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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, May 18, 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, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

SB 504 (Robertson) Gaming; horse racing; simulcast races; revise provisions related to, and make other general amendments.

SB 505 (Robertson) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for accepting wagers on live or simulcast horse races without a license; enact.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt SB 504 (H-1).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None. (0/17)

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

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

Erika Farley, representing Senator Robertson, reviewed the provisions of the bills with the Committee.

Larry Julian and Tom Barrett, representing the Michigan Harness Horsemen Association, spoke in opposition to the bills at this time.

Mike Carlo, representing Northville Downs, spoke in support of SB 504 (H-1) in concept.

Dave Murley and Bill Frank, representing the Gaming Control Board, spoke in opposition to SB 504, as currently written.

Dave Ladd, representing Hazel Park Raceway, spoke in support of the bills.

George Kutlenios, representing the Michigan Horsemen Benevolent Protection Association (MHBPA), spoke in support of the bills.

Cards were submitted by:

Rebecca Park, representing Michigan Farm Bureau, in support of SB 504 (H-1)

Gary Tinkle, representing Michigan HBPA, in support of SB 504 and SB 505

Henry Mast, representing Mast Thoroughbreds, in support, of SB 504 and SB 505

Bob Gorham, Kalamazoo, Michigan, in support of SB 504 and SB 505

Matt Schueller, representing the Michigan Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, in support of SB 504 and SB 505

Subsequent to discussion, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:45 a.m.

Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538