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Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism
Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism was held on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m.

Members present: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar, Young, Hopgood
Members excused: None

Senator Hansen called the meeting to order.

Senator Hansen announced the order of business for the day:

- Approval of the Minutes
- Presentation by the Department of Natural Resources on the 2013 Emergency Dredging Plan
- SB 171 (Sen. Pavlov) Natural resources; hunting; restitution value for possession of certain wildlife; modify.
- SB 172 (Sen. Casperson) Natural resources; hunting; penalties for trespassing; modify.
- SR 20 (Sen. Hansen) A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used solely for the dredging, infrastructure, operation, and maintenance of federally-authorized ports, harbors, and waterways.
- SR 21 (Sen. Hansen) A resolution to urge the Great Lakes governors to develop an agreement to coordinate the promotion and maintenance of ports and harbors.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 171 & 172 (Sens. Pavlov & Casperson) for testimony. Senator Pavlov explained the bills to committee members and answered questions.

The following people testified on Senate Bills 171 & 172 and answered questions from committee members:

- Dennis Knapp & Dean Molnar, Department of Natural Resources—Support concept with concerns (both bills)

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Bill 171 & 172:

- Kent Wood, Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support (both bills)
- Rebecca Park, Michigan Farm Bureau—Support (SB 172)

Senator Young moved to adopt the committee minutes from February 21, 2013 by unanimous consent. Without any objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Resolutions 20 & 21 (Sen. Hansen). Senator Hansen explained the resolutions to committee members and answered questions.

The following people submitted cards, but did not wish to testify, on Senate Resolutions 20 & 21:

- Jim Weakley, Lake Carriers Association—Support (SR 20)
- Brad Williams, Detroit Regional Chamber—Support (SR 20)
- Kent Wood, Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Support (both resolutions)
- Tom Frazier, Michigan Townships Association—Support (SR 20)

Senator Hildenbrand moved that Senate Resolution 20 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted. 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 Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar, Young, Hopgood (7/7)

Nays: None (0)

Pass: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Senator Casperson moved that Senate Resolution 21 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted. 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 Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar, Young, Hopgood (7/7)

Nays: None (0)

Pass: None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Senator Meekhof left the committee room at 1:06 p.m.

Senator Hansen called forth Ron Olsen from the Department of Natural Resources to give a presentation on the department's 2013 Emergency Dredging Plan. Mr. Olsen then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Moolenaar left the committee room at 1:24 p.m.

Senator Hansen adjourned the committee without objection at 1:39 p.m.

Date Approved by Committee: March 6, 2013

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