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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, March 22, 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 15, 2017 as printed.

Representative Bellino moved to adopt the minutes of March 15, 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 Kivela offered and moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 4082. 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, Kivela, Chang, and Sowerby, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0/9)

The substitute was adopted.

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

Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison for Michigan Townships Association, and
Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Representative LaFave moved to report House Bill 4082 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) 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, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Kivela, Chang, and Sowerby, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0/9)

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

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on the Eagle Mine, a subsidiary of the Lundin Mining Company.

Matt Johnson, External Relations Manager for the Eagle Mine, introduced Kristen Mariuzza, PE, HSE and Permitting Manager for the Eagle Mine to the committee members. Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the Eagle Mine in Marquette County. Questions and comments followed. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 129.

SB 129 (Casperson) Natural resources; mining; small native copper mining operations; establish separate regulatory program for.

Senator Casperson, the bill sponsor, introduced Representative Dianda from the 110th House District, and explained the bill to committee members. Representative Dianda testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

E.Z. Manos, Evergreen Explorations L.L.C., testified in support of the bill.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on the Michigan Forest Products Industry.

Todd Johnson, Forestry Services manager for Weyerhaeuser Company in Grayling, Michigan, mark F. Pontti, Public Affairs Manager for Verso Corporation -Quinnesec Mill, and Scott Robbins, Director of Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Public Affairs for Michigan Forest Products Council, provided an overview of the forestry product industry. Copy of the PowerPoint presentation and handouts are attached to the minutes.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:28 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