

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY
REFORM**

MINUTES FOR May 06, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform was held on Wednesday, May 06, 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, Hunter, and Jacobs
Excused: Senator Thomas
Absent: None

The Agenda Summary is as follows:

Senate Bill 0358 - Reported with favorable recommendation and I.E.

**Senate Bill 0426 - Reported the (S-1) version with favorable recommendation and I.E.
(SB 142 was posted on the notice, but pulled from the Committee's agenda)**

The Chair began by taking roll and asking members to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of April 29, 2009. A motion was offered by Senator Allen, support given by Senator Gilbert, and the members approved the minutes by a vote of 5 to 0 as follows:

Approval of the minutes from the 04-29-09 meeting:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Allen, Gilbert, Thomas, and Jacobs

Nays: None

The Chair began with Senate Bill 0358, sponsored by Senator Kahn.

Senate Bill 0358 introduced by Senator Kahn; Economic development; local development financing; smart zones; establish 2 additional zones.

Dave Biswas, representing Senator Kahn, offered testimony on the background of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

Jim McBryde and JoAnn Crarey, of the Michigan Economic Development Corp, and Saginaw Future, offered testimony in support of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

Senator Gilbert then made a motion to report Senate Bill 0358 with the Committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Allen and the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 as follows;

Report Senate Bill 0358 with favorable recommendation:

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

Nays: None

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Richardville. 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 0358:

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

Nays: None

The Chair then moved on to the next item on the agenda, Senate Bill 0426.

Senate Bill 0426 introduced by Senator Brown; Economic development; plant rehabilitation; abatement eligibility; expand to include certain modular housing manufacturer.

Kendra Everett, speaking on behalf of Senator Brown, gave testimony on the background of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

Larry Steckelberg, with the Michigan Department of Treasury, spoke of the Department's opposition to the bill.

Discussion followed.

Bill Anderson, with Michigan Townships Association, offered testimony in opposition to the measure.

Senator Gilbert offered an amendment to the bill.

Jamie Clover Adams, of the Senate Majority Policy Office, explained the amendment.

Senator Gilbert then made a motion that the committee adopt his amendment. Support was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1 as follows:

Adopt the Sanborn amendment to SB 0432:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, and Gilbert

Nays: Senator Hunter

Senator Gilbert then made a motion to report Senate Bill 0426 as amended with the committee's favorable recommendation. Support was offered by Senator Richardville and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1 as follows:

Report SB 0432 as amended with favorable recommendation:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, and Gilbert

Nays: Senator Hunter

A motion to recommend immediate effect was offered by Senator Allen. Support for the motion was offered by Senator Gilbert and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 2 as follows:

Report SB 0432 as amended with recommendation for immediate effect:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Allen, and Gilbert

Nays: Senators Hunter and Jacobs

The Chair then requested the bill drafter from the Legislative Service Bureau to create a substitute that incorporates the amendment into the bill, to be recognized as the S-1 version.

Senator Allen moved that members absent be excused. The motion was supported by Senator Sanborn without opposition.

Being no further business, Senator Sanborn adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.