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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 10:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Garrett.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Brunner made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5050 (Pagel) Agriculture; animals; provision related to breeding of horses; repeal.

HB 5051 (Canfield) Taxation; specific tax; provision related to collection of specific taxes; repeal.

HB 5052 (Cole) Agriculture; animals; provision related to immature or unwholesome calves, pigs, kids, and lambs; repeal.

Representatives Pagel, Canfield and Cole reviewed the contents of the bills with Committee members.

Chair Lauwers laid the following bills before the Committee for the purpose of receiving testimony.

Representative Cole assumed the Chair.

HB 5189 (Lauwers) Land use; farmland and open space; value of credits not claimed under the farmland and open space preservation program; provide for transfer to the department of agriculture and rural development to pay for the implementation of part 361.

HB 5190 (Brett Roberts) Individual income tax; administration; earmark for unclaimed farmland tax credits and filing requirements; provide for and clarify.

HB 5191 (Lauwers) Taxation; administration; calculation of interest penalties related to certain credits; provide for.

Chair Lauwers and Representative Roberts reviewed provisions of the bills with the Committee.

Chair Lauwers returned to the Chair.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), and Rich Harlow, MDARD PA 116 Program Manager, spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5189, HB 5190 and HB 5191.

The Chair announced that the Committee would vote on HB 5050, HB 5051 and HB 5052 at this time.

Representative Cole made a motion to report HB 5050 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy. (16/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (16/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Cole made a motion to report HB 5051 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy. (16/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (16/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Cole made a motion to report HB 5052 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy. (16/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (16/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Cards for HB 5050-HB 5051 were submitted by:

Matt Blakely and Jim Bowes, representing MDARD, in support

Ken Osborne, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, in support

The Committee returned to testimony from MDARD on HB 5189-HB 5191.

Rebecca Park, Laura Braun and Brent Skinner, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, discussed HB 5189, HB 5190 and HB 5191 and indicated support for the bills.

Ken Osborne, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, spoke to the Committee in support of HB 5189-HB 5191.

A card indicating support for HB 5189-HB 5191 was submitted by Julie Steveman, representing Heart of the Lakes.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:25 a.m.

Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538