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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 20, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren and Hood  
Members excused: 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 Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from October 13, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson paced before the committee Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 (Sen. Meekhof) and Senate Concurrent Resolution 21 (Sen. Casperson). 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:

- Scott Robbins, representing the Michigan Forest Products Council—Support

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

- Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass—Support

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the resolution 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution 21 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the resolution 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Casperson paced before the committee House Bill 4875 (Rep. LaFontaine). Senator Pavlov testified in explanation of the bill.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bill 4875:

- Eric Ventimiglia, representing Representative LaFontaine—Support
- Margie Ring, representing the Department of Environmental Quality-Resource Management Division—Support

The following submitted written testimony, but were not present to testify, on House Bill 4875:

- Mike Berkowitz, Michigan Sierra Club—Oppose

Senator Pavlov moved that House Bill 4875 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

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

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:25 a.m.

10/27/11  
Date Approved by Committee

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