

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **HB 2012** be amended by substituting with a new bill to be designated as "Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2012," as follows:

"Substitute for HOUSE BILL NO. 2012

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

"AN ACT concerning agriculture; establishing the ethanol grant program fund; requiring the secretary of agriculture to administer such fund; transferring an amount of not to exceed \$5,000,000 from the state general fund to the ethanol grant program fund on July 1, 2026, and each July 1 thereafter; establishing the ethanol grant program; allowing approved retailers to receive a reimbursement grant at a rate of not to exceed \$.05 per gallon of higher ethanol blend sold; setting a \$500,000 cap per fiscal year for each approved retailer; requiring the secretary to prorate the total amount of grant moneys distributed to each approved retailer if the total amount of the approved grants for a fiscal year exceeds the amount transferred; abolishing the ethanol grant program fund on September 1, 2030.";

And the substitute bill be passed.

_____ Chairperson