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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN

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A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 9:04 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Senator Gleason motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of September 28, 2011.
Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- SB 725 Sen. Moolenaar Property tax; exemptions; qualified agricultural property; include property employing wildlife risk mitigation practices.
- SR 94 Sen. Emmons - A resolution to memorialize Congress and the United States Department of Labor to halt the implementation of proposed restrictions regarding youth employment on farms.

Senator Emmons, bill sponsor of SR 94, gave verbal testimony explaining the resolution. Senator Emmons then answered questions from committee members.

Rob Anderson, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, gave verbal testimony in support of SR94. Mr. Anderson then answered questions from committee members.

Trevor VanDyke, Legislative Aide to Senator Moolenaar bill sponsor of SB725, gave verbal testimony explaining the bill. Mr. VanDyke then answered questions from committee members.

Derek Bajema and Dr. James Averill representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development gave verbal and written testimony in support of SB725. Mr. Bajema and Dr. Averill then answered questions from committee members.

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, gave verbal and written testimony in support of SB725. Ms. Park then answered questions from committee members.

Senator Gleason motioned to excuse Senator Booher.
Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Emmons motioned to report with recommendation SB725.

Yeas: Hune, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

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Senator Hansen motioned to recommend immediate effect to SB725.
Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Emmons motioned to report with recommendation to adopt SR94.

Yeas: Hune, Emmons, Hansen

Nays: None

Pass: Gleason

The motion prevailed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Date approved by the Committee: March 8, 2012

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