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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Gary Howell, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy. (9/9)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of December 13, 2017 as printed.

Representative Bellino moved to adopt the minutes of December 13, 2017, 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 House Bill 5321.

HB 5321 (Cole) Natural resources; wildlife; issuance of permit to sterilize game animals; prohibit.

Representative Triston Cole, the bill sponsor, explained the bill. Questions followed.

Michael J. Leonard, Director-at-Large for Safari Club, International, testified in support of the bill.

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of the bill, and introduced Dr. Greg Peter, who testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Tom Crawford, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Ann Arbor, and Derek Delacourt Community Services Area Administrator for the City of Ann Arbor, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed.

Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, spoke on the bill, and introduced Steven Beyer, Supervisor of the Biological and Social Sciences Section in the Wildlife Division in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, who explained the department's involvement. Questions followed. A testimony card was submitted stating the department has taken no position on the bill.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bill, but did not speak:

David Silkworth;
Kurt Sonen;
Bernard Banet;
Robert McGee; and
John LaMacchia, Legislative Associate in State Government Affairs for the Michigan Municipal League.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Tom Meritier, representing the Frankenmuth Conservation Club;
Dale Hendersnot, representing the Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association;
Bruce Levey, representing the Michigan Bow Hunters;
George Lindquist, representing the Upper Peninsula Whitetails of Marquette County;
Mike Thorman, representing the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation;
Tim Dasterwinkle, representing the Michigan Bear Hunters Association;
Dan Kimmel, representing the Michigan Bass Nation;
Rob Miller, representing the Bow-fishing Association of Michigan;
Tony Demboski, representing the Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's Alliance;
Alan Etenhoffer, representing the Upper Peninsula Whitetails, Incorporated; and
Erik Schnelle, representing Quality Deer Management Association.

The following submitted written testimony, which is attached, but did not speak:

Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator for the City of Ann Arbor;
Beatrice M. Friedlander, JD, President of Attorneys for Animals;
Angie Sullivan, a resident from Ann Arbor; and
Gillian Lyons, Senior Wildlife Fertility Control Policy Manager for the Humane Society of the United States.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5198.

HB 5180 (LaFave) Natural resources; hunting; use of pneumatic airbows in certain hunting seasons; allow.

Representative Beau LaFave, the bill sponsor, explained the bill and introduced Joseph Syring, National Sales Manager for the Crosman Corporation, who testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Bruce Levey, representing the Michigan Bow Hunters, and George Lindquist, representing the Upper Peninsula Whitetails of Marquette County, submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Erik Schnelle, representing Quality Deer Management Association, submitted a testimony card stating he did not wish to speak, but has concerns with the bill.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:33 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Gary Howell, Chair
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee