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A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at 9:05 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Hune (C), Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason
Excused: None

Senator Hansen motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of May 19, 2011.
Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Booher announced the order of business:

- HB 4666 Rep. LaFontaine - Land use; farmland and open space; expiration or relinquishment of development rights agreement; modify lien payment.
- SCR 10 Sen. Moolenaar - A concurrent resolution to approve a certain designated open space land application for property in Midland County.
- SB 208 Sen. Hune - Agriculture; animals; cap on indemnification for disease eradication; eliminate.
- SB 307 Sen. Hune - Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for sporting swine marketing act violations; enact.
- SB 308 Sen. Hune - Agriculture; animals; ability of registrant under privately owned cervidae producers marketing act to operate sporting swine estate; provide for.
- SB 309 Sen. Hune - Agriculture; animals; certain sporting swine; exclude from regulation as game.
- SB 310 Sen. Hune - Agriculture; animals; sporting swine livestock operations; regulate.
- SB 472 Sen. Moolenaar - Land use; farmland and open space; open space easement exception; revise approving authority and allow waiver of certain tax benefits.

Eric Ventimiglia, Legislative Aide to Representative LaFontaine (bill sponsor of HB4666), gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. Mr. Ventimiglia then answered questions from committee members.

Rebecca Park representing the Michigan Farm Bureau gave verbal testimony in support of HB4666. Ms. Park then answered questions from committee members.

Derek Bajema and Rich Harlow representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development submitted a testimony card in support of HB4666, SCR10, and SB472 but did not wish to speak.

Meredith Johnson representing the Heart of the Lakes Center for Land conservation Policy and Brian Bourdages representing the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy gave both verbal and written testimony in support of HB4666.

Amy Trotter representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs submitted a testimony card in support of HB4666 but did not wish to speak.

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Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Aide to Senator Moolenaar (bill sponsor of SCR10 and SB472) gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. Mr. VanDyke introduced Marilyn Garrison who gave verbal testimony in support of SCR10 and SB472.

Representative McBroom, member of the House Agriculture Committee, gave verbal testimony explaining SB208, SB307-SB310 and the Senate Substitutes. Representative McBroom then answered questions from committee members.

Derek Bajema representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development gave verbal testimony opposed to SB208 as introduced but in support of the work in progress within the substitute.

Sam Hines representing the Michigan Pork Producers Association gave verbal and written testimony opposed to SB307-SB310.

Dennis Fijalkowski representing the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy gave verbal and written testimony opposed to SB307-SB310. Mr. Fijalkowski then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card opposed to SB307-SB310 but did not wish to speak:

- Sheila Burkhardt representing the Michigan Milk Producers Association (written testimony also)
- Dave Williams representing the Michigan Soybean Association
- Peter Lemmer representing Green Stone Farm Credit (written testimony also)
- Jody Pollok-Newsom representing the Michigan Corn Growers Association
- Amy Trotter representing the United Conservation Clubs

Tonia Ritter representing the Michigan Farm Bureau submitted a testimony card and written testimony in support of the concept of SB208 and SB307-SB310 but did not wish to speak:

Senator Gleason motioned to report HB4666 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to give HB4666 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

Senator Emmons motioned to report SCR10 with recommendation to adopt.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB208.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to report SB208 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned to give SB208 S-1 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

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Senator Hansen motioned to adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB307.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Gleason

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to report SB307 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Hansen

Nays: Gleason

Pass: Emmons

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to give SB307 S-1 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

Senator Booher motioned to adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB308.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Gleason

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to report SB308 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Hansen

Nays: None

Pass: Emmons, Gleason

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to give SB308 S-1 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

Senator Booher motioned to adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB309.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Gleason

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned to report SB309 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Hansen

Nays: Gleason

Pass: Emmons

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned to give SB309 S-1 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

Senator Booher motioned to adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB310.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Gleason

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to report SB310 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Hansen

Nays: Gleason

Pass: Emmons

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Hansen motioned to give SB310 S-1 immediate effect.
Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

Senator Emmons motioned to report SB472 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to give SB472 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

The following members of the Senate Agriculture Committee gave closing statements:

Senator Hansen

Senator Hune

Senator Gleason

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: June 30, 2011

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