

## Minutes of the State Agricultural and Bioeconomy Committee

Thursday, July 1, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Room 110 Farnum Building

- Chairman Van Woerkom called the Committee to order at 9:05 a.m.
- Members Present: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz and Whitmer.
- Senator Birkholz moved to approve the minutes from June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. His motion was supported by Senator Gilbert and approved unanimously.
- Chairman Van Woerkom briefly described the Cottage Food Industry Package of Bills HB 5280, HB 5837 & HB 5843.
- Chairman Van Woerkom invited Rep. Proos, Barnett & Byrnes to describe their package of bills.
- Chris Bardenhagen with the Michigan Organic Food & Farm Alliance testified in support of the Cottage Food Industry Package of Bills.
- Nancy Nyquist & Byron Beerbower with the Michigan Department of Agriculture testified in support of the Cottage Food Industry Package of Bills.
- Matt Smego with the Michigan Farm bureau supported the Cottage Food Industry Package of Bills but did not wish to testify.
- Maggie Smith with the Michigan Food & Farming Systems and Michigan Farmers Market Association supported the Cottage Food Industry Package of Bills but did not wish to testify.
- Tim Fisher with the Michigan Environmental Council supported the Cottage Food Industry Package of Bills but did not wish to testify.
- Senator Birkholz moved to report HB 5280 with recommendation. Her motion was supported by Senator Gilbert and was approved by the following vote:  
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz & Whitmer  
Neas: none  
Pass: none
- Senator Birkholz moved to give HB 5280 immediate effect. Her motion was supported by Sen. Gleason and was approved by the following vote:  
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz & Whitmer  
Neas: none  
Pass: none
- Senator Birkholz moved to report HB 5837 with recommendation. Her motion was supported by Senator Gilbert and was approved by the following vote:  
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz & Whitmer  
Neas: none  
Pass: none

- Senator Birkholz moved to give HB 5837 immediate effect. Her motion was supported by Sen. Gleason and was approved by the following vote:  
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz & Whitmer  
Neas: none  
Pass: none
- Senator Birkholz moved to report HB 5843 with recommendation. Her motion was supported by Senator Gilbert and was approved by the following vote:  
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz & Whitmer  
Neas: none  
Pass: none
- Senator Birkholz moved to give HB 5843 immediate effect. Her motion was supported by Sen. Gleason and was approved by the following vote:  
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz & Whitmer  
Neas: none  
Pass: none
- Chairman Van Woerkom invited Frank Raha from Rep. Hildenbrand's staff to describe HCR 52.
- Rich Harlow with the MI Department of Agriculture testified in support of HCR 52.
- Senator Gilbert moved to report HCR 52 with recommendation. His motion was supported by Senator Birkholz and was approved by the following vote:  
Yeas: Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz & Whitmer  
Neas: none  
Pass: none
- Chairman Van Woerkom moved to excuse Sen. Gleason.
- With no more business before the committee Senator Birkholz motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.