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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, September 20, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:47 a.m.

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

Members excused:

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 September 19, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1212 (Sen. Green).

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1212 and answered questions from committee members:

- Paul LaMarre III, representing the Port of Monroe—Support
- David Hamilton, representing The Nature Conservancy—Oppose
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- John Kerr, representing the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1212:

- Drew YoungeDyke, representing the Michigan League of Conservation Voters—Oppose
- Paul Zuger, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Oppose
- Dr. Ken Merckel, representing the Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fishermen Association—Oppose

Senator Meekhof left the committee room at 9:24 a.m.

Senator Casperson announced that due to time constraints the remaining cards would be held until the next committee meeting on the bill. Senator Casperson informed members and those in the audience that those cards would be given the opportunity to speak or would be read into the record at that meeting.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1206 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson explained the bill and answered questions from committee members.

Senator Green left the committee room at 9:46 a.m.

Senator Warren offered and explained her amendment to Senate Bill 1206.

Senator Warren moved that the Warren Amendment be adopted to Senate Bill 1206. The motion failed by a vote of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Warren, Hood (2/7)

Nays: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Kowall (3)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senators Green, Meekhof (2)

Senator Green entered the committee room at 9:49 a.m.

Senator Kowall moved that Senate Bill 1206 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 (4/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: Senator Meekhof (1)

Without objection the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 1206 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bills 1261-1265 (Sens. Hansen, Casperson, Pavlov, Warren, Green). Senator Casperson announced that there were substitutes for consideration.

The following people testified on Senate Bills 1261-1265 and answered questions from committee members:

- Bill Watson, representing the SEEDS Youth Conservation Corps—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1261-1265:

- Lori Phalen, representing the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts—Support
- David Bertram, representing Michigan State University—Support (1263)

Senator Casperson announced that due to time constraints the remaining cards would be held until the next committee meeting on the bills. Senator Casperson informed members and those in the audience that those cards would be given the opportunity to speak or would be read into the record at that meeting.

Senator Casperson also announced that Senate Bills 1287 & 1288, which were on the agenda for the meeting, would be pushed to another meeting due to time constraints. Senator Casperson informed members and those in the audience that any cards on those bills would be given the opportunity to speak or would be read into the record at that meeting.

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee at 9:59 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: September 27, 2012

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