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Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m.

Members present: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason, and Young
Members excused: None

Senator Hansen called the meeting to order.

Senator Hansen announced the order of business for the day:

Approval of Minutes

HCR 2 Rep. Rendon A concurrent resolution to express opposition to the imposition of a ban of firearm hunting and snowmobiling in certain areas of the Huron-Manistee National Forest.

SB 207 Sen. Hune Natural resources; hunting; minimum hunting age; eliminate, and create mentored youth hunting program.

Senator Young moved to adopt the minutes from February 10th, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Young moved to adopt the minutes from March 3rd, 2011 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee House Concurrent Resolution 2 (Rep. Rendon).

Maria Ostrander, representing Rep. Bruce Rendon, testified in explanation and support of the resolution.

Dave Nyberg, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, supported the resolution and did not wish to testify.

Senator Young moved that House Concurrent Resolution 2 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 Hansen, Hildenbrand, Gleason, and Young (4/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Brandenburg, Casperson, and Moolenaar (3)

Senator Hansen recessed the committee at the call of the chair at 12:36 p.m.

Senator Moolenaar entered the committee room at 12:38 p.m.

Senator Hanson left the committee room at 12:39 p.m.

Senator Hildenbrand reconvened the committee at 12:40 p.m.

Senator Hildenbrand placed before the committee Senate Bill 207 (Sen. Hune).

Stacey Murray, representing Senator Hune, testified in explanation of the bill.

Dave Nyberg and Rob Miller, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of the bill and answered questions from the committee. (Also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk).

Senator Hildenbrand then called up representatives from the Department of Natural Resources, Gary Owen and Dan Eickenger, to answer questions raised by committee members.

Zane Walker, representing the Michigan Building Trades, testified in support of the bill.

The following organizations/persons submitted a card in support of the bill:

U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (also submitted written testimony on file with the clerk)

Pheasants Forever

National Wild Turkey Federation

Ducks Unlimited

National Rifle Association

Michigan Hunting Dog Federation

Quality Deer Management Association

Michigan Gun Owners

Michigan Bear Hunters Association

Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association

Michigan Association of Conservation Districts

Montmorency County Conservation Club

Tim Nichols, Natural Resources Commission Chairman

Dr. Chuck Nelson

Senator Casperson moved to adopt the substitute (S-2) to Senate Bill 207. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the substitute was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Hildenbrand, Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason, and Young (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hansen (1)

Senator Moolenaar moved that Senate Bill 207 (S-2) 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 Hildenbrand, Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason, and Young (6/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hansen (1)

The committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Hildenbrand adjourned the committee at 1:00 p.m.

4/14/11

Date Approved by Committee

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