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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Thursday, April 17, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Room 326 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 25, 2014 as printed.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of March 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 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.

Troy M. Cumings, representing the Office of Regulatory Re-invention Environmental Advisory Rules Committee, explained the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 5400. Mr. Cumings responded to a question from a committee member.

Charles E. Barbieri, Environmental Attorney in the Foster, Swift, Collins, and Smith law firm, came forth and expounded further on questions from a committee member.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition to House Bill 5400 (H-2), but did not wish to speak:

Jack Schmidt, Deputy Director of the Michigan League of Conservation Voters; and
James Clift, Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards stating they were neutral to House Bill 5400 (H-2), but did not wish to speak:

Gary Melow, Director of Michigan Biomass; and
Dan Batts, President of the Michigan Waste Industries Association.

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

Jason Puscas, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber;
Maggie Datema, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality;
George Carr, representing the Michigan Groundwater Association;
Doug Roberts, Consumers Energy;
Andy Such, Director of Environmental and Regulatory Policy in the Government Affairs Office for the Michigan Manufacturers Association;
Michael Newman, President and Chief Operating Officer for the Michigan Aggregates Association;
Jill Ritchie, Director of Public Policy and Governmental Affairs for U.S. Steel Corp.;
Matt Solak, representing the Michigan Sugar Company;
Matt Smego, Manager of the Government Relations Department at Michigan Farm Bureau; and
William Zaagman from Government Consulting Services Incorporated representing La Forge.

Jennifer McKay, Policy Specialist for the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, submitted written testimony to the committee expressing the group's concerns on the bill package. A copy is attached.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 5400.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 5400.

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, Dianda, and Kivela, (8/9)

Nays: None, (0)

Pass: Representative Smiley. (1/9)

The substitute (H-2) was adopted.

Representative Goike moved to report House Bill 5400 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, Dianda, and Kivela, (8/9)

Nays: None, (0)

Pass: Representative Smiley. (1/9)

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

Representative Rendon moved to report House Bill 5401 with the recommendation 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 was referred to the full House.

Representative Rendon moved to report House Bill 5401 with the recommendation 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 was referred to the full House.

On Tuesday, March 25, 2014, the committee adopted the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 5402 with an affirmative vote of all of the members appointed to and serving on the committee voting.

Representative McBroom moved to report House Bill 5402 with the 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 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.

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 10:16 a.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