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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, February 14, 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 February 7, 2018 as printed.

Representative Bellino moved to adopt the minutes of February 7, 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 House Bill 4095.

HB 4095 (Kosowski) Natural resources; hunting; lotteries for hunting; provide first preference to veterans.

Representative Kosowski, the bill sponsor, explained the bill. Questions followed.

Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, explained the process and introduced Lisa Jackson, Licensing Specialist, in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, who express her concerns with the bill. Question followed. Ms. Mooney submitted a testimony card stating that the department has taken no position on the bill.

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 amendments to bill.

Joseph Derocha, Vice Chair for the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, representing District 2 and Stephen Adamini, representing District 3 on the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed.

Ania Ediger, Manager of Government Affairs for Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., and Michael Long, Director of Environmental Affairs for Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Adam Carlson, Legislative Liaison in the Policy / Legislative Division of the State Budget Office, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Chang offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to Senate Bill 390:

1. Amend page 6, line 8, after "**PERMIT**" by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting a period.

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 amendment was adopted.

Representative Cambensy offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to Senate Bill 390:

1. Amend page 4, line 22, after "**IN**" by striking out "**SUBDIVISIONS (C) AND (D), THE REMAINDER**" and inserting "**SUBDIVISION (C), AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$3,000,000.00 OF THE SPECIFIC TAXES LEVIED EACH YEAR**".

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 amendment was adopted.

Representative LaFave moved to report Senate Bill 390 with the recommendation that the amendments be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy, (7/9)

Nays: None, (0/9)

Pass: Representatives Maturen and Bellino. (2/9)

The bill and amendments were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:15 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