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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Thursday, December 8, 2016

9:05 a.m.

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Andrea L. LaFontaine, Chair.

At 9:05 a.m., the Chair went at ease at the call of the Chair.
The Chair reconvened the committee at 1:24 p.m.

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 December 6, 2016 and December 7, 2016 as printed.

Representative Forlini moved to adopt the minutes of December 6, 2016 and December 7, 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 Bills 39 and 40.

SB 39 (Caspersen) 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.

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in opposition to the bills, and answered questions from committee members. A copy of her written testimony is attached to the minutes.

Deena Bosworth, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in support of the bills as passed the Senate.

Paul Rose, President and Owner of Jeffress-Dyer as a State Certified General Appraiser, submitted written testimony in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Rebecca Gean, Legal Affairs Manager for the Michigan Realtors Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted written testimony in opposition to the bills, which are attached to the minutes:

Bill and Nancy Leonard;
Robert A. Evans;
Luther N. Tonkin;
Glen Matthews; and
Alistair Smith.

At 1:45 p.m., the Chair went at ease at the call of the Chair.

The Chair reconvened the committee at 5:48 p.m.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 1187.

SB 1187 (Sen. Casperson) Natural resources; hunting; natural resources commission authority to designate species as game; provide for.

Kendra Everett, Legislative Director for Senator Tom Casperson, 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.

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak. A copy of her written testimony is attached.

Representative McBroom moved to report Senate Bill 1187 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, and Smiley, (8/9)

Nays: Representative Plawecki. (1/9)

The bill was referred to the full House.

The Chair informed the members of the committee that this would be their last meeting of the House Standing Committee on Natural Resources for this session. The Chair expressed her gratitude for having the opportunity to work with the all the committee members and support staff.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Rendon moved to adjourn the meeting.**
The motion prevailed, the time being 5:55p.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