



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Natural Resources

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Wednesday, September 26, 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.

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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.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 6269.

**HB 6269 (Howell)**                      Environmental protection; solid waste; coal combustion residuals;  
provide for assumption of federal permit program.

The Chair went at ease, at the call of the Chair, at 9:04 a.m.  
The Chair handed over the gavel to the Majority Vice-Chair, Representative LaFave, at 9:05 a.m.

The Chair, the bill sponsor, explained his bill. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

The Majority Vice-Chair went at ease, at the call of the Chair, at 9:09 a.m.  
Representative LaFave, the Majority Vice-Chair, turned over the gavel to the Chair at 9:10 a.m.

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison in the Executive Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, explained the bills, and introduced Jack Schinderle, Director of Waste Management and Radiological Protection Division in the Department of Environmental Quality, and Margie Ring, Solid Waste Engineering Coordinator in the Solid Waste Section of the Waste Management and Radiological Protection Division in the Department of Environmental Quality, who testified on the bill.

Abed Houssari, Director of Environmental Engineering for DTE Energy Detroit, and Harold D. Register Junior, P.E. Senior Engineer of Landfill Compliance in Environmental Services at Consumers Energy, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed. Copies of their handouts are attached.

Sarah Howes and Ms. Ring came forward to address a member's question.

Charlotte Jameson, Energy Policy and Legislative Affairs Director, and Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director, both for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed. A copy of Mr. Hammond's written testimony is attached.

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

Jason Geer, Director of Energy and Environmental Policy for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, and

Andy Such, Director of Regulatory and Environmental Policy for the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 6123.

**HB 6123 (VanSingel)** Water; conservation; water use advisory council; create.

Travis Chapman, Legislative Assistant for Representative Scott VanSingel, the bill sponsor, introduced Dr. Bryan Burroughs, Executive Director for Michigan Trout Unlimited, who testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 6123.

**Representative Maturen moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to House Bill 6123.**

**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, Sowerby, Chang and Cambensy, (9/9)**

**Nays: None. (0/9)**

The substitute was adopted.

Mike Wenkel, Executive Director of the Potato Growers of Michigan, testified in opposition to the bill

Matt Smego, Manager of Michigan Farm Bureau's Government Relations, stated his organization is neutral on the bill. Questions followed.

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

Cathy Wilson, Executive Director State Governmental Affairs for Consumers Energy;  
Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison for Michigan Townships Association;  
Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs;  
Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council;  
Kara Cook, Policy Assistant, for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters;

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison in the Executive Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and Teresa Seidel, Division Chief of the Water Resources Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Mike Frederick, representing the Michigan Ground Water Association, submitted a testimony card stating his group is neutral on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of June 6, 2018, as printed.

**Representative VanderWall moved to adopt the minutes of June 6, 2018, 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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There being no further business before the committee; **Representative LaFave moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:22 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