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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Wednesday, November 29, 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 Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of November 1, 2017 as printed.

Representative Chang moved to adopt the minutes of November 1, 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 Senate Bill 409.

SB 409 (Casperson) Natural resources; Great Lakes; use of certain bottomlands for private harbors; provide for.

Senator Tom Casperson, the bill sponsor, explained the bill. Questions followed.

Sarah M. Howes, Legislative Liaison in the Executive Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, introduced Tom Graf, Environmental Quality Specialist in the Water Resources Division at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and testified in support of the bill. Mr. Graf and Ms. Howes responded to questions from various committee members.

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on The Changing Economics of Outdoor Recreation.

Brad Garmon, Director of Conservation and Emerging Issues for the Michigan Environmental Council, and Cara Zerbel, Community Engagement and Events Manager at Gazelle Sports, did a

PowerPoint presentation on Michigan's recreation economy regarding with public land use. Questions followed. Copies of the PowerPoint presentation and handouts are attached.

The Chair recognized his guest, Austin Roth, from his district.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:18 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