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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, September 12, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

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

Members excused: Senator Green

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

Senator Kowall moved to adopt the minutes from June 11, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

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

Senator Casperson announced the order of business for the day:

- SB 444 (Sen. Casperson) – Natural resources; nonnative species; permits for treatment of aquatic invasive species; revise, and authorize certain local ordinances.

Senator Casperson placed before the committee Senate Bill 444 (Sen. Casperson) consideration. Senator Casperson explained the bill to committee members and answered questions.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 444 and answered questions from committee members:

- Sam Boumis, Michigan Aquatic Managers Association (MAMA) – Support
- Joe Bondra, MAMA – Support
- Dick Pinagel, MAMA – Support
- Maggie Datema, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) – Neutral
- Eric Bacon, DEQ – Neutral
- Joe Shubat, Iron River City Public Works – Support
- Sarah Bosso, Citizen – Support
- John Archosky, Citizen – Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 444:

- Mike Frederick, St. Mary's Cement Co. – Support
- Mike Berkowitz, Sierra Club Michigan Chapter – Oppose

There being no further business before the committee, Senator Casperson adjourned the committee without objection at 9:19 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: October 17, 2013

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