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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, May 17, 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, Sabo, Sneller.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Phelps.

Representative Elder made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on April 19, 2017. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

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| HB 4561 (Lauwers) | Sales tax; exemptions; exemption for certain agricultural equipment; clarify. |
| HB 4562 (VanderWall) | Agriculture; other; reference to sales tax exemption under the agriculture loan program; revise and eliminate sunset. |
| HB 4563 (Rendon) | State financing and management; funds; reference to sales tax exemption for certain agriculture equipment; revise. |
| HB 4564 (Barrett) | Use tax; exemptions; exemption for certain agricultural equipment; clarify. |

Representatives Lauwers, VanderWall and Rendon reviewed the package of bills with the Committee.

Phil Korson, representing Cherry Marketing, spoke in support of the HB 4562.

Cards for the bills were submitted by:

Jason Wadaga, representing the United Equipment Dealers Association, in support of HB 4564

Scott Everett, representing the Michigan Land Improvement Association, in support of HB 4561 and HB 4564

Rebecca Park, representing Michigan Farm Bureau, in support of HB 4561-HB 4564
Ken Osborne, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, in support of HB 4561 and HB 4562

Matt Breslin, representing the Michigan Food Processors Association, in support of HB 4561-HB 4564

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4611 (Lauwers) Gaming; horse racing; third party facilitator licenses; provide for.

Representative Howell made a motion to adopt HB 4611 (H-1).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Sabo, Sneller. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

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

Representative Lauwers outlined the contents of HB 4611 (H-1) with the Committee and answered questions.

Robert Stocker, representing Dickinson Wright PLLC, spoke in opposition to HB 4611.

Cards for HB 4611 were submitted by:

Stephanie Johnson, Michigan HBPA, in support
Mike Krombeen, representing Northville Downs and the Michigan Harness Horsemen Association, in support
Dave Ladd, representing Hazel Park Raceway, in support
Rebecca Park, representing Michigan Farm Bureau, in support
Matt Schueller, representing the Michigan Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, in support
David Murley, representing the Michigan Gaming Control Board, in support
Tyrone Sanders, representing MGM Grand Detroit, in opposition
Shelly Stahl, representing Greektown Casino, in opposition
Bret Marr, representing Motor City Casino, in opposition (as introduced)
Sean Reed, representing Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, in opposition

Representative Alexander made a motion to report HB 4611 (H-1) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Sabo, Sneller. (9/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: Representative Albert. (1/11) (9/0/1)

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

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

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Barrett declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:10 a.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538