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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson, 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 8, 2014 meeting

SB 910 Sen. Casperson Environmental protection; air pollution; wood heaters; prohibit department of environmental quality from promulgating certain rules or enforcing federal regulations.

SCR 14 Sen. Casperson A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to forgo its recent proposal to tighten emission limits on wood stoves.

SR 127 Sen. Casperson A resolution to urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to forgo its recent proposal to tighten emission limits on wood stoves.

SB 791 Sen. Green Environmental protection; underground storage tanks; funding and cleanup programs; establish.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Pavlov made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 8, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Warren entered at 8:41 a.m.

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, SB 910, SCR 14, and SR 127.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 910, SCR 14 and SR 127:

- Warren Walborn, President of Hawken Energy Inc. – Support
- Charles Owens, National Federation of Independent Business – Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Oppose
- Joe Stevens, Dickinson County Commissioner, Iron Mountain video conference – Support
- Jeff Zack, Z Supply LLC – Support
- Scott Kruszynski, Ridgewood Stoves – Support

The following individuals submitted a testimony card regarding SB 910, SCR 14 and SR 127 but did not wish to speak:

- Andrew Vermeesch, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

Senator Hood arrived at 8:48 a.m.

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, SB 791. Senator Green offered a brief overview of the bill.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card regarding SB 791, but did not wish to speak:

- Maggie Datema, Department of Environmental Quality – Supports concept but has concerns
- Ed Weglarz, Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers – Support
- James Clift, Michigan Environmental Council – Support
- John Griffin, American Petroleum Institute – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the (S-1) substitute to SB 791. Sen. Pavlov so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren, and Hood

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report SB 791 (S-1) to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Meekhof so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren, and Hood

Nays: None

The motion prevailed

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: 5-22-14

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