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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren , and Hood

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

Adoption of the minutes from the May 1, 2014 meeting

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| SB 791 | Sen. Green | Environmental protection; underground storage tanks; funding and cleanup programs; establish. |
| SB 795 | Sen. Kowall | Natural resources; nonnative species; prohibited species violations; increase penalties. |
| SB 796 | Sen. Meekhof | Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for prohibited species violations; enact. |
| SB 797 | Sen. Pavlov | Natural resources; nonnative species; instrumentality of violations; provide for forfeiture of. |
| SB 799 | Sen. Casperson | Natural resources; fishing; commercial fishing licenses; provide suspension procedures for aquatic prohibited species violations. |
| SB 800 | Sen. Walker | Natural resources; hunting; suspension of hunting, fishing, or trapping rights; provide for under certain circumstances. |
| SB 801 | Sen. Moolenaar | Natural resources; fishing; commercial fishing licenses; provide suspension procedures for aquatic prohibited species violations. |

SB 802 Sen. Hansen Natural resources; nonnative species; instrumentality of violations;
provide for forfeiture of.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 1, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, Senate Bill 791, was being removed from the agenda at the request of the bill sponsor.

Senator Casperson announced the next items on the agenda, Senate Bills 795-797 and 799-802, and reminded members testimony had previously been heard at the March 24, 2014 meeting. Senator Kowall offered a brief review of the bills.

The following individuals testified before members regarding SBs 795-797 and 799-802:

- Trevor VanDyke & Nick Poppoff, Department of Natural Resources—Support
- Senator Howard Walker—Support
- David Hamilton, The Nature Conservancy—Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card on SBs 795-797 and 799-802 to indicate their position on the bills, but did not wish to speak:

- Chris Kolb, Michigan Environmental Council—Support
- Mike Berkowitz, Michigan Sierra Club—Support

Senator Casperson announced that voting will be held at a later meeting.

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: 5/15/14

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