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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources

Tuesday, September 9, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Senate Appropriations Room
Capitol 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 June 26, 2015 as printed.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of June 26, 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 Senate Bills 244, 245 and 246

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| SB 244 | (Pavlov) | Natural resources; hunting; restitution for the illegal killing or possessing of certain game; increase. |
| SB 245 | (Zorn) | Natural resources; hunting; penalties for illegally taking or possessing certain game; increase. |
| SB 246 | (Zorn) | Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines; update references. |

The Chair offered the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 245.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 245.

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, Forlini, Goike, Lyons, McBroom, Kivela, Smiley, and Plawecki, (9/9)

Nays: None. (0)

The substitute was adopted.

The Chair informed the committee would not be doing any further voting on the bill package today.

Robert M. Wilson, J.D, Policy Advisor in the Senate Majority Policy Office, explained the bill package and the substitute (H-1) for Senate Bill 245. Questions followed.

Drew YoungeDyke, Field and Public Relations Manager for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, and Jim Pryce, a member of MUCC, testified in support of the bills. Questions followed.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Liaison, and Policy Advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Dean Molnar, Assistant Chief of the Law Enforcement Division in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the bills. Questions followed.

Carol Rose, Montmorency County Conservation Club, testified in support of the bills.

At 9:29 a.m., the Chair went at ease, and handed the gavel over to the Vice-Chair, Representative Rendon, who reconvened the committee at 9:30 a.m.

Representative Jon Bumstead introduced Mike Thorman, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, who discussed with the committee a possible amendment to the House Substitute (H-1). Questions followed.

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

Shane Preston, Legislative Aide to Senator Zorn, one of the bill sponsors;
Dean Hall, Past President of the Michigan Bow Hunters;
Al Kreiner, representing the Michigan Coon Dog Hunters and Fox Hunters; and
Jim Ballard, representing the Upper Peninsula Bear Houndsmen.

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 9: 39 a.m.

The Vice-Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

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

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee