

The Senate



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**Committee on Natural Resources
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Minutes of the Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Wednesday, January 20, 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.

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

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of January 14, 2010 as printed.

Senator Patterson moved to adopt the minutes of January 14, 2010 as printed.

Senator Van Woerkom supported the motion.

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

Representative Rebekah Warren from the Fifty-third House District led the members of the committee in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance to the flag*.

The Chair laid before the committee House Concurrent Resolution 28.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 28.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to appropriate \$475 million for a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Representative Rebekah Warren, the sponsor of the House concurrent resolution, explained the resolution. Following her introduction of the resolution to the committee, Representative Warren addressed questions from committee members.

Senator Birkholz offered substitute (S-1) for House Concurrent Resolution 28.

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

**Senator Patterson moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) for House Concurrent Resolution 28.
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 following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of the resolution, but did not wish to testify:

Randy Gross, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association;

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association;

Matt Smego, representing Michigan Farm Bureau; and

Carol Linteau, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

Senator Patterson moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 28 with the recommendation that the following substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the concurrent resolution then be adopted.

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 concurrent resolution and the substitute recommended by the committee were placed on the order of Resolutions.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 1057.

Senate Bill No. 1057, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 74101, 74102, 74102a, 74116, 74117, 74120, and 74122 (MCL 324.74101, 324.74102, 324.74102a, 324.74116, 324.74117, 324.74120, and 324.74122), sections 74101 and 74122 as amended by 2004 PA 587, sections 74102, 74116, and 74120 as added by 1995 PA 58, section 74102a as amended by 2006 PA 307, and section 74117 as amended by 2009 PA 197; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Senator Birkholz, the bill sponsor, explained the bill to the committee members.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to testify:

Randy Gross, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, in support;
David Nyberg, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, in support;
Ed Noyola, representing the County Road Association of Michigan, in opposition; and
Kim Rhead, representing the Road Commissions of Macomb County and Oakland
County, in opposition.

Senator Basham moved to report Senate Bill 1057 with the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Nays: Senator Van Woerkom. (1/5)

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

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

Nays: Senator Van Woerkom. (1/5)

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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

Senator Van Woerkom supported the motion.

The motion prevailed, the time being 1:29 p.m.

Patricia L. Birkholz, Chair

Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee