



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

REP. JASON M SHEPPARD

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:00 AM Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by the Chair.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Lilly, Rabhi.

Absent/Excused: Rep. Greig.

Representative Cole moved to adopt the meeting minutes from September 3, 2019. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4687 before the committee:

HB 4687

(Rep. Hoitenga) A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 40102 and 40111a (MCL 324.40102 and 324.40111a), section 40102 as amended by 2015 PA 24 and section 40111a as amended by 2015 PA 265.

Ted Nugent, Representative Hoitenga, and Senator VanderWall all testified in support of HB 4687. Questions and discussion followed.

Amy Trotter, representing the Michigan United Conservation Club, testified in opposition to HB 4687. Questions and discussion followed.

Dave Wheeler, representing Michigan Lucky Buck, testified in support of HB 4687.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4687, but due to the time constraints were unable to speak:

Kevin Elliott
Mark Bartholmew
Sharon Sikkengo
Paul Sikkengo, representing DNR Watchdog
Ed Beckley, M65 Baitshop

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 4687, but did not wish to speak:

Jack Kleinhardt.
Kris Buckner.
Dale Masewski.
Carl Herbers, representing DNR Watchdog.
Don Nelson.
Larry Vanantwerp.

The following people submitted a card in opposition of HB 4687, but did not wish to speak:

Craig Brunet, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
Thomas Gilpin, representing the Michigan Sierra Club.
Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council.
Andrew Vermeesch, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.
Erik Schnelle, representing the Michigan Quality Deer Management Association.
Sam Morello, representing the Michigan Bow Hunters.
David VanLopik, representing the Kalamazoo Rod and Gun Club.
Elijah Keller, representing the Michigan Bear Hunters Association.
Bill Krepps, representing the Former Michigan United Conservation President Clubs.
Patrick Hogan, representing the Tomahawk Archers.
Tom Huggler.
Jane Finnerty, representing the Cadillac Sportsman's Club.
Gary Gorniak, representing the Straits Area Sportsmen's Club.
Carol Rose, representing the Montmorency County Conservation Club and Upper Black River Council.
Mike McKay, representing the Michigan Gun Owners.
Roger Calhoun, representing the Livingston County Wildlife and Conservation Club.
Tim Dusterwinkle, representing the Michigan Bear Hunters Association and Founder of Proposal G.
Joe Hudson, representing the Upper Peninsula Bear Hunters Association and Founder of Proposal G.
George Quackernbush, representing the Michigan Cattlemen's Association.

Representative Rabhi moved to excuse Representative Greig from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Jason Sheppard adjourned the

meeting at 10:02 AM.

Representative Jason Sheppard, Chair

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