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TRANSFER LAND FOR ARMORY COMPLEX

House Bill 5180 as passed by the House
Second Analysis (1-12-88)

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Sponsor: Rep. Rick Sitz
Committee: State Affairs

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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

A specific portion of state land in Ypsilanti township — approximately nine acres worth — known as the Ypsilanti armory property was originally set aside as the construction site for a state armory. But now that state plans for building the armory have been put into motion, the original plans for a single armory have been scrapped; instead, the state sees the need to consolidate two different armories into one multi-complex armory. This multi-complex armory would combine the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor armories into one larger complex. The land originally set aside for the armory, however, is too small to accommodate the new plans. The state's Department of Military Affairs, therefore, requested that a 20-acre piece of land owned by Ypsilanti, and comparable in value to the current property, be transferred to the state for the current nine-acre site.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Military Affairs does not oppose the bill. (1-12-88)

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would authorize the Department of Military Affairs to transfer a portion of state-owned land known as the Ypsilanti armory property to Ypsilanti township in exchange for property of approximately equal or greater value suitable for constructing a state armory complex. In addition, the bill would require that the property be used only for "recreational" purposes, and that upon termination of that use, or upon use for any other purpose, the title to the property would revert to the state immediately, without liability on the part of the state for any improvements made to the property by Ypsilanti township.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Department of Military Affairs reports the bill would have no fiscal impact on the state. (1-12-88)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The bill would allow the state to continue with its plans to build a multi-complex armory — tentatively referred to as the Washtenaw Armory Complex — which would be a consolidation of the Ann Arbor armory and the proposed Ypsilanti armory. The land set aside for the originally proposed Ypsilanti armory is too small for the complex currently being planned. Since the current nine-acre plot is comparable in value to the proposed 20-acre plot, the transfer will not affect state expenditures.

For:

The bill would ensure that Ypsilanti township used the land for recreational use only and would guarantee that, should the township decide to use the land for any other purpose, the title of the land would revert back to the state with the township having liability for any costs incurred in altering the land for another purpose.

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