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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 31, 2013

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture was held on October 31, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. Heard a presentation by the Michigan Wheat Program.
2. Heard testimony only on SB 560.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. She instructed the Clerk to call the roll. The following members were present: Chairman Hune, Sens. Booher, Emmons and Hansen, a quorum.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the committee minutes of June 13, 2013. Sen. Booher so moved. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion to excuse absent members. Sen. Emmons so moved. Without objection, absent members were excused.

The Chairman invited David Milligan and Jody Pollok-Newsom from the Michigan Wheat Program to give their presentation regarding an update on the progress of the Michigan Wheat Program.

The Chairman invited Sen. Bieda to summarize SB 560 for the committee.

The Chairman invited Anne Burns of Ingham County Animal Control to provide testimony regarding SB 560. She is in support of the bill.

The Chairman invited Linda Reider and Dr. Robert Fisher of the Michigan Humane Society to provide testimony regarding SB 560. They are in support of the bill.

The Chairman invited Jamie McAloon Lampman of Ingham County Animal Control to provide testimony regarding SB 560. She is in support of the bill.

The Chairman invited Vicki Deisner of the ASPCA to provide testimony regarding SB 560. She is in support of the bill.

The Chairman moved to recess the Senate Committee on Agriculture at 9:52 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

The Chairman invited Tom Miller of the Michigan Association of Animal Control Officers to provide testimony regarding SB 560. He is in support of the bill.

The Chairman invited Pam Sordyl of Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan to provide testimony regarding SB 560. She is in support of the bill.

The Chairman invited Karen Kazyak of Wishbone Pet Rescue and the Allegan County Animal Shelter to provide testimony regarding SB 560. She is in support of the bill.

The Chairman invited Dr. Nancy Frank and Derek Bajema to respond to questions by Senator Booher regarding SB 560. They are neutral on the bill.

The following provided a testimony card regarding SB 560, but did not wish to speak, and the Chairman read their cards into the record:

Joe Hudson, UP Bear Houndsmen Association – No position taken, has concerns
Matt Pedigo, Michigan Bear Hunters Association – No position taken, has concerns
Jim Wale, Michigan United Coon Hunters – No position taken, has concerns
Sara Chiswell, United Kennel Club – No position taken, has concerns
Kent Wood, Michigan Dog Hunting Federation – No position taken, has concerns
Matthew Kapp, Michigan Farm Bureau – Oppose
Mia McNeil, Kelley Cawthorne; Representing Protect Michigan Dogs – Oppose

Being no further business before the committee, Chairman Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 11:42 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee: 1/30/2014

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