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A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, February 10, 2011, at 8:34 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Hune (C), Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- SB122 Sen. Hune – Environmental protection; groundwater contamination; incentives for verification under the Michigan agriculture environmental assurance program (MAEAP); provide for.
- SB123 Sen. Hune – Environmental protection; groundwater contamination; Michigan agriculture environmental assurance program (MAEAP); codify.

Senator Booher motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, to adopt the 2011-2012 Senate Agriculture Committee Rules.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hune gave welcoming remarks to the audience. Senator Hune also introduced members and staff of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Senator Hune, bill sponsor of SB122 and SB123, gave verbal testimony explaining the bills.

Matt Smego and Scott Piggott representing the Michigan Farm Bureau gave verbal testimony in support of SB122 and SB123. Mr. Smego then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Hune read into the record a testimony card from Wayne Wood, President of the Michigan Farm Bureau who was in support of SB122 and SB123 but did not wish to speak.

Derek Bajema and Jim Johnson representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture gave verbal testimony in support of SB122 and SB123.

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The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of SB122 and SB123 but did not wish to speak:

Dean Letter and Gary Trimner representing the Michigan Milk Producers Association
Kenny Siler representing Pleasant View Farms
Kim Kerr, Douglas Kammann, John Vandermolen, & Andy Kok representing the Michigan Farm Bureau
Dave Armstrong representing Greenstone Farm Credit Services
Kathleen Hawkins representing the Michigan Cattlemen's Association (written testimony also)
Jody Pollok-Newsom representing the Michigan Corn Growers Association
Richard Dobbins representing North Concord Farms
David Williams representing the Michigan Soybean Association
Leslie Huffman and Cornelius Williams representing Vandalia Garden Urban Farmers
Lori Phalen representing the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts

The following individuals submitted testimony cards neutral to SB122 and SB123 but did not wish to speak:

Gayle Miller representing Sierra Club
James Clift representing the Michigan Environmental Council (written testimony also)

Jim Spink representing himself as a farmer gave verbal testimony in support of SB122 and SB123. Mr. Spink then answered questions from committee members.

Michael Yancho Sr. representing Trim Pines Farm gave verbal testimony in support of SB122 and SB123. Mr. Yancho then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Gleason motioned, supported by Senator Hansen, to report SB122 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Gleason, to give SB122 immediate effect.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Booher, to report SB123 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason motioned, supported by Senator Hansen, to give SB123 immediate effect.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:10 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: February 24, 2011

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)