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Minutes of the Joint Committee Meeting
of the
Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
and
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources

Wednesday, October 21, 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.

Dennis L. Schornack, Executive Director of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, 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, Basham and Gleason. (4/5)**

Member absent and excused was Senator Patterson. (1/5)

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of September 16, 2009 and September 21, 2009 as printed.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the minutes of September 16, 2009 and September 21, 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 Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources was called to order by Senator Michelle McManus.

The Fiscal Analyst called the roll; members present were **Senators McManus, Jelinek and Brater. (3/3)**

Senator McManus was in the Chair.

The Chair laid before the joint committee Senate Concurrent Resolution 23.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

A concurrent resolution to disapprove Executive Order No. 2009-45, setting forth changes in the organization of the executive branch.

Senator McManus, the resolution sponsor, explained the resolution to the members of the joint committee. Following her explanation, Senator McManus heard comments from committee members.

Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of the resolution. Following his remarks, Mr. Roberts responded to questions from the joint committee members. A copy of his submitted testimony is attached to the minutes.

Bill Manson, representing the Michigan Snowmobile Association, testified in support of the resolution. Mr. Manson answered a committee member's question following his testimony.

Tonia Ritter, representing Michigan Farm Bureau, testified in support of the resolution. Following her testimony, Ms. Ritter addressed questions from the joint committee members.

Dennis Schornack, representing the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, testified in support of the resolution. Mr. Schornack answered questions following his remarks. A copy of his written testimony is attached to the minutes.

Mike Parker, representing Pheasants Forever, testified in support of the resolution.

David Nyberg and Amy Spray, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support for the bills. Mr. Nyberg and Ms. Spray answered questions following their remarks. Copies of their handouts are attached to the minutes.

Bruce Levey, representing the Michigan Bow Hunters Association, testified in support. Mr. Levey responded to a member of the joint committee.

Marc Smith, representing the National Wildlife Federation, testified in support of the resolution.

Bryan Burroughs, representing Trout Unlimited, testified in support of the resolution. A copy of his written testimony is attached to the minutes.

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

Dr. Howard Tanner*;

Meredith Johnson, representing the Heart of Lakes; and

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Randy Gross, Michigan Manufacturers Association*.

* Submitted written testimony and is attached to the minutes.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, **the Chair adjourned the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

The Sub-committee was adjourned.

Senator Birkholz was in the Chair. _____

Senator Van Woerkom moved to excuse Senator Patterson 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 meeting was adjourned, the time being 2:30 p.m.

Patricia L. Birkholz, Chair

Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Michelle McManus, Chair

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources

Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee