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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018 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, Cambensy.**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Phelps.**

Representative Howell made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on May 16, 2018. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5778 before the committee.

HB 5778 (Albert) Agriculture; animals; large carnivore act; amend to allow for breeding of large carnivores in certain situations.

Representative Albert explained his proposed substitute (H-3).

Representative Albert moved to adopt substitute (H-3) to HB 5778. The motion prevailed 10-1-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Sneller, Cambensy. (10/12)**

**Nays: Representative Sabo. (1/12)**

**Pass: None. (0/12) (10/1/0)**

Kirk Profit, representing the Detroit Zoological Society, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Ann Griffin, representing the Michigan Humane Society, submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Scott Everett, representing Oswald's Bear Ranch, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified with a neutral position on the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Elder explained his proposed substitute (H-1).

Representative Elder moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5778. The motion did not prevail 4-7-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Elder, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (4/12)**

**Nays: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick. (7/12)**

**Pass: None. (0/12) (4/7/0)**

Representative Albert moved to report out HB 5778 with recommendation, as substitute (H-3). The motion prevailed 7-4-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick. (7/12)**

**Nays: Representative Elder, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (4/12)**

**Pass: None. (0/12) (7/4/0)**

The Chair laid HB 6050 before the committee.

HB 6050 (Lauwers)                      Agriculture; animals; large carnivore act; amend to allow for breeding of black bears under certain conditions.

Representative Lauwers testified in support of his bill.

Scott Everett, representing Oswald's Bear Ranch, testified in support of HB 6050.

Ella Everett, representing herself, submitted a card in support of HB 6050, but did not wish to speak.

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 11:00 a.m.

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Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

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