

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 9:00 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Daley, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel, Brunner, Smiley, Hovey-Wright, LaVoy, Geiss, Talabi.

Representative Geiss made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2014. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 5195 (LaFontaine) Food; processors; wild game sausage; allow mixing of game from more than 1 owner and not butchered by a licensed food establishment if consumer is given written advisory.

Derek Bajema, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDARD), spoke to the Committee regarding a proposed amendment to HB 5195 (H-1).

Bob Culler, representing the Michigan Meat Association, spoke in support of HB 5195.

Representative Denby made a motion to adopt HB 5195 (H-1).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel, Brunner, Smiley, Hovey-Wright, LaVoy, Geiss, Talabi. (17/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (17/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative McBroom made a motion to amend HB 5195 (H-1) as follows.

1. Amend page 6, line 1, after “**ESTABLISHMENT**” by inserting a comma and “**EXCEPT WHEN ADDED TO RAW WILD GAME BUTCHERED BY A LICENSED FOOD ESTABLISHMENT.**”
2. Amend page 6, line 2, after “**FOODS**” by inserting a comma and “**EXCEPT FOR FOODS THAT ARE ADDED AS INGREDIENTS TO RAW WILD GAME DURING FINAL PRODUCT PROCESSING.**”

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel, Brunner, Smiley, Hovey-Wright, LaVoy, Geiss, Talabi. (17/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (17/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Denby made a motion to report HB 5195 (H-2) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel, Brunner, Smiley, Hovey-Wright, LaVoy, Geiss, Talabi. (17/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (17/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Rebecca Park and Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke to the Committee regarding Ag Day 2014 and discussed Agriculture Education and Leadership.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 5226 (McBroom) Natural resources; hunting; issuance of crop damage permits; expand to include bear.

Representative McBroom reviewed the provisions of HB 5226 with the Committee.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5226:

Trevor VanDyke and Adam Bump, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), neutral on the bill

Andrew Vermeesch, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support

Matt Evans, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), neutral on the bill

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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Daley declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:12 a.m.

Representative Kevin Daley, Chair

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