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Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism
September 9, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Committee was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 12:30 p.m., in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) HB 4239 – Natural resources; hunting; small game hunting from a personal assistive mobility device; allow.
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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

Attendance for the meeting was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Hansen, Green, Schmidt,
Excused: Senator Johnson

Senator Green made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 13, 2015 meeting; being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Representative Smiley to give an overview of House Bill 4239 to the committee.

The following people testified to indicate their position on HB 4239:
Trevor VanDyke, Michigan Department of Natural Resources – support
Tom Jones, Michigan Operation Freedom Outdoors – support
Dale Hendershot, Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers – support
Dean Hall, Michigan Bow Hunters Association – support
Daniel Eichinger, Michigan United Conservation Club – support

The Chairman read in cards from the following people to indicate their position on House Bill 4239:

Paul Palmer, self – support
Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation – support
Mike Thorman, Michigan Bear Hunters – support
Jim Ballard, Upper Peninsula Bearhoundsman – support
Al Kreiner, Michigan Fox Hunters – support
Al Kreiner, Michigan Coon Hunters – support

The Chairman entertained a motion from Senator Schmidt to adopt the S-1 Substitute to House Bill 4239.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hansen, Zorn, Schmidt, Green

Nays: None

Excused: Senator Johnson

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman made a motion to adopt the Hansen amendment #1 to House Bill 4239.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hansen, Zorn, Schmidt, Green

Nays: None

Excused: Senator Johnson

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Senator Schmidt to adopt the Hansen amendment #2 to House Bill 4239.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hansen, Zorn, Schmidt, Green

Nays: None

Excused: Senator Johnson

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Zorn to adopt the Hansen amendment #3 to House Bill 4239.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hansen, Zorn, Schmidt, Green

Nays: None

Excused: Senator Johnson

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Green to report House Bill 4239 as amended to the floor with recommendation that the bill then pass.

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hansen, Zorn, Schmidt, Green

Nays: None

Excused: Senator Johnson

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

Senator Zorn made a motion to recommend immediate effect, without objection the motion passed.

Being no further business, The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: 9/30/2015

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