

Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism was held Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 100 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members present: Senators Allen, Nofs and Hunter

Members excused: Senators Stamas and Clarke

Senator Allen called the meeting to order and recessed at the call of the chair.

Senator Allen reconvened the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Senator Hunter moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held December 1, 2010 with unanimous consent. Senator Nofs supported the motion. By unanimous consent, the minutes from the meeting were adopted.

Senator Allen laid before the committee House Bill 6245.

Ken Osborne testified in explanation of the bill. Mr. Osborne explained that the bill would allow for the extension of the current property tax exemption for Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) house projects so that it also applies to specific taxes imposed in lieu of property taxes.

Robert Jones, representing MSHDA, supported the bill and did not wish to testify.

Senator Hunter moved that House Bill 6245 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 and Hunter (3/5)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Stamas and Clarke (2)

Senator Hunter moved that House Bill 6245 be given immediate effect. 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 and Hunter (3/5)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Stamas and Clarke (2)

Senator Allen laid before the committee House Bill 5724.

Larry Steckelberg, representing the Department of Treasury, testified in opposition to the bill. Mr. Steckelberg stated his belief that treasurers can already do what the bill is enabling, and raised his objections to what he viewed as elaborate record keeping requirements in the bill.

Senator Allen asked that Mr. Steckelberg put together language to remedy these issues and that he would work on fixing the bill on the floor.

Evie Zois, representing the Michigan Association of County Treasurers, opposed the bill and did not wish to testify.

Senator Hunter moved that House Bill 5724 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 and Hunter (3/5)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Stamas and Clarke (2)

Senator Hunter moved that House Bill 5724 be given immediate effect. 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 and Hunter (3/5)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: Senators Stamas and Clarke (2)

Senator Allen recessed the committee at the call of the chair at 9:51 a.m.

Senator Allen adjourned the committee from the floor of the Senate at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren K. Michalak
Committee Clerk

Jason E. Allen
Chairman

Date Approved by Committee