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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, April 19, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

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

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

Senator Casperson called forth members of the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council to give a presentation on Invasive Plant Species. Members of the council also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk. Members of the council then answered questions from committee members. The members who presented were as follows:

- Andrea Grix, M4-HYCC Coordinator
- Sam Owens, Midland County
- Samantha Bellairs, Washtenaw County
- Allison Melcher, Washtenaw County
- Samantha Ellison, Tuscola County
- Katie Fassone, Saginaw County
- Zachary Childs, Genesee County
- Cierra Dane, Hillsdale County
- Nate Garrett, Calhoun County
- Melissa Mikolowski, Macomb County
- Dakota Hewlett, Kent County
- Riley Burch, Benzie County
- Madelyn McMillan, Saginaw County
- Margaret Spens, Presque Isle County
- Jerry Dunham, Benzie County
- Mallory Ramelis, Mackinac County
- Duncan MacLoed, Kent County
- Nicolas Heilman, Mecosta County
- Kennedy Cogswell, Montcalm County
- Susan Smith, Mecosta County
- Kenny Smith, Mecosta County

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:56 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: May 3, 2012

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