

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, May 14, 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.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Talabi.

Representative Smiley made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2014. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Brunner made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5439 (Daley) Agriculture; other; industrial hemp; authorize research.

HB 5440 (Pettalia) Controlled substances; marihuana; definition of "marihuana";
revise to exclude industrial hemp grown or cultivated for research.

Representatives Daley and Pettalia reviewed the provisions of the bills with the Committee.

Vicki Pontz and David Bertram, representing Michigan State University, spoke in support of the bills.

Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card indicating support for the bills.

Chair Daley stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 9:27 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Derek Bajema, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill and reviewed a proposed amendment.

Sgt. Amy Dehner, representing the Michigan State Police, spoke to the Committee and indicated a neutral position on the bills.

Representative Lauwers made a motion to amend HB 5339 as follows.

1. Amend page 2, following line 7, by inserting:

“ (2) The department or a college or university that transports industrial hemp as part of a research project authorized under this act shall include along with a shipment of industrial hemp a letter on the department’s or the college or university’s letterhead that provides notice that the shipment includes industrial hemp authorized under the industrial hemp research act.” And renumbering the remaining subsection.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, McBroom Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel, Brunner, Smiley, Hovey-Wright, LaVoy, Geiss. (16/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (16/0/0)

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

Representative Pagel made a motion to report HB 5439 (H-1) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, McBroom Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel, Brunner, Smiley, Hovey-Wright, LaVoy, Geiss. (16/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (16/0/0)

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

Representative Victory made a motion to report HB 5440 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, McBroom Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel, Brunner, Smiley, Hovey-Wright, LaVoy, Geiss. (16/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (16/0/0)

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

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Daley declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:38 a.m.