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**COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**September 21, 2016**

A meeting of the Senate Natural Resources Committee was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 12:30 p.m., in room 110 of the Farnum Building.

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**The agenda summary is as follows:**

1. Testimony regarding SB 950 (Sen. Stamas)
2. Testimony regarding SB 1079 (Sen. Pavlov)
3. Reported SB 39 (S-2) (Sen. Casperson) with recommendation and immediate effect.
4. Reported SB 40 (S-1) (Sen. Booher) with recommendation and immediate effect.

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The Chairman 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

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Robertson to adopt the minutes from the September 7, 2016 meeting. Being no objection; the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Sen. Stamas to give a brief overview of SB 950 to the committee.

The Chairman read the cards of those individuals not wishing to testify before the committee regarding SB 950:

Kara Cook, Michigan League of Conservation Voters – support  
John LaMacchia, Michigan Municipal League – support  
Sean Hammond, Michigan Environmental Council – support  
Linda Dykema, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – support  
Sarah Howes, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – no position given  
Josh Mosher, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – no position given

The Chairman invited Sen. Pavlov to give a brief overview of SB 1079 to the committee.

The Chairman invited the following individuals to present testimony regarding SB 950:

Sarah Howes, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – support  
Margie Ring, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – support

The Chairman gave an overview of the changes to SB 39-40 to the committee.

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The Chairman invited the following individuals to present testimony regarding SBs 39-40:

Sean Hammond, Michigan Environmental Council – oppose

Brad Garmon, Michigan Environmental Council – oppose

The Chairman read the cards of those individuals not wishing to testify before the committee regarding SBs 39-40:

Rich Bowman, The Nature Conservancy – oppose

Debra Huff, Michigan Forest Association – oppose

Doug Needham, Michigan Aggregates Association – support

Julie Stoneman, Heart of the Lakes – oppose

Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association – support

Doug Merriam, Michigan Realtors – support

Brian Westrin, Michigan Realtors – support

Casey Steffee, Michigan Association of Counties – support

Judy Augenstein, Great Lakes Timber Professionals – support

Judy Augenstein, Michigan Association of Timbermen – support

Max Werkman, Werkman Outfitters – oppose

Tom Werkman, Pere Marquette River Lodge – oppose

Tom Werkman, Werkman Outfitters – oppose

Drew YoungeDyke, Michigan United Conservation Clubs – oppose

Jason Meekhof, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers of Michigan – oppose

Kara Cook, Michigan League of Conservation Voters – oppose

Charlotte Jameson, Michigan League of Conservation Voters – oppose

Scott Everett, Lake States Lumber Association – support

Tony Demboski, Upper Peninsula Sportsman's Alliance – support

The Chairman called for a brief recess at 12:16 p.m.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 12:20 p.m.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Robertson to adopt the (S-2) substitute to SB 39. The vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Warren to adopt the Warren amendment to SB 40 (S-2). The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Sen. Warren

Nays: Chairman Casperson, Sen(s) Pavlov, Robertson, Stamas

The motion failed and the amendment was not adopted

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Robertson to report the (S-2) substitute to SB 39 to the floor with recommendation that it pass. The vote was as follows:

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

Nays: Sen. Warren

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 39 (S-2). Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Senator Pavlov to report the (S-1) substitute to SB 40 to the floor with recommendation that it pass. The vote was as follows:

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

Nays: Sen. Warren

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman made a motion to recommend immediate effect for SB 40 (S-1). Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m., without objection.

**Date Adopted by Committee: 10/19/2016**