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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, March 18, 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 March 11, 2014 as printed.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of March 11, 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 House Bills 5400, 5401, and 5402.

HB 5400 (Schmidt) Environmental protection; solid waste; low-hazard industrial waste, beneficial use by-products, and inert material; reduce regulation of.

HB 5401 (McBroom) Environmental protection; cleanups; person who stores or uses inert materials and beneficial use by-products; exempt from liability.

HB 5402 (Potvin) Agriculture; fertilizer; liming material licensing conditions; provide for beneficial use by-products and inert materials.

Representative Schmidt, the bill sponsor, explained the need for the bill to committee members.

Representative McBroom, sponsor of the second bill in the package, expounded the reason for the entire bill package.

James Callahan, Legislative Director for Representative Potvin, reiterated the purpose for the legislation.

Andy Such, Director of Environmental and Regulatory Policy in the Government Affairs Office for the Michigan Manufacturers Association, provided the committee with an overview of the bill package.

Charles E. Barbieri, Environmental Attorney in the Foster, Swift, Collins, and Smith law firm, gave a detailed summary of the bill package.

Jeff Myrom, Director of Policy, Strategy and Sustainability for Consumers Energy, briefed the committee on the beneficial use of coal ash.

Michael L. Lenahan, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Resource Recovery Corporation, delivered an informative presentation on the beneficial use of foundry sand.

Robert Spoerri, President and Chief Executive Officer of Gypsoil/Beneficial Reuse Management, conveyed to the committee the beneficial use for gypsum.

Charles E. Barbieri communicated to the committee the beneficial use of the paper industry's byproducts.

Andy Such summarized the presentation of productive reuse of industrial by-products.

The Chair opened the committee to questions, Mr. Such, Mr. Barbieri, Mr. Myrom, Mr. Lenahan and Mr. Spoerri each responded to a question from a committee member.

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

Lance T. Binoniemi, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association;

James Weeks, Executive Director for the Michigan Municipal Electric Association;

Thomas Vine, Plant Manager for GDF SUEZ Energy International and for Viking Energy of McBain;

Douglas Roberts, Jr., Director of Government Affairs at Consumers Energy;

Michael Fredrick, representing St. Mary's Cement Company;

Brian O'Connell, Regional Director State Government Relations for General Motors Corporation;

Jason Puscas, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber; and

William Lieveuse, representing the Michigan Chemistry Council.

Mike Berkowitz, Legislative and Political Director for the Sierra Club-Michigan Chapter, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bills.

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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 12:58 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