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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2016                      9:00 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.**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Garrett.**

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on May 25, 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.

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| SB 899 | (Stamas) | Trade; other; farm produce in possession of failed grain dealer; establish lien and revise allocation of proceeds.            |
| SB 900 | (Hune)   | Trade; other; farm produce insurance act; payment of producer premiums into farm produce insurance fund; revise requirements. |

Representative Johnson made a motion to report SB 900 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**Pass: None. (0/17) (14/0/0)**

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

Representative Johnson made a motion to adopt SB 899 (H-1).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**Pass: None. (0/17) (14/0/0)**

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

Representative Johnson made a motion to report SB 899 (H-1) with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**Pass: None. (0/17) (14/0/0)**

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

Cards for SB 899 and SB 900 were submitted by:

Jim Byrum, representing the Michigan Agribusiness Association, in support of SB 899 (H-1) and SB 900

David Geers, representing MAC, in support of SB 899 (H-1) and SB 900

Michael Janowicz, representing Cooperative Elevator Company, in support of SB 899 (H-1) and SB 900

David Gregory, representing GreenStone Farm Credit Services, in support of the bills

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support of SB 899 (H-1) and SB 900

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding the Michigan Bean Industry: Joe Cramer, representing the Michigan Bean Commission; Mike Janowicz, representing the Co-op Elevator Company; Jim Byrum, representing the Michigan Bean Shippers; and Kelsey Patterson, representing Western Michigan University. The following topics were reviewed: a 2016 U.N. Declaration; that dry beans are a major crop for Michigan; the economic impact of dry beans; that almost half of Michigan's dry bean production will be exported this year; logistics are key to moving dry beans from Michigan; goals of the Michigan bean industry; challenges and key issues; future opportunities regarding exports; the nutritional value of beans; and that beans are well-positioned to meet changing nutritional demands.

Subsequent to the presentation, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:24 a.m.

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Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538