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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, January 26, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren
Members absent: None
Members excused: Senator Hood

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 January 19, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 744 (Sen. Kowall). Senator Kowall recapped the bill and explained there was a conflict substitute prepared by LSB.

Senator Kowall moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 744. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

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

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Pavlov moved that Senate Bill 744 (S-1) be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted. 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, Green, Meekhof and Warren (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Hood (1)

Senator Kowall moved that Senate Bill 744 (S-1) be given 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 Resolution 97 (Sen. Hansen). Senator Hansen testified in explanation of his resolution and substitute, and answered questions from the committee members. Senator Hansen also submitted written documents on file with the clerk.

The following people testified on Senate Resolution 97:

- Jack Hubbard, representing Burt Township—Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4994 (Rep. Kowall). Representative Kowall testified in explanation of her bill and answered questions from the committee members.

The following people testified on House Bill 4994:

- Mike Johnston, representing Michigan Manufacturing Association—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Kimberly Fish, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- Jamie Clover-Adams, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on House Bill 4994:

- David Jessup, representing the Small Business Association of America—Support

The following submitted written testimony on House Bill 4994, but were not present to testify:

- Mike Berkowitz, representing the Sierra Club of Michigan—Oppose

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

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 8:58 a.m.

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Date Approved by Committee

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