

DRAFT MINUTES

**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON
Agriculture and Rural Development**

DATE: March 22, 2016

Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 12:00, Noon. Representatives Jenkins, Victory, Pagel, Canfield, Hoadley and Singh were present. Representative Victory moved that the minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting be approved; the motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Rick McCune, representing the Michigan Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association on horse racing in Michigan.

The Chair offered a substitute for House Bill 5268 (H-1, Draft 1). Representative Victory moved to adopt the substitute. Representatives Jenkins, Victory, Pagel, Canfield, Hoadley and Singh voted in support of the motion; the substitute was adopted.

The House Fiscal Agency provided an overview of the bill and proposed MDARD budget.

Representative Hoadley offered Amendment #1, an amendment to add language to Section 701 to specifically include food hubs in eligible value-added grants. Representatives Jenkins, Victory, Pagel, Canfield, Hoadley and Singh voted in support of the motion; the amendment was adopted.

Representative Singh offered Amendment #2, an amendment to establish a \$100 placeholder for a new Animal agriculture initiative. Representatives Jenkins, Victory, Pagel, and Canfield voted no; Hoadley and Singh voted in support of the motion; the amendment was not adopted.

Representative Victory moved to report the bill, as amended, to the full committee on Appropriations. Representatives Jenkins, Victory, Pagel, Canfield, Hoadley and Singh voted in support of the motion; the motion was adopted.

Chairman Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM.