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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Room 326, 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, Forlini, Goike, Lyons, McBroom, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki. (9/9)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of December 8, 2015 as printed.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of December 8, 2015 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 4540 (H-8).

HB 4540 (Heise) Civil rights; public records; public body records, documents, or information disclosable under freedom of information act; exempt critical energy infrastructure and cybersecurity-related information

Representative Heise, the bill sponsor, explained the substitute (H-8) for House Bill 4540, and answered members' questions. A copy of Representative Heise's handout is attached.

The Chair of the House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics, Representative McBroom, explained the actions taken on this bill in his committee. Questions followed.

Inspector Matt Bolger, Assistant Division Commander in the Intelligence Division of the Michigan State Police, along with Quentin L. McCallum, Information Security Analyst at Lansing Board of Water and Light, and Rodney Davenport, Chief Technology Officer and Chief Security Officer for the Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) Innovation Management Fund in the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed their testimonies.

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Charlotte Jameson, Policy Manager Assistant for the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed. A copy of her written testimony is attached.

Jim Egged testified in opposition to the bill. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Mariah Urueta, Michigan Organizer for Food and Water Watch, testified in opposition to the bill. A copy of her written submitted testimony is attached.

John Ford testified in opposition to the bill.

Robert Gordon testified in opposition to the bill, and responded to a member's questions.

Representative Kristy Pagan, from the Twenty-first House District, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions followed.

John Griffin, Executive Director of the American Petroleum Institute, testified in support of the bill. Questions followed.

Representative Martin Howrylak, from the Forty-first House District, submitted written testimony in opposition to the substitute (H-8) for the bill. A copy is attached.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Lisa McGraw, representing the Michigan Press, and
Mike Berkowitz, Legislative and Political Director, Sierra Club Michigan Chapter.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Peter Jasoski, representing TransCanada;
Randy Gross, Manager of State Government Affairs for International Transmission Company (ITC);
Mark Stadt, Manager for State Governmental Affairs for DTE Energy; and
David Worthams, Policy Director for the Michigan Bankers Association.

The following groups submitted written testimony in opposition, but did not wish to speak:

Wolfpack, and
the Michigan Coalition for Open Government.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative McBroom moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:30 a.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