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**AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

**SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, April 19, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Excused: None

Absent: None

Senator Booher motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of March 29, 2012. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- SB 1075 (Sen. Hune) – Gaming; horse racing; miscellaneous changes to the horse racing law of 1995; enact.

Shoshie Levine, representing Hazel Park Raceway, gave verbal testimony explaining SB 1075 and then answered questions from committee members.

The following people gave verbal testimony and answered questions on SB 1075:

- Brett Boyd, President of Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association – Support (with Amendments)
- Mike Bale, Great Lakes Quarter Horse Association – Oppose
- Richard Powers, Michigan Horsemen's Benevolent Protection Association (HBPA) – Oppose
- George Kutlenios, Michigan HBPA – Oppose

The following people wished to testify concerning SB 1075, but were deferred to the next meeting of the committee:

- Daniel Adkins, Hazel Park Harness – Support
- William Gira, owner of Oldfield Farm Inc. – Support
- Chris Locking, Sports Creek Raceway – Support
- Jessica Otten, Citizen – Support
- Rick McCune, Michigan Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association – Oppose
- Bret Marr, Motor City Casino – Oppose

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on SB 1075:

- John Carlo, Northville Downs – Support
- Larry Julian, Michigan Standardbred Breeders – Support
- Shelly Stahl, Greektown Casino – Oppose
- Tyrone Sanders, MGM Grand Detroit – Oppose

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 10:00 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: April 26, 2012

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