



MICHIGAN  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
P.O. Box 30014  
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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Natural Resources

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Wednesday, January 24, 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.

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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.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of January 17, 2018 as printed.

**Representative VanderWall moved to adopt the minutes of January 17, 2018, 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 5321.

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

Gregory K. Peter, DVM MS DCLAM, submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Kurt Sonen testified in opposition to the bill, and submitted written testimony.

Dr. Robert McGee and Dr. Katie Dyer testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill. Questions followed.

Bernard A. Banet testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill. Questions followed.

David Silkworth testified in opposition to the bill.

Beatrice M. Friedlander, JD, President of Attorneys for Animals, testified in opposition to the bill.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card opposing the bill, but did not wish to speak:  
Robert Gordon, 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.

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The Chair laid before the committee a subcommittee appointment letter.

Representative Gary Howell  
State Capitol  
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Dear Madam Clerk,

After hearing the many points of view regarding House Bill 5321, I have decided to create a Natural Resources Subcommittee to make recommendations as to the bill. I am appointing the following Natural Resources Committee members to serve on the Subcommittee: Representative Joe Bellino, Representative Curt VanderWall, and Representative Sara Cambensy. Representative VanderWall will serve as subcommittee chairman.

This is an opportunity to delve into several related issues in greater detail with interested parties. Representative Cole has raised an important issue with his bill. I trust that the subcommittee will be successful and productive.

Sincerely,

Gary Howell, Chair  
House Committee on Natural Resources

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5180.

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

**Representative LaFave offered, explained and moved to adopt the (H-2) substitute for House Bill 5180.**

**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 Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy, (9/9)**

**Nays: None. (0/9)**

The substitute was adopted.

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, stated her organization has concerns with the bill. Questions followed. A copy of her written testimony and handouts are attached.

Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in opposition to the bill as introduced.

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.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 5416.

**HB 5416 (Johnson)** Natural resources; hunting; color of hunting apparel; include hunter pink.

Representative Steven Johnson, bill sponsor, explained the bill, and introduced Drew Born and Travis Gavinski, who testified in support of the bill. Questions followed. A copy of Mr. Gavinski's written testimony is attached.

Dr. Majid Sarmadi, a Rothermel Bascom Professor in the School of Human Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:30 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Gary Howell, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee