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Provost co-sponsors measure to stop "profitable use' eminent domain takings

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After most members had fled the chamber for the night, the House passed a bill prohibiting the taking by eminent domain of any person's property for commercial purposes. The Rep. Martha Walz bill was amended by House Minority Leader Bradley Jones before members sent it to the Senate without debate.

"Property shall not be taken from one owner and transferred to another on the grounds that the public will benefit from a more profitable use," according to the bill.

Co-sponsors of the measure include Reps. Jamie Eldridge, Denise Provost, Christine Canavan, James Miceli and Matthew Patrick.

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