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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 Monday, May 6, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Public Space, Port of Detroit Public Dock & Terminal Building, 130 East Atwater St., Detroit, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 1:16 p.m.

Members present: Senators Caspersen, Pavlov, Green, and Kowall

Members excused: Senators Meekhof, Warren, and Hood

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

Senator Caspersen announced the order of business for the day:

- SB 266 Sen. Green Environmental protection; water pollution; oceangoing vessels engaging in port operations; authorize permit if ballast tanks have been flushed with seawater.

Senator Caspersen placed before the committee Senate Bill 266 (Sen. Green) for testimony only. Senator Green explained the bill to committee members and answered questions. He also read in the testimony of the United States Great Lakes Shipping Association.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 266 and answered questions from committee members:

- John Jamian, Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority—Support
- Tiffany Watrous, Detroit Regional Chamber—Support
- Patrick Sutka, Nicholson Terminal & Dock Company—Support
- Karl Heim, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers representing workers at the Nicholson Terminal & Dock Company—Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council—Oppose
- Jim Byrum, Michigan Agribusiness—Support
- Paul LaMarre, Port of Monroe—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 266:

- Melissa Damaschke, Sierra Club—Oppose

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

There being no further business before the committee, Senator Casperson adjourned the committee without objection at 2:31 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: May 16, 2013

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