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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, March 10, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

Members present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Warren and Hood
Members excused: Senator Meekhof

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

Senator Green moved to adopt the minutes from February 24th, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Kowall moved to adopt the minutes from March 3rd, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 248 (Senator Casperson). Senator Casperson explained his bill to the committee members.

The following people testified on Senate bill 248 and answered questions from the committee:

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support
Bill Manson, representing the Michigan Snowmobile Association—Has Concerns
Dave Nyberg, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Has Concerns/Questions
Meredith Johnson and Julie Stoneman, representing Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy—Oppose
Nancy Krupiarz, representing Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance—Oppose
Laurie Kay Elbing, representing the Nature Conservancy—Oppose
Moreno Taylor, representing the Michigan Association of Counties—Support
Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass—Neutral

Rory Mattson, representing the U.P. Sportsmen's Alliance—Support

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify:

Brad Garmen, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau—Support

The following people submitted written testimony but did not testify (testimony is on record with the clerk):

James Stinson, citizen

Antone Denbowski, Vice President, Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's Alliance

Denise McDaniel, citizen

Gordon and Marieta Davis, citizens

Gabrielle Hume, citizen

Tom Kooienga, citizen

Pat Galloup, Biology/Social Studies Instructor, Cadillac Area Public Schools

R. Beyer, citizen

Senator Pavlov moved to excuse absent members. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:52 a.m.

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Date Approved by Committee

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