

Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Natural Resources

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Wednesday, April 19, 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.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Kivela, Chang, and Sowerby. (9/9)**  
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the Michigan Association of Timbermen.

Jim Maeder, President of the Michigan Association of Timbermen, John Fowler, Region 4 Chair for the Michigan Association of Timbermen, Wes Windover, Vice President of the Michigan Association of Timbermen, and Warren Suchovsky, Secretary and Treasurer of the Michigan Association of Timbermen, briefed the committee on their concerns for the forestry industry in the state. Questions followed.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 29, 2017 as printed.

**Representative LaFave moved to adopt the minutes of March 29, 2017, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4424.

**HB 4424 (Kivela)** Natural resources; hunting; penalties for possessing of certain parts of a deer or elk killed in another state; increase.

Representative Kivela, the bill sponsor, introduced Tony Demboski, President of the Upper Peninsula Sportsmans Alliance, and Alan Ettenhofer, Treasurer of the U.P. Whitetails Association of Escanaba, and explained the bill. Mr. Demboski and Mr. Ettenhofer testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison in the legislative and Legal Affairs Office in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of the bill.

George Lindquist, U.P. Whitetails Association of Marquette County, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did wish to speak.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:56 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Gary Howell, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee