



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

REP. GARY HOWELL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

12:00 PM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation was called to order by Chairman Howell.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Calley, Reilly, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Absent/Excused: None.

Representative Calley moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 12, 2019. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4227 before the committee:

HB 4227

(Rep. Cambensy) A bill to create a committee on Michigan's mining future; to provide for the powers and duties of certain governmental officers and agencies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Representative Cambensy moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4227. The motion prevailed 9-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Howell, Wakeman, Calley, Reilly, Rendon, Eisen, Sowerby, Cambensy, Pohutsky.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Sara Cambensy testified in support of HB 4227.

Matt Johnson, representing the Eagle Mine, testified in support of HB 4227.

Patrick Bloom, representing Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., testified in support of HB 4227.

Chad Korpi, Dan Ruokolainen, and Michael Grondz, all representing the United Steelworkers Local 4950, testified in support of HB 4227.

Ryan Underwood, and Mike Gregory, representing the United Steelworkers Local 4974, testified in support of HB 4227.

Steve Claywell, representing Michigan Building Trades, testified in support of HB 4227.

Superintendent Bryan DeAugustine, representing the NICE Community School District in western Marquette County, testified in support of HB 4227.

Emeritus Professor of Economic Geology Dr. Stephen E. Kesler, all representing the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at University of Michigan, and Representative Sara Cambensy, testified in support of HB 4227.

The following people submitted a card in opposition of HB 4227, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4227, but did not wish to speak:

Michael Gregory, representing the U.P. Regional Labor Federation

Jonathan Byrd, representing the Michigan Laborers

Roger Crimmins, representing A. Lindberg & Sons

Tom Hogan, representing the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 906

Matt Kurta, representing the City of Marquette

Brian Kerrigan, representing the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters & Millwrights and Local 1510

Nate Heffron, representing the Nequane City Council

Gerald Corkin, representing the Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Tony Retaskie, representing the U.P. Construction Council

Joseph Boogren, representing the Forsyth Township

Ryan Stern, representing the Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 7, Zone 5.

Dean Gutzman, representing the U.P. Plumbers, Pipefitters Local #111

Mike Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association

Nicole Nystrom, representing the Aquila

Nicole Nystrom, representing the Highland Copper

Lisa Canada, representing the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters

Stephanie Glidden, representing the AFL-CIO
Doug Needham, representing the Michigan Aggregate Association
Jon Cool, representing the Michigan Railroad Association
Mark Slown, representing the City of Ishpeming

The following people submitted a card in neutral of HB 4227, but did not wish to speak:

Thomas Gilpin, representing the Michigan Sierra Club

Amy Clickner, representing the Lake Superior Community Partnership, testified in support of HB 4227.

Andi Rich testified in opposition of HB 4227.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Gary Howell adjourned the meeting at 12:55 PM.

Representative Gary Howell, Chair

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