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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, March 11, 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 February 25, 2014 as printed.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of February 25, 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 laid before the committee Senate Bill 719.

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

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

Sarah Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; and
Nikki Brown, Legislative Associate for State Affairs for the Michigan Municipal League.

Representative Rendon offered and moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 719. 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 substitute (H-1) was adopted.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 719 with the 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 LaFontaine, Rendon, Goike, Johnson, McBroom, Victory, Smiley, Dianda, and Kivela, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill and the substitute were referred to the full House.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4874

HB 4874 (Goike) Environmental protection; sewage; requirement to dispose of septage waste at receiving facilities; eliminate sunset on exemption for owners of certain storage facilities.

Representative Goike, the bill sponsor, introduced to the committee Joseph G. Williams, owner of Williams Pumping Service, and Joseph Hall, owner of Hall's Serv-All, and then explained the need for the bill to committee members. Joseph G. Williams, Secretary of the Michigan Septic Association, testified in support of the bill. Following Mr. Williams' testimony, Representative Goike and Mr. Williams responded to questions from committee members. A copy of Mr. Williams' written testimony is attached.

Tom Frazier, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Townships Association, testified in opposition to the bill. Mr. Frazier addressed questions from committee members.

Mark Scott, Michigan Septic Association Board Member and owner of Scotts Excavating, and Ray Daniels, Michigan Septic Association Board Member and owner of Daniels Septic Services, testified in support of the legislation. Mr. Scott and Mr. Daniels answered questions from various committee members following their testimony.

Joseph Hall, President of the Michigan Septic Association, testified in support of the bill. Mr. Hall addressed questions of committee members.

Richard Throop, Treasurer of the Michigan Septic Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Samantha Harkins, Director of State of Affairs for the Michigan Municipal League, submitted a testimony card opposing the bill, but did not wish to testify.

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

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The motion prevailed by unanimous consent of members present, the time being 12:54 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