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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Room 327 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 September 23, 2014 as printed.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of September 23, 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 announced she would be taking testimony first bills, and voting on the bills would happen at noon.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bills 795, 796, 797, 799, and 800.

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| SB 795 | (Kowall) | Natural resources; nonnative species; prohibited species violations; increase penalties. |
| SB 796 | (Meekhof) | Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for prohibited species violations; enact. |
| SB 797 | (Pavlov) | Natural resources; nonnative species; instrumentality of violations; provide for forfeiture of. |
| SB 799 | (Casperson) | Natural resources; fishing; commercial fishing licenses; provide suspension procedures for aquatic prohibited species violations. |
| SB 800 | (Walker) | Natural resources; hunting; suspension of hunting, fishing, or trapping rights; provide for under certain circumstances. |

Senator Kowall, the bill sponsor for Senate Bill 795, explained Senate Bills 795, 796, 797, and 799 to the committee members.

Senator Walker, the bill sponsor for Senate Bill 800, explained the need for his legislation to the committee members. Following his explanation, Senator Walker addressed a member's question.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison, and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Nicholas Popoff, Unit Manager of the Tribal Coordination Unit in the Fisheries Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the legislation. Mr. VanDyke responded to a question from a committee member.

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

David Hamilton, Senior Policy Director for Aquatic Invasive Species for The Nature Conservancy;

Andrew Vermeesch, Associate Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau;

Matt Kurta, representing Michigan Waterfront Alliance;

James Clift, Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 791.

SB 791 (Green) Environmental protection; underground storage tanks; funding and cleanup programs; establish.

Senator Kowall, the bill sponsor, explained the legislation to the committee members.

Mark Griffin, President of the Michigan Petroleum Association, and Cliff Knaggs, Attorney for Michigan Petroleum Association, testified in support of the bill. A copy of their written testimony was submitted.

The Chair asked Maggie Datema, Legislative Liaison and Policy Director for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and Robert Wagner, Division Chief of the Remediation and Redevelopment Division in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, to come forward to address questions from various committee members. The department had submitted a testimony in support of the bill.

James Clift, Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in support of the bill. A copy of his submitted written testimony is attached.

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

David Worthams, Policy Director for the Michigan Bankers Association;

John Griffin, Executive Director for the American Petroleum Institute.; and

Ed Weglarz, Executive Vice-President for Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 891.

SB 891 (Casperson) Environmental protection; cleanups; part 201 cleanup program; provide general amendments.

Kendra Everett, Legislative Director for Senator Casperson, explained the bill to committee members.

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

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

Jason Pucas, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber;
David Worthams, Policy Director for the Michigan Bankers Association; and
John Dulmes, Executive Director of the Michigan Chemistry Council.

Dondre Young, Policy Assistant at the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, submitted a testimony card opposing the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bills 926 and 927.

SB 926 (Casperson) Natural resources; hunting; use of drones to interfere with or harass another individual who is hunting; prohibit.

SB 927 (Pavlov) Natural resources; hunting; use of aerial drones for taking game; prohibit.

Kendra Everett, Legislative Director for Senator Casperson, explained the bill package to committee members.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison, and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the bills. Following his testimony, Mr. VanDyke answered questions from committee members.

Matt Evans, Legislative Affairs Manager for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of the bills, and responded to questions from various members of the committee.

Dan Kimmel, Conservation Director for Michigan Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, testified in support of the bill.

At 9:52 a.m., the Chair went at ease until noon.

At 12:05 p.m., the Chair reconvened the committee.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 52.

SB 52 (Booher) Property tax; classification; qualified forest property; provide property tax exemption.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 52 with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bills 795, 796, 797, 799, and 800.

SB 795 (Kowall) Natural resources; nonnative species; prohibited species violations; increase penalties.

SB 796 (Meekhof) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for prohibited species violations; enact.

SB 797 (Pavlov) Natural resources; nonnative species; instrumentality of violations; provide for forfeiture of.

SB 799 (Casperson) Natural resources; fishing; commercial fishing licenses; provide suspension procedures for aquatic prohibited species violations.

SB 800 (Walker) Natural resources; hunting; suspension of hunting, fishing, or trapping rights; provide for under certain circumstances.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 795 without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill 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, Victory, Smiley, Dianda, and Kivela, (7/9)

Nays: None, (0)

Pass: Representatives Johnson and McBroom. (2/9)

The bill was referred to the full House.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 796 without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill 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.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 797.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 797.

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 Senate Bill 797 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.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 799 without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill 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 Senate Bill 800 without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill 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.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bills 791 and 891.

SB 791 (Green) Environmental protection; underground storage tanks; funding and cleanup programs; establish.

SB 891 (Casperson) Environmental protection; cleanups; part 201 cleanup program; provide general amendments.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 791.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 791.

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.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-2) for Senate Bill 891.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for Senate Bill 891.

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)

The substitute was adopted.

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 791 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, Dianda. (7/9)

Nays: None, (0)

Pass: Representatives Smiley and Kivela. (2/9)

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

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 891 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, and Victory, (6/9)

Nays: Representatives Dianda, and Kivela, (2/9)

Pass: Representative Smiley. (1/9)

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

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bills 926 and 927.

SB 926 (Casperson) Natural resources; hunting; use of drones to interfere with or harass another individual who is hunting; prohibit.

SB 927 (Pavlov) Natural resources; hunting; use of aerial drones for taking game; prohibit.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-2) for Senate Bill 926.

Representative Johnson moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for Senate Bill 926.

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 Senate Bill 926 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, Smiley, Dianda, and Kivela, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

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

Representative Rendon moved to report Senate Bill 927 without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill 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.

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 12:36 p.m.
The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee