

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Legislative Committee
CHAIRPERSON: John Lang
DATE/TIME March 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
PRESENT:

☒ John Lang ☐ Dan Holcomb ☒ LaDon Trost ☒ Darcy Wild
☒ John Schultz ☐ John Creighton ☒ Don Zillig ☒ Mike Holt

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: Tina Brandel.

Others: Scott Toot, Laura Edmonds and Kevin Turner.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Lang called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Minutes Approval:**
 - a) Minutes of the February 8, 2024 Legislative Committee meeting – **Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024 Legislative Committee meeting. Seconded by Zillig and motion carried by voice vote.**
3. **Citizens' Comments:** None.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a) Status of County Bills
 - (i) SB1746 – Jo Daviess 1% Service Tax – Revenue – The committee briefly discussed the 1% Service Tax.
 - (ii) SB2141 – ATV/UTV – on Public roads – Assignment – This item was reviewed and there was some discussion over UTV's in Jo Daviess County.
5. **New Business:**
 - a) Discussion and possible action on a Resolution supporting Illinois House Bill 4512 – The committee discussed a Resolution to support Illinois House Bill 4512. **Schultz made a motion to approve a Resolution supporting Illinois House Bill 4512. Seconded by Zillig and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in 5 Ayes and 1 Abstention. Ayes, 5: John Lang, John Schultz, LaDon Trost, Don Zillig and Mike Holt. Nays: 0. Abstain: Darcy Wild**
 - b) Review witness slips procedure – This item was briefly reviewed.
 - c) Status of bills reviewed at February meeting and deciding to support or oppose – The committee reviewed the list of bills from the previous meeting.
 - d) Governor's proposed budget and the effects it will have – State will have a \$900 million deficit for current Fiscal Year – The deficit is almost \$1 billion in Illinois current Fiscal Year budget.
 - e) The power of the Chicago Teacher's Union – The Chicago Teachers Union is preparing for collective bargaining talks with the city. The new teacher contract could cost taxpayers \$50 billion.
 - f) Committee on ranked choice voting – Rank choice voting allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference. Advocates argue that the system incentivizes

politicians to find middle ground in their districts, to try to be voters' second and third choices even if they initially like someone more. It should, in theory, lead to less ideologically extreme lawmakers.

- g) Pritzker's Think Big America – funding abortion rights across the Country – This topic did not have much discussion.
- h) Bills from Sheriff's Association – The Committee discussed the following House Bills: HB4603, HB4604, HB4621, HB4623 and HB4630.

6. **Legislative issues Committee members or County Officials want the Committee to be aware of and take action on** – Schultz made a motion to oppose HB5050. Seconded by Zillig and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.
7. **Citizens' Comments:** None.
8. **Board Member Concerns:** None.
9. Next regular meeting – Thursday, April 11, 2024.
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m. following a motion made by Zillig. Seconded by Wild and motion carried by voice vote.