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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, November 8, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

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

Members excused: none

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

Senator Casperson welcomed to committee those appearing via videoconferencing from Gogebic Community College in Ironwood.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1350 (Sen. Casperson). Senator Casperson explained the and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1350 and answered questions from committee members:

- Scott Erickson, Ironwood City Manager—Support
- Judge Anders Tingstad—Support
- Nancy Warren, representing the National Wolfwatchers Coalition—Oppose
- Dawn Levey, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support
- Jimmie Mitchell, representing the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority—Oppose
- Doug Doherty, representing the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation—Support
- Dennis Ellos, citizen—Support
- Jill Fritz, representing The Humane Society of the United States—Oppose
- Dan Perrotti, citizen—Support
- John Koski, citizen—Support
- Melba Coleman, citizen—Oppose
- Jon Southworth, representing the Michigan Trapping & Predator Callers Association—Support
- Harold Melton, citizen—Oppose with changes
- Al Clemens, citizen—Support
- Jacqueline Winkowski, citizen—Oppose

Senator Hood entered the committee room at 8:08 a.m.

Senator Green entered the committee room at 8:11 a.m.

Senator Kowall entered the committee room at 8:17 a.m.

Senator Warren entered the committee room at 8:30 a.m.

Senator Meekhof moved to adopt the minutes from October 17, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

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

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1350:

- Jim Wale, representing the Michigan State Coon Hunters—Support
- Mike Thorman, representing the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation—Support
- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support
- Dean Hall, representing the Michigan Bow Hunters Association—Support
- Roger Thorman, representing the Michigan Fox Hunters Association—Support
- Matt Pedigo, representing the Michigan Bow Hunters Association—Support
- Kurt Perron, representing Bay Mills Indian Community—Oppose
- Noel LaPorte, representing the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians—Oppose
- Noel LaPorte, representing the Pokagon Band of the Pottawatomi—Oppose
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau—Support
- Trevor VanDyke, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Support

Senator Pavlov entered the committee room at 9:00 a.m.

Senator Green left the committee room at 9:05 a.m.

Senator Meekhof left the committee room at 9:16 a.m.

Senator Casperson announced that the vote on the bill would happen later during the committee, as there were members that had to step into another committee and would be returning shortly.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1328 (Sen. Casperson) for testimony. Senator Casperson explained the bill and answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1328 and answered questions from committee members:

- Maggie Datema and Anne Couture, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support

Senator Meekhof entered the committee room at 9:32 a.m.

Senator Green entered the committee room at 9:36 a.m.

Senator Casperson returned to Senate Bill 1350.

Senator Green moved that Senate Bill 1350 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, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Without objection, the committee further recommended that Senate Bill 1350 be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Casperson returned to Senate Bill 1328.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1328 and answered questions from committee members:

- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1328:

- Tiffany Watrous, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber—Support
- John Griffin, representing the Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan—Support

Senators Meekhof and Warren left the committee room at 9:38 a.m.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 1334 (Sen. Robertson) for testimony.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 1334 and answered questions from committee members:

- Andy Such, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 1334:

- Maggie Datema, representing the Department of Environmental Quality—Support
- James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support

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

Date Approved by Committee: November 29, 2012

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