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**AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

**SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, March 17, 2011, at 9:02 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:

- SB 46 Sen. Meekhof - Land use; zoning and growth management; production of ethanol in zoned agricultural land; authorize.

Senator Gleason motioned, supported by Senator Hansen, that the committee adopt the minutes of March 10, 2011. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Rachel Hoekstra, Legislative Aide to Senator Meekhof (bill sponsor of SB46) gave verbal testimony explaining the bill and the Senate Substitute S-7. Ms. Hoekstra then answered questions from committee members.

Jody Pollok-Newsom representing the Michigan Corn Growers Association gave verbal testimony in support of SB46. Ms. Pollok-Newsom then answered questions from committee members.

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of SB46 but did not wish to speak:

Theresa Sisung representing the Michigan Corn Growers Association  
Jamie Wilson representing the Michigan Corn Growers Association  
Tonia Ritter representing the Michigan Farm Bureau  
Frank VenKempen representing Grass Roots Energy, LLC  
Scott Sovereign representing Grass Roots Energy, LLC  
Russell Rasch representing Jim Rasch Farm

Derek Bajema representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development gave verbal testimony neutral to SB46. Mr. Bajema then answered questions from committee members.

Written testimony submitted by Rodney Nanney representing Building Place Consultants opposed to SB46 was read into the record.

Bill Anderson representing the Michigan Townships Association gave verbal testimony in support of SB46 with the understanding that some additional language changes would be worked out by the bill sponsor. Mr. Anderson then answered questions from committee members.

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Senator Booher motioned, supported by Senator Gleason, to adopt the Senate Substitute S-7 to SB46.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons motioned, supported by Senator Gleason, to report SB46 S-7 with recommendation.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned, supported by Senator Emmons, to give SB46 S-7 immediate effect.

The motion prevailed by unanimous support.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: May 19, 2011

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