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House Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, February 16, 2011.

1:30 p.m.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, who announced that a quorum was present.

Agema—present	Gilbert—present	Lipton—present	Pscholka—present
Ananich—present	Glardon—present	Liss—present	Rendon—present
Barnett—present	Goike—present	Lori—present	Rogers—present
Bauer—present	Haines—present	Lund—present	Rutledge—present
Bledsoe—present	Hammel—present	Lyons—present	Santana—present
Bolger—present	Haugh—present	MacGregor—present	Schmidt, R.—present
Brown—present	Haveman—present	MacMaster—present	Schmidt, W.—present
Brunner—present	Heise—present	McBroom—present	Scott—present
Bumstead—present	Hobbs—present	McCann—present	Segal—present
Byrum—present	Hooker—present	McMillin—present	Shaughnessy—present
Callton—present	Horn—present	Meadows—present	Shirkey—present
Cavanagh—present	Hovey-Wright—present	Melton—present	Slavens—present
Clemente—present	Howze—present	Moss—present	Smiley—present
Constan—present	Hughes—present	Muxlow—present	Somerville—present
Cotter—present	Huuki—present	Nathan—present	Stallworth—present
Crawford—present	Irwin—present	Nesbitt—present	Stamas—present
Daley—present	Jackson—present	O'Brien—present	Stanley—present
Damrow—present	Jacobsen—present	Oakes—present	Stapleton—present
Darany—present	Jenkins—present	Olson—present	Switalski—present
Darby—present	Johnson—present	Olumba—present	Talabi—present
Dillon—present	Kandrevas—present	Opsommer—present	Tlaib—present
Durhal—present	Knollenberg—present	Ouimet—present	Townsend—present
Farrington—present	Kowall—present	Outman—present	Tyler—present
Forlini—present	Kurtz—present	Pettalia—present	Walsh—present
Foster—present	LaFontaine—present	Poleski—present	Womack—present
Franz—present	Lane—present	Potvin—present	Yonker—present
Geiss—present	LeBlanc—present	Price—present	Zorn—present
Genetski—present	Lindberg—present		

e/d/s = entered during session

Rep. Brandon Dillon, from the 75th District, offered the following invocation:

“Dear Father, thank You on behalf of all those who are gathered here today. We thank You for Your many blessings, for life, for courage, and for wisdom to fulfill the work we have before us. We thank You for the opportunity to be involved and for the honor to represent the people of Michigan.

We pray that You will grant us...

-The wisdom to govern with compassion.

-The confidence to do what is right.

-A spirit of cooperation so that we may work together despite our honest disagreements.

-Peace in our lives and joy in our hearts.

It is in Your most blessed name I pray, Amen.”

Motions and Resolutions

Reps. Somerville, Opsommer, Farrington, Heise, Hooker, Huuki, Johnson, Knollenberg, Kurtz, LeBlanc, O’Brien, Price and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 28.

A resolution to memorialize Congress to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced budget.

Whereas, Our country is awash in debt. With an overall national debt pegged at \$14 trillion and an annual budget deficit expected to hit \$1.3 trillion, the future stability of the American economy is in peril. The policies of the past, carried out over decades, represent a threat to the strength and self-determination of our nation. These policies cannot continue if we expect our children and grandchildren to enjoy the opportunities past generations have known; and

Whereas, While a major obstacle is the staggering 60 percent of spending for so-called entitlements, there are few areas of federal expenditure that can escape serious examination in any move to bring sanity to the federal budget. It is clear that specific cuts to government programs will be difficult to achieve. It is also clear, however, that the pain of moves made to work toward a balanced budget will be less destructive than what could occur if the present trend of soaring government debt continues unchecked; and

Whereas, The notion of requiring a balanced budget for our federal government is hardly revolutionary. If businesses do not balance budgets, they fail. If families fail to balance their budgets, they face bankruptcy. State and local governments across the country have no other option but to balance their budget each year; and

Whereas, Congress has both the capacity and the responsibility to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced budget. The American people understand the serious harm that unchecked government spending can do to our country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced budget; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Reps. Opsommer, Somerville, Farrington, Crawford, Heise, Hooker, Huuki, Johnson, Knollenberg, Kurtz, LeBlanc, O’Brien, Price and Tyler offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize Congress to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced budget.

Whereas, Our country is awash in debt. With an overall national debt pegged at \$14 trillion and an annual budget deficit expected to hit \$1.3 trillion, the future stability of the American economy is in peril. The policies of the past, carried out over decades, represent a threat to the strength and self-determination of our nation. These policies cannot continue if we expect our children and grandchildren to enjoy the opportunities past generations have known; and

Whereas, While a major obstacle is the staggering 60 percent of spending for so-called entitlements, there are few areas of federal expenditure that can escape serious examination in any move to bring sanity to the federal budget. It is clear that specific cuts to government programs will be difficult to achieve. It is also clear, however, that the pain of moves made to work toward a balanced budget will be less destructive than what could occur if the present trend of soaring government debt continues unchecked; and

Whereas, The notion of requiring a balanced budget for our federal government is hardly revolutionary. If businesses do not balance budgets, they fail. If families fail to balance their budgets, they face bankruptcy. State and local governments across the country have no other option but to balance their budget each year; and

Whereas, Congress has both the capacity and the responsibility to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced budget. The American people understand the serious harm that unchecked government spending can do to our country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize Congress to adopt and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced budget; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The Speaker called the Speaker Pro Tempore to the Chair.

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4158, entitled

A bill to regulate certain pricing of consumer items and the advertising of consumer items, services, goods, merchandise, and commodities; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local officials; to provide remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 7

Yeas—69

Agema	Haines	Lund	Potvin
Bledsoe	Haugh	Lyons	Price
Bolger	Haveman	MacGregor	Pscholka
Bumstead	Heise	MacMaster	Rendon
Callton	Hooker	McBroom	Rogers
Cotter	Horn	McMillin	Schmidt, R.
Crawford	Hughes	Melton	Schmidt, W.
Daley	Huuki	Moss	Scott
Damrow	Jacobsen	Muxlow	Shaughnessy
Denby	Jenkins	Nesbitt	Shirkey
Farrington	Johnson	O'Brien	Somerville
Forlini	Knollenberg	Olson	Stamas
Foster	Kowall	Opsommer	Stapleton
Franz	Kurtz	Ouimet	Tyler
Genetski	LaFontaine	Outman	Walsh
Gilbert	Liss	Pettalia	Yonker
Gardon	Lori	Poleski	Zorn
Goike			

Nays—41

Ananich	Durhal	LeBlanc	Segal
Barnett	Geiss	Lindberg	Slavens
Bauer	Hammel	Lipton	Smiley
Brown	Hobbs	McCann	Stallworth
Brunner	Hovey-Wright	Meadows	Stanley
Byrum	Howze	Nathan	Switalski

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Lane

Oakes
Olumba
Rutledge
Santana

Talabi
Tlaib
Townsend
Womack

In The Chair: Walsh

The question being on agreeing to the title of the bill,

Rep. Stamas moved to amend the title to read as follows:

A bill to regulate certain pricing of consumer items and the advertising of consumer items, goods, merchandise, and commodities; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local officials; to provide remedies and penalties; to make appropriations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The motion prevailed.

The House agreed to the title as amended.

Rep. Stamas moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Irwin, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

Jeff Irwin, HB 4158 No vote Explanation

February 16, 2011

Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to HB 4158, commonly known as the repeal of Consumer Item Pricing Act.

This bill has enjoyed rapid treatment in this chamber, unencumbered by amendments that could improve the bill and preserve the consumer protections currently in place. However, it is not frustrations with the process that drives my opposition; it is the glaring holes in the legislation itself. Specifically, the legislation before us eliminates the item pricing rule and replaces it with a vague standard requiring prices be displayed by any method, with any font and in any size so long as the price is ‘at the place where the item is located.’ That standard is insufficient and vague. Also, by eliminating item pricing we will make it harder for citizens to know when they’ve been overcharged. It would have been desirable to include greater penalties for overcharges or greater transparency in the form of more specific receipts. Those ideas were either defeated along partisan lines or not heard due to partisan maneuvering.

Therefore, because this bill removes consumer protections and because this bill did not benefit from genuine deliberation, I stand opposed to this diminution of consumer protections.”

Rep. Geiss, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

In his State of the State address, our new Governor called for data to drive our decisions when enacting legislation. Taking the task to heart, I surveyed 5 businesses and 190 items in my district to determine what level of compliance there was with the current item pricing law. This is what I found:

21.1% of items had no price marked on them

29.5% of items had no price on the shelf

12.1% of items had prices lower on the shelf than the sticker on the item

2.6% of items had a prices lower on the item sticker than on the shelf

1.6% of items had no price on the item or on the shelf

The fact that the current law is not being adequately enforced makes me concerned that the new legislation, which has no new consumer protections, will also fail to be enforced. I am also concerned because the process to identify a overcharge has not been thoroughly vetted. Currently, you know if you have been overcharged by comparing the receipt to the price on the item. If there is no price on an item, how can you determine if you’ve been overcharged? Unless you have a perfect memory, the only logical process is to go back to the shelf and compare the receipt to the bill. This is cumbersome and entirely unreal.

Some suggestions to improve this bill:

1. Put all prices on the companies website, in a downloadable Excel worksheet, including SKU, item name, and item price. This would allow for confirmation of price and comparison shopping.
2. Increase \$5 fine to reflect the consumer price index. \$5 was set in 1984. Today, that would be over \$10.
3. Standardized shelf stickers. A uniform data presentation, in both size and form, would allow for a clear way for Michigan residents to understand the cost of a product.

Because House Bill 4158 takes away from existing consumer protections, without providing any replacements, I respectfully vote 'No.'

Rep. Tlaib, having reserved the right to explain her protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

Michigan's business community deserves modernization of laws that are outdated. However, it should not be at the cost of consumers. Michigan families need assurances that protect them from price gauging. This bill eliminates transparency that consumers rely on in disputing the costs of their groceries, non-prescription drugs and other products.

HB 4158 places the responsibility of individually pricing items on consumers. Consumers will now have to find a price of each product that they purchase and accurately remember the price during the shopping trip so that the consumer can verify the prices charged when they reach the checkout line. The bill should have included requirements for detailed receipts, placement of prices with a specific font size and adequate remedies for consumer disputes."

Rep. Santana, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I stand opposed to this bill because the basis by which the Anderson Economic Group conducted their studies was fundamentally flawed."

Rep. Smiley, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

After reviewing the Item Pricing Law of 1976, it appears to me, that this law works. I realize, as state legislators we look at laws to see how those laws, can be improved or those ones that are outdated and need to be eliminated. This law serves the residents very well. I have heard from my many of my constituents in the 50th House District, especially senior citizens, who like to know the price of an item before they purchase that item. If the law is not broke why fix it?

House Bill 4158 goes too far. Consumers will now have to find the price of each product that they purchase and accurately remember that price while they are shopping so they can verify those prices when they reach the check-out line.

There are better ways to modernize a law instead of gutting it and calling it modernization. I could not in good conscience vote for legislation that could hurt consumers and in the long-term cause some workers to lose their jobs."

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4004, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 295, entitled "State transportation preservation act of 1976," by amending section 10 (MCL 474.60), as amended by 2008 PA 570.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-2) previously recommended by the Committee on Transportation,

The substitute (H-2) was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Rep. Kurtz moved to substitute (H-3) the bill.

The motion prevailed and the substitute (H-3) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Kurtz moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Stamas moved that House Committees be given leave to meet during the balance of today's session.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of
Motions and Resolutions

Rep. Stamas moved that when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned until Thursday, February 17, at 10:00 a.m.
 The motion prevailed.

Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment

The Clerk announced that the following bills had been printed and placed upon the files of the members on Tuesday, February 15:

Senate Bill Nos. 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146

The Clerk announced that the following bills and joint resolution had been printed and placed upon the files of the members on Wednesday, February 16:

House Bill Nos. 4247 4248 4249 4250 4251 4252 4253 4254 4255 4256 4257 4258 4259

House Joint Resolution J

Senate Bill Nos. 153 154 155 156 157 158

The Clerk announced that the following Senate bills had been received on Wednesday, February 16:

Senate Bill Nos. 100 122 123

Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Agriculture, by Rep. Daley, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4212, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 8702, 8703, 8704, 8705, 8706, 8707, 8708, 8709, 8710, 8713, 8714, 8715, and 8716 (MCL 324.8702, 324.8703, 324.8704, 324.8705, 324.8706, 324.8707, 324.8708, 324.8709, 324.8710, 324.8713, 324.8714, 324.8715, and 324.8716), section 8703 as amended by 1995 PA 61, section 8707 as amended by 2000 PA 100, section 8715 as amended by 2008 PA 18, and section 8716 as amended by 2007 PA 174, and by adding section 8713a.

With the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Tyler, Glardon, Johnson, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Santana, Brunner, Oakes, Talabi, Hovey-Wright and Segal

Nays: None

The Committee on Agriculture, by Rep. Daley, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4213, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 8801, 8802, 8805, 8806, and 8807 (MCL 324.8801, 324.8802, 324.8805, 324.8806, and 324.8807), as added by 1998 PA 287, and by adding section 3109d.

With the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Tyler, Glardon, Johnson, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Santana, Brunner, Oakes, Talabi, Hovey-Wright and Segal

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Daley, Chair, of the Committee on Agriculture, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Present: Reps. Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Tyler, Glardon, Johnson, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Santana, Brunner, Oakes, Talabi, Hovey-Wright and Segal

The Committee on Regulatory Reform, by Rep. Crawford, Chair, reported

Senate Bill No. 20, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," (MCL 408.1001 to 408.1094) by adding section 17.

With the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Crawford, Yonker, Opsommer, Daley, McMillin, Stamas, Shirkey, Franz, McBroom, Rendon, Melton and Haugh

Nays: Reps. Byrum, Slavens and Womack

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Crawford, Chair, of the Committee on Regulatory Reform, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Present: Reps. Crawford, Yonker, Opsommer, Daley, McMillin, Stamas, Shirkey, Franz, McBroom, Rendon, Melton, Haugh, Byrum, Slavens and Womack

The Committee on Transportation, by Rep. Opsommer, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4129, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 1078.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Opsommer, Glardon, Daley, Wayne Schmidt, Jacobsen, Muxlow, Olson, Somerville, Geiss, Talabi, Liss and Byrum

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Opsommer, Chair, of the Committee on Transportation, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Present: Reps. Opsommer, Glardon, Daley, Wayne Schmidt, Huuki, Jacobsen, Muxlow, Olson, Somerville, Geiss, Talabi, Nathan, Liss, Byrum, Smiley and Roy Schmidt

Absent: Rep. Ouimet

Excused: Rep. Ouimet

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Ouimet, Chair, of the Committee on Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Present: Reps. Ouimet, Pettalia, Crawford, Hughes, LaFontaine, Price, Shaughnessy, Rendon, Stanley, Constan, Townsend, Stapleton, Rutledge and Lane

Absent: Rep. Daley

Excused: Rep. Daley

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Daley, Chair, of the Committee on Agriculture, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Present: Reps. Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Tyler, Glardon, Johnson, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Santana, Brunner, Oakes, Talabi, Hovey-Wright and Segal

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Knollenberg, Chair, of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Present: Reps. Knollenberg, Lyons, Farrington, Foster, Huuki, Olson, Pettalia, Womack, Switalski, Clemente and Stanley

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Scott, Chair, of the Committee on Education, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Present: Reps. Scott, Hooker, Crawford, McMillin, Franz, Heise, Hughes, Nesbitt, O'Brien, Price, Shaughnessy, Yonker, Brown, Darany, Howze, Hobbs, Rutledge, Stallworth and Geiss

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Gilbert, Chair, of the Committee on Tax Policy, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Present: Reps. Gilbert, Walsh, Horn, Farrington, Foster, Lyons, Nesbitt, O'Brien, Olson, Ouimet, Constan, Barnett, Kandrevas, Meadows, Townsend, Cavanagh and Hobbs

Messages from the Senate**Senate Bill No. 100, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending sections 1111, 1113, and 1114 (MCL 436.2111, 436.2113, and 436.2114), as amended by 2010 PA 213.

The Senate has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

Senate Bill No. 122, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 8801, 8802, 8805, 8806, and 8807 (MCL 324.8801, 324.8802, 324.8805, 324.8806, and 324.8807), as added by 1998 PA 287, and by adding section 3109d.

The Senate has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 123, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 8702, 8703, 8704, 8705, 8706, 8707, 8708, 8709, 8710, 8713, 8714, 8715, and 8716 (MCL 324.8702, 324.8703, 324.8704, 324.8705, 324.8706, 324.8707, 324.8708, 324.8709, 324.8710, 324.8713, 324.8714, 324.8715, and 324.8716), section 8703 as amended by 1995 PA 61, section 8707 as amended by 2000 PA 100, section 8715 as amended by 2008 PA 18, and section 8716 as amended by 2007 PA 174, and by adding section 8713a.

The Senate has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Notices

February 15, 2011

Mr. Gary L. Randall, Clerk
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to MCL 324.43540d, I am providing the following list of (3) names for the purpose of selecting (1) one member of the Moose Hunting Advisory Council established within the Department of Natural Resources and Environment by the Director:

- o Jim Moore, Kincheloe
- o James Hammill, Crystal Falls
- o James Ekdahl, L'Anse

Respectfully,
Jase Bolger, Speaker
Michigan House of Representatives

Introduction of Bills

Reps. Byrum, Durhal, Brown, Stapleton, McCann, Smiley, Cavanagh, Ananich, Melton, Lane, Bledsoe, Switalski, Hobbs, Townsend, Hovey-Wright, Irwin, Bauer, Stallworth, Liss, Slavens, Darany, Rutledge, Talabi, Santana, Segal, Barnett, Womack, Constan, Lindberg, Nathan, Stanley, Lipton, Kandrevas, Howze, Olumba and Oakes introduced

House Bill No. 4260, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," by amending section 64 (MCL 421.64), as amended by 2009 PA 19.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Rep. McMillin introduced

House Bill No. 4261, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 442, entitled "Freedom of information act," by amending section 13 (MCL 15.243), as amended by 2006 PA 482.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. Opsommer introduced

House Bill No. 4262, entitled

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck

safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 247.651 to 247.675) by adding section 1m.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Reps. O'Brien, Opsommer, Zorn and Kowall introduced

House Bill No. 4263, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2918 (MCL 600.2918). The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. Opsommer introduced

House Bill No. 4264, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 186, entitled "Tax tribunal act," by amending section 37 (MCL 205.737), as amended by 2006 PA 174.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

Reps. Opsommer and Horn introduced

House Bill No. 4265, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 11504 (MCL 324.11504), as amended by 1996 PA 359, and by adding section 11512b.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Reps. Horn and Opsommer introduced

House Bill No. 4266, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 11507a and 11514 (MCL 324.11507a and 324.11514), section 11507a as amended by 2004 PA 39 and section 11514 as amended by 2008 PA 394.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Rep. Potvin introduced

House Bill No. 4267, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of agriculture and rural development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Goike introduced

House Bill No. 4268, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for community and junior colleges for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Lori introduced

House Bill No. 4269, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of community health for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Haveman introduced

House Bill No. 4270, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of corrections for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Pscholka introduced

House Bill No. 4271, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of energy, labor, and economic growth for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Kowall introduced

House Bill No. 4272, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environmental quality for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Rogers introduced

House Bill No. 4273, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Poleski introduced

House Bill No. 4274, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the legislature, the judiciary, the executive, the department of attorney general, the department of state, the department of treasury, the department of technology, management, and budget, the department of civil service, the department of civil rights, and certain state purposes related thereto for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies; and to declare the effect of this act.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Genetski introduced

House Bill No. 4275, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for higher education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Agema introduced

House Bill No. 4276, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of human services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Cotter introduced

House Bill No. 4277, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the judiciary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. MacGregor introduced

House Bill No. 4278, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Bumstead introduced

House Bill No. 4279, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Rogers introduced

House Bill No. 4280, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 11 and 17b (MCL 388.1611 and 388.1617b), section 11 as amended by 2010 PA 217 and section 17b as amended by 2007 PA 137.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. MacGregor introduced

House Bill No. 4281, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Agema introduced

House Bill No. 4282, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of transportation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Rep. Smiley moved that the House adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:30 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Thursday, February 17, at 10:00 a.m.

GARY L. RANDALL
Clerk of the House of Representatives