

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, November 12, 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, Gardon, Johnson, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel, Brunner, Smiley, Hovey-Wright, Geiss, Talabi.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative LaVoy.

Representative Rendon made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of October 1, 2014. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

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

Chair Daley stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 9:04 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Representative Denby assumed the Chair.

Vice-Chair Denby laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 5180 (Johnson) Agriculture; other; feed law; provide general amendments.

Brad Deacon and April Hunt, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), spoke to the Committee in support of HB 5180.

Cards indicating support for HB 5180 were submitted by:

Jim Miller, representing the Michigan Agri-Business Association

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau

Brad Deacon, Kevin Besey and Gian Alessandri, representing MDARD, spoke to the Committee regarding issues of interest within MDARD.

Subsequent to discussion, Vice-Chair Denby declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:34 a.m.

Representative Kevin Daley, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538