

Minutes of the Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

1:00 p.m.

Room 110, Farnum Building

The Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs was called to order by Senator Patricia Birkholz, Chair.

John LaMacchia, Legislative Aide to Senator Gleason, led the members of the committee in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance to the flag*.

The Clerk called the roll; **members present were Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason. (5/5)**

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 11, 2009.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the minutes of March 11, 2009 as printed. Senator Basham supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason, (5/5)

Nays: None. (0)

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 280.

Senate Bill No. 280, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 41301 (MCL 324.41301), as amended by 2005 PA 77.

Senator Van Woerkom, the bill sponsor, explained the substitute (S-1) for the bill to the committee members.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) for Senate Bill 280. Senator Patterson supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason, (5/5)

Nays: None. (0)

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

Dan Eichinger, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Natural Resources, and
Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

Senator Patterson moved to report Senate Bill 280 with the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Senator Basham supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason, (5/5)

Nays: None. (0)

Senator Van Woerkom moved that the committee further recommend that the bill be given immediate effect.

Senator Patterson supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason, (5/5)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

There being no other business before the committee; **Senator Van Woerkom moved to adjourn the meeting.**

Senator Patterson supported the motion.

The motion prevailed; the time being 1:15 p.m.

Patricia L. Birkholz, Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee