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

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

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

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

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from June 30th, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Caspersen placed before the committee Senate Bill 473 (Pavlov). Senator Pavlov recapped his bill for committee members and answered questions.

Maggie Cox, representing the Department of Environmental Quality, supported the bill and did not wish to testify.

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 473 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. 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 Caspersen, Pavlov, Green, Meekhof (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Kowall and Hood (2)

Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4298 (Rep. Lindberg) for testimony only. Representative Lindberg explained his bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following people testified on House Bill 4298, and answered questions from committee members:

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose unless amended (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)
- Alex Lukets and Bob Davidson, citizens—Support

The following people submitted written testimony on House Bill 4298 but were not in attendance at the meeting (all written testimony is on file with clerk):

- Michigan Sierra Club—Oppose
- Kristyn Houle, attorney for Greg, Ellen and Steve Cole—Support

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

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:47 a.m.

9/15/11
Date Approved by Committee

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