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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 Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

Members excused: none

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Senator Caspersen 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 May 16, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Caspersen announced the order of business for the day:

- SB 163 Sen. Green Natural resources; wetlands; permit exemptions for wetlands and inland lakes and streams; revise, and require more information from department justifying denial of any part 13 permits.

Senator Caspersen placed before the committee Senate Bill 163 (Sen. Green). Senator Caspersen announced that there was a substitute (S-2) before the committee members.

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 163:

- Ed Noyola, County Road Association of Michigan—Support
- Brian Westin, Michigan Realtors Association—Support
- Andy Such, Michigan Manufacturers Association—Support
- Michael Perry & Dorance Amos, 3 Morrisons Inc.—Oppose
- Jim Miller, Michigan Agri-Business Association—Support

Senator Pavlov moved that the S-2 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 163. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Caspersen, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Warren offered and explained her S-3 substitute to committee members.

Senator Warren moved that the S-3 substitute be adopted to Senate Bill 163. The motion failed by a vote of the majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Warren, Hood (2/7)

Nays: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Green moved that Senate Bill 163 (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 Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren, Hood (2)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 163 (S-2). Without objection the committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Senator Casperson adjourned the committee without objection at 9:07 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: May 23, 2013

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