

Rep. Bennett offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 54.

A concurrent resolution to approve the Third Amendment to the compact between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan providing for the conduct of Class III gaming by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Whereas, The United States Congress enacted the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) to provide a statutory framework for the establishment of tribal Class III gaming through negotiations between a state and a federally recognized Indian tribe; and

Whereas, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, a federally recognized Indian tribe, and the State of Michigan entered into a gaming compact allowing a single tribal Class III gaming facility. The compact was signed on December 3, 1998, and concurred in by the Michigan Legislature with the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution No. 115 in December 1998. This compact was amended in January 2008 by the Governor and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

Whereas, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' current compact prohibits the sale of alcohol and tobacco to minors at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' current and proposed gaming facility; and

Whereas, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' compact provides that persons under 21 years of age may not participate in gaming at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' current and proposed gaming facility; and

Whereas, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' compact amendments provide additional safeguards for revenue payments to the state of Michigan when compared to the prior approved gaming compacts; and

Whereas, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' compact amendments also contain terms and conditions more beneficial to the state similar to the Gun Lake Band's compact; and

Whereas, The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' compact amendments also contain terms and conditions for the proposed Muskegon tribal casino revenue sharing that reserve revenue for the Michigan State School Aid Fund; and

Whereas, In March 2010, the Governor and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians negotiated and signed two additional amendments to the 1998 compact. The Third Amendment, signed by the Governor on March 19, 2010, amends the compact definition of "Eligible Indian Lands" in order to allow a second tribal Class III gaming facility in Muskegon County. To take effect, the Third Amendment requires, among other conditions, approval by resolution by both houses of the Michigan Legislature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we approve the Third Amendment to the compact between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the State of Michigan providing for the conduct of Class III gaming by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, representatives of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and the United States Secretary of the Interior.