



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

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Tuesday, May 26, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Representative Bruce Rendon, Vice-Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Rendon, Forlini, Goike, Lyons, McBroom, Kivela, and Plawecki. (7/9)**

Members absent and excused were **Representatives LaFontaine and Smiley. (2/9)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Vice-Chair laid before the committee the minutes of May 5, 2015 as printed.

**Representative Forlini moved to adopt the minutes of May 5, 2015 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 Vice-Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 217.

**SB 217 (Booher)** Property tax; classification; reference to qualified forest in qualified agriculture definition; remove.

Matt Blakely, Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs at the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Richard Harlow, Farmland Preservation Manager in the Resource Conservation Section in the Environmental Stewardship Division in the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified in support of the substitute (H-1). Questions and discussion.

Gary Melow, Director of Michigan Biomass, submitted a testimony card supporting the bill, but did not wish to speak.

**The Vic-Chair offered the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 217.**

**Representative Goike moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 217.**

**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 Rendon, Forlini, Goike, McBroom, Kivela, and Plawecki, (6/9)**

**Nays: None. (0)**

The substitute was adopted.

**Representative Forlini moved to report Senate Bill 217 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 Rendon, Forlini, Goike, Lyons, McBroom, Kivela, and Plawecki, (7/9)**

**Nays: None. (0)**

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

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**Representative Kivela moved to excuse Representatives LaFontaine and Smiley from today's committee meeting.**

**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the members were excused.**

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9: 13 a.m.

The Vice-Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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Bruce Rendon, Vice-Chair  
House Standing Committee on Natural Resources

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee