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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Hood

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

Adoption of the minutes from the October 2, 2014 meeting

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| SB 941 | (Sen. Kowall) | Environmental protection; solid waste; scrap tire regulations; modify. |
| SB 942 | (Sen. Casperson) | Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for certain scrap tire and hazardous waste violations; establish. |
| 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 November 6, 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 Casperson announced the committee would briefly recess at 9:16 a.m.

Senator Kowall entered at 9:23 a.m.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, SB 941 and 942. Senator Kowall explained the substitute to SB 941.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card regarding SB 941 and 942, but did not wish to speak:

- Gary Melow, Michigan Biomass – Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Support
- Sarah Howes and Rhonda Oyer, Department of Environmental Quality – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 941. Sen. Kowall so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 941 (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

Abstain: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 941. Sen. Casperson so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 942 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

Abstain: None

The motion prevailed

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 942; without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, HB 5563. Kendra Everett from Senator Casperson's office explained the amendment to HB 5563.

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

- Trevor VanDyke, Department of Natural Resources – Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Support
- Bill Zaagman, Michigan Towing Association – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt Casperson amendment to HB 5563. Sen. Meekhof so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5563 as amended 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, and Warren

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The motion prevailed

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5563; without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

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

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: 12/04/14

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