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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, December 7, 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 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 Senate Bills 39 and 40.

SB 39 (Casperson) Natural resources; land acquisition; caps on DNR land purchases; suspend if legislature has approved most recent 5-year strategic plan update and payments in lieu of taxes have been made.

SB 40 (Booher) Natural resources; funding; land exchange facilitation fund; authorize to be used for certain taxes and assessments on state land.

Senator Casperson, the bill sponsor for Senate Bill 39, and Senator Booher, the bill sponsor for Senate Bill 40, explained their bills, and addressed questions from committee members. Copies of Senator Casperson's handouts are attached.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified on the bills, and answered questions from committee members.

Dean Hale, representing Michigan Bow Hunters, testified in opposition to the bills, and responded to a member's questions.

Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison for Michigan Townships Association, testified in support of the bills, and responded to a member's questions.

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, and James Clift, Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions followed.

At 9:51 a.m., the Chair went at ease at the call of the Chair.
The Chair declared the Committee adjourned from the House floor at 4:37 p.m.

Andrea M. LaFontaine, Chair
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee