

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: October 13, 2016 – 5:45 PM
LOCATION: Legislature Chairman’s Office
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman James F. Maloney
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Berky, Lapp, Maio & Rodriguez
ABSENT: Delaune & Litts
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Vic Melville, League of Woman Voters, Legislator Manna Jo Greene, Legislator Tracey Bartels, Legislator Peter Loughran, & Patricia Doxy, Daily Freeman.

Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Resolution No. 426: Opposing The Detrimental Trade Policies Included In The Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes Ulster County Legislature to call upon federal elected officials, to oppose TPP and any similar trade deals if they fail to represent the needs and requirements of local and state municipalities.

Motion No. 1: **Resolution No. 426 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Legislator Greene stated we have fought hard to preserve the environment and create environmental standards that everyone has to follow and that is not happening currently. The TPP is not doing anything to increase the standards that other countries must follow which increases the imbalance and reduces our environmental imbalance. Legislator Greene thinks there are better ways to address trade agreements than what is embodied in the TPP.

Legislator Rodriguez asked about the second resolve on the resolution.

Legislator Bartels responded they had simplified the points on the resolution. Legislator Bartels stated she has special concerns about investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) and what that would mean turning over dispute settlements to three appointed attorneys.

Legislator Bartels and Legislator Greene stated they would be open to changes to the resolution.

Legislator Maloney stated he is fine with the resolution.

Motion No. 2: **Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 426**
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Lapp, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

There being no further business, Legislator Maio motioned to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez.

Time: 5:52 PM

Respectfully submitted: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
Minutes Approved: November 9, 2016