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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES
October 21, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Natural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 12:30 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. SB 363 – Reported with recommendation and recommended immediate effect
2. Presentation by Mark Rudnicki of Michigan Technological University on REFORGE, an initiative related to the forest products industry in Michigan

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:46 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 October 14, 2015 meeting. Being no objection; the motion prevailed.

The Chair announced Senate Bill 363 was the next item on the agenda. Senator Casperson reminded members testimony had been taken at the October 14th meeting.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SB 363 but did not wish to speak:

- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to report Senate Bill 363 with recommendation that the bill then pass.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas

Nays: Senator Warren

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

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

A presentation was given by Mark Rudnicki of Michigan Technological University on REFORGE, an initiative related to the forest products industry in Michigan

The following individuals testified to share their position regarding the REFORGE initiative:

- Debbie Maranger Menk, Center For Automotive Research—Support
- Bob Ross, U.S. Forest Service—Support
- John Gehringer, Devereaux Sawmill Inc.—Support
- Bill Botti & David Wright, Michigan Forest Association—Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding the REFORGE initiative but did not wish to speak:

- Gary Melow, Michigan Biomass—Supports in concept
- Scott Robbins, Michigan Forest Products Council—Support

Being no further business, Chair Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: November 4, 2015

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