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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, May 24, 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, McBroom, Whiteford, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki. (9/9)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of May 17, 2016 as printed.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of May 17, 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 591.

SB 591 (Casperson) Natural resources; mining; small native copper mining operations; establish separate regulatory program for.

Representative Kivela offered and moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for Senate Bill 591. 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 substitute was adopted.

Representative Smiley offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to Senate Bill 591 (H-2):

1. Amend page 20, line 11, after "OF" by striking out "\$25,000.00" and inserting "\$50,000.00".

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 amendment was adopted.

The Chair offered the following amendment to Senate Bill 591 (H-2):

1. Amend page 20, line 11, after “**DAY**” by striking out “**IN ANY 90-DEGREE QUADRANT**”.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the amendment to Senate Bill (H-2).

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 amendment was adopted.

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the bill.

Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison for Michigan Townships Association, submitted a testimony stating his organization was neutral on the bill, and he did not wish to speak.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 591 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-3) 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 and Smiley, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0)

Pass: Representative Plawecki. (1/9)

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

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5429.

HB 5429 (LaFontaine) Liens; other; marina and boatyard storage lien act; modify.

The Chair offered a substitute (H-2) for House Bill 5429.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 5429.

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 substitute was adopted.

Representative Rendon moved to report House Bill 5429 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.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5599.

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

Peter Langley, Executive Director of the Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Rendon moved to report House Bill 5599 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.

The Chair laid before the committee Fennville High School's Science Made Real-Salmon in the Classroom presentation.

The Chair asked Representative Whiteford to join her constituents for an introduction to the committee.

Representative Whiteford introduced Mrs. Carole McNeal, the lead Science teacher of the project from Fennville High, who started the presentation with a brief introduction about the project, and then went into the PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached.

Fennville High School students addressing the various lessons being presented in the PowerPoint presentation along with Mrs. McNeal were the following:

Artemis Brown, an eleventh grader, spoke about the lessons of applied science experience;

Davin Romero, an eleventh grader, spoke about sharing the ecology lessons for younger elementary students;

Lindsay Cossey, a twelfth grader, spoke about the lessons of gratitude and pride that comes from a study of their local surroundings; and

Andres (Andy) Garcia, an eleventh grader, summarized the presentation and spoke about the lasting lessons he had learned while working on this project.

Mrs. McNeal thanked Representative Whiteford and the committee members for the opportunity to present their Salmon Release project to them at this public hearing.

The Chair opened the floor for questions and discussion from committee members.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:39 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