

## MINUTES

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

**DATE: March 23, 2017**

Chairman Victory called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Representatives Victory, Whiteford, Pagel, LaSata, Hoadley, and LaGrand were present. The subcommittee was joined by Representative Rabhi.

Representative Hoadley moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

The subcommittee heard testimony from representatives of Michigan agriculture and Michigan State University (MSU):

Matt Smego and Rebecca Park representing Michigan Farm Bureau  
George Quakenbush, Executive Vice President of Michigan Cattlemen Association, representing the Alliance for Animal Agriculture.  
Ted Sherman, representing Michigan Food Processors Association/Burnett Foods  
Phil Korson, representing the Michigan Cherry Marketing Institute  
Ronald Hendrik, Dean, MSU College of Agriculture & Natural Resources  
Doug Buhler, Director, MSU AgBioResearch  
Jeff Dwyer, Director, MSU Ag Extension.

Among other things, the testimony supported the Governor's budget recommendations for the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Testimony also supported additional funding for improvements to MSU's current food laboratory and for 3 mobile fruit and vegetable laboratories.

Copies of Mr. Sherman's handout, and copies of testimony of MSU administrators, as well as supporting material from MSU is in the official House Fiscal Agency subcommittee minutes file.

Chairman Victory adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM without objection.