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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Natural Resources

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 8:30 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 Cambensy. (9/9)**  
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of November 28, 2018, as printed.

**Representative Cambensy moved to adopt the minutes of November 28, 2018, 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 Bills 1195 and 1196.

**SB 1195 (Warren)** Environmental protection; landfills; disposal of certain radioactive waste in landfills; impose fee on.

**SB 1196 (Casperson)** Environmental protection; landfills; hazardous waste landfills; regulate disposal of certain radioactive waste in.

Joe Weismann, Vice President of Radiological Programs and Field Services for US Ecology of Michigan, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Travis Boeskool, Legislative Analyst in the Office of External Relations in the Department of Environmental Quality, and Jack Schinderle, Division Director of the Waste Management and Radiological Protection Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, provided background information on the bills. Questions followed.

Amy Lumbrecht, from Wayne County, submitted a testimony card in opposition to Senate Bill 1196, but did not wish to speak.

Mike Berkowitz, Legislative and Political Director for the Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Michigan League of Conservation Voters submitted a testimony card stating that they are neutral on the bills, but did not wish to speak.

**Representative LaFave moved to report Senate Bill 1196 without amendment and with recommendation that the bill pass.**

**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, and Cambensy, (7/9)**

**Nays: Representatives Sowerby and Chang. (2/9)**

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

**Representative LaFave moved to report Senate Bill 1195 without amendment and with recommendation that the bill pass.**

**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, and Cambensy, (7/9)**

**Nays: Representatives Sowerby and Chang. (2/9)**

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 1072.

**SB 1072 (Kowall)** Natural resources; nonnative species; permitted species list; eliminate, and require registration of persons selling live nonnative aquatic species.

Senator Mike Kowall, the bill sponsor, explained the bill, and introduced Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, who testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

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

Amy Frankmann, Executive Director of the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association,  
and

Robert Frye, President of the Michigan Waterfront Alliance.

Christopher Benes, owner of Pet Suppliers in Highland, Michigan, submitted a testimony card and written testimony in support of the bill, which is attached.

Richard Preuess, owner of Preuss Pets, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill.

David Hamilton, Senior Policy Director, Aquatic Invasive Species for The Nature Conservancy, testified in opposition to the bill.

**Representative LaFave moved to report Senate Bill 1072 without amendment and with recommendation that the bill pass.**

**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 bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 6124 and 6125.

**HB 6124 (Victory)** Recreation; state parks; recreation passport requirements and uses; expand to include designated trailheads and state forest campgrounds.

**HB 6125 (Victory)** Vehicles; registration; recreation passport fee information on registration application; include authorization to enter campgrounds and trailheads.

Bill Manson, Executive Director for the Michigan Snowmobile Association, submitted a testimony card in support of House Bill 6124.

Lewis Shuler, representing the Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bills.

Anna Mooney, Legislative Liaison in the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, submitted a testimony card in support of the bills.

Robert Wilson, Executive Director of Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, submitted a testimony card and written testimony in support of the bill package, which is attached.

Michigan League of Conservation Voters submitted a testimony card in support of House Bill 6124, but did not wish to speak.

**Representative VanderWall moved to report House Bill 6124 without amendment and with recommendation that the bill pass.**

**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, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, and Chang, (7/9)**

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

**Pass: Representatives LaFave and Cambensy. (2)**

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

**Representative Bellino moved to report House Bill 6125 without amendment and with recommendation that the bill pass.**

**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, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon, VanderWall, Sowerby, and Chang, (7/9)**

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

**Pass: Representatives LaFave and Cambensy. (2)**

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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The Chair laid before the committee “Michigan Taking Action on PFAS” presentation.

Travis Boeskool, Legislative Analyst in the Office of External Relations in the Department of Environmental Quality, introduced Carol Isaacs JD, Executive Director of the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART), who briefed the committee on the background of PFAS and MPART.

Heidi Grether, Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, briefed the committee on the regulatory side background pertaining with PFAS.

Eden V. Wells, MD, MPH, FACPM, Chief Medical Executive for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, briefed the committee on possible health outcomes from PFAS.

Tammy Newcomb, Senior Water Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, briefed the committee on the fish and wildlife consumption testing for PFAS.

Kevin J. Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal and Director of the Bureau of Fire Services in the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, briefed the committee on PFAS used by fire departments in Michigan.

Bradley N. Deacon, J.D., Director of Legal Affairs and Emergency Management Coordinator in the Executive Office of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, briefed

the committee on PFAS in Food and Animals. Questions followed. Copy of the presentation and handout is attached to the minutes.

The following individuals submitted written testimony to the committee on the topic of PFAS:

Cathy Wusterbarth, RDN, from Oscoda, Michigan;  
Elaine Chottiner, MD from Plymouth, Michigan;  
Tess Nelkie from Tawas City, Michigan; and  
Alan Ducatman, MD, MS.

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The Chair went at ease at the call of the Chair, at 9:59 a.m.  
The Committee was re-convened at 12:38 p.m.

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The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 1136.

**SB 1136 (Robertson)** Natural resources; nonnative species; inland lake aquatic invasive plant species control and eradication program; establish.

Emily Carnegie, representing Senator Robertson, explained the bill. Questions followed.

**Representative Rendon offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to Senate Bill 1136:**

1. Amend page 2, line 19, after “ASSOCIATION” by inserting “OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION”.

**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 amendment was adopted.

Travis Boeskool, Legislative Analyst in the Office of External Relations in the Department of Environmental Quality, and Sarah LeSage, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator in the Water Resources Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, spoke on the bill. Questions followed.

Joe Bondra, Legislative Chair for Michigan Aquatic Managers Association, and Sam Boumis, an Attorney representing the Michigan Aquatic Managers Association, testified in support of the bill.

Jason Broekstra, Vice President of PLM Lake and Land Management-Michigan Operations, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill.

**Representative VanderWall moved to report Senate Bill 1136 with the recommendation as**

**amended, as substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.**

**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 bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 6525.

**HB 6525 (LaFave)** Weapons; firearms; transportation of firearm in off-road vehicle; allow under certain circumstances.

Representative Beau LaFave, bill sponsor, explained the bill. Questions followed.

**Representative VanderWall offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to Senate Bill 1136:**

1. Amend page 3, line 1, after "UPON" by inserting "ANY VEHICLE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,".

2. Amend page 3, line 1, after "UTV" by inserting a comma.

**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, (6/9)**

**Nays: Representatives Sowerby and Chang, (2/9)**

**Pass: Representative Cambensy. (1/9)**

The amendment was adopted.

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

Tony Daunt, Executive Director of the Michigan Freedom Fund, and  
Tom Lambert, Legislative Director of Michigan Open Carry.

Amy Trotter, Deputy Director for Michigan United Conservation Clubs, submitted a testimony card expressing her organization has concerns with the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Anna Fisher, representing the Disenfranchised People of Michigan, submitted a card in opposition to the bill

**Representative LaFave moved to report House Bill 6525 with the recommendation, as amended, as substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Reps. Howell, LaFave, Maturen, Bellino, Rendon and VanderWall, (6/9)**

**Nays: Reps. Sowerby and Chang. (2/9)**

The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

There being no further business before the committee; the Chair declared the Committee adjourned, the time being 1:06 p.m.

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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