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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 110 of the Farnum Building. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 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:

- HB 4732 (Rep. MacMaster) – Construction; code; definition of building; exempt agricultural roadside sale stands.
- SB 315 (Sen. Emmons) – Agriculture; products; potato industry commission; modify provisions for operations and determining assessment rates.
- SB 332 (Sen. Moolenaar) – Agriculture; fertilizer; certain organic lawn fertilizer; allow.
- SB 351 (Sen. Meekhof) – Environmental protection; cleanups; fertilizers and other soil conditioners; clarify that appropriate application is not a release.
- SB 354 (Sen. Jones) – Animals; animal shelters; methods of euthanizing animals; restrict to injection of certain commercially prepared solutions.

Chairman Hune invited Senator Meekhof forward to testify concerning SB 351 and answer questions for committee members.

The following submitted testimony cards concerning SB 351 but did not wish to speak:

- Maggie Datema, Department of Environmental Quality – Support
- Tonia Ritter, Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) – Support

Chairman Hune invited Senator Moolenaar and Ric Olson, of Gantec Inc., forward to testify concerning SB 332 and answer questions for committee members.

The following submitted testimony cards concerning SB 332 but did not wish to speak:

- Derek Bajema, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) – Neutral
- April Hunt, Feed and Fertilizer Specialist – Neutral
- Tonia Ritter, MFB – Support

Chairman Hune entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 21, 2013 committee meeting. Senator Booher so moved and, without objection, they were approved

Chairman Hune invited Senator Jones forward to testify concerning SB 354 and answer questions for committee members.

The following submitted testimony cards concerning SB 354:

- Wendy Smith, Ottawa County – Support
- Jamie McAllon Lampman, Animal Control of Ingham County – Support

The following submitted testimony cards concerning SB 354 but did not wish to speak:

- Tonia Ritter, MFB – Neutral
- George Carr, Michigan Veterinary Medical Association – Support
- Dr. James Averill, MDARD State Veterinarian – Neutral
- Derek Bajema, MDARD – Neutral
- Bill Zaagman, Michigan Humane Society – Support
- Beth Contreras, Voiceless Michigan – Support
- Holly Thoms, Michiganders for Shelter Pets – Support

Chairman Hune invited Representative MacMaster forward to testify concerning HB 4732 and answer questions for committee members.

The following submitted testimony cards concerning HB 4732 but did not wish to speak:

- Frank Waters, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) – Support
- Matthew Kapp, MFB – Support

Chairman Hune invited Senator Emmons forward to testify concerning SB 315 and answer questions for committee members.

The following submitted testimony cards concerning SB 315 but did not wish to speak:

- Derek Bajema and Brad Deacon, MDARD – Support
- Jim Miller, Agri-Business Association – Support
- Tonia Ritter, MFB – Support

The following submitted testimony cards concerning SB 315:

- Dennis Iott, Potato Growers of Michigan – Support
- Mike Wenkel, Michigan Potato Industry Commission – Neutral

Senator Booher motioned to adopt the Booher amendment to HB 4732.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Smith

Nays:

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to report with recommendation HB 4732 as amended as a clean substitute.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Smith

Nays:

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith motioned to recommend immediate effect to HB 4732. Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Emmons motioned to report with recommendation SB 315.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Smith

Nays:

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith motioned to recommend immediate effect to SB 315. Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Hansen motioned to report with recommendation SB 332.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Smith

Nays:

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith motioned to recommend immediate effect to SB 332. Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Hansen motioned to report with recommendation SB 351.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: Smith

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to recommend immediate effect to SB 351. Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Smith motioned to adopt the S-1 Substitute to SB 354.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Smith

Nays:

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith motioned to report with recommendation SB 354.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Smith

Nays:

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith motioned to recommend immediate effect to SB 354. Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:03 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: 10/31/2013

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