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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, May 3 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m.

Members present: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren, Hood
Members absent: none

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

Senator Casperson welcomed those in attendance from the Upper Peninsula, who were appearing at committee via video conference.

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from March 22, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from April 19, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Kowall moved to adopt the minutes from April 26, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1090 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson explained the bill to committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1090 and answered questions from committee members:

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on Senate Bill 1090:

- Susan Harley, representing Clean Water Action—Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Bill Lievense, representing the Michigan Chemistry Council—Support
- Jason Geer, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce—Support
- Tiffany Watrous, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber—Support
- Andy Such, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association—Support

- Mark Griffin, representing the Michigan Petroleum Association—Support
- Alexis Blizman, representing the Ecology Center—Oppose
- Drew YoungeDyke, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters—Oppose

The following people submitted written testimony, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1090:

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

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 1090 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, 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 1052 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson testified in explanation of the bill and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1052 and answered questions from committee members:

- Drew YoungeDyke, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters—Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Rory Mattson, Citizen—Support
- Susan Harley, representing Clean Water Action—Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Dale Nault, Citizen—Support
- Rita Wickham, Citizen—Support
- Chuck Groya, representing Save Our Shoreline—Support
- Richard Pichette, Citizen—Support
- Utz Schmidt, representing 10 neighboring shoreline owners—Support (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Jim Ciminskie, Citizen—Support
- David Powers, representing Save Our Shoreline—Support

The following people submitted cards but did not wish to testify on Senate Bill 1052:

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- Ducks Unlimited—Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Oppose (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Alexis Blizman, representing the Ecology Center—Oppose
- Shirley Schmidt, Citizen and representing Save Our Shorelines—Support
- Maggie Cox, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Oppose as introduced
- Rebecca Scovill, Citizen—Support
- Jason Mawerwy, representing the Michigan Municipal League—Oppose

The following people submitted written testimony, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1052:

- Grenetta Thomassey, representing the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council—Oppose
- Mike Berkowitz, representing the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter—Oppose
- Nicholas Occhipinti, representing the West Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

Senator Green moved that Senate Bill 1052 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, 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 adjourned the committee at 9:57 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: May 10, 2012

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