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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MINUTES

March 18, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Natural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 12:30 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Presentation by the Houghton Middle School EcoChallenge team on Invasive Plant Species
- 2) SB 206 – Testimony only

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:34 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 Robertson made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chair invited the Houghton Middle School EcoChallenge team to share their presentation on Invasive Plant Species.

The Chair announced Senate Bill 206 was the next item on the agenda. Senator Booher and Patrick Tiedt, his chief of staff, gave members a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified before members regarding their position on SB 206:

- Keith Creagh, Director, and Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison, Department of Natural Resources—Oppose
- Deena Bosworth, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- Jim Horan, Sunny Brook RV Resort—Support
- James Clift and Brad Garmon, Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

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- Julie Stoneman, Heart of the Lakes—Oppose
- Ann Conklin, Michigan Recreation and Parks Association—Oppose
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards to indicate their position on SB 206 but did not testify before members:

- Dondre Young, Michigan League of Conservation Voters—Oppose
- Matt Evans, Michigan United Conservation Clubs –Oppose
- Mike Berkowitz, Michigan Sierra Club—Oppose
- Robert Gordon, a citizen—Oppose
- Danielle Casavant, The Conservation Fund—Oppose

Being no further business, Chair Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: March 25, 2015

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