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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, February 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members present: Senators Casperson, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren

Members absent: None

Members excused: Senators Pavlov, Green, Hood

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

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4207 (Rep. Kurtz). Jared Burkhart, representing Representative Kurtz, testified in explanation of the bill and answered questions from the committee members.

The following people testified on House Bill 4207:

- Maggie Cox and Jim Astrofsky, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on House Bill 4207:

- Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)

The following people submitted written testimony, but were not present to testify, on House Bill 4207:

- Lisa Stechschulte, Citizen—Support

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from February 9, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

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

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:12 a.m.

2/23/12  
Date Approved by Committee

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