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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES
November 4, 2015

A meeting of the Senate Natural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 12:30 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. SB 507 – testimony only
 2. SB 591 – testimony only
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Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 12:36 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 October 21, 2015 meeting. Being no objection; the minutes were adopted.

The Chair announced Senate Bill 507 was the next item on the agenda. Senator Green gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified to indicate their position regarding SB 507:

- Dan Wyant & Matt Flechter, Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- Kerrin O'Brien, Michigan Recycling Coalition—Support
- Tonia Olson, Michigan Waste and Recycling Association—Support
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SB 507 but did not wish to speak:

- Sean Hammond, Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Derek Bajema, Michigan Soft Drink Association—Support in concept

- Bonnie Bochniak, Michigan Food & Beverage Association and Michigan Recycling Partnership—Support
- Justin Dunaskiss, Responsible Recyclers Association—Support
- Steve Japinga, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce—Support
- Scott Robbins, Michigan Forest Products Council—Support
- Linda Gobler, Michigan Grocers Association—Support
- Bill Elson, Fritz Enterprises—Support
- Brendan Ringlever, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries—Support
- Fred Thompson, Composting Council of Michigan—Support
- Mike Berkowitz, Sierra Club—Support

The Chair announced the bill would be held for a vote at a future meeting.

The Chair announced Senate Bill 591 was the next item on the agenda. He gave members an overview of the bill.

The following individuals testified to indicate their position regarding SB 591:

- Hal Fitch and Maggie Malone, Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Oppose/has concerns
- Sean Hammond and Brad Garmon, Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- EZ Manos, Evergreen Exploration—Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SB 591 but did not wish to speak:

- Brad Holmstrom, a resident—Support
- Karen Lahti, a resident—Support
- Nicole Nystrom, Highland Copper Company—Support
- Justin Dunaskiss, Responsible Recyclers Association—Support
- Andy Such, Michigan Manufacturers Association—Support
- Elizabeth Gorz, Michigan Association of Counties—Oppose
- Mike Berkowitz, Sierra Club—Oppose

The Chair announced the bill would be held for a vote at a future meeting.

Being no further business, Chair Casperson adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: December 2, 2015

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