

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for NATURAL RESOURCES

Date: *January 28, 2026*

Location: *RM 19*

Convened: *10:50 AM*

Adjourned: *11:00 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Wood-CH, Golding-VC, Levin-RM, Andrews, Barker, Collins, Fisher, Gearhart, Gjerde, Harris, Hermanson, Jacoby, Judge, Mommsen, Scholten, Smith, Wengryn, Wulf, Zabner

Absent:

Excused: Representatives Baeth, Nielsen

Chair Wood called the Natural Resources committee to order at 10:49 a.m., after both parties returned from caucus.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present, with Representatives Baeth and Nielsen excused.

The previous meeting minutes were approved. The minutes from the meeting on April 1st, 2025 were also approved.

Chair Wood recognized Representative Gearhart for opening comments on [HF 2021](#). Representative Gearhart made opening comments. There was an amendment .2164. Representative Gearhart made comments on amendment .2164. Discussion between committee members followed.

With no further discussion, Representative Gearhart moved amendment .2164. With the yeas appearing to have it, amendment .2164 passed on a voice vote.

Chair Wood asked if the committee members had any further questions or comments on [HF 2021](#) as amended. With no further comments, Representative Gearhart moved [HF 2021](#) as amended on a roll call vote of 16 yeas (Representatives Wood, Golding, Levin, Andrews, Barker, Collins, Fisher, Gearhart, Harris, Hermanson, Judge, Mommsen, Smith, Wengryn, Wulf, Zabner), 3 nays (Representatives Gjerde, Jacoby, Scholten), and 2 excused (Representatives Baeth, Nielsen).

[HF 2021](#), as amended, passed and moves to the floor as a committee bill.

Chair Wood recognized Representative Hermanson for opening comments on [HSB 553](#). Representative Hermanson made opening comments. Discussion between committee members followed. With no further discussion, Representative Hermanson moved [HSB 553](#) on a roll call vote of 18 yeas (Representatives Wood, Golding, Levin, Andrews, Barker, Collins, Fisher, Gearhart, Gjerde, Harris, Hermanson, Jacoby, Judge, Mommsen, Scholten, Smith, Wengryn, Wulf), 1 nay (Representative Zabner), and 2 excused (Representatives Baeth, Nielsen).

[HSB 553](#) passed and moves to the floor as a committee bill.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Representative Smith moved to arise at 10:58 a.m.

Representative Devon Wood

Joe Brown, Committee Secretary