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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Excused: None

Absent: None

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- HB 5717 (Rep. Franz) – Agriculture; other; agricultural loan program for certain agricultural disasters; provide for. Creates & repeals new act.
- SB 423 (Sen. Jones) – Animals; other; methods of use for euthanizing animals; clarify. Amends 1969 PA 287 (MCL 287.331 - 287.340) by adding sec. 8b.
- SB 424 (Sen. Bieda) – Animals; other; euthanizing dogs and cats by class B dealers registered with the department of agriculture; require use of certain commercially prepared solution. Amends 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.1101 - 333.25211) by adding sec. 7333b.

Representative Franz gave verbal testimony explaining House Bill 5717 and then answered questions for committee members.

The following people gave verbal testimony in support of HB 5717:

- Derek Bajema, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)
- Tonia Ritter, Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB)
- Bob Boehm, MFB
- Travis Jones, Greenstone Farm Credit
- Ben LaCross, LaCross Farms
- Patrick McGuire, Royal Farms Inc.

During testimony for HB 5717, Senator Gleason entered the committee meeting.

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on HB 5717

- Sarah Black, MFB – Support

Senator Booher motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of June 7, 2012. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Booher motioned to adopt the S-2 Substitute to HB 5717.

Yeas: Hune (C), Booher, Emmons, Hansen, and Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned to report with recommendation HB 5717 S-2.

Yeas: Hune (C), Booher, Emmons, Hansen, and Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gleason motioned to recommend immediate effect to HB 5717 S-2.

Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support

Senator Jones and Senator Bieda gave verbal testimony explaining SB 423 and SB 424 and then answered questions from committee members.

The following people gave verbal testimony in support of SB 423 and SB 424:

- Wendy Swift, Veterinarian
- Holly Thoms, Michiganders for Shelter Pets
- Lynda Molter, Citizen
- Neil Wackerle, Humane Society of Midland County

The following people submitted testimony cards but were not able to speak due to time constraints in support of SB 423 and SB 424:

- George Carr, Michigan Veterinary Medical Association
- Beth Contreras, Voiceless Michigan
- Cate Arroe, Animal Rescue Coalition
- Frances Schuleit, Citizen
- Jamie Lampman, Citizen
- Vicki Deisner, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)
- Julia Palmer, Capital Area Humane Society

The following people submitted written testimony in support of SB 423 and SB 424:

- Cate Arroe, Director of the Animal Rescue Coalition of Mecosta County
- Wendy Swift, Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine
- Cal Morgan, President and CEO of the Michigan Humane Society
- Lori Rumpf, Citizen
- Ellen Stuban, PapAdopters & Placement Service
- Jeffrey Sink, Citizen
- Sarah Mews, Operations Manager of the Humane Society of Livingston County
- Barb Benford, Shelter Administrator of the Human Society of Livingston County
- Cathy Thaler, Executive Director of the Al-Van Humane Society
- Amber Sitko, President of the All About Animals Rescue
- Frances Schuleit, Citizen
- Pam Sordyl, Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan
- Stephen Lawrence, Director of Animal Services and Enforcement in Kalamazoo
- Becky Gawkowski, Co-Chair of the Lakeshore Pet Alliance
- Rachel Morr, Co-Chair of the Lakeshore Pet Alliance
- Joanie Toole, Administrative Supervisor of the Oakland Pet Adoption Center

- Trudy Ender, Executive Director of the Humane Society of West Michigan
- The Kalamazoo Humane Society
- Julie Baker, Richland Animal Rescue
- Beth Contreras, Voiceless Michigan
- Michigan Pet Fund Alliance
- Holly Thoms, Michiganders for Shelter Pets
- Joe Sowerby, Aton, Zorn, Sowerby & Associates
- John Mays, Executive Director of the National Animal Control Association
- Association of Shelter Veterinarians
- Vicki Deisner, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)
- Jill Fritz, Michigan State Director of the Humane Society of the United States

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak in opposition to SB 423 and SB 424:

- MoReno Taylor II, Michigan Association of Counties

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak in support of SB 423 and SB 424:

- Anna Scott, Animal Law Section of State Bar of Michigan
- Denise Mulholland, Citizen
- Doug Thoms, Citizen
- Judy Hood, Citizen
- Jill Fritz, The Humane Society of the United States
- Anne Grenier, The Country Cat & The City Kitty Cat/Kitten Rescue
- Krystle Valdovinus, Citizen
- Michelle Petoskey, Citizen
- Rebecca Mayo, Citizen
- Lorri Deshon, Citizen
- Mitch Goldsmith, Citizen
- Julie Pratt, Citizen
- Mary O'Dea, Citizen
- Julie Dwyer, Citizen

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

Date approved by the Committee: November 29, 2012

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