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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, September 16, 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 June 10, 2014 as printed.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of June 10, 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 Bill 5563.

HB 5563 (LaFontaine) Environmental protection; solid waste; abandoned vehicle disposal process for watercraft, snowmobiles, and ORVs; establish.

The Chair explained the bill to the committee members.

William Giorgis, owner of Mike's Wrecker Service, Inc. and member of the Executive Committee for the Michigan Towing Association, and Nick Aiuto, owner of Nick's Towing, Inc. and Treasurer for the Michigan Towing Association, testified in support of the bill. Following their testimony, Mr. Giorgis addressed questions from committee members. Copies of their photos are attached.

The Chair invited David Richmond, Legislative Liaison in the Office of Government Affairs in the Office of Secretary of State, to come forth to answered questions from committee members.

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Ray Underwood, representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association, testified in support of the bill. Mr. Underwood addressed various questions from committee members. A copy of Mr. Underwood's testimony is attached.

Bret Marr from Muchmore Harrington Smalley Associates, Inc., representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison, and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Recreation Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the legislation.

Jean Doss from Doss Consulting submitted a testimony card in support of the bill for James Clift, Policy Director at the Michigan Environmental Council.

Lt. Tim Greene, Commander of Police Operations of Northfield Township Public Safety, submitted written testimony in support, which is attached.

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