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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, June 30, 2011, at 9:04 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 June 16, 2011.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- HB 4567 Rep. Somerville - Agriculture; animals; procedures for equine testing to protect from disease and contamination; provide for.
- SB 210 Sen. Hune - Animals; other; facilities accredited by the zoological association of America; exempt from large carnivore act.

Senator Hune, bill sponsor of SB210, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill and the Senate Substitute. Senator Hune then answered questions from committee members.

John Wortman representing the Zoological Association of America (ZAA) gave verbal testimony in support of SB210. Mr. Wortman then answered questions from committee members.

Carrie Cramer representing DeYoung Family Zoo gave verbal testimony in support of SB210. Ms. Cramer then answered questions from committee members.

Representative McBroom, member of the House Agriculture Committee, gave verbal testimony in support of SB210. Representative McBroom then answered questions from committee members.

Derek Bajema and Dr. Steve Halstead representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development gave verbal testimony expressing concerns with SB210. Mr. Bajema and Dr. Halstead then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Hune read into the record testimony submitted by Jill Fritz representing the Humane Society of the United States opposed to SB210.

Senator Booher motioned to adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 to SB210.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to report SB210 S-1 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to give SB210 S-1 immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

Derek Bajema and Dr. Steve Halstead representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development gave verbal testimony explaining HB4567. Mr. Bajema and Dr. Halstead then answered questions from committee members.

Due to time constraints that Senate Session was about to begin, Senator Hune recessed the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Senator Hune reconvened the Senate Agriculture Committee at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Bajema and Dr. Halstead continued their verbal testimony explaining and support of HB4567.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards in support of HB4567 but did not wish to speak:

Rebecca Park representing the Michigan Farm Bureau

Larry Julian representing the Michigan Equine Partnership

Val Vail-Shirey representing the Michigan Standardbred Breeders (MSBA) and Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show (MGLI)

Senator Hansen motioned to adopt Amendment #1 to HB4567.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason motioned to report with recommendation HB4567 as amended.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned to give HB4567 as amended immediate effect.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: September 28, 2011

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