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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 10:30 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Barrett, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Kivela, Sabo, Sneller.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Phelps.

Representative Howell made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on February 15, 2017. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

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

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4186 (Alexander) Animals; animal shelters; certain definition of animal; revise.

Representative Alexander made a motion to report HB 4186 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Kivela, Sabo, Sneller.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

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

Mary Kelpinski, Chief Executive Officer of the Michigan Pork Producers Association, provided a presentation to the Committee and reviewed the following topics: pork and the economy; modern farming practices; it's not your parents pork; pork in the late 1970's; pork has changed from 50 years ago to today; modern barns; breeding and birthing; nursery; finishing; animal health; USDA pork study findings; American Heart Association Heart-Check Mark; today's pork is better for you; communicating cooking temperature; the pork industry is growing; U.S. pork production impact; pork is No. 1 worldwide; U.S. growth correlates with FTAs; who is buying U.S. Pork; hog slaughter and packing plant capacity; the pork industry is growing; the Clements food group; and some top producer issues for 2017.

Subsequent to the presentation and with no further business before the Committee, Chair Barrett declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:59 a.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538