

October 29, 2009 MAFE update

An update from today's legislative activities:

The Senate Agriculture Policy committee passed SB 955, 956, 957 and 958 with immediate effect to the full Senate. SB 955 through 958 will be voted on next week. These bills restore the ORC under the Department of Agriculture.

The full House of Representatives passed HB 4288 with 105 yeas and 1 nay vote cast. The House also supported immediate effect. HB 4288 now moves to the Senate for action next week. This bill restores funding to the ORC and Fairs, Racing & Producer Security to some degree.

Next Tuesday or Wednesday, the Senate Appropriation Committee will address over riding the Governors Executive Order 2009-45. This places Horse Racing in Gaming and removes the staff from the Department of Agriculture (we would like this overturned).

**You can find these bills on line at:** <http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

Please contact your legislators and ask them to support this legislation. **It is critical to pass all of these bills by November 5, 2009 or folks like Cinda Karlik will be laid off and there will be NO MORE racing in Michigan .**

**MSU Extension update:** [Granholm to spare MSU extension from cuts](http://www.freep.com/article/20091029/NEWS06/91029053/1320/Granholm-to-spare-MSU-extension-from-cuts), click here:  
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