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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 17, 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, Warren, Hood

Members absent: Senator Meekhof

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

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 4913 (Rep. Foster). Jason Puscas, staff for Representative Foster, explained the bills to committee members.

The following people testified on House Bill 4913 and answered questions from committee members:

- Bruce Wojcik, representing the Ruffed Grouse Society—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on House Bill 4913:

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Trevor VanDyke & Shirley Businski, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1031 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson explained the bills to committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1031 and answered questions from committee members:

- Robert Schulz, 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 1031:

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Trevor VanDyke, representing the Department of Natural Resources---Support

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1021 & 1022 (Sens. Casperson & Booher). Senator Casperson explained the bills to committee members. Senator Booher offered additional explanation.

The following people testified on Senate Bills 1021 & 1022 and answered questions from committee members:

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support in concept

- Kathleen Beattie, Houghton County Treasurer—Support
- Eugene Fiszer, Ontonagon County Clerk—Support
- Sue Pertile, Gogebic County Treasurer—Support
- Dee Killorn, Ontonagon County Treasurer—Support

The following people submitted written testimony, but did not testify, on Senate Bills 1021 & 1022:

- Phyllis French, Luce County Board of Commissioners Chair—Support

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from May 10, 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 9:08 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: May 31, 2012

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