

Minutes of the State Agricultural and Bioeconomy Committee

Thursday, February 25, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Room 110 Farnum Building

- Chairman Van Woerkom called the Committee to order at 9:04 a.m.
- Members Present: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz, Gleason and Whitmer.
- Senator Gleason moved to approve the minutes from February 25, 2010. His motion was supported by Senator Gilbert and approved unanimously.
- Chairman Van Woerkom described SB 1131 & SB 1132 and the substitute bills. The Chair explained the importance of inspections on the milk supply to ensure safety and without an increase in inspections fees the industry could suffer.
- Nancy Nyquist & Sue Esser from the Michigan Department of Agriculture testified in support of SB 1131 (S-2) & SB 1132 (S-1) explaining that enforcement is a strong component of the dairy industry. Passage of this legislation will help fund vital milk safety inspections.
- Gary Trimmer from the Michigan Milk Producers testified in support of SB 1131 (S-2) & SB 1132 (S-1) and encouraged rapid adoption.
- Senator Gilbert moved to adopt SB 1131 (S-2). His motion was supported by Senator Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz, Whitmer and Gleason
Neas: none
Pass: none
- Senator Gilbert moved to adopt SB 1132 (S-1). His motion was supported by Senator Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz, Whitmer and Gleason
Neas: none
Pass: none
- Charles Courtade from the Dairy Farmers of America & The National Farmers Organization testified in support of SB 1131 (S-2) & SB 1132 (S-1).
- Tonia Ritter from Michigan Farm Bureau supported SB 1131 (S-2) & SB 1132 (S-1) but did not wish to speak.
- Brad Comment from the Michigan Dairy Food Association supported SB 1131 (S-2) & SB 1132 (S-1) but did not wish to speak.
- Senator Gilbert moved to report SB 1131 (S-2) with recommendation. His motion was supported by Senator Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz, Gleason & Whitmer
Neas: none
Pass: none

- Senator Gleason moved to give SB 1131 (S-2) immediate effect. His motion was supported by Sen. Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz, Gleason & Whitmer
Neas: none
Pass: none
- Senator Gilbert moved to report SB 1132 (S-1) with recommendation. His motion was supported by Senator Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz, Gleason & Whitmer
Neas: none
Pass: none
- Senator Gleason moved to give SB 1132 (S-1) immediate effect. His motion was supported by Sen. Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz, Gleason & Whitmer
Neas: none
Pass: none
- With no more business before the committee Senator Gilbert motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.