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**AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

**SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Excused: None

Absent: None

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- HB 4751 (Rep. Johnson) – Agriculture; marketing; unfair practices of voluntary associations; revise responsibility of expense of proceedings.
- HB 5206 (Rep. Rendon) – Agriculture; products; administrative rules related to cherry assessments; rescind. Amends 1965 PA 232 (MCL 290.651 - 290.674) by adding sec. 18b.
- HB 5207 (Rep. Kurtz) – Agriculture; products; certain administrative rules; rescind. Repeals 1961 PA 70 (MCL 289.631 - 289.646).
- HB 5208 (Rep. Muxlow) – Agriculture; products; administrative rule related to liquid measuring devices; rescind. Amends 1964 PA 283 (MCL 290.601 - 290.634) by adding sec. 35.
- HB 5209 (Rep. McBroom) – Agriculture; products; administrative rules related to the Upper Peninsula state fair; rescind. Amends 1927 PA 89 (MCL 285.141 - 285.145) by adding sec. 6.
- HB 5210 (Rep. Outman) – Agriculture; products; administrative rules related to the state apple commission; rescind. Amends 1965 PA 232 (MCL 290.651 - 290.674) by adding sec. 18a.
- HB 5211 (Rep. Glardon) – Agriculture; products; administrative rules related to grain dealers; rescind. Amends 1939 PA 141 (MCL 285.61 - 285.88) by adding sec. 29.
- HB 5212 (Rep. LaFontaine) – Agriculture; products; certain administrative rules related to certain nursery stock; rescind. Amends 1931 PA 189 (MCL 286.201 - 286.228) by adding sec. 23b.

Senator Hansen motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of March 15, 2012.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on HB 4751:

- Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) – Support
- Tonia Ritter, Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) – Neutral

Derek Bajema and Brad Deacon of MDARD gave verbal testimony in support of HB 5206-5212 and then answered questions from committee members.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on HB 5206-5212:

- Tonia Ritter, MFB – Support

Senator Booher motioned to report with recommendation HB 4751.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason motioned to recommend immediate effect to HB 4751.

Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Gleason motioned to report with recommendation HB 5206.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned to recommend immediate effect to HB 5206.

Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Hansen motioned to report with recommendation HB 5207.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to recommend immediate effect to HB 5207.

Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Gleason motioned to report with recommendation HB 5208.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to recommend immediate effect to HB 5208.

Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Emmons motioned to report with recommendation HB 5209.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned to recommend immediate effect to HB 5209.

Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Booher motioned to report with recommendation HB 5210.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason motioned to recommend immediate effect to HB 5210.

Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Hansen motioned to report with recommendation HB 5211.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned to recommend immediate effect to HB 5211.  
Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Emmons motioned to report with recommendation HB 5212.  
Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason  
Nays: None  
The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned to recommend immediate effect to HB 5212.  
Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:24 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: March 29, 2012

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