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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, December 2, 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, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on November 4, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 5025 (Iden) Liquor; other; membership on the wine and grape council; expand.

Representative Iden reviewed the provisions of HB 5025 with the Committee.

Spencer Nevins, representing the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, discussed the contents of the bill and indicated a neutral position at this time.

Laura Bell, representing Bell's Brewery, spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of the bill.

Scott Graham, representing the Michigan Brewers Guild, spoke to the Committee in support of the bill.

Kerry Krone, representing the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, provided information for the Committee.

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

Subsequent to discussion, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:58 a.m.

Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538