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NEWS & NOTES



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Welcome to the first issue of News & Notes. We hope you can use this newsletter to stay in touch with the current events at the Capitol and around the state of Michigan.

2007

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

House of Representatives

- No session scheduled until 2008

Senate

- Thursday, December 27, 2007 — Sine Die 11:30 a.m.

2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Participating in the 2007 Census of Agriculture is an opportunity to show what a diverse and successful industry agriculture is for Michigan. By completing the Census you are also showing the nation the value of Michigan's \$60.1 billion and growing agriculture industry.

For the Census to be accurate and most beneficial, we need to make sure that every grower in Michigan is included. Every Michigan farmer and agriculture business operator, no matter the size or type of operation, should complete the Census. Report forms for the

2007 Census of Agriculture will be mailed to farm and agricultural business operators on December 28, 2007. You should receive your 2007 Census of Agriculture report form in early January 2008. Please submit your completed form no later than February 4, 2008.

BOARD OF CANVASSERS APPROVES BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR PART-TIME LEGISLATURE

The State board of canvassers approved the form of a petition to put a part-time legislature amendment to the state Constitution on the ballot. "This is something

I have been working toward since first coming to Lansing" said State Representative Jack Hoogendyk (R- Texas Township). "I am very pleased with the language

of this proposal because it includes the essential elements of making the legislature more effective and efficient."

For more information visit www.parttimelegislature.com.

GAAMPs PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

January 11, 2008 is the newly extended deadline for the public comment period on the Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs).

Written comments may be submitted to the MDA

Environmental Stewardship Division, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909, or via email to bearssa@michigan.gov by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 11, 2008.

MDA will forward all comments received

by the due date to the respective GAAMPs Task Force Chairpersons for consideration before the final review and adoption.

Visit www.michigan.gov/gaamps for a copy of the 2008 draft GAAMPs.

MICHIGAN EQUINE SURVEY

On December 13, 2007 the results of the Michigan Equine Survey were released at the Michigan Equine Conference.

200 industry leaders and equine enthusiasts participated in the conference to unify the industry and create new ideas and motion for the industry.

The survey results will soon be released online, visit www.miequine.com for more information.

UTILITY REGULATIONS UPDATE - P.A. 141

It now appears likely that HB 5524, legislation opponents claim would return the state's two giant electric utilities to semi-monopoly status, will stay home for the holidays. See www.michamber.com/mx/hm.asp?id=weeklycap#PA141 for more details.

SBT-TO-MBT BILL SIGNED

A technical cleanup bill that allows Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) tax credits to the soon-to-be-expired Single Business Tax (SBT) to also apply to the soon-to-be implemented Michigan Business Tax (MBT) was signed into law Friday.

SB 0910, sponsored by Sen. Jason Allen (R-Traverse City), is the first of what is expected to be an army of legislation signed in the coming days to change references from the SBT to the MBT.

Happy Holidays!
From Val, Larry, Nicole & Stephanie

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