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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, May 26, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 a.m.

Members present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren and Hood  
Members absent: none

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

Senator Kowall moved to adopt the minutes from May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 248 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson turned over the gavel to Senator Pavlov while he testified. Senator Casperson explained his bill and the substitute, and then answered questions on his bill.

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on Senate Bill 248:

- Judy Augenstein, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen—Neutral (Organization also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Judy Augenstein, representing the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association—Neutral
- Scott Everett, representing the Lake States Lumber Association—Support
- Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass—Neutral
- Brad Garmon, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau—Support
- Deena Bosworth, representing the Michigan Association of Counties—Support (Organization also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

The following people testified on Senate Bill 248 and answered questions from committee members:

- Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Oppose (Organization also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Julie Stoneman, representing the Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy—Oppose
- David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association—Support

The following people and organizations submitted written testimony but did not testify on Senate Bill 248:

- Sierra Club Michigan Chapter—Oppose

Senator Casperson announced that the bill would not be voted on at the day's meeting, but would be voted on the following week. Senator Casperson announced his intention that the Department of Natural Resources would testify first thing at next week's meeting on this bill. Senator Casperson also asked that those with concerns or interests on this bill be willing to work with him.

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:56 a.m.

5/31/11  
Date Approved by Committee

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