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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, April 19, 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 Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on March 29, 2017. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

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

Ray VanDriessche, representing Michigan Sugar Company, spoke to the Committee regarding: acres of sugar beets grown in Michigan; sugar beet factories; amounts of sugar beets grown; recent history; Michigan Sugar Company statistics; AmCane Acquisition; economic impact; sugar production from four factories; various markets (sugar, molasses, pulp); self-propelled processes; and industry progress.

Subsequent to the presentation and with no additional business before the Committee, Chair Barrett declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:20 a.m.

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Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538