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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, January 31, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Excused: None

Absent: None

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- SB 48 (Sen. Casperson) – Animals; other; exemption from large carnivore act for certain businesses; expand to exempt businesses that allow patrons to come into contact with bears less than 36 weeks of age or bears that weigh 90 pounds or less and make other general revisions.

Kendra Everett came forward to give verbal testimony and answer questions for committee members concerning SB 48.

The following people testified concerning SB 48:

- Derek Bagema, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) – Support
- Dr. Steve Halstead, MDARD – Support
- Jill Fritz, Humane Society of the United States – Oppose
- Justin Schlanser, DMV at Potter Park Zoo – Oppose
- Scott Carter, Detroit Zoological Society – Oppose
- Tara Harrison, DMV at Potter Park Zoo – Oppose

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak concerning SB 48:

- Cal Morgan, President of the Michigan Humane Society – Oppose
- Barbara Snyder, John Ball Zoological Garden – Oppose

Senator Booher motioned to report with recommendation SB 48.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Smith

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned to recommend immediate effect to SB 48.
Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Hansen motioned to adopt the minutes of January 24, 2013.
Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection
at 9:49 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: March 21, 2013

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