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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2015      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, Courser, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett.**

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4017 (Farrington)      Food; other; persons donating food to nonprofit organizations or corporations that distribute donated food; provide immunity for.

Representative Brunner made a motion to amend HB 4017 as follows.

1. Amend page 2, line 10, after "**5104.**" by inserting "(1)".
2. Amend page 2, following line 21, by inserting:

**"(2) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT SERVES DONATED FOOD DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL EMPLOY OR DESIGNATE AS A FOOD SAFETY MANAGER AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CERTIFIED UNDER A PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2129(1) AND (5)."**

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Rendon, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (10/17)**

**Nays: Representatives Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Courser, B. Roberts. (7/17)**

**Pass: None. (0/17) (10/7/0)**

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

Representative Brunner made a motion to report HB 4017 (H-1) with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

**Nays: None. (0/17)**

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

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

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4175 (Johnson) Torts; liability; liability of persons under equine activity liability act; limit to willful or wanton acts under certain circumstances.

Representative Johnson briefly spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4175.

Larry Julian and Julie Fershtman, representing the Michigan Equine Partnership, spoke to the Committee in support of HB 4175.

Todd Tennis, representing the Negligence Law Section, spoke in opposition to HB 4175.

Cards for HB 4175 were submitted by:

Eugenie Eardley, representing the Michigan Association for Justice, in opposition

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support

Aaron Rice, representing Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show, in support

Aaron Bennett, representing The Michigan Harness Horsemen Association, in support

Claudia Carey, representing the Michigan Standardbred Breeders Association, in support

Jim Byrum, representing the Michigan Agri-Business Association, spoke to the Committee regarding the U.S. Agriculture Coalition for Cuba March 2015 Learning Journey. The following topics were reviewed: interaction goals with key sectors, a learning journey summary, groups from Michigan attending the Learning Journey, government issues, government discussions, interests, Cuban opportunities, Cuban agriculture, the emergence of agricultural co-ops, trade considerations, and conclusions.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:50 a.m.

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Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

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