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**Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes**  
**Minutes**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes was held Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

Members present: Senators Caspersen, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren

Members absent: Senator Hood

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

Senator Caspersen welcomed those in attendance in Lansing as well as those attending the meeting via video-conferencing from the Upper Peninsula.

Senator Kowall entered the committee room at 8:35 a.m.

Senator Caspersen announced the order of business for the day:

- SB 50 (Caspersen)--\_Natural resources; other; operation of off-road vehicles on certain state highways; provide for.

Senator Caspersen placed before the committee Senate Bill 50 (Sen. Caspersen) for testimony only. Senator Caspersen explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 50 and answered questions from committee members:

- Randy Van Portfliet, Department of Transportation—Oppose (looking forward to continuing to work with sponsor & stakeholders)
- Trevor VanDyke & Jason Fleming—Oppose
- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan—Neutral
- Bob Black, Iron County Chamber of Commerce Director—Support
- Gerry Reese, SORVA of Schoolcraft County—Support
- Keith Aldrich, SORVA of Schoolcraft County—Support
- Glenn Anderson, Hancock City Manager—Support
- Mike Tembreull, Michigamme Township Trustee—Support
- John Cox, Wakefield Township Supervisor—Support
- Kim Kolesar, Western UP Trail Association President—Support
- Scott Erickson, Ironwood City Manager—Support

- Keith Lynch, Delta County SORVA—Support
- Skip Schulz, UP ORV Trail Development Association President—Support
- Don Helsel, MI-TRALE President—Support
- Lewis Shuler, Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan—Support

Senator Pavlov entered the committee room at 8:45 a.m.

Senators Pavlov and Green left the committee room at 9:10 a.m.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 50:

- Trooper Amy Dehner, Michigan State Police—Neutral
- Steve Currie, Michigan Association of Counties—Support

Senator Meekhof left the committee room at 9:14 a.m.

Senator Kowall left the committee room at 9:19 a.m.

Senator Warren entered the committee room at 9:25 a.m.

Senator Casperson adjourned the committee without objection at 9:44 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: April 11, 2013

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