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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Andrea L. LaFontaine, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, Lyons, McBroom, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki. (9/9)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 2, 2016 as printed.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of February 2, 2016 as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5128.

HB 5128 (Rendon) Retirement; state employees; retired state employees to contract with department of natural resources for wildfire suppression; allow without losing retirement allowance.

Representative Rendon offered and moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 5128.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, Lyons, McBroom, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The substitute was adopted.

Representative Smiley offered, explained, and moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 5128 (H-1):

1 Amend page 5, line 11, after “**LIMITED**” by striking out the balance of the line through “**TERM,**” on line 12 and inserting “**TO 28 CONSECUTIVE DAYS,**”.

The motion did not prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives McBroom, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (4/9)

Nays: Representative LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, and Lyons. (5/9)

The amendment was not adopted.

Representative Rendon moved to report House Bill 5128 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, Lyons, McBroom, Smiley, and Plawecki, (8/9)

Nays: Representative Kivela. (1/9)

The bill and the substitute were referred to the full House.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, submitted a testimony card in support of the substitute (H-1), but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5255.

HB 5255 (Bumstead) Agriculture; aquaculture; prohibition of aquaculture in the Great Lakes; provide for.

Dr. Howard Tanner, former Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources under Governor Milliken, testified in support of the bill.

Dr. Chris Weeks, Aquaculture Specialist, provided facts about the aquaculture industry and submitted a testimony card stating he is neutral on the bill. Questions followed.

Robin Gordon testified and submitted a card stating he is neutral on the bill. Questions followed.

Joe Colyn, representing Originz, LLC, testified in opposition to the bill. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Dr. Bryan Burroughs, Executive Director for Michigan Trout Unlimited, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Marc Smith, Senior Policy Manager in the Great Lakes Regional Center for the National Wildlife Federation;

Gary Towns, representing Metro-West Steelheaders;

Tom Baird, President of the Anglers of the Au Sable; *

Michigan Association of Conventions and Visitors Bureaus;

Keith Traver, representing Metro-West Steelheaders;

Marc Traver, representing Metro-West Steelheaders; and

Andrew Clark, Michigan Unlimited.

*Submitted written testimony, which is attached.

John P. Warren, Tribal Council Chairman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, submitted written testimony in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

The following individuals sent e-mails in support:

Jarvie Bentley of Trenton, MI;

Timothy Burke of Manton, MI;

Patrice Vrona of Grand Rapids, MI;

Jack Considine of Grand Rapids, MI; and

Taylor Axdorff of Grand Rapids, MI.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 507.

SB 507 (Green) Environmental protection; recycling; registration and reporting requirements; establish for recyclers of material from residential and commercial waste.

Nicholas Buggia, Legislative Director for Senator Green, explained the bill.

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison in the Executive Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, explained the bill and introduced Steve Sliver, Assistant Chief in the Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, who addressed questions.

Tonia Olson, Director of Governmental and Community Relations for Granger, representing the Michigan Waste and Recycling Association, testified in support of the bill. A copy of her written handouts are attached.

Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison for Michigan Townships Association, testified in support of the bill.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs;
Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council;
Kerrin O'Brien, Executive Director for the Michigan Recycling Coalition;
John LaMacchia, Legislative Associate in State Government Affairs for the Michigan
Municipal League;
Justin Dunaskiss, representing the Responsible Recyclers Association;
Derek Bajema, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Michigan Soft Drink
Association;
Matt Sowash, representing the Institute in Scrap Recycling Industries in Michigan;
Mike Berkowitz, Legislative and Political Director, Sierra Club Michigan Chapter; and
Linda Gobler, President and Chief Executive Officer of Michigan Grocers Association.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative McBroom moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:06 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Andrea M. LaFontaine, Chair
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee