



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

REP. GARY HOWELL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

12:00 PM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Chair Howell.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Calley, Reilly, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Absent/Excused: None.

Representative Wakeman moved to adopt the minutes from the October 15th, 2019 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4589 before the committee:

HB 4589

(Rep. Howell) A bill to designate the eastern wild turkey as the official game bird of the state of Michigan.

Representative Reilly moved to refer House Bill No. 4589 to the committee on Ways and Means. The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Calley, Reilly, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Pohutsky.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4332 before the committee:

HB 4332

(Rep. LaFave) A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 40102, 40103, and 40114 (MCL 324.40102, 324.40103, and 324.40114), section 40102 as amended by 2015 PA 24, section 40103 as amended by 2016 PA 382, and section 40114 as amended by 2018 PA 390, and by adding section 40111d.

Representative LaFave testified in support of HB 4332.

Chris Turek, representing Up North Air Gunner, testified in support of HB 4332 via YouTube video.

Craig Brunet, representing Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in opposition to HB 4332.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4332, but did not wish to speak:
Velocity Outdoors.

The Chair laid HB 4439 before the committee:

HB 4439

(Rep. Cole) A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 40111a (MCL 324.40111a), as amended by 2015 PA 265.

The following people submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4439, but did not wish to speak:

Thomas Gilpin, representing the Michigan Sierra Club.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4439, but did not wish to speak:

Craig Brunet, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Andrew Vermeesch, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Representative Wakeman moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4439. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Calley, Reilly, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Cole testified in support of HB 4439 (H-1).

Minority Vice Chair Sowerby made a motion to reconsider the vote of HB 4589

The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Calley, Reilly, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Reilly moved to refer House Bill No. 4589 to the committee on Ways and Means.

The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Calley, Reilly, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4313 before the committee:

HB 4313 (Rep. Howell) A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act,"(MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 43525c.

Representative Eisen moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4313. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Calley, Reilly, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Chairman Howell handed the gavel over to Vice Chair Wakeman at 12:37 p.m.

Chairman Howell testified in support of HB 4313 (H-1).

Chairman Howell took the gavel back at 12:44 p.m.

Lyle Jaworski, representing Michigan Game Breeders Association, testified in support of HB 4313 (H-1).

Jim Smith and Tom Shook, representing Michigan Pheasant Hunting Initiative, testified in support of HB 4313 (H-1).

The following people submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4313 (H-1), but due to the

time constraints were unable to speak:

Dan McMaster, Pheasants Forever

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4313(H-1), but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Nick Green and Ian Fitzgerald, Michigan United Conservation Clubs

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 4313 (H-1), but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Gary Pruden, Private Land Owner Eaton County

The following people submitted a card with no position on HB 4313 (H-1), but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Brad Brunkein, Michigan Pheasant Hunting Initiative

The following people submitted a card with a neutral position on HB 4313 (H-1), but did not wish to speak:

Craig Brunet, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4313 (H-1), but did not wish to speak:

Steve DeLong, representing the Cass City Gun Club.

Tim Dusterwinkle, representing the Michigan Bear Hunters Association.

Joe Hudson, representing the Upper Peninsula Bear Houndsmen Association.

Jim Wale, representing the Michigan State United Coon Hunters Association.

Roger Thorman, representing the Michigan State Foxhunter Association.

Sally Stonan, representing the Waterloo Hunt Club.

Mike Thorman, representing the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Gary Howell adjourned the meeting at 12:59 PM.

Representative Gary Howell, Chair

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