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**DRAFT MINUTES**

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Thursday, December 4, 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, Kowall, Meekhof, and Warren

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Green and Hood

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Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

Adoption of the minutes from the November 13, 2014 meeting

SB 1026 (Sen. Brandenburg) Natural resources; gas and oil; drilling oil and gas wells in cities or townships with a population of 70,000 or more; prohibit except in certain circumstances.

SB 1076 (Sen. Brandenburg) Natural resources; gas and oil; zoning regulating oil and gas drilling; allow in townships with certain population.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 13, 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 next item on the agenda, SB 1026 and 1076. Senator Brandenburg was invited to explain the legislation.

Senator Casperson invited Dan Wyant and Jim Goodheart to give an overview of the DEQ's high density oil and gas development workgroup.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 1026 and 1076:

- Christine Green, Scio Township – Support
- Bill Horn, Michigan Oil and Gas Association – Opposed
- Rick Stathakis, Shelby Township Supervisor – Supports with changes
- Laura Robinson and Yi-Li Wu, Citizens for Oil-Free Backyards – Opposed
- Erin McDonough and Pat Gibson, Michigan Oil and Gas Association and West Bay Exploration – Opposed
- Dave Sutton, Citizens Against Residential Drilling – Neutral
- Denis Demark, Citizens Against Residential Drilling – Support (1076), Neutral 1026

The following individuals wished to testify before the committee regarding SB 1026 and 1076, but were not able to do so because time did not permit:

- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Neutral (needs changes)
- Michele Economou Ureste, West Bloomfield Township – Opposed
- John Griffin, American Petroleum Institute – Opposed
- Judy Allen, Michigan Townships Association – Support
- Andy Such, Michigan Manufacturers Association – Opposed
- Jason Geer, Michigan Chamber of Commerce – Opposed

The following individuals submitted a testimony card regarding SB 1026 and 1076, but did not wish to speak:

- Gary Worman, Norman and Dixon – Opposed
- Bill Bullard Jr., City of Rochester Hills – Support
- Ian Moyer, Citizens for Oil Free Backyards – Opposed (as written)
- Tom Hoisington, Merit Energy – Opposed
- Jill Latta, Citizens for Oil Free Backyards – Opposed (as written)
- Susan Schlaybaugh, Chevron – Opposed
- Ben Brower, Jordan Development – Opposed

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee:**

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