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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES May 15, 2014

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture was held on May 15, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. HB 5195: Heard testimony.
2. Heard testimony on Michigan Right to Farm site GAAMP

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Chairman Hune, Sens. Booher, Emmons, Hansen and Smith, a quorum.

The Chairman moved to adopt the minutes of the January 30, 2014 meeting. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 21, 2014 meeting. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman invited Eric Ventimiglia from Rep. LaFontaine's office to provide a summary of HB 5195 for the committee.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding HB 5195:

- Robert Culler, Michigan Meat Association – Support
- Sandra Walker, MDARD Food & Dairy Division – Support

The Chairman invited Derek Bajema and Deputy Director Gordon Wink from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to provide testimony regarding the changes to the Michigan Right to Farm GAAMPs.

The Chairman recessed the committee at 9:55 a.m.

The committee reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding the changes to the Michigan Right to Farm GAAMPs:

- Julie Liberti, a citizen – Oppose
- Wendy Banka, a citizen – Oppose
- Joshua S. EldenBrady, a citizen – No position noted
- Kathy Johnson, Growing By Faith – No position noted
- Linda Kaluza, a citizen – No position noted
- George Thompson, a citizen – Oppose
- Debra Taylor, a citizen – Support
- Kim White, a citizen – Oppose
- Brian Rookard, a citizen – Oppose
- Mickey Martin, a citizen – No position noted
- Jessica Hudson, a citizen – Oppose
- Antonia Hernandez, a citizen – Oppose
- Cynthia Rice, Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council – Oppose
- Christopher Manjang, a citizen – Oppose

Being no further business before the committee, Chairman Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 12:56 p.m.

Date approved by the Committee: 5/22/14

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