott, Scott’s Excavating and Michigan Septic Tank Association – Support
- Whit Blakeslee, Gmoser’s Septic Service – Support
- Joeseeph G. Williams, Michigan Septic Tank Association and Williams Pumping Service – Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card regarding HB 4874, but did not wish to speak:

- Raymond Daniels, Michigan Septic Tank Association – Support
- Joe Hall, Hall’s Servall and Michigan Septic Tank Association – Support
- Dave Snyder, Michigan Septic Tank Association and West Michigan Septic – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt Casperson amendment to HB 4874. Sen. Kowall so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 4874 as amended 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, and Kowall

Nays: Senators Warren and Hood

The motion prevailed

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 4874; without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Senator Casperson requested a clean substitute from the Legislative Service Bureau.

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, HB 5563. James Biehl from Representative LaFontaine’s office gave a brief overview of the legislation.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding HB 5563:

- William Georgis, Mike’s Wrecker and Michigan Towing Association – Support
- Joel Ballor, Joe Ballor Towing and Michigan Towing Association – Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card regarding HB 5563, but did not wish to speak:

- Trevor VanDyke, Department of Natural Resources – Support

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: 11/13/14**

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