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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, March 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 February 28, 2018 as printed.

Representative Cambensy moved to adopt the minutes of February 28, 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 Bills 302 and 303 and House Bill 4475.

SB 302 (Casperson) Natural resources; land acquisition; caps on DNR land purchases; suspend if payments in lieu of taxes have not been made and revise DNR land management, acquisition, and disposal requirements.

SB 303 (Booher) Natural resources; funding; land exchange facilitation fund; authorize to be used for certain taxes and assessments on state land.

HB 4475 (Howell) Natural resources; land acquisition; cap on acreage in northern Michigan; remove, and approve strategic plan.

The Chair offered the (H-2) substitute for Senate Bill 302.

Representative LaFave moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to Senate Bill 302.

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 and Cambensy, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0/9)

The substitute was adopted.

The Chair offered the (H-1) substitute for Senate Bill 303.

Representative VanderWall moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to Senate Bill 303.

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 and Cambensy, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0/9)

The substitute was adopted.

The Chair offered the (H-2) substitute for House Bill 4475.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to House Bill 4475.

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 and Cambensy, (8/9)

Nays: None. (0/9)

The substitute was adopted.

The Chair handed over the gavel to the Majority Vice-Chair, Representative LaFave at 9:07 a.m. In the chair was Representative LaFave.

The bill sponsors, Senate Tom Casperson, the Chair, and Senator Booher, explained their bills as substituted. Questions followed.

Representative LaFave, the Majority Vice-Chair turned over the gavel to the Chair at 9:50 a.m. In the chair was the Chair..

Dr. Bryan Burroughs, Executive Director for Michigan Trout Unlimited, testified on the bills. Questions followed.

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, explained her concerns, and submitted written testimony, which is attached. Questions followed.

Bernie Hubbard, Staff Forester for the Michigan Association of Timbermen, testified in support of the bills. Questions followed.

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, and Drew Young Dyke, representing Backcountry Hunters and Anglers-Michigan Chapter, submitted a testimony in opposition to the bills, but due to time restraints they did not speak.

Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison for Michigan Townships Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the bills, as substituted, but due to time restraints he did not testify.

Kara Cook, Policy Assistant, for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to testify.

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

Rebecca Gean, Esq. Legal Affairs Manager for the Michigan Realtors Association;
Judy Augenstein, representing the Great Lakes Timber Professionals; and
Tony Demboski, President of the Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's Alliance,

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:23 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