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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, February 25, 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 January 21, 2014 and February 18, 2014 as printed.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of January 21, 2014 and February 18, 2014 as printed.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair recognized Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Keith Creagh.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 719.

SB 719 (Booher) Natural resources; funding; clean Michigan initiative loans; allow to renegotiate.

Senator Booher, the bill sponsor, introduced Brian Anderson the President of the Middle Michigan Development Corporation to the committee members. Senator Booher explained the purpose of his legislation, and responded along with Mr. Anderson to various questions from committee members.

Sarah Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and Carrie L. Geyer, P.E., Chief of the Brownfield Redevelopment Program in the Remediation and Redevelopment Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee House Resolution 305 and House Concurrent Resolution 22.

HR 305 (LaFontaine) A resolution to urge complete hydrologic separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins, to call for the formation of a regional body to negotiate terms of hydrologic separation, and to urge Congress and other entities to take interim steps to prevent Asian carp movement into the Great Lakes.

HCR 22 (LaFontaine) A concurrent resolution to urge complete hydrologic separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins, to call for the formation of a regional body to negotiate terms of hydrologic separation, and to urge Congress and other entities to take interim steps to prevent Asian carp movement into the Great Lakes.

The Chair, the sponsor, explained the resolutions to the committee members.

Keith Creagh, Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Dr. Tammy Newcomb, Research Program Manager in the Fisheries Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the resolutions. Following their testimony, they responded to various questions from committee members.

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

Sarah Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality;

William Creal, Division Chief for the Water Resources Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality;

Richard Bowman, Director of Government Relations for Nature Conservancy of Michigan;

Matthew Evans, Legislative Affairs Manager for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs;

Alicia Prygoski, Legislative and Political Assistant for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters; and

Brad Garmon, Director of Conservation and Emerging Issues for the Michigan Environmental Council.

Representative Rendon moved to report House Resolution 305 with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

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 LaFontaine, Rendon, Goike, Johnson, McBroom, Victory, Smiley, Dianda, and Kivela, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The resolution was referred to the full House.

Representative Rendon moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 22 with the recommendation that the concurrent resolution be adopted.

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 LaFontaine, Rendon, Goike, Johnson, McBroom, Victory, Smiley, Dianda, and Kivela, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The concurrent resolution was referred to the full House.

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

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent of members present, the time being 12:30 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