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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2014

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture was held on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the Farnum Building, Room 110.

The agenda summary is as follows:

1. HB 5439: Reported with recommendation and immediate effect.
2. HB 5440: Reported with recommendation and immediate effect.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. The attendance was recorded as follows: Chairman Hune, Sens. Booher, Emmons, Hansen and Smith, a quorum.

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 2, 2014 meeting. Sen. Booher so moved, and without objection, the minutes were adopted.

The Chairman entertained a motion to excuse absent members. Sen. Smith so moved, and without objection, absent members were excused.

Sen. Emmons entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

The Chairman invited Rep. Daley to summarize HB 5439 for the committee.

The following provided testimony before the committee regarding HB 5439 and HB 5440:

- Everett Swift, MI Hemp – Support
- Nakita Swift, representing herself – Support
- Steve Sharpe, MI Hemp – Support
- Brad Deacon, MDARD – Neutral
- Joe Kheder, RXNB – Support

The following submitted a testimony card regarding HB 5439 and HB 5440, but did not wish to speak:

- Rebecca Park, Farm Bureau – Support

The Chairman invited David Bertram from Michigan State University to respond to questions regarding HB 5439 and HB 5440.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5439 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Smith so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Hune (C), Booher, Emmons and Smith

Nays: None

Excused: Sen. Hansen

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5439. Sen. Booher so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

The Chairman entertained a motion to report HB 5440 to the floor with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Sen. Emmons so moved, and a roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Sens. Hune (C), Booher, Emmons and Smith

Nays: None

Excused: Sen. Hansen

The motion prevailed.

The Chairman entertained a motion to recommend immediate effect for HB 5440. Sen. Smith so moved, and without objection, immediate effect was recommended.

Being no further business before the committee, Chairman Hune adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:28 a.m.

Date approved by the Committee:

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