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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Brunner, Cochran, Dianda, Kivela, Kosowski, Plawecki.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Lane, Byrd, Garrett.

Representative Glenn made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 17, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Nesbitt made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Hal Fitch, Chief, Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) , provided a presentation to the Committee and reviewed the following topics: MDEQ's oil and gas regulatory authority; other regulatory authority; legal rights to develop oil and gas; oil and gas wells since 1925; well siting; well drilling and construction; production operations; plugging and site restoration; orphan well production; MDEQ oversight; economic impacts; oil production; crude oil prices; natural gas production; natural gas price; and new rules and regulations.

Subsequent to discussion, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:30 a.m.

Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538