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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

12:00 Noon

Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Andrea L. LaFontaine, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives LaFontaine, Rendon, Goike, Johnson, McBroom, Victory, Smiley, Dianda, and Kivela. (9/9)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of December 3, 2013 as printed.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of December 3, 2013 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 5210

HB 5210 (Schmidt) Natural resources; land acquisition; cap on acreage in northern Michigan; remove, and approve strategic plan.

Representative Schmidt, the bill sponsor, invited Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, to join him in his introduction of his bill. Following their testimony, Representative Schmidt and Mr. VanDyke responded to questions from various committee members.

The Chair invited Steve Sutton, Manager of Real Estate Services in the Finance and Operations Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, to come forth to address various questions from committee members.

Isabelle Terry testified in opposition to the bill.

Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison at the Michigan Townships Association, expressed his concerns with the bill.

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Deena Bosworth, Director of Governmental Affairs for Michigan Association of Counties, expressed the concerns of the counties involved with the legislation.

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

Andrew Vermeersch, Associate Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau;
Gary Owen, representing Plum Creek Timber;
Matthew Evans, Legislative Affairs Manager for Michigan United Conservation Clubs;
Matt Kurta, representing Michigan Waterfront Alliance;
Christopher Bunch, Executive Director for Six Rivers Land Conservancy;
Bill Manson, Executive Director for the Michigan Snowmobile Association;
Dr. Bryan A. Burroughs, Executive Director for Michigan Trout Unlimited;
Julie Stoneman, Associate Director for the Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy;
Ann Conklin, Chief Operating Officer for the Michigan Recreation and Park Association; and
Brad Garmon, Director of Conservation and Emerging Issues for the Michigan Environmental Council.

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

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent of members present, the time being 1:02 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Andrea M. LaFontaine, Chair
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee