

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Thursday, June 12, 2014 9:45 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Daley, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel, Brunner, Smiley, LaVoy, Geiss, Talabi.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Hovey-Wright.

Representative Geiss made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 4, 2014. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Brunner made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 5666 (Outman) Counties; boards and commissions; certain counties to levy a special tax or appropriate from the county general funds for the purpose of advertising agricultural advantages; revise to allow.

Representative Kurtz made a motion to adopt HB 5666 (H-1).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel. (11/17)

Nays: Representatives Brunner, Smiley, LaVoy, Geiss, Talabi. (5/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (11/5/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Smiley made a motion to amend HB 5666 (H-1) as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 14, after "400,000" by inserting a comma and "**OR THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY THAT APPROVES LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX UNDER THIS ACT WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE 2014 AMENDATORY ACT THAT AMENDED THIS SECTION,**".

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Brunner, Smiley, LaVoy, Geiss, Talabi. (5/17)

Nays: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel. (10/17)

Pass: Representative McBroom. (1/17) (5/10/1)

An insufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion did not prevail.

Representative LaVoy made a motion to amend HB 5666 (H-1) as follows.

1. Amend page 2, line 12, after "Sec. 1." by striking out "The" and inserting "**(1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), THE**".

2. Amend page 3, following line 10, by inserting:

"(2) THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY MAY LEVY A SPECIAL TAX ON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THAT COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A FUND TO BE USED FOR ADVERTISING AGRICULTURAL OR INDUSTRIAL ADVANTAGES OF THIS STATE OR THE COUNTY OR ANY PART OF THIS STATE, OR FOR COLLECTING, PREPARING, OR MAINTAINING AN EXHIBITION OF THE PRODUCTS AND INDUSTRIES OF THE COUNTY AT ANY DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN EXPOSITION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING IMMIGRATION AND INCREASING THE TRADE IN THE PRODUCTS OF THIS STATE, OR ADVERTISING THIS STATE AND ANY PORTION OF THIS STATE FOR TOURISTS AND RESORTERS, IF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS IN THE COUNTY VOTING ON THE SPECIAL TAX AT AN ELECTION APPROVE THE SPECIAL TAX. THE PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL TAX SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY BY RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. IF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS IN THE COUNTY VOTING ON THE QUESTION OF A SPECIAL TAX APPROVE THE PROPOSAL, THE TAX LEVY IS AUTHORIZED. THE TOTAL TAX LEVIED IN ANY 1 YEAR SHALL NOT EXCEED 5 CENTS ON EACH \$100.00 OF TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY ACCORDING TO THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS. THE SUMS RAISED SHALL BE USED AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)."

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Brunner, Smiley, LaVoy, Geiss, Talabi. (5/17)

Nays: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers, Pagel. (10/17)

Pass: Representative McBroom. (1/17) (5/10/1)

An insufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion did not prevail.

Representative Outman made a motion to report HB 5666 (H-1) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Glardon, Johnson, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Victory, Lauwers. (10/17)

Nays: Representatives Pagel, Brunner, Smiley, LaVoy, Geiss, Talabi. (6/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (10/6/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Cards for HB 5666 were submitted by:

Kirk Profit, representing Albert Berriz, McKinley Associates, in support of HB 5666 (H-1)

Kirk Profit, representing Washtenaw County and Washtenaw County 4-H, in support of HB 5666 (H-1)

Jim Casha of Norwich, Ontario, Canada, in support (with amendment)

Tim Sowton, representing Business Leaders for Michigan, in support of HB 5666 (H-1)

Mary Kerr, representing Ann Arbor Area CVB, in support of HB 5666 (H-1)

Paul Krutko, representing Ann Arbor SPARK, in support of HB 5666 (H-1)

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in opposition

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Daley declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:58 a.m.

Representative Kevin Daley, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (5170 373-8538)