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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
On
Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 12:00 Noon Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Representative Bruce Rendon, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Rendon, Goike, Forlini, Pettalia, Cole, Brink, and Gay-Dagnogo, (7/8)**
Member absent and excused was **Representative Smiley. (1/8)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of February 17, 2016 as printed.

Representative Goike moved to adopt the minutes of February 17, 2016 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 Resolution 228 and House Concurrent Resolution 22.

HR 228 (McBroom) A resolution to urge the United States Congress to enact legislation that will enhance hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and other outdoor recreational opportunities for sportsmen and women nationwide.

HCR 22 (McBroom) A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Congress to enact legislation that will enhance hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and other outdoor recreational opportunities for sportsmen and women nationwide.

Representative McBroom, the resolutions sponsor, explained the resolutions and answered questions from committee members.

Sean Hammond, Deputy Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the resolutions, and responded to committee members' questions.

Dr. Catherine Neunoff, representing the Humane Society of the United States, testified in opposition to the resolution. Questions and discussion followed.

Jeanne Bisanz testified in opposition to the resolutions, Questions followed.

Jill Fritz, Michigan Senior State Director for the Humane Society of the United States, testified in opposition to the resolutions. Questions and discussion followed. A copy of her written testimony is attached.

Ron Khoury, representing the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the resolutions, but did not wish to speak.

The following submitted written testimony via e-mail:

Dorothy Rodgers and Scott Flietstra, Jenison, MI;

Judy and Curt Brock, Harbor Springs, MI;

Melanie Weberg, representing League of Humane Voters;

Jacqueline Winkowski, Gwinn, MI;

Joanna Tomacari, Gwinn, MI;

Joellen Gichrist, Beverly Hills MI;

Nancy Warren, Executive Director of National Wolfwatcher Coalition –Great Lakes

Region;

Jill Forsyth and Brett Blanchard, Birmingham, MI;

Andrea Hartman;

Beatrice M. Friedlander, JD, President for Attorneys for Animals, Inc.;

Anne Honhart, Birmingham, MI;

Sandra Giardini, Dearborn, MI;

Elizabeth Throckmorton; and

Bonnie Charles, South Lyon, MI.

Representative Brinks moved to excuse Representative Smiley from today's committee meeting.

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

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:59 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Bruce Rendon, Chair

House Standing Committee on Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee