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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES
September 16, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Natural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 12:30 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. SCR 11 – Reported with recommendation
2. SR 42 – Reported with recommendation
3. SCR 14 – Reported with recommendation
4. SR 56 – Reported with recommendation
5. SR 79 – Reported S-1 with recommendation

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

Excused: None

Chair Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 13, 2015 meeting. Being no objection, the motion prevailed.

The Chair announced Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 and Senate Resolution 42 were the next items on the agenda. Senator Warren gave members a brief overview of their content.

The following individuals gave testimony regarding SCR 11 and SR 42:

- Sean Hammond, Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Sean McBreatry, Clean Water Action—Support

Senator Stamas left the meeting.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SCR 11 and SR 42 but did not wish to speak:

- Charlotte Jameson, Michigan League of Conservation Voters—Support

Senator Warren made a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

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

Nays: none

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Senator Warren made a motion to report Senate Resolution 42 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

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

Nays: none

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

The Chair announced Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 and Senate Resolution 56 were the next items on the agenda. Senators Casperson and Pavlov gave members a brief overview of their content.

The following individuals gave testimony regarding SCR 14 and SR 56:

- Diane Katz, Keritage Foundation & Mackinac Center—Support

Being no further testimony, Senator Pavlov made a motion to report Senate Concurrent Resolution 14 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Yeas: Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov, Robertson

Nays: Senator Warren

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report Senate Resolution 56 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Yeas: Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov, Robertson

Nays: Senator Warren

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

The Chair announced Senate Resolution 79 was the next items on the agenda. He advised members there was an S-1 substitute before them and gave members an overview of the resolution. The Chair welcomed individuals via videoconferencing from the Michigan Works office in Hancock, Michigan.

The following residents testified in support of Senate Resolution 79 from the Michigan Works office in Hancock, Michigan:

- Kristin Ojaniemi
- Phil Wirtanen
- Lissa Stafford
- Bob Rinne
- Richard Krupp
- Brett Niemi

- Tom Caudill
- Dan Kudlaczyk
- Amber Luokka
- Diane Moilanen
- Alvin Hiitola
- Chris Wirtanen
- Ralph Wirtanen

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SR 79 but did not wish to speak:

- Scott Prebus, a resident—Oppose

Being no further testimony, Senator Pavlov made a motion to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Resolution 79.

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

Nays: none

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report the S-1 version of Senate Resolution 79 with recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

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

Nays: none

Pass: none

The motion prevailed.

Being no further business, Chair Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: September 30, 2015

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