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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at 8:35 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Excused: None

Senator Gleason motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of June 30, 2011.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- SB 433 Sen. Hune - Gaming; horse racing; Michigan agriculture equine industry development fund; provide for payment of breeders' awards to Michigan-bred thoroughbred horses racing out of state.
- SB 703 Sen. Hune - Animals; other; importation requirements for large carnivore; implement.

Senator Hune, bill sponsor of SB703, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill and the amendment to be offered.

Senator Hune then answered questions from committee members.

Derek Bajema and Dr. Steve Halstead representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development gave verbal testimony in support of SB703. Mr. Bajema and Dr. Halstead then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Booher motioned to adopt the Amendment #1 to SB703.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason motioned to report with recommendation SB703 as amended as a clean substitute S-1.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason motioned to recommend immediate effect to SB703 as amended as a clean substitute S-1.

Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Hune, bill sponsor of SB433, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill, the Senate Substitute S-1. Senator Hune then answered questions from committee members.

Rick McCune and Cia Sutherland, representing the Michigan Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (MTOBA), gave verbal testimony in support of SB433. Mr. McCune and Ms. Sutherland then answered questions from committee members.

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Senator Booher left the committee room.

Derek Bajema and Amy Epkey, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development, gave verbal testimony opposed to SB433 S-1. Mr. Bajema and Ms. Epkey then answered questions from committee members.

Larry Julian, representing Save Michigan Thoroughbred Racing, LLC, gave verbal testimony in support of SB433. Mr. Julian then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Emmons motioned to adopt Amendment #1 to SB433

Yeas: Hune, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason motioned to adopt the Senate Substitute S-1 as amended.

Yeas: Hune, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason motioned to report with recommendation SB433 S-1 as amended as a clean substitute S-2.

Yeas: Hune, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason motioned to recommend immediate effect to SB433 S-1 as amended as a clean substitute S-2.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous support.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: November 3, 2011

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