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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, October 6, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 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 September 15, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4554 (Rep. MacMaster). Chris Bailey, legislative aid for Representative MacMaster, recapped the bill and explained the conflict substitute prepared by the Legislative Service Bureau.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bill 4554:

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support

Senator Kowall moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to House Bill 4554. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the substitute was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (4/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Pavlov (1)

Senator Kowall moved that House Bill 4554 (S-1) 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 Casperson, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (4/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Pavlov (1)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 617 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson introduced his guests (listed below) to explain his bill to committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 617, and answered questions from committee members:

- Jim Northup, Superintendent, and Tim Colyer, Chief Ranger, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 617:

- Gary Owen, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Support

The following people submitted written testimony, but were not present to testify, on Senate Bill 617:

- Karen Bahrman, Alger County Prosecuting Attorney—Support
- Robert Hughes, Alger County Sheriff—Support

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:16 a.m.

10/13/11
Date Approved by Committee

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