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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES April 21, 2016

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture was scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in room 110, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

The agenda summary is as follows:

- 1) Reported SB 504 (S-2) (Sen. Robertson) with recommendation and immediate effect.
- 2) Reported SB 505 (S-1) (Sen. Robertson) with recommendation and immediate effect.
- 3) Reported HB 5189 (S-1) (Rep. Lauwers) with recommendation and immediate effect.
- 4) Reported HB 5190 (S-1) (Rep. Roberts) with recommendation and immediate effect.
- 5) Reported HB 5191 (Rep. Lauwers) with recommendation and immediate effect.

Chairman Hune called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll.

At that time, the following members were present: Sen.(s) Hune ,Green, Schmidt, Booher, and Johnson.

A quorum was present.

The Chairman invited Sen. Robertson to provide an overview of SB 504 and SB 505.

The following testified to share their position regarding SB 504 and SB 505:

Mike and John Carlo, Northville Downs – Oppose
Tom Barrett and Val VailShirey, Michigan Harness Horsemen’s Association – Oppose
George Kutlenios, Michigan Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association – Support
Dave Ladd, Hazel Park Raceway – Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to testify before the committee regarding SB 504 and SB 505:

Val VailShirey, Michigan Standard Bread Breeders – Oppose
William Frank, Michigan Gaming Control Board – Oppose
Jack Schick, Greektown Casino – Oppose

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Booher to adopt the (S-2) version of SB 504. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hune, Green, Schmidt, Booher, and Johnson

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Schmidt to report the (S-2) version of SB 504 to the floor with recommendation that the bill then pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hune, Schmidt, Booher, and Johnson

Nays: None

Pass: Sen. Green

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Johnson to recommend immediate effect for SB 504. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Booher to adopt the (S-1) version of SB 505. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hune, Schmidt, Booher, and Johnson

Nays: None

Pass: Sen. Green

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Johnson to report the (S-1) version of SB 505 to the floor with recommendation that the bill then pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hune, Schmidt, Booher, and Johnson

Nays: None

Pass: Sen. Green

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Booher to recommend immediate effect for SB 505. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Rep.(s) Lauwers and Roberts provided an overview of HB 5189, HB 5190, and HB 5191.

The following testified to share their position regarding HB 5189, HB 5190, and HB 5191:

Matt Blakely and Rich Harlow, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – Support

Ken Osborne, Michigan Department of Treasury – No Position Given

Rebecca Park, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support

The following individuals submitted testimony cards, but did not wish to testify before the committee regarding HB 5189, HB 5190, and HB 5191:

David Gregory of Kelley Lawthorne, Green Stone Farm Credit – Support

Julie Stoneman, Heart of the Lakes – Support

Brad Garmon, Michigan Environmental Council – Support

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Schmidt to adopt the (S-1) version of HB 5189. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hune, Green, Schmidt, Booher, and Johnson

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Booher to report the (S-1) version of HB 5189 to the floor with recommendation that the bill then pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hune, Green, Schmidt, Booher, and Johnson

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Johnson to recommend immediate effect for HB 5189. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Schmidt to adopt the (S-1) version of HB 5190. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hune, Green, Schmidt, Booher, and Johnson

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the substitute was adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Schmidt to report the (S-1) version of HB 5190 to the floor with recommendation that the bill then pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hune, Green, Schmidt, Booher, and Johnson

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Booher to recommend immediate effect for HB 5190. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Schmidt to report HB 5191 to the floor with recommendation that the bill then pass. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Sen.(s) Hune, Green, Schmidt, Booher, and Johnson

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the bill was reported.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Johnson to recommend immediate effect for HB 5191. Without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion from Sen. Green to adopt the minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman announced that the remaining bills on the meeting's agenda would be taken up at a future meeting.

Being no further business before the Committee, the Chairman moved to adjourn the Agriculture meeting at 9:48 a.m. Without objection, the committee was adjourned.

Date Adopted by Committee: May 24, 2016