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**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2016**

A meeting of the Senate Natural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 12:30 p.m., in room 210 of the Farnum Building.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

1. Senate Bill 717 – Reported S-2 with recommendation and recommended immediate effect
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Senator Casperson 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 February 3, 2016 meeting. Being no objection; the minutes were adopted.

The Chair announced Senate Bill 717 was the next item on the agenda and reminded members testimony had been taken at the January 27, 2016 meeting. He placed an S-2 substitute before members and gave a brief overview of the changes proposed.

The following individuals testified to indicate their position regarding SB 717:

- Bob Cleary & Cliff Knaggs, Michigan Petroleum Association—Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council—Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card to indicate their position regarding SB 717 but did not wish to speak:

- Casey Steffee, Michigan Association of Counties—Support
- Katie Abraham, American Petroleum Institute—Neutral

Being no further testimony, Senator Robertson made a motion to adopt the S-2 substitute for Senate Bill 717.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas, Warren

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

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Senator Warren offered amendment #1 to the S-2 substitute and made a motion that the amendment be adopted.

Yeas: Senator Warren

Nays: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas

The motion failed and the amendment was not adopted.

Senator Warren offered amendment #2 to the S-2 substitute and made a motion that the amendment be adopted.

Yeas: Senator Warren

Nays: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas

The motion failed and the amendment was not adopted.

Senator Robertson made a motion to report the S-2 substitute for Senate Bill 717 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, immediate effect was recommended.

Being no further business, Chair Casperson adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: 4/20/2016**