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NEW BUFFALO TWP CONVEYANCE

House Bill 5528

Sponsor: Rep. Carl Gnodtke

Committee: Regulatory Affairs

Complete to 2-14-96

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5528 AS INTRODUCED 1-30-96

The bill would allow the Department of Transportation to convey two parcels of land in Berrien County to New Buffalo Township for \$1.00. The bill would specify that a certain part of one of the parcels would be excluded from the conveyance. (Currently, an antenna that is used by various agencies in the area is located on the piece of the property that would not be conveyed.) The property conveyed could be used for municipal public purposes only, and would revert back to state ownership if used for any other purpose. The conveyance would be by quitclaim deed approved by the attorney general, and the state would reserve all mineral rights. Revenue received by the conveyance would be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

(The two adjacent parcels specified in the bill combine to form a pie-shaped area near the intersection of I-94, US 10, and Red Arrow Highway and contain an old scale house from a weigh station that was closed in the early 1970s and a state police post building and parking lot. Both are currently vacant. The state police post was relocated to a new facility in May of 1995. According to a representative of New Buffalo Township, plans under consideration include the relocation of the New Buffalo Area Emergency Services [a 24-hour paramedic service] to a portion of the building, and a substation for the Berrien County Sheriff's Department and an office to be used by the state police as an interview room in other portions of the building.)

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