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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Tourism

Thursday, February 6, 2014 9:00 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Tourism was called to order by Representative Peter Pettalia, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Pettalia, Crawford, Genetski, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela. (8/9)**
Member absent and excused was **Representative Goike. (1/9)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of January 23, 2014 as printed.

Representative Kivela moved to adopt the minutes of January 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 laid before the committee House Bill 5191.

HB 5191 (Rendon) Vehicles; off-road; helmet requirement; create exemption when property owner operating on own land.

Representative Rendon, the bill sponsor, spoke to the need for the legislation.

Jim Rhoades, Legislative Officer for Abate of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Rendon moved to report House Bill 5191 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 Pettalia, Genetski, Rendon, Pagel, Kosowski, Brunner, and Kivela, (7/9)

Nays: None, (0)

Pass: Representative Crawford. (1/9)

The bill and substitute were referred to the full House.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on the City of Marquette's Waterfront Safety program.

Representative John Kivela introduced his guests:

Eric Smith, Director of Broadcast and Audio Visual Services at NMU, and the Vice-Chair of the Marquette Waterfront Safety Task Force;

Tom Belt, City Of Marquette Fire Chief; and

Karl Zueger, City Of Marquette Community Services.

Representative Kivela provided the committee with the background history for developing a Waterfront Safety Task Force for the City of Marquette. After showing a video presentation on Marquette's Waterfront Safety program, Mr. Smith expounded further to the committee the relevance of this program to their community's tourism. Fire Chief Belt briefed the committee on how the program operates. Karl Zueger explained to the committee the values and lessons the region learned after the program was established. Following the group presentation, they addressed various questions from committee members. Their information packet is attached.

Trevor VanDyke, Director of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Office in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Doug Rich, Departmental Analyst and Legal in the Resource Management Section of the Parks and Recreation Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, updated the committee on the department's water safety programs in the state parks located in the western shoreline of the Lower Peninsula. Following their comments, Mr. VanDyke and Mr. Rich responded to a question from a committee member.

Representative Rendon moved to excuse Representative Goike from today's committee meeting.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; Representative Goike was excused.

There being no other business before the committee, **Representative Kosowski moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:45 a.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Peter Pettalia, Chair
House Standing Committee on Tourism

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee