

Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism was held Tuesday, June 1, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. in room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Members present: Senators Allen, Nofs, Stamas and Clarke

Members excused: Senator Hunter

Senator Allen called the meeting to order.

Senator Nofs moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held Tuesday, May 25, 2010 with unanimous consent. Senator Clarke supported the motion. By unanimous consent, the minutes from the meeting were adopted.

Senator Allen laid before the committee Senate Bill 1343 (Senator Stamas).

Paul Connors, from the Senate Majority Policy Office, testified in explanation of the bill.

Charlie Pryde, representing the Ford Motor Company, supported the bill and did not wish to testify.

Senator Stamas moved that Senate Bill 1343 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. Senator Nofs supported the motion. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Nofs, Stamas and Clarke (4/5)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hunter (1)

Senator Nofs moved that Senate Bill 1343 be given immediate effect. Senator Stamas supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Nofs, Stamas and Clarke (4/5)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senator Hunter (1)

Senator Allen put before the committee Senate Bills 1079-1084 (Next Michigan Development Corporation (NMDC) package).

Paul Connors, from the Senate Majority Policy Office, testified in explanation of the bills and the substitute for SB 1080 (S-2). Mr. Connors explained that the substitute added an additional 10 floating renaissance zones, allowed locals to negotiate payment in lieu of taxes (PILT), anti-poaching measures in terms of businesses located in other parts of the state, and changing the approval time to 60 days for the Michigan Strategic Fund President to certify or deny applicants.

Senator Allen asked Mr. Connors to present an analysis of the impact of the PILT portion of the substitute at the next hearing. Additionally, Senator Allen asked Mr. Connors for further clarification about the 5 NMDC zones and the 10 floating renaissance zones. Mr. Connors explained that of the 5 NMDC zones, one is assumed to be for the Detroit Metro/Willow Run airport zone, while the other four could be utilized anywhere in the state. Mr. Connors further explained that the 10 floating renaissance would apply to the business and not a generalized site or complex.

Marsha Ennis, representing Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation, supported the bills and did not wish to testify.

Phil Vaughn, representing Ironworkers #25, supported the bills and did not wish to testify.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, supported the bills and did not wish to testify.

Linda Canada, representing the International Union of Operating Engineers #324, supported the bills and did not wish to testify.

Brian Brawnck, representing the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council, supported the bills and did not wish to testify.

Jerry Griffin, representing the Wayne County Executive Office, supported the bills. Mr. Griffin pressed upon the committee to give the package priority. Mr. Griffin stated that the package would spur job creation and that the citizens of Michigan looked to the government to help with job creation. Mr. Griffin stated that the Wayne County Executive Office has met with interested parties, including the Oakland County

Executive, and that they have gained support and were continuing to overcome obstacles to achieve further support.

Senator Allen asked the committee members to review the bills and substitute in this package, and stated that he was open to suggestions and discussions about these bills. Senator Allen stated his intention to continue to work on this package in the immediate future.

Senator Allen adjourned the committee 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren K. Michalak
Committee Clerk

Jason E. Allen
Chairman

Date Approved by Committee