

Minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting
of the
Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
and
House Standing Committee on Great Lakes and Environment

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

12:00 noon

Senate Hearing Room,
Ground Floor, Boji Tower

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

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

In attendance for the presentation was Senator Jason Allen from the Senate Thirty-Seventh District.

The House Standing Committee on Great Lakes and Environment was called to order by Representative Rebekah Warren, Chair.

The House Clerk called the roll; **members present were Representatives Warren, Bledsoe, Ebli, Leland, Scripps, Rick Jones, and Pavlov. (7/15)**
Members absent were Representatives Nerat, Kennedy, Meadows, Roberts, Meekhof, Daley, Haveman and Wayne Schmidt. (8/15)

In attendance for the presentation were Representatives Lathi, Brown and Espinoza.

A quorum of the House Committee on Great Lakes and Environment was not present.

Senator Birkholz was in the Chair.

John Nevin, Strategic Policy Advisor for the International Joint Commission on the Great Lakes, led the members of the committee in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance to the flag*.

The Senate Chair laid before the committee the minutes of April 22, 2009 as printed.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the minutes of April 22, 2009 as printed. Senator Basham supported the motion.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Senate and House Chairs laid before the committees the International Upper Great Lakes study on the "Impacts on Upper Great Lakes Water Levels: St. Clair River."

John Nevin, Strategic Policy Advisor for the International Joint Commission on the Great Lakes, briefed the committees on the International Joint Commission's draft report on "Impacts on Upper Great Lakes Water Levels: St. Clair River." Following his powerpoint presentation, Kay Felt and Jonathan Burley, members of the Study Board, joined Mr. Nevin in responding to questions from members of the joint committee. Copies of his handouts are attached to the minutes.

Representative Warren was in the Chair.

There being no other business before the committee; the **House Chair adjourned** the Great Lakes and Environment Committee meeting, the time being 1:20 p.m.

Senator Birkholz was in the Chair.

The Senate 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.

Bob Wilson, Senate Majority Analyst, explained the Senate substitute (S-4) for Senate Bill 388.

Senator Birkholz offered the substitute (S-4) for Senate Bill 388.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the substitute (S-4) for Senate Bill 388.

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)

Senator Birkholz moved to report Senate Bill 388 with the recommendation that the substitute (S-4) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

Senator Van Woerkom 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.

Senator Birkholz offered the substitute (S-5) for Senate Bill 389.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the substitute (S-5) for Senate Bill 389.

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)

Senator Birkholz offered and moved to adopt the following amendments to Senate Bill 389 (S-5):

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after "(1)" by striking out the balance of the line through "SUBMITTED" on line 6 and inserting "AN APPLICANT FOR THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION MAY SUBMIT A STATE PARK AND STATE-OPERATED PUBLIC BOATING ACCESS SITE PASSPORT FEE".

2. Amend page 1, line 7, after "SUBSECTION" by striking out "(4)" and inserting "(5)".

3. Amend page 2, line 2, by striking out all of subsection (2) and inserting:

"(2) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 217, AN APPLICATION FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION SHALL CONTAIN AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORMAT AND LANGUAGE, EXCEPT THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE RECREATION PASSPORT FEE SPECIFIED SHALL BE \$5.00 FOR A MOTORCYCLE:

\$_[AMOUNT] – ANNUAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL.

\$10.00 – ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION TO USE THIS VEHICLE FOR UNLIMITED ENTRY INTO ALL 98 MICHIGAN STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS AND 838 DNR-OPERATED STATE BOATING ACCESS SITES. (YOU MUST CHECK ONE OF THE BOXES BELOW OR YOUR RENEWAL WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.)

___ I ELECT TO PAY THIS \$10.00 FEE.

___ I ELECT NOT TO PAY THIS \$10.00 FEE. THIS VEHICLE WILL NOT BE USED TO ENTER ANY MICHIGAN STATE PARK OR RECREATION AREA DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD.

_____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.

(3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ACT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL NOT ISSUE OR RENEW A REGISTRATION FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE UNLESS THE APPLICANT ADOPTS 1 OF THE STATEMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (2) AND, IF THE APPLICANT ADOPTS THE FIRST STATEMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (2), PAYS THE RECREATION PASSPORT FEE." and renumbering the remaining subsections.

Senator Van Woerkom 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 Basham moved to report Senate Bill 389 with the recommendation that the substitute (S-6) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

Senator Van Woerkom 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.

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The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on “Feral Hogs.”

Michael J. Bodenchuck, State Director of Texas Wildlife Services, which administers the largest wildlife damage management program in the United States, briefed the Senate committee on Texas’ feral hog problem. Following his testimony to the full committee, Mr. Bodenchuck answered questions from the members.

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

Senator Basham supported the motion.

The motion prevailed; the time being 2:07 p.m.

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

Rebekah Warren, Chair
House Standing Committee on Great Lakes and Environment

Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee