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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES
October 7, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Natural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 12:30 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. SB 400 – Reported S-1 with recommendation and recommendation for I.E.
2. SB 401 – Reported S-1 with recommendation and recommendation for I.E.
3. SB 402 – Reported S-1 with recommendation and recommendation for I.E.
4. SB 104 – Testimony only

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Excused: None

Chair Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Stamas made a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 30, 2015 meeting. Being no objection; the motion prevailed.

The Chair announced Senate Bills 400-402 were the next items on the agenda, and advised members there were S-1 Substitutes before them on each bill. The Chair explained the changes were correction to drafting errors.

The following individuals answered questions at the request of Senator Warren regarding SBs 400-402:

- Sarah Howes and Jack Schinderle, Department of Environmental Quality—Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SBs 400-402 but did not wish to speak:

- Andy Such, Michigan Manufacturers Association—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 400.

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

Nays: none

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Senator Stamas made a motion to report the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 400 with recommendation that the bill be passed.

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

Nays: none

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Chair Casperson made a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 401.

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

Nays: none

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to report the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 401 with recommendation that the bill be passed.

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

Nays: none

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Chair Casperson made a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to adopt the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 402.

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

Nays: none

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Senator Stamas made a motion to report the S-1 substitute for Senate Bill 402 with recommendation that the bill be passed.

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

Nays: none

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Chair Casperson made a motion to recommend immediate effect; being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chair announced Senate Bill 104 was the next item on the agenda. Senators Casperson gave members a brief overview of the content.

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The following individuals gave testimony to indicate their position regarding SB 104:

- Bob Frye, Ed Highfield and Nancy Beckwith, Michigan Waterfront Alliance—Support
- Sam Boumis and Joe Bondra, Michigan Aquatic Managers Association—Support
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Trevor VanDyke, Department of Natural Resources—No position at this time

The following individuals spoke before the committee via videoconferencing from the library in Iron River:

- John Archocosky, a resident—Support
- Joe Shubat, a resident—Support
- Mike Golas, a resident—Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SB 104 but did not wish to speak:

- Casey Steffee, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- John LaMacchia, Michigan Municipal League—Support
- Mike Fredrick, St. Marys Cement Company—Support

The Chair advised members the bill would be held for a future meeting.

Being no further business, Chair Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: October 14, 2015

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