

OHIO SENATE
Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Minutes
December 12, 2023
135th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources was called to order at 4:00 PM in the North Hearing Room of the Ohio Statehouse.

Attendance was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the December 5 meeting was reviewed and approved by the committee without objection.

Chairman Schaffer called up Senate Bill 156, sponsored by Senator Bill Reineke and Bob Hackett for its fourth hearing and for proponent, opponent, and interested party testimony.

No testimony was provided on Senate Bill 156.

Chairman Schaffer asked what the will of the committee was on Senate Bill 156.

Vice-Chairman Landis moved to favorably report the passage of Senate Bill 156.

The committee voted with five affirmative votes and zero negative votes and Senate Bill 156 was favorably reported to the committee on rules and reference.

Proponent, opponent, and interested party testimony on Senate Bill 156 concluded and constituted as its fourth hearing.

Chairman Schaffer called up Senate Bill 138, sponsored by State Senator Andrew Brenner for its second hearing for proponent testimony.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

1. Mary MacDonald, Ohio Craft Brewers Association, Proponent
2. John Haggerty, Warped Wing Brewing Co., Proponent
3. Alan Sutzer, Wolf's Ridge Brewing, Proponent

Questions and comments from the committee on the testimony were heard.

Written Testimony on the bill was also provided by the following individuals:

1. Sam DeWitt, Brewers Association , Proponent

Proponent testimony on Senate Bill 138 concluded and constituted as its second hearing.

Chairman Schaffer called up House Bill 162, sponsored by State Representative Roy Klopfenstein and State Representative Darrell Kick for its second hearing for proponent, opponent, and interested party testimony.

No in-person testimony was provided on House Bill 162.

Written Testimony on the bill was provided by the following individuals:

1. Kirk Bloir, The Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Proponent
2. Paul Harris, Ohio Fair Managers Association, Proponent

Proponent testimony on House Bill 162 concluded and constituted as its second hearing.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Tim Schaffer, Chair