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Minutes of the Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

Wednesday, April 21, 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.

Andrea Grix, Education Program Coordinator for the Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council, 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 and Basham. (3/5)**
Members absent and excused were Senators Patterson and Gleason. (2/5)

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of March 10, 2010 as printed.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the minutes of March 10, 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 House Concurrent Resolution 49.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 49.

A concurrent resolution to urge the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council to scrutinize carefully the proposed diversion at Waukesha, Wisconsin.

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 49.

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

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) for House Concurrent Resolution 49.

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, Van Woerkom and Basham, (3/5)

Nays: None. (0)

Senator Van Woerkom moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 49 with the recommendation that the following substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the concurrent resolution then be adopted.

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, Van Woerkom and Basham, (3/5)

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 a presentation given by the 4-H Youth Conservation Council on “Wind Energy.”

Andrea Grix, Education 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 responsible wind energy. The following 4-H members testified before the committee:

- Emily Gadzinski, Chippewa County;
- Willow Cohn, Washtenaw County;
- Andrew Grix, Oakland County;
- Bob Cermak, Eaton County;
- Nate Garrett, Calhoun County;
- Sam Owens, Midland County;
- Joe Dodd, Livingston County;
- Susan Smith, Mecosta County;
- Nicole Morgenstern, Isabella County;
- Chelsea Recker, Isabella County;
- Melissa Mikolowski, Macomb County;
- Montana Cohn, Washtenaw County;
- Kara Hodges, Cass County;

Margaret Spens, Presque Isle County;
Emily Gadzinski, Chippewa County;
Samantha Strahl, Chippewa County;
Christy Galloway, Chippewa County;
Celena Spieth, Hillsdale County;
Brooke Karasch, VanBuren County;
Dakota Hewlett, Barry County;
Duncan MacLeod, Kent County and
Kara Hodges, Cass County.

Following their Powerpoint presentation, several 4-Hers responded to questions from committee members. Copies of their presentation and handouts are attached to the minutes.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to excuse Senators Patterson and 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; Senators Patterson and Gleason were excused.

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

Senator Van Woerkom supported the motion.

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:15 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