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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Natural Resources  
meeting jointly with the  
Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources

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Wednesday, May 3, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Senate Hearing Room  
Ground Floor, Boji Tower

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, Chang, and Sowerby. (8/9)**

Member absent and excused was **Representative Kivela. (1/9)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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**Representative LaFave moved to excuse Representative Kivela from today's committee meeting.**

**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the members were excused.**

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In the Chair: Senator Casperson.

The Senate Chair led the joint committee in the Pledge of Alliance to the Flag.

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The Senate Chair laid before the committee the Indiana Environmental Rule Board process.

The Senate Chair introduced Vincent L. Griffin, Owner of Honalee Properties, LLC and former Vice President of the Environmental and Energy Policy Committee for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, and Beverly Gard, Chairwoman of the State of Indiana Environmental Rules Board, and former Indiana State Senator. Mr. Griffin briefed the joint committee membership on the historical background of the Environmental Rule Board. Ms. Gard explained the progression of the rule-making procedure in the State of Indiana. Questions followed from the members of the joint committee. A copy of her handout is attached.

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In the Chair: Representative Howell.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:55 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