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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**February 3, 2016                      10:30 a.m.                      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett.**

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of January 27, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

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| HB 5053 (Hughes)   | Animals; dogs; certain provisions related to dog identification; repeal.                       |
| HB 5054 (Howrylak) | Agriculture; diseases and pests; provision related to nursery agent permit and fee; repeal.    |
| HB 5055 (Bizon)    | Agriculture; other; provision related to silos treated with polychlorinated biphenyls; repeal. |

Representatives Hughes and Bizon reviewed the provisions of HB 5053 and HB 5055 with the Committee. Chair Lauwers stated that the Committee would vote on these bills at this time and return to consideration of HB 5054 when Representative Howrylak reviewed it for the members.

Representative Hughes made a motion to report HB 5053 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (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 Cole made a motion to report HB 5055 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (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.

A card indicating support for HB 5053 was submitted by Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Humane Society.

Cards indicating support for HB 5053, HB 5054 and HB 5055 were submitted by Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, and Dr. James Averill, Brad Deacon and Gina Alessandri, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD).

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5189 (Lauwers) Land use; farmland and open space; value of credits not claimed under the farmland and open space preservation program; provide for transfer to the department of agriculture and rural development to pay for the implementation of part 361.

HB 5190 (Brett Roberts) Individual income tax; administration; earmark for unclaimed farmland tax credits and filing requirements; provide for and clarify.

HB 5191 (Lauwers) Taxation; administration; calculation of interest penalties related to certain credits; provide for.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt HB 5189 (H-1).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (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 Franz made a motion to report HB 5189 (H-1) with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (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 Roberts made a motion to adopt HB 5190 (H-1).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (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 Franz made a motion to report HB 5190 (H-1) with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (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 Cole made a motion to adopt HB 5191 (H-1).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (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 Rendon made a motion to report HB 5191 (H-1) with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy. (16/17)**

**Nays: Representative Garrett. (1/17)**

**Pass: None. (0/17) (16/1/0)**

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

Ken Osborne, representing the Department of Treasury, spoke in opposition to HB 5191. Mr. Osborne also submitted a card indicating no position on substitute versions of HB 5189 and HB 5190.

Cards for HB 5189, HB 5190 and HB 5191 were submitted by:

Becky Whaley, representing GreenStone Farm Credit Services, in support  
Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau  
Matt Smego (for Mike Wenkel), representing the Potato Growers of Michigan, in support

Gordon Wenk and Rich Harlow, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), neutral

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5166 (McBroom) Agriculture; aquaculture; Michigan aquaculture development act; expand to allow aquaculture facilities within the waters of the state.

HB 5167 (Cole) Natural resources; other; aquaculture facilities; authorize and provide for consolidated permitting.

HB 5168 (Cole) Animals; other; definition of aquaculture; provide for in the animal industry act.

Prior to remarks from Representatives McBroom and Cole, the Committee returned to consideration of HB 5054.

Representative Howrylak reviewed the provisions of the bill with Committee members.

Representative Cole made a motion to report HB 5054 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (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.

Returning to HB 5166-HB 5168, Representative Cole made a motion to adopt HB 5167 (H-1).

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (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.

Representatives McBroom and Cole reviewed the provisions of HB 5166, HB 5167 and HB 5168 with the Committee and answered questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of the bills:

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau  
Dan Vogler, representing the Michigan Aquaculture Association  
Kent Herrick, representing the Aquaculture Research Corporation  
Joe Colyn, representing Originz, LLC

Dr. James Averill and Brad Deacon, representing MDARD, were available to answer questions and indicated a neutral position on the bills.

Chris Weeks of Lansing, Michigan, submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bills.

David Peterson, representing the Great Lakes Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, submitted a card in opposition to HB 5166.

Additional cards indicating opposition to HB 5166-HB 5168 were submitted by:

Dan Eichinger, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs  
Tom Baird, representing the Anglers of the AuSable  
Robert Gordon of Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Dan Kimmel, representing the Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation  
Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council  
Jennifer McKay, representing the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council  
Dennis Eade, representing the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association  
Nate Drag, representing the Alliance for the Great Lakes  
Kristin Thomas, representing Trout Unlimited  
Don Sawyer, representing Anglers of the AuSable  
Kara Cook and Charlotte Johnson, representing the Michigan League of Conservation

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Liz Kirkwood, representing For the Love of Water (FLOW)  
Ron Burris, representing MUCC Board of Directors  
Tom Heritier, representing Saginaw Field & Stream, the Frankenmuth Conservation Club and the Sterling Sportsmen Association  
Carol Rose, representing the Upper Black River Council  
Jack VanRhee, representing the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club

Frank Krist, representing the Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association  
Marc Smith, representing the National Wildlife Federation  
Denny Grinold, representing the Michigan Charter Boat Association

Mike Berkowitz, representing the Sierra Club, submitted a card but did not state a position.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:58 a.m.

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Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538