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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 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 September 9, 2015 as printed.

Representative Forlini moved to adopt the minutes of September 9, 2015 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 Bills 244, 245 and 246

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| SB 244 | (Pavlov) | Natural resources; hunting; restitution for the illegal killing or possessing of certain game; increase. |
| SB 245 | (Zorn) | Natural resources; hunting; penalties for illegally taking or possessing certain game; increase. |
| SB 246 | (Zorn) | Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; update references. |

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

Arika Sinnott, Legislative Aide for Senator Pavlov;
Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources;
Shane Preston, Legislative Aide for Senator Zorn;
Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs; and
Douglas R. Doherty, Regional Director for the Michigan Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 244 without amendment and with the 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, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (8/9)

Nays: None, (0)

Pass: Representative McBroom. (1/9)

The bill was referred to the full House

The Chair offered the substitute (H-2) for Senate Bill 245.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for Senate Bill 245.

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, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The substitute was adopted.

Representative McBroom offered, explained, and moved to adopt the following amendment to Senate Bill 245 (H-2):

1 Amend page 5, line 21, after “(16)” by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting “**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS PART OR AN ORDER OR INTERMIM ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS PART REGARDING THE USE OF A SNARE OR CABLE RESTRAINT IS GUILTY OF A MISEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS, OR A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$100.00, OR BOTH, AND THE COSTS OF PROSECUTION. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS PART OR AN ORDER OR INTERMIM ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS PART REGARDING THE USE OF A SNARE OR CABLE RESTRAINT THAT CATCHES A DOG IS GUILTY OF A MISEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS, OR A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,000.00 OR BOTH, AND THE COSTS OF PROSECUTION.**”.

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, and Plawecki, (3/9)

Nays: Representative LaFontaine, Rendon, Forlini, Goike, Lyons, and Smiley. (6/9)

The amendment was not adopted.

Representative Forlini moved to report Senate Bill 245 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, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (8/9)

Nays: Representative McBroom. (1/9)

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

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 246 without amendment and with the 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, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (8/9)

Nays: Representative McBroom. (1/9)

The bill was referred to the full House.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD):
Background and Update.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, introduced Daniel O'Brien, DVM PhD., Veterinarian Specialist in the Wildlife Health Section at the Wildlife Disease Laboratory in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, who did a PowerPoint presentation on CWD. Discussion and questions followed. A copy of the presentation is attached.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9: 55 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