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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9:00 a.m. Room 521 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, Driskell.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Talabi, LaVoy, Garrett.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on November 9, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Cole made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

SB 506 (Green) Agriculture; weights and measures; date reference in handbook; revise to 2014.

Representative Johnson made a motion to adopt SB 506 (H-1).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Driskell. (10/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

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

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

Emily Carney, representing Senator Green, reviewed the provisions of SB 506 with the Committee.

Bob Cleary, representing The Michigan Petroleum Association and The Michigan Oil Change Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Matt Blakely and Craig VanBuren, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), spoke to the Committee in support of SB 506.

Cards indicating support for SB 506 were submitted by:

Kurt Berryman, representing the Auto Dealers of Michigan

Dan Papineau, representing the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers

Chair Lauwers stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 9:12 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Representative Glardon made a motion to report SB 506 (H-1) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Driskell. (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.

The Chair indicated that SB 658, listed on the Committee agenda for the meeting, would not receive action at this time.

SB 658 (Jones) Animals; exotic; facilities holding large carnivores; modify obligations under large carnivore act.

Cards for SB 658 were submitted by:

Kirk Profit, representing the Detroit Zoo, in opposition

Scott Carter, representing the Detroit Zoological Society, in opposition

Lydia Sattler, representing the Humane Society of the United States, in opposition

Bee Friedlander, representing Attorneys for Animals, in opposition

Matt Blakely, representing MDARD, commented on the provisions of the bill.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:27 a.m.

Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538