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DEL. REF. TO THE DEPT.OF CONSERVATION

House Bills 4422 and 4423 as introduced  
First Analysis (4-19-89)

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Committee: Conservation, Recreation, & Environment

***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

Several statutes still contain references to the obsolete "Department of Conservation" (now the Department of Natural Resources) and the "Commissioner of Agriculture" (now the director of the Department of Agriculture). Legislation has been proposed to update the references.

***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

House Bill 4422. The white pine blister rust act requires the Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources and their directors to undertake certain measures to suppress and control white pine blister rust. The bill would amend the act to delete obsolete references to the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Department of Conservation.

MCL 286.108

House Bill 4423. Current law provides for a payment in lieu of taxes to local units of government on certain lands owned by the State of Michigan and controlled by the Department of Natural Resources. The bill would amend Public Act 91 of 1925 to delete obsolete references to the Department of Conservation and insert references to the Department of Natural Resources.

MCL 211.492

***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

According to the Department of Natural Resources, the bill has no fiscal implications. (4-18-89)

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

The bills would merely update two laws by replacing obsolete references to an agency that no longer exists, the Department of Conservation, with its successor agency, the Department of Natural Resources.

***POSITIONS:***

The Department of Natural Resources supports the bill. (4-18-89)

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