

Record of Committee Proceedings

Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions

Assembly Bill 279

Relating to: constructing a sports and entertainment arena and related facilities and making appropriations.

By joint committee on Finance.

July 06, 2015 Referred to Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions

July 15, 2015 **Executive Session Held**

Present: (8) Senator LeMahieu; Senators Tiffany and Carpenter; Representatives Swearingen and Hesselbein; Public Member Shaul; Deputy Secretary DOR Jablonski; Public Member Connell.

Absent: (0) None.

Excused: (1) Representative August.

Moved by Senator Carpenter, seconded by Representative Hesselbein that Senator LeMahieu's motion be amended with the following statement of public policy: *The Joint Survey Committee disapproves of the public policy of not subjecting Luxury Boxes at the Milwaukee Sports Arena to the state sales tax, and recommends that this be addressed as an amendment to the bill be recommended for adoption.*

Ayes: (2) Senator Carpenter; Representative Hesselbein.

Noes: (6) Senator LeMahieu; Senator Tiffany; Representative Swearingen; Public Member Shaul; Deputy Secretary DOR Jablonski; Public Member Connell.

ADOPTION NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 2, Noes 6

Moved by Senator Carpenter, seconded by Representative Hesselbein that Senator LeMahieu's motion be amended with the following statement of public policy: *The Joint Survey Committee supports the current public policy that a surcharge is added to each ticket to support maintenance of the current Arena (the Bradley Center), and recommends that such policy continue with the new arena, however that such surcharges be broadened to cover payment of the bonds issued for the Arena, that the*

surcharges be progressive as to the price of the ticket, and that this be specifically addressed as an amendment to the bill be recommended for adoption

Ayes: (2) Senator Carpenter; Representative Hesselbein.

Noes: (6) Senator LeMahieu; Senator Tiffany; Representative Swearingen; Public Member Shaul; Deputy Secretary DOR Jablonski; Public Member Connell.

ADOPTION NOT RECOMMENDED, Ayes 2, Noes 6

Moved by Senator LeMahieu, seconded by Senator Tiffany that the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions issue its reports on Senate Bill 209 and Assembly Bill 279 with the following public policy statement: *The Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions finds that there is appropriate public policy on the tax exemptions in Senate Bill 209 and Assembly Bill 279 be recommended for adoption.*

Ayes: (6) Senator LeMahieu; Senator Tiffany; Representative Swearingen; Public Member Shaul; Deputy Secretary DOR Jablonski; Public Member Connell.

Noes: (2) Senator Carpenter; Representative Hesselbein.

ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 6, Noes 2

Craig Summerfield
Committee Clerk