



MICHIGAN  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
**Natural Resources**

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Tuesday, September 23, 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.

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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.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of September 16, 2014 as printed.

**Representative Rendon moved to adopt the minutes of September 16, 2014 as printed. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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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 to the committee the substitute (H-1) to the bill.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of the legislation as amended, but did not wish to speak:

William Zaagman from GCSI representing the Michigan Towing Association, and  
James Clift, Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 5563.

**Representative Goike moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 5563.**

**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 was adopted.

**Representative Rendon moved to report House Bill 5563 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.

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4401.

**HB 4401 (Pettalia)** Natural resources; mining; inland lakes and streams permit requirement; exempt certain mining operations.

David Ladd from Kelley Cawthorne representing the Michigan Aggregates Association explained the substitute (H-4) for the bill.

Michael Newman, President and Chief Operating Officer for the Michigan Aggregates Association, and Ken Vermeullen, Legal Counsel for the association, testified in support of the substituted. Following their testimony, Mr. Newman and Mr. Vermeullen addressed questions from committee members. A copy of their handout is attached.

Sarah Howes, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and Kim Fish, Assistant Division Chief for the Water Resource Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Fish responded to questions from various committee members following her testimony.

James Clift, Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the legislation. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

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

William Zaagman from GCSI representing Jason Alexander Griffin of LaFarge North American, supporting;

Dondre Young, Policy Assistant at the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, opposing; and

Mike Berkowitz, Legislative and Political Director, Sierra Club Michigan Chapter, opposing.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-4) for House Bill 4401.

**Representative Rendon moved to adopt the substitute (H-4) for House Bill 4401.**

**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: Representative Smiley. (1/9)**

The substitute was adopted.

**Representative Goike moved to report House Bill 4401 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-4) 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: Representative Smiley. (1/9)**

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

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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 12:52 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

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Date approved by the committee