

House Bill 6234 as introduced
First Analysis (12-4-02)

Sponsor: Rep. Tom Meyer
Committee: Regulatory Reform

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

Since December 1991 the Village of Caseville, located in Huron County, has leased property from the state located at the mouth of the Pigeon River. This area, known as Point Park, encompasses approximately two acres and includes 150 feet of lake footage. In May, the Caseville Village Council passed resolution 2002-52 requesting the transfer of the property from the state to the village. Legislation has been introduced that would convey the property to the village.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would allow the Department of Natural Resources to convey certain state-owned property in Huron County to the village of Caseville for consideration of \$1. The property would have to be used exclusively for public water access and fishing site purposes, and resident and nonresident members of the public would have to be granted use of the property in the same manner with respect to fees, terms, and conditions. Upon termination of the use of the property for public water access, the state could repossess the property, and the attorney general could bring an action to accomplish this.

The conveyance would be by quitclaim deed approved by the attorney general, and would not reserve mineral rights to the state.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

According to the House Fiscal Agency, there are no state fiscal implications. Additionally, local fiscal implications are indeterminate with regard to site development, operation, and maintenance. (12-3-02)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

For over the last decade the Village of Caseville has been maintaining Point Park and has constructed handicap-accessible walkways and made other improvements as well. The village has developed

future plans for the site, including parking lot improvements, providing adequate lighting, and the construction of restroom facilities. However, the village does not feel that it is prudent, at this point, to continue with the improvements, and expend taxpayer dollars, absent village ownership of the property.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Natural Resources supports the bill. (12-4-02)

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