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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, November 29, 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, and Kivela. (7/8)**
Member absent and excused was **Representative Smiley. (1/8)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of September 20, 2016 as printed.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of September 20, 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 1079.

SB 1079 (Pavlov) Environmental protection; solid waste; total authorized term for research, development, and demonstration project permit; increase.

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, explained the bill to the committee members.

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

Casey Steffee, Governmental Affairs Analyst for the Michigan Association of Counties;
and

David Worthams, Policy Director for the Michigan Bankers Association.

Representative McBroom moved to report Senate Bill 1079 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, McBroom, Whiteford, and Kivela, (7/8)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the full House

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bills 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, and 913.

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| SB 908 | (Schmidt) | Economic development; brownfield redevelopment authority; definitions and program changes; modify. |
| SB 909 | (Schmidt) | Environmental protection; funding; environmental protection bond fund; modify criteria for grants. |
| SB 910 | (O'Brien) | Environmental protection; funding; clean Michigan initiative bond fund; modify criteria for grants and loans. |
| SB 911 | (Horn) | Environmental protection; funding; environmental protection bond fund; modify criteria for grants. |
| SB 912 | (Knezek) | Environmental protection; funding; clean Michigan initiative bond fund; modify criteria for grants and loans to conform to brownfield redevelopment act. |
| SB 913 | (Casperson) | Environmental protection; funding; revitalization revolving loan program; modify criteria for loans. |

Moly Medenblik, Legislative Director for Senator Wayne Schmidt, the bill sponsor, explained the bill.

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, briefly explained the content of the bill package and introduced Carrie L. Geyer, P.E., Chief of the Brownfield Redevelopment Program in the Remediation and Redevelopment Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Ms. Geyer provided background information on the brownfield legislation and addressed questions from committee members.

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

David Worthams, Policy Director for the Michigan Bankers Association; and
Arthur H. Siegal, Attorney at Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer and Weiss law, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Representative Kivela moved to excuse Representative Smiley from today's committee meeting.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the members were excused.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:19 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