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2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- RECESS THROUGH JANUARY 13, 2010

SENATE

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LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP 2009

Private Security Licensing PA 330 re-write is underway and is at the Bill drafter. Once the corrected copy of the draft is complete, Representative Booher will immediately introduce in the House of Representatives. A big thank you to the Board of Directors of Michigan Contract Security Association and Legislative Chairman Don Grant for their exemplary effort on this bill. We will continue to promote passage of the bill in 2010.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MCPI Quarterly Meeting
January 5, 2010
5:00 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel, Novi

MABA
Winter Conference &
Trade Show
January 11-13, 2010
Lansing Center

MI FMAT
Board Meeting
January 12, 2010
10:00 a.m.
MI Farm Bureau

MSBA & MHHA
Annual Meeting
January 23, 2010
4:00 p.m.
Flint, MI

**MICHIGAN CORN
GROWERS ASSOC.**
Annual Meeting
February 2, 2010
Cooley Law School

NALI
Mid-Winter Conference
February 4-6, 2010
Cottonwood Resort
Scottsdale, AZ

**“Broad-minded is just
another way of saying
a fellow is too lazy to
form an opinion”**

– Will Rogers.

Michigan Corn Growers and their staff are very busy with HB 4838, On-farm ethanol refining legislation. The bill has been introduced by Representative Meekhof and testimony has been taken in the Energy and Technology Committee, Chairman Rep. Jeff Mayes. The testimony will continue into 2010 as negotiations with MTA, MAC and MML continue on the perceived pre-emption to local units of government. A compromise agreement is being sought and then the bill can move forward to final passage.

Right to Ride legislation is currently in progress in the Senate and House which will reopen or keep open equine trail riding in Michigan. HB 4610 and SB 578 passed the Senate Agriculture and Bio-Economy Committee. SB 578 passed the full Senate and is now in the House pending final passage as amended. HB 4610 still awaits action in the Senate. The bills also create the Equine Trailways Advisory Council which will operate under N.R.E.P.A. and make recommendations to the Michigan Snowmobile and Trails Advisory Council on Pack and Saddle Trailways in this state.

The “Pure Michigan” campaign moved forward with passage in the House, bills that provide funding for tourism through tourism related tax collections. This additional revenue is for an advertising campaign and future growth with excess tax collections to fund revenue sharing commitments.

House And Senate Scheduling :

Both Chambers are on recess from 12/18/09, returning to Constitutionally required session on 1/13/09.

FARM MARKET GENERALLY ACCEPTED AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (GAAMPS)

The Michigan Agriculture Commission on Monday, December 14, 2009 voted to approve the Farm Market Generally Accepted Agriculture Management Practices (GAAMPS).

The Michigan Farm Market & Agri-Tourism Associations GAAMPS Committee has worked with the assistance of Michigan State University to write and submit a proposal for Farm Market GAAMPS.

For complete information visit http://www.michigan.gov/mda/0,1607,7-125-1567_1599_1605---,00.html

WINTER AND HOLIDAY HEALTH HAZARDS FOR LIVESTOCK, PETS

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) reminds animal owners to plan for routine winter hazards. Both pets and livestock are impacted by the harsh conditions during Michigan winters. Companion animals, particularly dogs and cats, are also impacted by severe winter weather. Animals kept indoors may have great difficulty adjusting to outdoor winter temperatures. Other winter precautions for companion animals include ensuring: access to water, access to shelter that is dry and free of drafts, protection from de-icing chemicals, which can irritate skin; and antifreeze, which tastes sweet to animals, but is extremely toxic.

For more information information, visit MDA's Web site at michigan.gov/gaamps.

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