



# JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



APRIL 23, 2010



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MEP ANNUAL Meeting**  
April 27, 2010  
Radisson Hotel, Lansing

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION Meeting**  
May 6, 2010

**ASSOCIATIONS ONE**  
May 5 - 7, 2010  
Crowne Plaza Hotel -  
Union Station  
Indianapolis, IN

**MI FMAT Board Meeting**  
May 11, 2010  
Conference Call

**MCSA ANNUAL Meeting**  
May 19, 2010  
Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor

**NALI ANNUAL Meeting**  
June 17 - 20, 2010

**WISDOM IS THE  
REWARD YOU GET  
FOR A LIFETIME  
OF LISTENING  
WHEN YOU'D HAVE  
PREFERRED TO TALK.**

~DOUG LARSON

## 2010 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		SENATE	
▪ TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010	10:00 AM	▪ TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010	10:00 AM
▪ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010	1:30 PM	▪ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010	10:00 AM
▪ THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010	12:00 PM	▪ THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010	10:00 AM

## SENATE BILL 325

SB 325 final vote is expected in the State House of Representatives next week.

SB 325 introduced by Senator Basham will correct deficiencies in the statute regarding tracking devices on vehicles. The final floor substitute agreed upon by all interested parties includes an exemption for Professional Investigators during the course of an investigation. We appreciate all the effort of MCPI and all parties working together to strengthen this statute for the protection of Michigan citizens.

## COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS MICHIGAN'S AGRICULTURAL ROOTS

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture highlighted our state's agricultural roots at their meeting held April 14 at the Michigan Sugar Company in Bay City. The Michigan Sugar Company, a cooperative owned by over 1,000 sugarbeet growers, generate nearly \$400 million in direct economic activity annually and is the third largest beet sugar processor in the United States, annually producing nearly one billion pounds of sugar.

Commission Chair Todd Regis indicated a need for the Commission to see first-hand what is taking place in agriculture production, agribusiness, and the food sectors of Michigan. In addition to touring and meeting at Michigan Sugar Company, the Commission toured Star of the West Milling in Frankenmuth, which provides wheat flour products to over 150 different companies, many of which are Fortune 500 businesses. Also, the Commission heard presentations from Clay Galarneau from the Michigan Milk Producers Association; Bob Green with the Michigan Bean Commission; Clark Gerstacker with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan; and Keith Reinholt with Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee.

The Michigan Commission of Agriculture is a bipartisan body appointed by the Governor to provide oversight and policy direction for MDA's programs and approve the rules and regulations the department promulgates.

For additional information about Michigan's agriculture industry, visit MDA's Web site at [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda).

## SENATE SCHEDULES HEARINGS

The Senate appropriations subcommittee on agriculture has scheduled two hearings and plans to take public testimony on April 27, with a vote on their recommended budget for the MDA taken at the hearing on May 4.

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