

Minutes of the State Agricultural and Bioeconomy Committee

Thursday, December 3rd, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Room 110 Farnum Building

- Chairman Van Woerkom called the Committee to order at 9:42 a.m.
- Members Present: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz and Gleason.
- Senator Gilbert moved to approve the minutes from October, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009. His motion was supported by Senator Birkholz and approved unanimously.
- Chairman Van Woerkom described SB 997-998 and their affect on the Director of Agriculture. Chairman Van Woerkom mentioned his appreciation for the Governors new Executive Order, but he still bleaves that a Ag Director is best served by a commission.
- Chairman Van Woerkom invited Sen. Gleason to speak to SB 997-998. Sen. Gleason first thanked all of those who helped with this process and he also thanked the Governor for taking a step in the right direction. He mentioned that it was common sense that a commission appoints a director.
- Mike Frederick from MI Thoroughbred supported SB 955-958 but did not wish to speak.
- Larry Julian representing Julian Vail LLC supported SB 997-998 but did not wish to speak.
- Rebecca Park with the MI Farm Bureau supported SB 997-998 but did not wish to speak.
- Senator Gilbert moved to report SB 997 with recommendation. His motion was supported by Senator Birkholz and was approved by the following vote:  
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz and Gleason  
Neas: none  
Pass: none
- Senator Gilbert moved to give SB 997 immediate effect. His motion was supported by Senator Birkholz and was approved by the following vote:  
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz and Gleason  
Neas: none  
Pass: none
- Senator Gleason moved to report SB 998 with recommendation. His motion was supported by Senator Gilbert and was approved by the following vote:  
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz and Gleason  
Neas: none  
Pass: none
- Senator Gleason moved to give SB 998 immediate effect. His motion was supported by Senator Gilbert and was approved by the following vote:  
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz and Gleason  
Neas: none  
Pass: none
- Sen. Gleason motioned to excuse Sen. Whitmer.
- With no more business before the committee Senator Gleason motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.