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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Natural Resources

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Wednesday, December 13, 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.

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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 Bills 5001 and 5002.

**HB 5001 (Rendon)**                      Occupations; foresters; registration of foresters; provide for purposes of preparing management plan for tax-exempt qualified forest property.

**HB 5002 (Rendon)**                      Property tax; exemptions; qualified forest property; revise forester registration program citation.

Representative Rendon explained the (H-2) substitute for House Bill 5001.

Debra Huff, representing the Michigan Forest Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Scott Robbins, Director of Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Public Affairs for the Michigan Forest Products Council submitted a testimony card in support of House Bill 5001 (H-2), but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Rendon offered and moved to adopt the (H-2) substitute for House Bill 5001. 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.

**Representative Sowerby moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 5001 (H-2):**

1. Amend page 12, line 1, after "DENIAL." by inserting "IF THE APPLICATION IS DENIED, THE APPLICANT MAY, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF THE DENIAL, SUBMIT TO THE BOARD IN WRITING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT REMEDIES THE BASIS FOR THE DENIAL. THE BOARD SHALL AFFIRM THE DENIAL OR GRANT REGISTRATION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND NOTIFY THE APPLICANT OF ITS DETERMINATION IN WRITING.".

**The motion did not prevail by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy, (3/9)**

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

The amendment was not adopted.

**Representative Sowerby moved to adopt the following amendment to House Bill 5001 (H-2):**

1. Amend page 10, line 12, after "(C)" by striking out the balance of the line and inserting "MAINTAIN A CURRENT LIST OF REGISTERED FORESTERS. THE BOARD SHALL MAKE THE LIST AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. WHEN THE ORIGINAL LIST IS PREPARED OR THE LIST IS UPDATED, THE BOARD SHALL PROMPTLY PROVIDE A COPY OF THE LIST TO THE DEPARTMENT. WITHIN 10 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A COPY OF THE LIST, THE".

**The motion did not prevail by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Sowerby, Chang, and Cambensy, (3/9)**

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

The amendment was not adopted.

**Representative LaFave moved to report House Bill 5001 with recommendation that the substitute (H-2) 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 the substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

**Representative LaFave moved to report House Bill 5002 without amendment with the 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 Bill 5198.

**HB 5198 (Allor)** Natural resources; forests; agreements with other states and the federal government to provide assistance; allow for all hazard incidents.

The Chair offered and explained the (H-1) substitute for House Bill 5198.

**Representative LaFave moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for House Bill 5198.**

**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.

**Representative VanderWall moved to report House Bill 5198 with recommendation that the 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 the substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of December 6, 2017 as printed.

**Representative Sowerby moved to adopt the minutes of December 6, 2017, 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 other business before the committee; the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 9:15 a.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