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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, March 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Members present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren, Hood

Members excused: none

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

Senator Green moved to adopt the minutes from March 15, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4207 (Rep. Kurtz). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute for HB 4207 for consideration. Kendra Everett, Legislative Director for Senator Casperson, then testified in explanation of the bill and substitute.

Senator Pavlov entered the committee room at 9:06 a.m.

The following people testified on House Bill 4207 and answered questions from committee members:

- Maggie Cox, representing Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – Support

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

- Tonia Ritter, representing Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to House Bill 4207. 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren, Hood (7/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Green moved that House Bill 4207 (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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

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

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 59 (Sen. Green). Senator Casperson announced that there was a substitute for SB 59 for consideration. Senator Green testified in explanation of the bill and substitute, and answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Warren left the committee room at 9:25 a.m.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 59 and answered question from committee members:

- Mike McCabe, Undersheriff, representing Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard—Opposed
- Lauri Braid, Shiawassee County Clerk, representing Michigan Association of County Clerks—Support in concept
- Steve Dulan, representing Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners—Support
- Phillip Hofmeister, representing Michigan Open Carry, Inc., President—Support
- Dr. Christopher Kierkus, representing Grand Valley State University, College of Community and Public Service—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Alan Sanger, citizen—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Daniel Huereca, representing Students for Concealed Carry Wayne State University—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Brian Jeffs, citizen—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Michael Thiede, representing Michigan Gun Owners—Support
- Patrick Dunbar, citizen—Support
- Andrew Toering, citizen—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on Senate Bill 59:

- Bennett Shulman, citizen—Support
- Ross Fletcher, citizen—Support
- Sam Goldwater, citizen—Support
- Carl Trombetta, citizen—Support
- Danford Kao Jr., citizen—Support
- Brian Tucker, representing Students for Concealed Carry Grand Valley State University—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Dennis Weber, citizen—Support
- Ben Bodkin, Michigan Association of Counties—Opposed
- Pete Bartlett, representing Students for Concealed Carry Central Michigan University—Support
- Casey Long, representing Students for Concealed Carry Central Michigan University—Support
- Kiel Latimer, representing Students for Concealed Carry Central Michigan University—Support

The following people submitted written testimony, but were not present to testify on Senate Bill 59 (testimony on file with the clerk):

- Amanda Collins, Citizen—Support
- N. Anne Hofmeister, Citizen—Support
- Gordon Oosterhouse, Citizen—Support
- Reid K Smith, State Director, representing Michigan Students for Concealed Carry—Support

- Alan C. Baker, Citizen—Support

Senator Kowall moved that the S-3 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 59. 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senator Hood (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Warren (1)

Senator Green moved that Senate Bill 59 (S-3) 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: Senator Hood (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Warren (1)

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:49 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: May 3, 2012

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