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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, March 8, 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 23, 2016 as printed.

Representative Kivela moved to adopt the minutes of February 23, 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 Senate Bill 363.

SB 363 (Casperson) Natural resources; Great Lakes; payment for occupying waters or bottomlands; waive in certain circumstances.

The Chair offered the conflict substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 363.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the conflict substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 363. 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, McBroom, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The substitute was adopted.

Senator Casperson, the bill sponsor, explained the need for the legislation to the committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

Kendra Everett, Legislative Director for Senator Casperson, answered a member's question.

Maggie Pallone, Legislative Liaison and Policy Director for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, testified in opposition to the bill.

Thomas Graf, Environmental Specialist in the Great Lake Shoreline Unit of the Water Resource Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, addressed various questions.

James Clift, Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

David Ladd, representing Save Our Shoreline, submitted a testimony card in support of the substitute (H-1) for the bill.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5146.

HB 5146 (Kivela) Natural resources; hunting; penalties for possessing the carcass of a deer or elk killed in a state listed as a state containing chronic wasting disease; increase.

On February 23, 2016, the committee adopted a conflict substitute (H-1) for the bill.

Representative Kivela, the bill sponsor, offered, explained, and moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 5146.

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 Goike moved to report House Bill 5146 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) 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, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

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

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

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5395.

HB 5395 (Johnson) Environmental protection; sewage; grant program for sewage collection and treatment systems; expand options for certain systems at risk of failure.

Representative Johnson, the bill sponsor, explained the bill and introduced his constituent, James Hazeltine, President of the Village of Sterling, who testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Maggie Pallone, Legislative Liaison and Policy Director for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, testified in support of the bill.

Amy Epkey, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Director in the Administration Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, answered various questions.

Sonya T. Butler, Chief of the Revolving Loan Section in the Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, answered a member's question.

Robert J. Eppert, J.D., Attorney for the Village of Sterling, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Goike moved to report House Bill 5395 without amendment and with recommendation that the bill 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, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the full House.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:59 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