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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, June 7, 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, Sowerby, Chang, and Greig. (9/9)**

The Chair introduce Representative Sowerby as the new Minority Vice-Chair and recognized Representative Christine Greig as the newest sitting member of the committee.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of May 24, 2017, as printed.

Representative Bellino moved to adopt the minutes of May 24, 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 4583.

HB 4583 (Whiteford) Environmental protection; underground storage tanks; legacy underground storage tank cleanup program; establish.

Representative Mary Whiteford, the bill sponsor, explained the bill. Questions followed.

Mark Griffin, President of the Michigan Petroleum Association, and Cliff Knaggs, Attorney for Michigan Petroleum Association, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Sarah Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, explained details of the bill, and submitted a card in support of the bill.

Joshua Mosher, Manager of the Compliance and Enforcement Section in the Remediation and Redevelopment Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and Robert Reisner, Administer of the Michigan Underground Storage Tank Authority in the Office of Administration in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, answered questions from committee members.

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed. Copy of his written testimony is attached.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on “Michigan Waste and Recycling Association”.

Kevin Kendall, President of the Michigan Waste and Recycle Association, introduced Tonia Olson, Chair of the Legislative Committee for the Michigan Waste and Recycle Association. Mr. Kendall and Ms. Olson briefed committee on the association. Questions followed. Copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:03 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