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AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

SENATOR JOE HUNE, CHAIRMAN

DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee was held on Thursday, November 29, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Hune (C), Booher, and Hansen

Excused: Emmons and Gleason

Absent: None

Senator Hune announced the order of business:

- HB 5546 (Rep. Daley) – Gaming; horse racing; miscellaneous changes to the horse racing law of 1995; enact.

Representative Daley and Daniel Adkins of Hazel Park Harness Raceway were invited forward and gave verbal testimony explaining House Bill 5546. Representative Daley and Mr. Adkins then answered questions for committee members.

The following people gave verbal testimony in support of HB 5546:

- Daniel Rakieten, Michigan Harness Association
- William Gira, Michigan Harness Horsemen and Breeders

The following people gave verbal testimony on HB 5546, but remained neutral:

- Rob Stano, Citizen

The following people gave verbal testimony in opposition of HB 5546:

- Marvin Beatty, Greektown Casino
- Jacci Woods, Motor City Casino Hotel

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak in support of HB 5546:

- David Hartrook, Board of Directors and member of Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association (MHHA)
- Brooke Galloway, Michigan Harness Racing (MHR)
- Scott Galloway, MHR
- Rebecca Galloway, MHR
- Linn Hathaway, Chestnut Acres LCC, MHHA Board

- Tracee Hathaway, Chestnut Acres LCC
- Darrell Wright, Citizen
- Donna Cotton, Cotton Standardbreds
- Greg and Sharon West, Greg West Stable
- Karen Greengard, Michigan Standard Breeders Association
- Patricia Miller, Citizen
- Robert Miller, Citizen
- Richard Powers, Michigan HBPA
- Brad Comment, Michigan Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association
- Matt Smego, Michigan Farm Bureau
- Kevin McKinney, Mt Pleasant Meadows, Great Lakes Quarter Horse Association
- Mickey Knight, MHHA
- Mike Stommen, Citizen
- Chris Terrell, MHR and MHHA
- Crystal Serra, MHHA
- Mike Sweeney, MHHA

The following people submitted testimony cards but did not wish to speak in opposition to HB 5546:

- David Murley, Governor's Office

Senator Booher motioned that the committee adopt the minutes of June 14, 2012.

Without objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous voice.

Senator Hansen motioned to excuse absent members and, without objection, the committee so moved.

Senator Booher motioned to report with recommendation HB 5546.

Yeas: Hune (C), Booher, and Hansen

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen motioned to recommend immediate effect to HB 5546.

Without objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous support

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:57 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee:

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