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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 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, Kivela, Chang, and Sowerby. (9/9)**

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 8, 2017 as printed.

Representative LaFave moved to adopt the minutes of March 8, 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 4082.

HB 4082 (Whiteford) Natural resources; other; DNR prescribed burns; require notification to township supervisor and 9-1-1 service.

Representative Whiteford, the bill sponsor, introduced Tony Garafalo, Chair of the Citizen Advisory Committee and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for Valley Township-Allegan County. Rep. Whiteford and Mr. Garafalo explained the bill. Questions followed.

Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Natural Resources, and James Fisher, Manager of the Fire Management Section in the Forest Resources Division in the Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the bill with changes. Questions followed.

Representative Whiteford explained the changes she would be bringing to committee next week.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:24 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