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**AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

**SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011, 2011, at 9:05 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:

- SB 46 Sen. Meekhof - Land use; zoning and growth management; production of ethanol in zoned agricultural land; authorize.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Gleason that the committee adopt the minutes of February 24, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Meekhof, bill sponsor of SB46, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill and the Senate Substitute S-4. Senator Meekhof then answered questions from committee members.

Jody Pollok-Newsom representing the Michigan Corn Growers Association gave verbal and written testimony in support of SB46. Ms. Pollok-Newsom then answered questions from committee members.

Frank VenKempen representing Grass Roots Energy, LLC gave verbal and written testimony in support of SB46 as introduced. Mr. VenKempen then answered questions from committee members. Mr. VenKempen also introduced the following individuals who are in support of SB46 as written but did not wish to speak:

Scott Sovereign representing Grass Roots Energy, LLC

Russell Rasch representing Grass Roots Energy, LLC

Richard Maun representing Green Diesel Solutions

Bill Anderson representing the Michigan Townships Association gave verbal testimony in support of SB46 S-4. Mr. Anderson then answered questions from committee members.

Ben Bodkin representing the Michigan Association of Counties submitted a testimony card neutral to SB46 but did not wish to speak.

Derek Bajema representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development submitted a testimony card neutral to SB46 but did not wish to speak.

Rodney Nanney representing Building Place Consultants gave verbal testimony opposed to SB46. Mr. Nanney then answered questions from committee members.

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Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: March 17, 2011

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