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**AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

**SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at 9:05 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Hansen, that the committee adopt the minutes of March 17, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Booher announced the order of business:

- SB 27 Sen. Hansen - Agriculture; animals; transfer of regulatory responsibility from department of natural resources and environment to department of agriculture; provide for.

Senator Hansen, bill sponsor of SB27, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill and the Senate Substitute S-1. Senator Hansen then answered questions from committee members.

Alex Draper representing the United Deer Farmers of Michigan gave verbal and written testimony in support of SB27. Mr. Draper then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of SB27 but did not wish to speak:

Skipper Bettis representing the Cervidae Producers  
Tonia Ritter representing the Michigan Farm Bureau (supports concept)

Greg Johnson representing the Michigan Animal Farmers gave verbal testimony in support of SB27. Mr. Johnson then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card opposed to SB27 but did not wish to speak:

Jim Miller representing the Agribusiness Association  
Amy Trotter representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs  
Sam Hines representing the Michigan Pork Producers Association

Senator Hansen motioned to adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB27.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to report SB27 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Booher motioned to give SB27 S-1 immediate effect.  
Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

Senator Emmons motioned to excuse Senator Gleason from committee.  
Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

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