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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, March 21, 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 March 14, 2018 as printed.

Representative Bellino moved to adopt the minutes of March 14, 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 5321.

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

On Wednesday, March 14, 2018, the committee adopted a (H-1) substitute for House Bill 5321.

Representative VanderWall, the Chair of the House Bill 5321 Subcommittee, commented on the bill as substituted.

Representative LaFave offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 5321(H-1):

1. Amend page 6, line 4, after "(9)" by striking out "UNTIL APRIL 1, 2022, THE" and inserting "THE".

2. Amend page 6, line 5, after "GAME." by inserting "ANY SUCH PERMIT IN EFFECT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION IS REVOKED."

Representative LaFave explained his amendment to the committee members.

Representative LaFave withdrew his motion.

Representative VanderWall moved to report House Bill 5321 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) 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, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, Chang, and Greig, (8/9)

Nays: None, (0/9)

Pass: Representative LaFave. (1/9)

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

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

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.

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

Nicholas Occhipinti, Government Affairs Director Michigan League of Conservation Voters, testified in opposition to the bills, and submitted written testimony. Questions followed. A copy is attached.

Debra Huff, representing the Michigan Forest Association, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Drew Young Dyke, representing Backcountry Hunters and Anglers-Michigan Chapter, submitted a card stating neutral, in support with Michigan United Conservation Clubs, but did not speak.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Deena Bosworth, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Michigan Association of Counties; and

Gary Melow, Director of Michigan Biomass.

Richard Bowman, Director of Government Relations for The Nature Conservancy, submitted a testimony card in opposition to Sec. 2134 (4) (D) of Senate Bill 303 and neutral on the balance of the bill, and is in opposition to Sec. 503 (11) of House Bill 4475 and neutral on the balance of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:46 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