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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

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

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson (C), 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 March 27, 2014 meeting
- SB 872 Sen. Casperson Environmental protection; cleanups; use of and development on stamp sands; allow.
- SB 891 Sen. Casperson Environmental protection; cleanups; part 201 cleanup program; provide general amendments.
- SB 892 Sen. Casperson Environmental protection; cleanups; definition of facility; modify to include all contiguous property under common ownership that is or contains a facility.
- A presentation by the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council on home heating oil tanks, and their effects on homeowners and the environment.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kowall made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 27, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

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

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, Senate Bill 872, and reminded members

testimony had previously been heard at the March 27, 2014 meeting.

The following individuals testified before members regarding their position on SB 872:

- Representative Scott Dianda, Calumet, 110th District—Support
- Anne Couture & Bob Wagner, Department of Environmental Quality—Neutral

The following individuals submitted testimony cards on SB 872 but did not wish to speak:

- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

The Chair then took testimony via video conferencing from Houghton. The following individuals spoke:

- Mary Jane Williams, a citizen—Oppose
- Dave & Linda Rulison, citizens—Oppose
- Chuck Brumleve, Mining Technician and Geologist, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community—Oppose
- John Slivon, a citizen—Oppose
- Judith Perlinger, Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Michigan Technological University—Oppose
- Dan Lorenzetti, Secretary, Torch Lake Public Advisory Council—Support
- Dave Jukuri, Chair, Torch Lake Public Advisory Council—Support
- Scott MacInnes, City of Houghton—Support

Senator Casperson advised members he would not be taking a vote on the bill at this meeting.

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, Senate Bills 891-892. He gave members a brief overview of the bills.

The following individuals testified before members to share their position on SBs 891-92:

- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- Jason Geer & Troy Cummings, Michigan Chamber of Commerce—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards on SBs 891-92 but did not wish to speak:

- Bill Lievens, Michigan Chemistry Council—Support
- Andy Such, Michigan Manufacturers Association—Support

Senator Casperson advised members he would not be taking a vote on the bills at this meeting.

Senator Casperson announced members would be hearing a presentation by the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council on home heating oil tanks, and their effects on homeowners and the environment.

The following individuals testified:

- Samantha Ellison, Tuscola County
- Mallory Ramelis, Mackinaw County
- Nicolas Heilman, Mecosta County
- Kennedy Cogswell, Montcalm County
- Faith Ureel, Wayne County
- Elizabeth Troxell, Isabella County

- Samantha Bellairs, Jackson County
- Kyle Russell, Branch County
- Jerry Dunham, Benzie County
- Osten Eschedor, Hillsdale County
- Allison Melcher, Washtenaw County
- Parker Foote, Washtenaw County
- Christopher Chang, Oakland County
- Julia Reynolds, Oakland County
- Randi Rice, Ottawa County
- Cheyenne Hewlett, Kent County
- Brenden Rice, Ottawa County
- Dan Christensen, Kalamazoo County
- Dakota Hewlett, Kent County

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

Date Adopted by Committee: May 1, 2014

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