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A meeting of the Senate Natural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Adopted committee rules for 2015-16 legislative session
- 2) Reported SR 7 with recommendation

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas, Warren

Absent: None

Excused: None

Chair Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Stamas made a motion to adopt the rules of the 2015-2016 legislative session.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas, Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chair announced Senate Resolution 7 was the next item on the agenda and welcomed constituents from two off-site locations that were testifying before members via video conferencing.

The following individuals testified in Lansing before members concerning their position on SR 7:

- Kristi Lloyd, resident of Hickory Corners—Oppose
- Jill Fritz, The Humane Society of the United States—Oppose
- Scott Carter, Detroit Zoological Society—Oppose
- Jimmie Mitchell, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians—Oppose
- Trevor Van Dyke, Department of Natural Resources—Support
- Matt Evans, Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support

The following individuals testified from Ironwood before members concerning their position on SR 7:

- Nancy Warren, National Wolf Watchers Coalition—Oppose
- Dennis Ellos, Eldred Clemens and Joe Allen, Western Upper Peninsula Citizens on Wolf Management—Support
- Ginew Inini, Ottawa Nation—Oppose
- Arthur Lyons, resident of Gogebic—Support
- Paul Grbavcich, Camp Salt Lik, Mosinee Grade—Support
- Scott Erickson, City of Ironwood—Support
- Tom Richter, resident of Iron River—Support

The following individual testified from Manistique before members concerning their position on SR 7:

- David Slining, resident of Manistique—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on SR 7 but did not testify before members:

- Erin Wenk, resident of Williamston—Oppose
- Andrew Vermeesch, Michigan Farm Bureau—Support
- Al Warren, resident of Ewen—Oppose

Senator Warren offered an amendment and gave members a brief explanation.

Senator Warren made a motion to adopt the amendment to Senate Resolution 7.

Yeas: Senator Warren

Nays: Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas

Pass: none

The motion failed.

Senator Warren offered a second amendment and gave members a brief explanation.

Senator Warren made a motion to adopt the second amendment to Senate Resolution 7.

Yeas: Senator Warren

Nays: Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas

Pass: none

The motion failed.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to report Senate Resolution 7 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Yeas: Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas

Nays: Senator Warren

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Chair Casperson adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: March 10, 2015

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