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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, March 29, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Hune (C), Booher, Emmons, Hansen, Gleason
Excused: None
Absent: None

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- Presentation by Mark Baker, Bakers Green Acres, Missaukee County concerning the DNR Invasive Species Order and Declaratory Ruling and the impact on his farm operation.

Senator Booher introduced his constituent, Mr. Mark Baker, to speak on the DNR Invasive Species Order and Declaratory Ruling, as well as the impact it would have on his farm. A packet of information concerning the issue was distributed to committee members on behalf of Mr. Baker from the office of Senator Booher. Mr. Baker gave verbal testimony and then answered questions from committee members.

The following people testified concerning the DNR ruling:

- Representative Ed McBroom – Oppose
- Senator Tom Casperson – Oppose
- Representative Kevin Daley, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee – Oppose

The following people submitted testimony cards but were unable to speak on the DNR ruling due to time constraints:

- Dennis DeYoung, DeYoung Pork – Support
- Sam Hines, Agriculture Leaders of Michigan and Michigan Pork – Support

The following people submitted written testimony and information on the DNR ruling:

- Sam Hines, The Agricultural Leaders of Michigan – Support
- Rodney Stokes, Director of the Department of Natural Resources – Support

Senator Hansen motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of March 22, 2012. Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 10:00 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: April 19, 2012

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