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

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 October 6, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 617 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson recapped his bill and explained the S-1 Substitute to committee members.

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

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

Senator Warren moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Bill 617. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the substitute was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren, Hood (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Green (1)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 617 (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, Pavlov, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren, Hood (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Green (1)

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

Senator Casperson paced before the committee Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 (Sen. Meekhof) and Senate Concurrent Resolution 21 (Sen. Casperson) for testimony. Senator Meekhof explained his resolution to committee members. Senator Casperson then explained his resolution to committee.

The following people testified on Senate Concurrent Resolutions 20 and 21, and answered questions from committee members:

- Will Borden, representing the Lake States Lumber Association—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Concurrent Resolutions 20 and 21:

- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support
- Judy Augensteen, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen and the Great Lakes Timber Professionals—Support
- Nell Kuhnmench, representing Plum Creek—Support
- Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass—Support
- Ewa Jarosz, representing the Michigan Forest Products Council—Support for SCR 20 (Also submitted written testimony on file with clerk)

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

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 8:57 a.m.

10/20/11
Date Approved by Committee

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