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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, April 26, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110. The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

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

Excused: Emmons

Absent: None

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- SB 1075 (Sen. Hune) – Gaming; horse racing; miscellaneous changes to the horse racing law of 1995; enact.

The following people gave verbal testimony and answered questions on SB 1075:

- Richard Powers, Michigan Horsemen's Benevolent Protection Association (MI HBPA) – Support
- George Kutlenios, MI HBPA – Support
- Chrissy Kutlenios, Michigan Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (MTOBA) – Support
- Jessica Otten, Otten Family Farms – Support
- Phil Stommen, Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association (MHHA) – Support
- Mike Bale, President of Great Lakes Quarter Horse Association – Support
- William Gira, Oldfield Farm and Racehorse Breeder – Support
- Daniel Adkins, Hazel Park Harness Raceway – Support
- Shoshie Levine, Hazel Park Harness Raceway – Support
- Peter Ellsworth, MGM Grand – Oppose
- Mike O'Connor, MGM Grand – Oppose
- Amy Hawkins, Citizens for Traditional Values (CTV) – Oppose
- Rob Stano, Citizen – Neutral

The following people submitted written testimony on SB 1075:

- Edward Klobucher, City Manager of Hazel Park, MI – Support
- Amy Hawkins, CTV – Oppose

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak on SB 1075:

- Larry Julian, Michigan Standardbred Breeders Association – Support
- Tonia Ritter, Michigan Farm Bureau – Support
- Patti Dickenson, MTOBA – Support
- Brett Boyd, MHHA – Support
- Kevin McKenney, Mount Pleasant Meadows Track – Support

- Sean Reed, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe – Oppose

The Committee recessed at 9:21 a.m., and was called back to order by the Chair at 9:28 a.m.

Shoshie Levine gave verbal testimony explaining Amendment 1 and Amendment 2 to SB 1075.

Senator Gleason motioned to adopt Amendment 1 to SB 1075.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to adopt Amendment 2 to SB 1075.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned to report with recommendation SB 1075 as amended as a clean substitute.

Yeas: Hune, Booher, Hansen, Gleason

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Booher motioned to recommend immediate effect to SB 1075.

Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support.

Senator Booher motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of April 19, 2012.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Gleason motioned to excuse Senator Emmons. Without objection, the motion prevailed.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:36 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: May 24, 2012

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