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Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes was held Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 a.m.

Members present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren, and Hood
Members excused: None

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order and led committee and audience members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from February 10th, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 (Sen. Green) and Senate Resolution 10 (Sen. Casperson).

Senator Casperson explained the resolutions and substitutes. Senator Casperson then read in the following cards from people not wishing to testify:

Amanda Radaz, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses—Support
Bill Lievense, representing the Michigan Chemistry Council—Support
John Easter, representing the American Chemistry Council—Support

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted written testimony in opposition to the resolutions but did not testify.

Bill Sage, citizen, testified in support of the resolutions.

Susan Harley, representing Clean Water Action, testified in opposition to the resolutions. Ms. Harley then answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Resolution 10. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the substitute was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, and Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren and Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Green moved that Senate Resolution 10 S-1 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, and Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren and Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Concurrent Resolution 6. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the substitute was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, and Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren and Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Green moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 S-1 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, and Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren and Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 141 (Sen. Moolenaar). Senator Casperson explained that the bill would be testimony only this week, with the intention to vote on the bill at an upcoming committee meeting.

Senator Moolenaar explained his bill. Senator Moolenaar then asked his guests from Gladwin to provide further testimony. The gentlemen representing the Gladwin community testifying in support of the bill were as follows:

Thomas L. Winarski, Mayor of Gladwin

Thomas Huber, Sergeant with the Gladwin Police Department

Charles Jones, Chief of Police

Robert Moffit, City Administrator

Senator Moolenaar and Mr. Winarski then answered questions from the committee.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Resolution 7 (Sen. Walker). Senator Casperson announced that the resolution would be brought forth for testimony only at this meeting.

Eric Dean, representing Senator Walker, testified in explanation of the resolution.

Steve Yencich, representing the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association and Time Alliance, supported the resolution and did not wish to testify.

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 8:40 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee