



MICHIGAN  
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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

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Wednesday, February 3, 2016                      12:00 Noon                      Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Representative Bruce Rendon, Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Rendon, Goike, Forlini, Pettalia, Cole, Smiley, Brinks, and Gay-Dagnogo. (8/8)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of January 27, 2016 as printed.

**Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of January 27, 2016 as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5275.

**HB 5275 (Cole)**                      Recreation; trails; use of forest roads unless designated as closed; authorize in Lower Peninsula, require forest road inventory, and provide for use of ORVs and horses.

Representative Cole, the bill sponsor, explained the bill and introduce two of his constituents, who joined him at the testimony table. Jeremy Jones and Wayne Lalone testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed. Copies of their written testimony is attached.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Ed Noyola, Deputy Director for the County Road Association of Michigan, submitted a testimony card stating his organization is neutral, but did not wish to speak.

Brad Garmon, Director of Conservation and Emerging Issues for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Drew Youngedyke, Field and Public Relations Manager for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in opposition to the bill. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 1:02 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Bruce Rendon, Chair

House Standing Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee