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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, May 24, 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 Howell made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on May 17, 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 4561 (Lauwers) Sales tax; exemptions; exemption for certain agricultural equipment; clarify.

Representative Frederick made a motion to report HB 4561 with recommendation.

**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.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4562 (VanderWall) Agriculture; other; reference to sales tax exemption under the agriculture loan program; revise and eliminate sunset.

Representative Alexander made a motion to report HB 4562 with recommendation.

**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.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4563 (Rendon) State financing and management; funds; reference to sales tax exemption for certain agriculture equipment; revise.

Representative Albert made a motion to report HB 4563 with recommendation.

**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.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4564 (Barrett) Use tax; exemptions; exemption for certain agricultural equipment; clarify.

Representative Howell made a motion to report HB 4564 with recommendation.

**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.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4438 (Barrett) Environmental protection; sewage; exemption from domestic septage law; provide for portable toilets for farm laborers.

Rep. Barrett reviewed the provisions of HB 4438 with the Committee.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4438:

Matt Smego, representing Michigan Farm Bureau, in support

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), and Sara Howes, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), no position stated

Dave Snyder, representing the Michigan Septic Tank Association, in opposition

Ralph Bailey, representing the Michigan Septic Tank Association and American Rentals, in opposition

Cards for HB 4438 were submitted by:

Tony DesChenes, representing Potato Growers of Michigan, in support

Ben Kudwa, representing the Michigan Vegetable Council, in support

There being no additional business, 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