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Minutes of the Standing Committee
on
Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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2:45 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.

Kenneth Goike, Representative-Elect for the House of Representatives Thirty-Third District, led the members of the committee in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

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 15, 2010 as printed.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the minutes of September 15, 2010 as printed.
Senator Gleason 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 1482.

Senate Bill No. 1482, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 80164a.

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

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:
James Clift, Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, and
Gary Owen, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

Senator Gleason moved to report Senate Bill 1482 with the recommendation that the bill then pass.
Senator Van Woerkom supported the motion.

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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 Gleason, (3/5)

Nays: None. (0)

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

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 and Gleason, (3/5)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 1247.

Senate Bill No. 1247, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by repealing section 3111 (MCL 324.3111).

Senator Van Woerkom, the bill sponsor, explained the bill to committee members.

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

Randy Gross, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, and

Gary Owen, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

James Clift, Policy Director for the Michigan Environmental Council, expressed his concerns with the bill. Following his testimony, Mr. Clift addressed questions from a committee member.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to report Senate Bill 1247 with the recommendation that the bill then 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, Van Woerkom and Gleason, (3/5)

Nays: None. (0)

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

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 and Gleason, (3/5)

Nays: None. (0)

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 1436.

Senate Bill No. 1436, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 11715 (MCL 324.11715), as amended by 2004 PA 381.

Bob Wilson, Senate Majority Policy Analyst, explained Senate Bill 1436 to the committee members.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in opposition to the bill. Mr. Frazier responded to questions from a committee member following his testimony.

Ken Goike, representing the Michigan Septic Tank Association, testified in support of the legislation. Following his testimony, Mr. Goike answered questions from committee members.

Moreno Taylor, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in support of the bill with some concerns for counties as written.

Dave Snyder, representing Michigan Septic Tank Association, testified in support of the legislation. Following his remarks, Mr. Snyder addressed questions from a committee member.

Mark Scott, representing the Michigan Septic Tank Association, testified in support of the bill.

Steven Sliver, Chief of the Solid Waste and Land Application Section in the Environmental Resource Management Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, and Matt Campbell, Environmental Quality Specialist in the On-Site Wastewater Unit in the Solid Waste and Land Application Section in the Environmental Resource Management Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to excuse Senator Patterson from today's committee meeting. Senator Gleason supported the motion. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; Senator Patterson was excused.

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 3:30 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