

OHIO SENATE
Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Minutes
June 6, 2023
135th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources was called to order at 4:00 PM in the North Hearing Room of the Ohio Statehouse.

Attendance was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the May 30 meeting was reviewed and approved by the committee without objection.

Chairman Schaffer called up Senate Bill 119, sponsored by Senator Bill Reineke for its fourth hearing for proponent, opponent, and interested party testimony.

Chairman Schaffer notified the committee of substitute bill (L-135-1079-5) of Senate Bill 119.

Senator Reineke spoke to the substitute-bill and explained it to the committee.

Chairman Schaffer recognized Vice-Chairman Landis with a motion to accept Substitute Bill L-135-1079-5.

There was no objection by the committee and the motion was approved.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals and organizations:

1. Don Mennel, Proponent
2. Susan Platt, Proponent

Written testimony was submitted by the following individuals and organizations:

1. Trish Byron, Proponent
2. Rachel Reedy, County Commissioners Association of Ohio, Interested Party
3. Rick Carfagna, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Interested Party
4. Justin Bis, Ohio Coal Association, Opponent

Questions and comments from the committee on the testimony were heard.

Proponent, opponent, and interested party testimony on Senate Bill 119 concluded and constituted as its fourth hearing.

Chairman Schaffer called up Senate Bill 111, sponsored by Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson for its second hearing for proponent testimony.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals and organizations:

1. Dr. Jacqueline Kirby Wilkins, The Ohio State University Extension, Proponent
2. Jim Buchy, Proponent
3. Nadine Allen, Proponent

Written testimony was submitted by the following individuals and organizations:

1. Sonia Flunder-McNair, SONIA Organics, Proponent
2. Tia Stuart, The Narrow Way Farm, Proponent
3. Kent Scarrett, Ohio Municipal League, Proponent

Questions and comments from the committee on the testimony were heard.

Proponent, opponent, and interested party testimony on Senate Bill 111 concluded and constituted as its second hearing.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 4:49 PM.

Tim Schaffer, Chair