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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, October 31, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

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

Members excused: None

Senator Green moved to adopt the minutes from October 24, 2013 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

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:

- HB 4768 (Rep. Crawford) – Environmental protection; water pollution; effluent limitations for sodium in groundwater discharges; prohibit.

Senator Kowall explained the S-3 substitute and answered questions for committee members.

Ruth Ann Jirasek and Leslie Anthony of Representative Crawford's office came forward to explain House Bill 4768 and answer questions for committee members.

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on House Bill 4768:

- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association – Support
- Mike Berkowitz, Sierra Club Michigan Chapter – Oppose
- Justin Winslow, Michigan Restaurant Association – Support
- Maggie Datema, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) – Support
- Bill Creal, DEQ – Support

Senator Kowall placed before the committee two amendments to the S-3 substitute.

Senator Kowall moved that the Kowall Amendment 1 be adopted to the S-3 substitute. 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, Warren and Hood (7/7)

Nays: Senators (0)

Pass: none (0)
Absent: none (0)

Senator Kowall moved that the Kowall Amendment 2 be adopted to the S-3 substitute. 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 Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren and Hood (7/7)

Nays: Senators (0)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Kowall moved that the S-3 substitute as amended be adopted to House Bill 4768. 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 Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof (5/7)

Nays: Senators Warren and Hood (2/7)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Kowall moved that House Bill 4768 (S-3, as amended as a clean substitute) 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 and Hood (2/7)

Pass: none (0)

Absent: none (0)

Senator Casperson moved to recommend immediate effect for House Bill 4768. 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 9:16 a.m.

Date Approved by Committee: January 23, 2014

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