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**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 11, 2016**

A meeting of the Senate Natural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 12:30 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

1. Reported SB 903 (Sen. Casperson) with recommendation and immediate effect
2. Adopted (S-1) to SB 39 (Sen. Casperson)
3. Adopted (S-1) to SB 40 (Sen. Booher)

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Excused: None

Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the minutes from the April 27, 2016 meeting. Being no objection; the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Robertson to report SB 903 with recommendation that the bill then pass.

Yeas: Sen(s) Casperson, Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas, Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 903. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman gave an overview of SB 39 and SB 40.

The following individuals testified to indicate their position regarding SB 39 and SB 40:

Dan Eichinger, Michigan United Conservation Clubs – oppose

Trevor VanDyke, Michigan Department of Natural Resources – oppose

Bob Busch, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers of Michigan – oppose

Julie Stoneman, Heart of the Lakes – oppose

Senator Warren left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Senator Warren returned to the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Eric Ellis, Ruffed Grouse Society – oppose  
Anne Koski, Baraga City Treasurer – support  
Catherine Paovala, self – oppose  
Dale McNamee, Upper Peninsula Sportsmen’s Association – support  
Tony Demboski, Upper Peninsula Sportsmen’s Association – support  
John Waltman, County Commissioner – support  
Dean Oswald, Oswald’s Bear Ranch – support  
Al Garavaglia, Hudson Township Supervisor – support

The following people put in testimony cards for SB 39 and SB 40:

Scott Everett, Lake States Lumber Association – support  
Judy Augustine, Michigan Association of Lumbermen – support  
Judy Augustine, Great Lake Timber Professionals – support  
George Lindquist, U.P. Whitetails of Marquette County – oppose  
Carol Rose, Upper Black River Council – oppose  
Jim Pryce, Tri-County Sportsmen League – oppose  
Paul Rose, Montmorency County Conservation Clubs – oppose  
Gary Gorniak, Straits Area Sportsmen’s Club – oppose  
Tom Huggler, self – oppose  
Bryan Burroughs, Trout Unlimited of Michigan – oppose  
Sam Morello, Michigan Bow Hunters Association – oppose  
Gildo Tori, Ducks Unlimited – oppose  
Tom Heritier, Sterling Sportsmen’s Association – oppose  
Tom Hertier, Bridgeport Gun Club – oppose  
Jane Finnerty, Cadillac Sportsmen’s Club – oppose  
Ann Conklin, Michigan Recreation and Parks Association – oppose  
Greg Nicalauo – Cedar Rod and Gun Club – oppose  
Mindy Koch, Michigan Resource Stewards – oppose  
Mike Burkowitz, Michigan Sierra Club – oppose  
Robert Gordon, Michigan Sierra Club - oppose  
Dale Hendershot, Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association – oppose  
Elizabeth Gorz, Michigan Association of Counties – support  
Kara Cook, Michigan League of Conservation Voters – oppose  
Charlotte Jameson, Michigan League of Conservation Voters – oppose  
Amy Tylor, Michigan Realtors – support  
Scott Robbins, Michigan Forest Products Council – support  
Tom Heritier, Saginaw Field and Stream Club – oppose  
Sean Hammond, Michigan Environmental Council – oppose  
James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – oppose  
Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association – support

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The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Robertson to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 39.

Yeas: Sen(s) Casperson, Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas

Nays: None

Excused: Sen. Warren

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Robertson to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 40.

Yeas: Sen(s) Casperson, Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas

Nays: None

Excused: Sen. Warren

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted

Being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: 5/18/2016**