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**Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes**

A joint meeting of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes; and the House Committee on Transportation was held Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 352 of the Capitol Building.

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. by Representative Opsommer.

Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes:

Members present: Senators Casperson, Meekhof

Members absent: Senators Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Warren, Hood

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Representative Opsommer called the House Committee on Transportation to order.

Senator Casperson called the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes to order.

Senate Bill 168 (Casperson) was put forth before the Senate Committee and House Bill 4303 (McBroom) was put forth before the House Committee.

Senator Casperson and Rep. McBroom testified in explanation of their bills. They then answered questions from the joint committee members.

Those testifying on Senate Bill 168 and House Bill 4303 were as follows:

- James Cliff, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose. Mr. Cliff answered questions from the joint committee members. Mr. Cliff also submitted written testimony (on file with the clerk).
- Susan Harley, representing Clean Water Action—Oppose. Ms. Harley answered questions from the joint committee members.
- David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support. Mr. Bertam answered questions from the joint committee members.

- Ed Noyola, representing the County Road Association of Michigan, and Robert Laitinen, representing the Chippewa County Road Commission—Support. Mr. Noyola and Mr. Laitinen answered questions from the committee members. Mr. Laitinen also submitted written testimony (on file with the clerk).

Those submitting cards, but not wishing to testify, on Senate Bill 168 and House Bill 4303 were as follows:

- Grenetta Thomassey, Ph'D, representing Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council—Oppose
- Jody Cougennilen, representing the Great Lakes Timber Professionals and the Michigan Association of Timbermen—Support
- Terry Vanderveen, representing the Michigan Concrete Association—Support
- Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau—Support
- Keith Ledbetter, representing the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association—Support

Those submitting written testimony, but not testifying, on Senate Bill 168 and House Bill 4303 were as follows:

- Delta County Road Commission
- Marquette County Road Commission
- Dickinson County Road Commission
- Menominee County Road Commission

Rep. Opsommer adjourned the House Committee on Transportation at 1:25 p.m.

Senator Casperson adjourned the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes at 1:25 p.m.

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Date Approved by Committee

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