

The Senate



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Minutes of the Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

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.

Eric DeLong, Deputy City Manager for the City of Grand Rapids, 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 April 28, 2010 as printed.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the minutes of April 28, 2010 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 Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 437.

Senate Bill No. 437, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 20101 and 20120a (MCL 324.20101 and 324.20120a), section 20101 as amended by 1996 PA 383 and section 20120a as added by 1995 PA 71.

Senator Birkholz commented on the legislation and the intentions of the Chair.

Bob Wilson, Senate Majority Policy Analyst, explained SB 437 (S-1) to the committee members.

Senator Birkholz offered the substitute (S-3) for Senate Bill 437.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the substitute (S-3) for Senate Bill 437.

Senator Gleason 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, Basham and Gleason, (4/5)

Nays: None. (0)

Norman Sarri, Chief of Staff for Senator Jason Allen, the bill sponsor, gave a brief explanation of the bill.

Frank Ruswick, Deputy Director for Stewardship in the Executive Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, briefed the committee members on department's position concerning this bill.

Lynelle Marolf, Remediation Division Chief in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, answered a committee member's questions.

Eric DeLong, Deputy City Manager for the City of Grand Rapids, testified in support of the bill as amended.

Brian D. Eggers, representing AKT Peerless Environmental and Energy Services, testified in support of the bill.

Brian Kandler, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber, testified in support of the legislation. A copy of his written testimony is attached to the report-out-file for the bill.

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

Daniel Herrema, P.E., representing Limno Tech, Incorporated;

Greg Clark, representing Indiana Michigan Power;

Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce*;

Randy Gross, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association*.

* Submitted written testimony; the testimony is attached to the report-out-file for the bill.

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; Senator Patterson was excused.

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

Senator Van Woerkom supported the motion.

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:00 p.m.

Patricia L. Birkholz, Chair

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Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee