

Minutes of the Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Wednesday, April 22, 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.

Jennifer Curtis, 4-H Teen Youth Leader from Barry County, 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, and Basham. (4/5)**
Member absent and excused was Senator Gleason. (1/5)

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of April 1, 2009.

Senator Patterson moved to adopt the minutes of April 1, 2009 as printed.
Senator Van Woerkom supported the motion.
There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committees a presentation given by the 4-H Youth Conservation Council on "Statewide Wastewater Code."

Andrea Grix, Program Director for the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council, provided the members of the committee with some background information on the program and this year's project on developing a Michigan's wastewater code. The following 4-H members testified before the committee:

Bob Cermak, Eaton County (Introduction);
Lauren Ringwalt, Isabella County;
Kate Troxell, Isabella County;
Bob Cernnk, Eaton County;

Enoch Castonguay, Barry County;
Nicole Morgenstern, Isabella County;
Emily Wilson, Isabella County;
Sam Strahl, Chippewa County;
Kara Hodges, Cass County;
Dakota Hewlett, Barry County;
Duncan MacLoed, Kent County;
Brooke Karasch, VanBuren County;
Jennifer Curtis, Barry County;
Sam Strahl, Chippewa County;
Jordan Fighter, Cheboygan County;
Meghan Stan, Chippewa County;
Andrew Grix, Oakland County;
Tara Bentley, Genesee County;
Lauren Tennant, Oakland County;
Heidi Fluck, Oakland County;
Ricky Tanis, Lapeer County;
Willow Cohn, Washtenaw County;
Montana Cohn, Washtenaw County;
Joe Dodd, Livingston County;
Troy Bohlmig, Wayne County; and
Kara Hodges; Cass County (Conclusion).

The Chair laid before the Senate committee Senate Bills 388 and 389,

Senate Bill No. 388, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 2005, 2030, 2035, 74101, 74102a, 74116, 74117, 74122, 74123, 78105, and 83106 (MCL 324.2005, 324.2030, 324.2035, 324.74101, 324.74102a, 324.74116, 324.74117, 324.74122, 324.74123, 324.78105, and 324.83106), sections 2005, 2030, and 2035 as added and sections 74101, 74122, 78105, and 83106 as amended by 2004 PA 587, section 74102a as amended by 2006 PA 307, sections 74116 and 74123 as added by 1995 PA 58, and section 74117 as amended by 2006 PA 477, and by adding sections 1911 and 2045; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Senate Bill No. 389, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," (MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 805

Rebecca Humphries, Director of the Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the legislation. Following her testimony, Director Humphries responded to questions from a committee member. A copy of her written testimony is attached to the report-out-file for the bills.

Lana Pollack testified in support of the bills.

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill package, but did not wish to speak.

Randy Gross, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, testified in support of the bills.

Betsy Clark, representing senior citizens, testified in support of the legislation. A copy of her written testimony is attached to the report-out-file for the bills.

Former State Senator Dick Allen testified in support of the bills. Following his remarks, Mr. Allen answered questions from committee members.

Ed Noyola, representing the County Road Association of Michigan, testified in opposition to the bill package. Following his testimony, Mr. Noyola answered questions from committee members. A copy of his written testimony is attached to the report-out-file for the bills.

Jim Dunn, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of the bills. A copy of his written testimony is attached to the report-out-file for the bills.

Allan Heavner, representing Heavner Canoe Rental of Milford, Michigan, testified in support of the legislation. A copy of his handout is attached to the report-out-file for the bills.

Steve Wychoff testified in support of the bill package. Following his testimony, Mr. Wychoff answered questions from members of the committee.

Mike McDonald, representing Ingham County, testified in support of the bills.

Robert Hoffmeyer, representing Highland Field Trial Grounds Association, testified in support of legislation. A copy of his handout is attached to the report-out-file for the bills.

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Joe Dodd from Livingston County and Enoch Castonguay from Barry County addressed questions from a committee members.

A copy of their written report and powerpoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

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Millard Holton testified in support of the bills.

David Worthams, representing the Michigan Municipal League, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill package, but did not wish to speak.

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

Dusty Fancher, representing Lansing Park Board;

Murdock Jemerson, representing the Citizen Committee for Michigan State Parks;

Dennis Schornack, representing Michigan Recreation and Park Association;

Marc Smith, representing the National Wildlife Federation; and

Charles Nelson, representing the Citizen Committee for Michigan State Parks.

The Chair announced that the committee will be having a joint committee with the House on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 to vote the package to the Senate floor.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to excuse Senator Gleason from today's committee meeting.

Senator Basham supported the motion.

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

There being no other business before the committee; **the Chair adjourned the meeting;** the time being 3:25 p.m.

Patricia L. Birkholz, Chair

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Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee