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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
On  
Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

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Monday, April 27, 2015

10:20 a.m.

The Henry Ford-Lovett Hall  
20900 Oakwood Blvd  
Dearborn, MI 48124-5029

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, Cole, Brinks, and Gay-Dagnogo. (6/8)**

Members absent and excused were **Representatives Pettalia and Smiley. (2/8)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

House Members also present were **Representatives Clemente**, representing the 14<sup>th</sup> District, **Darany**, representing the 15<sup>th</sup> District, and **Kosowski**, representing the 16<sup>th</sup> District.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of April 22, 2015 as printed.

**Representative Gay-Dagnogo moved to adopt the minutes of April 22, 2015 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 asked the committee and house members to introduce themselves and to recognize their guests.

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The Chair laid before the committee various presentations on the City of Detroit's tourism industry.

George A. Moroz, Special Assistant to the President of The Henry Ford Museum, welcomed the committee to the Henry Ford Complex and introduced Christian Overland, Executive Vice President of Collections and Experience Design for The Henry Ford, and member of the Michigan Travel Commission, who explained to the committee how The Henry Ford plays a vital role on the local, state, and national tourism level.

The following individuals provided their tourism role in the City of Detroit region:

Jack O'Reilly, Mayor of the City of Dearborn\*;  
Lisa Howze, Chief Government Affairs Officer in the City of Detroit Mayor's Office\*;

Larry Alexander, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau \*;

Annmarie Erickson, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Detroit Institute of Arts \*; and

Linda Walter, Outdoor Adventure Center Director in the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources. Questions and discussion followed the presentations. \*Written testimony submitted and attached.

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**Representative Forlini moved to excuse Representatives Pettalia and Smiley from today's committee meeting.**

**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; Representatives Pettalia and Smiley were excused.**

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:30 a.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