

Minutes of the State Agricultural and Bioeconomy Committee

Thursday, November 3, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Room 110 Farnum Building

- Chairman Van Woerkom called the Committee to order at 9:05 a.m.
- Members Present: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz and Gleason.
- Senator Gilbert moved to approve the minutes from July 1st, 2010. His motion was supported by Senator Gleason and approved unanimously.
- Chairman Van Woerkom introduced Rep. Mayes and invited him to testify on his bill HB 4887.
- Rep. Mayes explained HB 4887.
- Rich Harlow with the Michigan Department of Agriculture testified in support of HB 4887 and explained the changes to the S-2 version of the bill. He also requested an amendment to remove permanent conservation easements. .
- Senator Gilbert moved to adopt an amendment to HB 4887 (S-2) with recommendation. His motion was supported by Senator Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz & Gleason
Neas: none
Pass: none
- Rebecca Park with the Michigan Farm Bureau supported HB 4887 but did not wish to testify.
- Cathy Wilson with Consumers Energy supported HB 4887 but did not wish to testify
- James Clift with the Michigan Environmental Council supported HB 4887 but did not wish to testify
- Senator Gilbert moved to adopt to HB 4887 (S-3). His motion was supported by Senator Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz & Gleason
Neas: none
Pass: none
- Senator Gilbert moved to report HB 4887 (S-3) with recommendation. His motion was supported by Senator Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz & Gleason
Neas: none
Pass: none
- Chairman Van Woerkom described SB 1506.
- Ray VanDriessche with the Michigan Sugar Company explained the byproduct of processed sugar beats is what the MDNRE is proposing to consider as an industrial waste.
- Steve Sliver with the DNRE testified in opposition to SB 1506.
- Matt Smego with the Michigan Farm Bureau supported SB 1506 (S-1) but did not wish to testify.

- Senator Gilbert moved to adopt to SB 1506 (S-1). His motion was supported by Senator Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert & Gleason
Neas: none
Pass: Birkholz
- Senator Gilbert moved to report SB 1506 (S-1) with recommendation. His motion was supported by Senator Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert & Gleason
Neas: none
Pass: Birkholz
- Senator Gilbert moved to give SB 1506 (S-1) immediate effect. His motion was supported by Sen. Gleason and was approved by the following vote:
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert & Gleason
Neas: none
Pass: Birkholz
- With no more business before the committee Senator Gleason motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.