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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 10:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representatives Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

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

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Talabi, Garrett.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 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.

Rebecca Park and Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke to the Committee regarding Agriculture appropriate books for March is Reading month and Ag Literacy.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 5392 (Brett Roberts) Agriculture; products; regulation of purity, germination, and other seed testing; provide for.

Representative Roberts reviewed the contents of HB 5392 with the Committee.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), answered questions.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 5058 (Lauwers) Agriculture; weights and measures; provision related to agricultural liming material; repeal.

Chair Lauwers reviewed the provisions of the bill.

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, indicated a neutral position on HB 5058.

The Chair stated that no action would be taken on the bill at this meeting.

The Chair laid the following resolution before the Committee.

HR 230 (Cole) A resolution to declare March 5-12, 2016, as Agriculture Week in the state of Michigan.

Representative Cole reviewed HR 230 with the Committee.

The Chair stated that voting on HB 5392 and HR 230 would take place at this time.

Representative Roberts made a motion to report HB 5293 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, LaVoy. (14/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: Representative Driskell. (1/17) (14/0/1)

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

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt HR 230 (H-1).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Driskell, LaVoy. (15/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

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

Representative Cole made a motion to report HR 230 (H-1) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Driskell, LaVoy. (15/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

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

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:15 a.m.

Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538