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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, May 3, 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.

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

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of April 26, 2016 as printed.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of April 26, 2016 as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

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The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 717.

SB 717 (Casperson) Environmental protection; cleanups; underground storage tanks; provide for alternative mechanisms to protect against exposure to environmental contamination.

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

Mark Griffin, President of the Michigan Petroleum Association, and Cliff Knaggs, Attorney for Michigan Petroleum Association, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Maggie Pallone, Legislative Liaison and Policy Director for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and Robert Wagner, Division Chief of the Remediation and Redevelopment Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, explained the process. Questions followed.

Phil Browne, Deputy Commission and Legislative Adviser in the Office of Governmental Affairs in the Michigan Department of Transportation, explained the department's position. Questions followed.

Harold Zweng, Environment Services Section Manager in the Design Division of the Michigan Department of Transportation, answered questions.

Ed Noyola, Deputy Director of the County Road Association of Michigan, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5599.

HB 5599 (LaFontaine) Environmental protection; underground storage tanks; cleanups and financial responsibility; modify requirements.

The Chair, the bill sponsor, explained the bill.

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

Maggie Pallone, Legislative Liaison and Policy Director for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality;

Mark Griffin, President of the Michigan Petroleum Association; and

Katie Abraham, Legislative Analyst for the Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5484.

HB 5484 (Lyons) Natural resources; hunting; color of hunting apparel; include hunter pink.

Representative Goike moved to report House Bill 5484 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, McBroom, Whiteford, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the full House.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5215.

HB 5215 (Cole) Crimes; animals; penalties and prohibition to remove a dog collar; provide for under certain circumstances.

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 5215.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 5215.

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, Whiteford, Smiley, and Plawecki, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The substitute was adopted.

Representative Rendon moved to report House Bill 5215 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, McBroom, Whiteford, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

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

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:10 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