

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM

MINUTES FOR March 11, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, in rooms 402 / 403 of the Capitol Building. Senator Sanborn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance was recorded as follows:

Present: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs
Excused: None
Absent: None

The Agenda Summary is as follows:

Senate Bill 0108 - Reported with favorable recommendation and I.E.

Senate Bill 0186 - Reported the (S-1) version with favorable recommendation and I.E.

Senate Bill 0323 - Reported with favorable recommendation and I.E.

The Chair began by taking roll and asking members to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of February 11, 2009. A motion was offered by Senator Gilbert, support given by Senator Allen, and the members approved the minutes by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Approval of the minutes from the 02-11-09 meeting:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Hunter, and Jacobs

Nays: None

The Chair began with Senate Bill 108, sponsored by Senator Kahn.

Senate Bill 108 introduced by Senator Kahn; Gaming; bingo and charitable gaming; eligibility for charitable gaming licenses; expand to include an auxiliary of a national veterans' organization.

The sponsor offered testimony on the background of the bill, and explained its importance to Veteran organizations.

Senator Allen then made a motion to report Senate Bill 108 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0 as follows;

Report Senate Bill 108 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Allen, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs
Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Jacobs. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 108:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs
Nays: None

The Chair then moved on to the next item on the agenda, Senate Bill 186.

Senate Bill 186 introduced by Senator Pappageorge; Liquor; licenses; "catering permit" for on-premises licensees to serve alcohol at locations other than the licensed premises under certain circumstances; provide for.

The following individuals submitted cards on the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Bonnie Bochniak, MI Food and Beverage Association, in support
- Kim Rhead, Assoc. Food & Petroleum Dealers, opposed
- Noel LaPorte, MI Licensed Beverage Assn., in support
- Linda Gobbler, MI Grocers' Association, supporting the bill in concept

Andy Deloney, on behalf of the MI Restaurant Association, spoke in support of the legislation.

Ken Wozniak, with the MI Liquor Control Commission, testified that they were not taking a position on the bill.

Senator Allen then made a motion to adopt the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 186. Support was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0 as follows:

Adopt the (S-1) version of SB 186:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs
Nays: None

Senator Jacobs gave a brief explanation of her intention to pass on the vote to report the bill.

Senator Richardville then made a motion to report the (S-1) version of Senate Bill 186 with the committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0 as follows:

Report the (S-1) version of SB 186 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, and Thomas
Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Gilbert. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Allen and the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0 as follows:

Report (S-1) version of SB 202 with recommendation for immediate effect:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, Gilbert, and Thomas
Nays: None

The Chair began with Senate Bill 323, sponsored by Senator Pappageorge.

Senate Bill 323 introduced by Senator Pappageorge; Economic development; brownfield redevelopment authority; definition of eligible activities; revise.

The sponsor deferred his opportunity to speak to Jim McBryde, of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

The following individuals submitted cards on the bill but did not wish to speak:

- Brian Kandler, Detroit Regional Chamber, in support
- Hunter Richardson, The Pavilians of Troy, in support

Further comment was offered by Senator Thomas.

Senator Thomas then made a motion to report Senate Bill 323 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows;

Report Senate Bill 323 with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Gilbert, Allen, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs
Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Gilbert. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Allen and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows:

Recommend immediate effect for Senate Bill 323:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter, and Jacobs
Nays: None

Being no further business, Senator Sanborn adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.