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On Thu, Jun 2, 2016 at 3:37 PM, Tom Davis <tdavis@harveyandbattey.com> wrote:

"The legislature has managed to take an existing structure that promotes parochial road spending and make it even worse. If this new bill becomes law, even the little bit of control the governor got in the 2007 'reform' -- the power to appoint the secretary -- is stripped away and given to the commissioners. And as for the new bill giving the governor the power to appoint commissioners, that power is illusory given congressional delegations' veto authority. Over time, much in the same way that delegations select magistrates for 'appointment' by the governor, delegations will select commissioners for the governor to 'appoint.' This horrible bill must be vetoed by the governor and sustained by lawmakers so we can start from scratch next year."

Tom