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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 8:15 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 Chair laid before the committee the Speaker's appointment letter.

The Chair read the following letter from Speaker Kevin Cotter to Gary L. Randall, Clerk of the Michigan House of Representatives:

November 29, 2016

Mr. Gary L. Randall, Clerk
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Mr. Clerk:

This letter is to notify you that I am appointing Representative Lauren Plawecki to the Natural Resources Committee.

Sincerely,
Kevin Cotter
Speaker of the House
99th District

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 November 29, 2016 as printed.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of November 29, 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 950.

SB 950 (Stamas) Water; quality; provision of alternative water supplies under certain circumstances when department of health and human services issues a drinking water advisory; require.

Senator Stamas, the bill sponsor, explained the bill, and addressed questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:
Judy Allen, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Michigan Townships Association;
John LaMacchia, Legislative Associate in State Government Affairs for the Michigan Municipal League;
Karla Ruest, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services;
Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council;
Kara Cook, Policy Assistant, for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters; and
Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 1093.

SB 1093 (Kowall) Natural resources; nonnative species; permitted species list; extend period for development.

Senator Kowall, the bill sponsor, explained the bill.

Amy Frankmann, Executive Director for the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association, testified in support of the bill. A copy of her written testimony is attached.

Tim Boelema, representing aquarium hobbyists, testified in support.

Rick Preuss, Owner of Preuss Pets, testified in support of the bill.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the bill and introduced Nickolas Popoff, Aquatic Species and Regulatory Affairs Manager in the Fisheries Division in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Questions followed from committee members.

Matt Smego, Manager of Michigan Farm Bureau's Government Relations Department, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 1117.

SB 1117 (Kowall) Drains; other; provisions concerning a county organized under a charter; eliminate population requirement.

Senator Kowall, the bill sponsor, explained the bill, and addressed questions from committee members.

Deena Bosworth, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Michigan Association of Counties, testified on the bill, and addressed questions from committee members.

Brian Baker, representing Macomb County on the Great Lakes Water Authority, testified in support of the bill.

Justin Clement, representing the Michigan Soybean Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill

HB 5862 (LaFontaine) Natural resources; mining; recreational gold prospecting; eliminate inland lakes and streams permit requirement.

The Chair explained her bill and introduced her constituent, Nick Straffon, representing the Michigan Chapter of the Gold Prospectors Association of America. Mr. Straffon and Mr. Barry Anderson testified in support of the bill and addressed questions from committee members. A copy of their PowerPoint presentation and other handouts are attached.

Kara Cook, Policy Assistant, for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, submitted a testimony card in opposition of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Dennis Eade, representing the Michigan Steelheaders, testified in opposition to the bill and addressed questions.

Dr. Bryan Burroughs, Executive Director for Trout Unlimited, testified in opposition to the bill and addressed questions from committee members. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Dennis O'Brien, Board of Director member of the Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, testified in opposition to the bill.

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

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in opposition to the bill.

Tom Baird, Friends of the Ausable River, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

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

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.

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;
Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality;
Derek Nofs, Associate Vice-President of Southwest Michigan First;
Lisa Pung, Director of Community Development Incentives in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and
Jennifer Rigerink, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

The Chair offered the following amendments to Senate Bill 908:

1. Amend page 57, line 19, after "**211.906,**" by inserting "**INCLUDING 50% OF THAT PORTION OF SPECIFIC TAXES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE STATE EDUCATION TAX ACT, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 TO 211.906,**".
2. Amend page 58, line 10, after the first "**THE**" by striking out "**3 MILLS THAT ARE**" and inserting "**AMOUNT**".

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the amendments to Senate Bill 908.

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 amendments were adopted.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 908 with the recommendation that the amendments 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 amendments were referred to the full House.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 909 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, Kivela, Smiley and Plawecki, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the full House.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 910 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, Kivela, Smiley and Plawecki, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the full House.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 911 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, Kivela, Smiley and Plawecki, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the full House.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 912 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, Kivela, Smiley and Plawecki, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the full House.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 913 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, Kivela, Smiley and Plawecki, (9/9)
Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the full House.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 950.

SB 950 (Stamas) Water; quality; provision of alternative water supplies under certain circumstances when department of health and human services issues a drinking water advisory; require.

Representative Rendon offered and moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for Senate Bill 950. 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 Senate Bill 950 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 Senate Bill 1093.

SB 1093 (Kowall) Natural resources; nonnative species; permitted species list; extend period for development.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 1093 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, Kivela, Smiley and Plawecki, (9/9)
Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the full House.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 1117.

SB 1117 (Kowall) Drains; other; provisions concerning a county organized under a charter; eliminate population requirement.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 1117 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, 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 Goike moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:52 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