

The Senate



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**Committee on Hunting, Fishing
and Outdoor Recreation**

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Minutes of the
**Senate Standing Committee on
Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Recreation**

Thursday, April 21, 2009

1:00 p.m.

Room 100 Farnum Building

The Senate Standing Committee on Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Senator Jim Barica, Chair. The time being 1:11 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were Senators Barica, Cropsey, Prusi and Allen. (4/5)

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 26, 2009 as printed.

Senator Cropsey moved to adopt the minutes of March 26, 2009 as printed.

Senator Allen 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 Barica, Cropsey, Prusi and Allen (4/5)

Nays: None. (0)

The Chair expressed the need for a motion to excuse Senators McManus.

Senator Cropsey moved to excuse Senators McManus and Prusi.

Senator Allen 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 Barcia, Cropsey, Prusi and Allen (4/5)

Nays: None. (0)

The Chair laid before the committee House Bill 4286.

Senate Bill No. 483, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 43523, 43528, and 43531 (MCL 324.43523, 324.43528, and 324.43531), as amended by 2008 PA 347.

Mike Thorman, representing the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not testify.

Bill Walker, representing the Michigan Bear Hunter's Association submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not testify.

Daniel Eichinger, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not testify.

Dave Nyberg, representing Michigan United Conservation Clubs, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not testify.

Senator Cropsey moved to report Seante Bill 483 with the recommendation that the bill pass.

Senator Allen 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 Barcia, Cropsey, and Allen (4/5)

Nays: None. (0)

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

Senator Allen 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 Barcia, Cropsey, and Allen (4/5)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Resolution 54

Senate Resolution 54, entitled

A resolution to request that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service extend indefinitely the depredation order for double-crested cormorants.

Senator Barcia, the committee chair, gave a brief introduction of the resolution.

Senator Allen, the resolution sponsor, explained the resolution to the committee members.

Linn Duling, representing Michigan United Conservation Clubs, submitted a testimony card in support of the resolution, but did not testify.

Dave Nyberg, representing Michigan United Conservation Clubs, submitted a testimony card in support of the resolution, but did not testify.

Senator Cropsey moved to report Senate Resolution No. 54 with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Senator Allen 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 Barcia, Cropsey, Prusi and Allen (4/5)

Nays: None. (0)

The resolution was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

There being no other business before the committee; Senator Cropsey moved and Senator Allen supported a motion to adjourn. Hearing no opposition, **the Chair adjourned the meeting.** The time being 1:25 p.m.

Jim Barcia, Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation

Jennifer Barnes, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee