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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, February 24, 2011, at 9:10 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Hune (C), Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- HB 4212 Rep. Daley - Environmental protection; groundwater contamination; Michigan agriculture environmental assurance program (MAEAP); codify.
- SB 144 Sen. Green - State financing and management; funds; Michigan strategic fund 21st century investments; clarify certain definitions.

Senator Gleason motioned, and the body seconded, that the committee adopt the minutes of February 10, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Green, bill sponsor of SB144, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. Senator Green then answered questions from committee members.

Mike Finney, President and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), gave verbal testimony in support of SB144. Mr. Finney then answered questions from committee members.

Keith Creagh, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, gave verbal testimony in support of SB144. Mr. Creagh then answered questions from committee members.

Jim McBryde representing the MEDC gave verbal testimony in support of SB144. Mr. McBryde then answered questions from committee members.

Derek Bajema representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development gave verbal testimony in support of SB144. Mr. Bajema then answered questions from committee members.

Jim Byrum representing the Michigan Agribusiness Association gave verbal testimony in support of SB144. Mr. Byrum then answered questions from committee members.

Tonia Ritter representing the Michigan Farm Bureau gave verbal testimony in support of SB144. Ms. Ritter then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Hune gave a brief explanation of HB4212 on behalf of the bill sponsor, Representative Daley.

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Matt Smego representing the Michigan Farm Bureau submitted a testimony card in support of SB144 but did not wish to speak.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Gleason, to report SB144 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by the body, to give SB144 immediate effect.

The motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Booher motioned, supported by Senator Gleason, to report HB4212 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned, supported by Senator Gleason, to give HB4212 immediate effect.

The motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:38 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: March 10, 2011

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.)