

SPECIAL SESSION

JUNE 8, 2004

Chairman Thomas called the Special Session to order at 6:30 P.M.

The Board observed a moment of silence in remembrance of former President Ronald W. Reagan who passed away on Saturday, June 5, 2004.

ROLL CALL:

All members present with the exception of Legislator Burto who was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Board Chairman Robert J. Thomas indicating his determination in accordance with the appropriate laws to make a home rule request for enactment of Assembly Bill A.11366 and Senate Bill S.7306 amending the New York State Tax Law to allow Jefferson County to impose an additional sales tax of three quarters of one percent, and requesting the Board's concurrence.

LOCAL LAWS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MOTIONS:

On a motion by Legislator Boice seconded by Legislator St. Croix and unanimously carried the Board waived Standing Rules 35 and 60 to permit the introduction and consideration of the following resolution.

Resolution No. 169

**Concurring in Request for Enactment of Home Rule Legislation -
Assembly Bill A.11366, Senate Bill S.7306 - Amending the New York State Tax
Law to Authorize the County of Jefferson to Impose an Additional Rate of
Sales Tax of Three Quarters of One Percent**

By Legislator: Michael W. Behling

Whereas, By Resolution No. 135 of 2004, this Board of Legislators requested the introduction of a bill in the State Legislature which would amend the New York State Tax Law to allow the County of Jefferson to impose an additional sales tax of three quarters of one percent (3/4%), and

Whereas, The aforesaid legislation has been introduced in both houses of the State Legislature as Assembly Bill A.11366 and Senate Bill S.7306, and

Whereas, Article IX of the State Constitution and Section 40 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law require a home rule request be made to the State Legislature before the aforesaid Bills may be enacted into law, and

Whereas, The Chairman of this Board has determined to make a home rule request for the enactment of the aforesaid Bills into law.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Board does hereby concur in the home rule request of the Chairman of this Board for enactment of Assembly Bill A.11366 and Senate Bill S.7306 to amend the New York State Tax Law to allow the County of Jefferson to impose an additional sales tax of three quarters of one percent (3/4%), and be it further

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Board and the Clerk of this Board are authorized to file the appropriate home rule request with the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate.

Seconded by Legislator: Barry M. Ormsby

All members present voted Aye.

Legislator Blankenbush reported that former Legislator Barbara J. Webber, Black River, NY and her daughter Gwendolyn Webber-McLeod, Auburn, NY both received New York State Senate Women of Distinction Awards at a ceremony in Albany today, marking the first time in the history of the award that a mother and daughter have simultaneously received the award. He added that Marlene Norfolk, former City of Watertown Assessor, was also among other recipients of the award today.

On a motion by Legislator Adsit seconded by Legislator Fitzpatrick and unanimously carried the Special Session was adjourned at 6:35 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Hagemann, III
Clerk of the Board