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 May 7, 2013 as printed.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of May 7, 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 Resolution 135 and House Concurrent Resolution 6.

**HR 135  (Lauwers)** A resolution to urge the other Great Lakes states and Canada to adopt ballast water standards equivalent to U.S. federal requirements.

**HCR 6  (Lauwers)** A concurrent resolution to urge the other Great Lakes states and Canada to adopt ballast water standards equivalent to U.S. federal requirements.

Representative Lauwers, the sponsor of the resolution package, explained the resolutions to committee members. Following his introduction of the resolutions, Representative Lauwers responded to questions from various committee members. Submitted written testimony from the American Great Lakes Ports Association.

James E. Byrum, President of the Michigan Agri-Business Association, testified in support of the resolutions. Following his remarks, Mr. Byron answered questions from committee members.

James Clift, Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the resolutions.

Paul C. LaMarre III, Director of the Port of Monroe, MI, testified in support of the resolutions,
Tiffany Watrous, Director of the Detroit Regional Chamber, testified in support of the resolutions. Ms. Watrous addressed members’ questions following her testimony.

The following individuals, submitted a testimony card in support of the resolution package, but did not wish to testify:
   - Bret Marr, representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association,
   - Jim Weakley, representing the Lake Carriers' Association.

Chair LaFontaine offered the substitute (H-1) for House Resolution 135. Representative Johnson moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for House Resolution 135. 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 for House Resolution 135.

Representative Rendon moved to report House Resolution 135 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the resolution then 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 and the substitute were referred to the full House.

Chair LaFontaine offered the substitute (H-1) for House Concurrent Resolution 6. Representative Rendon moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for House Concurrent Resolution 6. 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 for House Concurrent Resolution 6.

Representative Johnson moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 6 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the resolution then 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 and the substitute were referred to the full House.

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4038.

**HB 4038 (Jenkins)** Natural resources; nonnative species; bush autumn olive; include on restricted species list.

Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified in support of the substitute (H-1). Following his comments, Mr. Bajema addressed questions from a committee member.

Judy Augenstein, representing the Michigan Association of Timbermen and the Great Lakes Timber Professionals, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Lori Phelan, representing the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts, submitted a testimony card in support of the substitute (H-1), but did not wish to speak.

Chair LaFontaine offered the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 4186. Representative Rendon moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 4186. 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, Victory, Smiley, and Kivela, (7/9)

Nays: Representatives McBroom and Dianda. (2/9)

Representative Rendon moved to report House Bill 4398 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, Victory, Smiley, and Kivela, (7/9)

Nays: Representatives McBroom and Dianda. (2/9)

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.**
The motion prevailed by unanimous consent of members present, the time being 12:35 p.m.
The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk              Date approved by the committee