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HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Agriculture and Rural Development

DATE: March 16, 2017

Chairman Victory called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Representatives Victory, Whiteford, Pagel, LaSata, Hoadley, and LaGrand were present.

Representative Whiteford moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

The subcommittee heard testimony from Tim Slawinski, MDARD Food and Dairy Division, Food Safety Modernization (FSMA) manager. Mr. Slawinski indicated that the department had received a multi-year federal FDA grant to assist producers develop food safety plans. He also noted that failure to adopt FSMA practices will limit market access. A copy of the presentation is in the official House Fiscal Agency subcommittee minutes file.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Oran Hesterman, President and CEO of the Fair Food Network, on the Double-Up Food Bucks Program. Dr. Hesterman described the program and testified in support of the Governor's budget recommendations related to the program. Copies of Dr. Hesterman's handouts are in the official House Fiscal Agency subcommittee minutes file.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Dr. James Averill, State Veterinarian, on the history of Bovine TB in Michigan and on department activities related to Bovine TB containment. A copy of Dr. Averill's presentation is in the official House Fiscal Agency subcommittee minutes file.

Chairman Victory adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM without objection.