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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, February 7, 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 January 31, 2018 as printed.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of January 31, 2018, 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 Bill 390.

SB 390 (Casperson) Taxation; specific tax; tax on low grade iron ore; modify distribution of funds.

Senator Tom Casperson, the bill sponsor, explained the bill, and introduced Ania Ediger, Manager of Government Affairs for Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., and Michael Long, Director of Environmental Affairs for Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., who testified in support of the bill. Questions followed. A copy of their written testimony is attached.

Robert Nardi, Associate Superintendent at Marquette Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, and Bryan DeAugustine, Superintendent of Nice Community Schools, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed. A copy of their written testimony is attached.

Scott Erbisch, Marquette County Administrator, and Jack L. Van Coevering, a Tax Attorney at Foster Swift, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed.

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed.

Kara Cook, Government Affairs Manager for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Amy J. Clickner, Chief Executive Officer for the Lake Superior Community Partnership, submitted written testimony in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative VanderWall informed the full committee that the Subcommittee on House Bill 5321 will be meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 521 of the House Office Building. The subcommittee will be hearing testimony from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:19 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