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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, March 16, 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, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, LaVoy, Garrett.**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Driskell.**

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2016. 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.

Jim Nugent, Chairman, Michigan Fruit Tree Commission, spoke to the Committee regarding the responsibilities of the Commission and answered questions. Mr. Nugent introduced: Phil Korson, Executive Director, Cherry Marketing Institute; Rick Saylor, Northwest Michigan Tart Cherry Farmer; Fred Koenigsknecht, Southwest Michigan Fruit Grower; Mike VanAgtmael, West Central Farmer; Dawn Denke, Executive Director, MACMA Apple Division.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 5130 (Zemke)      Construction; code; definition of hoop house; provide for, and establish as a temporary structure.

Representative Zemke reviewed the provisions of HB 5130 with the Committee.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the Committee adjourned, the time being 11:08 a.m.

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Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (373-8538)