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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, June 7, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

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

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

Senator Pavlov moved to adopt the minutes from May 31, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 1057-1062 (Sens. Booher, Meekhof, Moolenaar, & Green) and House Bills 4969, 4970, & 4302 (Reps. Foster, Huuki, & McBroom). Senator Casperson announced that there were substitutes for consideration for SBs 1057, 1058, 1059, 1061, and 1062; and a conflict substitute for House Bill 4970. Kara Butters, Legislative Director for Senator Booher, explained the substitutes to committee members and answered questions.

The following people testified on the package of bills and answered questions from committee members:

- Dan Keane, representing the Saginaw Conservation District/Michigan Association of Conservation Districts — Support (all bills)
- Jeff Tuller, representing Jeff Tuller Forestry Services—Support (SB 1057, SB 1059)
- Will Borden and Scott Everett, representing the Lake States Lumber Association—Support (all bills)
- Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support in concept with some concerns (all bills)
- Lori Phalen, representing the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts—Support (SB 1057-1062, HB 4969) (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)
- Rebecca Park, representing Michigan Farm Bureau—Support (all bills)

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on the package of bills:

- Becky Huttenga, representing the Ottawa Conservation District—Support (SB 1057)
- Todd Smith, representing the Devereaux Saw Mill—Support (all bills)
- Scott Robbins, representing the Michigan Forest Products Council—Neutral (all bills)
- MoReno Taylor, representing the Michigan Association of Counties—Support (SB 1057 & 1058)
- Brad Johnson, representing the Ingham Conservation District—Support (all bills)
- Jim Johnson, Steve, Shine, and Rich Harlow, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development—Support (all bills)

- Nell Kuhnmeunch, representing Plum Creek Timber—Support (HB 4969)
- Melissa Higbee, representing the Shiawassee Conservation District —Support (all bills)
- Gary Melow, representing Michigan Biomass—Support (all bills)
- Mickey Knight, representing the Michigan Assessors' Association—Support SB 1059 / Oppose HB 4302 / Neutral HBs 4969 -4970 and SB 1062

Senator Pavlov left the committee room at 9:22 a.m.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee House Bill 5414 (Rep. Foster). Jason Puscas, staff for Representative Foster, explained the bill to committee members and answered questions. Senator Casperson explained his amendment to the bill.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bill 5414:

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

Senator Green left the committee room at 9:40 a.m.

Senator Casperson recessed the committee at 9:42 a.m.

Senator Green entered the committee room at 9:44 a.m.

Senator Casperson reconvened the committee at 9:45 a.m.

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

Senator Meekhof moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1057. 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 1057 (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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1057 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Kowall moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1058. 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 1058 (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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1058 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Green moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1059. 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Kowall moved that Senate Bill 1059 (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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1059 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 1060 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1060. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Kowall moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1061. 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Kowall moved that Senate Bill 1061 (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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1061 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Meekhof moved that the S-1 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 1062. 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Meekhof moved that Senate Bill 1062 (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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 1062 (S-1). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Kowall moved to adopt Amendment #1 to House Bill 5414. 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, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (4/7)

Nays: Senator Warren (1)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Kowall moved that House Bill 5414 be reported out of committee as amended as a clean substitute 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, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 5414. Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson entertained a motion to report Senate Bill 1164 (Sen. Casperson) with recommendation that the bill be referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation. Senator Green moved that Senate Bill 1164 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation. 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, Warren (5/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Pavlov, Hood (2)

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:53 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: June 13, 2012

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