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MINUTES

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes held a meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

Senator Casperson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Casperson, Green, Kowall, Meekhof, Warren, and Hood

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Pavlov

Senator Casperson announced the following order of business:

Adoption of the minutes from the August 13, 2014 meeting

SB 941 (Sen. Kowall) Environmental protection; solid waste; scrap tire regulations; modify.

SB 942 (Sen. Casperson) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for certain scrap tire and hazardous waste violations; establish.

Senator Casperson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Meekhof made a motion to adopt the minutes from the August 13, 2014 meeting; being no objection, the motion carried.

Senator Warren made a motion to excuse absent members; being no objection, absent members were excused.

Senator Casperson announced the next item on the agenda, SB 941 and SB 942. Senator Kowall gave a brief summary of the bills.

Senator Green entered at 8:39 a.m.

Senator Hood entered at 8:41 a.m.

The following individuals testified before the committee regarding SB 941 and SB 942:

- Sarah Howes and Rhonda Oyer, Department of Environmental Quality – Support

- Jim Hebert, Green Power Tech – Support
- Fred Taylor, Green Carbon LLC – Support
- Gary Melow, Michigan Biomass – Support
- Bruce Bart, Cobalt Holdings – Support

Senator Meehof left at 8:55 a.m.

Senator Green left at 9:11 a.m.

Senator Kowall left at 9:14 a.m.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card regarding SB 941 and SB 942, but did not wish to speak:

- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association – Support
- Darrin “Bud” Dingus, Environmental Rubber Recycling – Support
- David Gregory, Auto Recyclers of Michigan – Support with amendments

Being no further business, Senator Casperson adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m., without objection.

Date Adopted by Committee: 10/02/14

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