



**House  
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## CONVEY ARMORY PROPERTY TO OWOSSO

House Bill 5933 with committee amendment  
First Analysis (9-26-90)

Sponsor: Rep. Francis R. Spaniola  
Committee: State Affairs

### ***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

A new national guard armory is under construction in Corunna that will replace the old armory in the neighboring city of Owosso. The city of Owosso has requested that that property be conveyed to it. The armory is situated across from Curwood Castle, a state attraction, and is in the center of Owosso's historic park. The city would not tear down the old armory. Instead, it would solicit proposals from community leaders and developers for ideas on the best use of the property, and would have the building retrofitted for whatever use is adopted. Legislation is needed to effect this conveyance.

### ***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

The bill would authorize the State Administrative Board to convey property in Shiawassee County to the City of Owosso for consideration of \$1. The property is now under the jurisdiction of the Department of Military Affairs, and the conveyance could not be entered into until a new national guard armory in Corunna, Michigan, on Highway M-71, had been completed. In addition, the conveyance would specify that the property be used only for public purposes, open to all residents of the state on the same terms and conditions, that upon termination of that use would revert immediately to the state, with the state assuming no liability for any improvements, and that the state would retain all mineral rights.

### ***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

Fiscal information is not available.

### ***ARGUMENTS:***

#### ***For:***

The bill would permit the City of Owosso to retain a building that is of historic value to the city. Since the armory is located in the city's historic park area, it makes sense to allow the city to retain an important part of its history.

### ***POSITIONS:***

The City of Owosso supports the bill. (9-26-90)

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