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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, February 19, 2015.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Brian N. Calley.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the Senate, who announced that a quorum was present.

Ananich—present
Bieda—present
Booher—present
Brandenburg—present
Casperson—present
Colbeck—present
Emmons—present
Green—present
Gregory—present
Hansen—present
Hertel—present
Hildenbrand—present
Hood—present

Hopgood—present
Horn—present
Hune—present
Johnson—present
Jones—present
Knezek—present
Knollenberg—present
Kowall—present
MacGregor—present
Marleau—present
Meekhof—present
Nofs—present
O'Brien—present

Pavlov—present
Proos—present
Robertson—present
Rocca—present
Schmidt—present
Schuitmaker—present
Shirkey—present
Smith—present
Stamas—present
Warren—present
Young—present
Zorn—present

Pastor Mark Livingston of Chester Gospel Church of Charlotte offered the following invocation:

Heavenly Father, we call it a privilege to be able to call You Father today. We humbly come before You and ask for Your guidance. Your word has told us if we trust in You and lean not on our own understanding, then all the ways that we acknowledge You will direct our paths. It also says whether we turn to the right or turn to the left, our ears will hear a voice saying, "This is the way, walk in it."

I pray today that every decision is guided by You and every direction is molded and given from You; that You would continue to strengthen this body that we know as the Michigan Senate. We are grateful to live in Michigan, even greater to live in America, and even greater to be called one nation under God.

We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motions and Communications

The following communication was received:

Wayne County Airport Authority

February 16, 2015

Please find enclosed a copy of our 2014 Audited Financial Statements per the requirements of Public Act 90 of 2002. If you have any questions, please contact me at (734) 247-6775.

Sincerely,
Marge Basrai, CPA, CGMA
Controller

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, February 18:

House Bill Nos. 4110 4112

The Secretary announced that the following bills and joint resolutions were printed and filed on Wednesday, February 18, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos.	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122
	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136
	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148		
House Bill Nos.	4199	4200	4201	4202	4203	4204	4205	4206	4207	4208	4209	4210	4211	4212
	4213	4214	4215	4216										
House Joint Resolutions	H	I												

Senator Hood moved that Senator Young be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Messages from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received on February 18, 2015, and read:

EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 2015-6

**Department of Civil Rights
Middle-Eastern American Affairs Commission**

**Rescission of
Executive Order 2013-9**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides that each principal department shall be under the supervision of the Governor unless otherwise provided by the constitution; and

WHEREAS, Michigan wishes to attract and retain top talent, and a key strategy for doing so is ensuring welcoming communities for the highly educated, business investors, and entrepreneurs from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's growing and vibrant Middle-Eastern American communities contribute significantly to Michigan's economy and culture; and

WHEREAS, Michigan must engage leaders from all backgrounds and walks of life to participate actively and effectively in the reinvention of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2013, Executive Order 2013-9 was issued, establishing the Michigan Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs; and

WHEREAS, a new and expanded structure will allow the Council to more effectively serve the interests of Michigan and its Middle-Eastern American communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

I. CREATION OF THE MIDDLE-EASTERN AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

A. The Middle-Eastern American Affairs Commission ("the Commission") is established in the Department of Civil Rights ("the Department").

B. All of the authority, powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations of the Michigan Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs are transferred to the Middle-Eastern Affairs Commission created by this Order.

C. The Commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. Of the members initially appointed after the effective date of this order, five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, and five (5) members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. After the initial appointments, members of the Commission shall be appointed to a term of four (4) years.

D. Members of the Commission shall be individuals who have a particular interest or expertise in Middle-Eastern American concerns.

E. A vacancy on the Commission occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

F. The Director of the Office of New Americans shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Commission.

G. The Governor shall designate a member of the Commission to serve as its Chairperson at the pleasure of the Governor. The Commission may designate a member of the Commission to serve as its Vice-Chairperson at the pleasure of the Commission. The Commission may elect other officers from its members as the Commission considers appropriate.

H. The Commission shall be administered under the supervision of the Department. The new Commission shall exercise its prescribed powers, duties, and functions independently of the Director of the Department ("the Director"). All budgeting, procurement, and related management functions of the Commission shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the Department.

II. RESCISSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2013-9

Executive Order 2013-9 is rescinded and the Michigan Council on Arab and Chaldean American Affairs is abolished.

III. CHARGE TO THE COMMISSION

A. The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the Director and shall do all of the following:

i. Review and advise the Governor and the Director on the state's policies concerning the Middle-Eastern American community.

ii. Review and advise the Governor and the Director on the nature, magnitude, and priorities of the issues facing the Middle-Eastern American community.

iii. Monitor, evaluate, investigate, and recommend programs for the betterment of the Middle-Eastern American community.

iv. Analyze and recommend policies and programs to advance economic development within the Middle-Eastern American community.

v. Make recommendations to the Governor and the Director regarding changes in state programs, statutes, regulations and policies, including, but not limited to, the coordination of state programs serving Middle-Eastern Americans.

vi. Recommend policy and action plans to serve the needs of Middle Eastern Americans in Michigan.

vii. Recognize the history, accomplishments, and contributions of Michigan's Middle-Eastern American community.

viii. Make recommendations to the Governor and the Director regarding methods of overcoming discrimination against Middle-Eastern Americans.

ix. Promote public awareness of Middle-Eastern American culture.

x. Promote equal access to state services.

xi. Promote the involvement of Middle-Eastern Americans in government at all levels.

B. The Commission shall also provide other information or advice regarding Middle-Eastern American concerns or issues as requested by the Governor or Director.

C. The Commission shall issue reports that address issues described in Section III and provide recommendations at times designated by the Governor or the Director.

IV. OPERATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

A. The Commission shall be staffed and assisted by personnel from the Department as directed by the Governor.

B. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses according to relevant statutes and rules and procedures of the Department, subject to available appropriations.

C. Members of the Commission shall refer all legal, legislative, and media contacts to the Department.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Any suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by or against the Council prior to the effective date of this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order. Any lawfully commenced suit, action, or other proceeding may be maintained by, against, or before the appropriate successor of any entity affected by this Order.

B. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Order, which may be given effect without any invalid portion. Any portion of this Order found invalid by a court or other entity with proper jurisdiction shall be severable from the remaining portions of this Order.

This Order shall be effective 60 days after filing of this Order.

[SEAL]

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 18th day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Richard D. Snyder
Governor

By the Governor:

Ruth A. Johnson
Secretary of State

The executive order was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The following message from the Governor was received on February 18, 2015, and read:

EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 2015-7

**Pacific American Affairs Commission
Hispanic/Latino Commission
Department of Civil Rights**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units that he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides that each principal department shall be under the supervision of the Governor unless otherwise provided by the constitution; and

WHEREAS, there is a continued need to reorganize functions among state departments to ensure efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, programs, agencies, and commissions should be placed among the principal departments on a consistent, logical basis in order to ensure the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars and to allow the state to offer more streamlined services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

I. PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

In addition to the members appointed to new Pacific American Affairs Commission under Section II.B. of Executive Reorganization Order 2009-16, the Director of the Office for New Americans or his or her designee, shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member of the Commission.

II. HISPANIC/LATINO COMMISSION

In addition to the members appointed to the Hispanic Latino Commission under MCL 18.302(1), 1975 PA 164, as amended, the Director of the Office for New Americans or his or her designee, shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member of the Commission.

This Order shall be effective 60 days after the filing of this Order.

[SEAL]

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 18th day of February, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen.

Richard D. Snyder
Governor

By the Governor:
Ruth A. Johnson
Secretary of State

The executive order was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Knezek asked and was granted unanimous consent to make a statement and moved that the statement be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Knezek's statement is as follows:

This past Monday, I had the opportunity to attend an event in Rochester commemorating the 7th anniversary of the independence of Kosovo. At that event, I had the opportunity to meet a number of Albanian Americans, some born here in this country and some born overseas. What impressed me to no end and what truly moved my heart and my spirit that day were the unquestionable love, appreciation, and respect for the United States, democracy, and the rule of law that guides each and every thing that we do in this country. The people of Kosovo and the people of Albania did not always have that freedom and that ability, and the opportunity I had that evening to interact with the individuals commemorating the anniversary truly moved me.

I am very lucky and very blessed to be able to introduce to you today a group of friends I met that evening. First, up in the Gallery, I would like to recognize Mr. Anton Quni. Mr. Quni was the general who led the first ranger battalion into Kosovo with NATO forces to gain their independence not so many years ago. So if we could, I would like all of you to join me in welcoming a veteran, a patriot, and a true lover of America, Mr. Anton Quni.

I would be remiss if I didn't also recognize, with him today, his friend Sokol, who has been great in helping translate throughout the course of the day. Thank you, Sokol. Also here are Mr. Zef Grabanica and my very, very dear friend from the city of Garden City, Tony Grabanica, owner of Garden City Café. Come on out for a good bite.

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of Senator Johnson admittance to the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.901 be suspended to allow photographs to be taken from the Senate floor.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Recess

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:08 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker.

During the recess, Senator Johnson introduced Bill Couzens, founder of the Next Generation Foundation and the Less Cancer campaign; Tom Petzold and Gerry Schilling, members of a bicycling organization who ride for cancer awareness; and presented them with Senate Resolution No. 10, recognizing February 4, 2015, as Cancer Prevention Day.

Messrs. Couzens and Petzold responded briefly.

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of Senator Knezek admittance to the Senate floor. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Recess

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:21 a.m.

10:36 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

During the recess, Senator Young entered the Senate chamber.

Messages from the House

Senate Bill No. 44, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending section 613a (MCL 168.613a), as amended by 2011 PA 163.

The House of Representatives has amended the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 1, line 2, after “the” by striking out “**THIRD**” and inserting “**SECOND**”.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as amended, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,

Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made to the bill by the House,

The amendment was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 15

Yeas—37

Ananich	Hertel	Knollenberg	Robertson
Bieda	Hildenbrand	Kowall	Rocca
Booher	Hood	MacGregor	Schmidt
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Marleau	Schuitmaker
Casperson	Horn	Meekhof	Shirkey
Colbeck	Hune	Nofs	Smith
Emmons	Johnson	O’Brien	Stamas
Green	Jones	Pavlov	Warren
Gregory	Knezek	Proos	Zorn
Hansen			

Nays—1

Young

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,
The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.
The Senate agreed to the full title.
The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 45, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 641 (MCL 168.641), as amended by 2005 PA 71.

The House of Representatives has amended the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 1, line 8, after the second "**THE**" by striking out "**THIRD**" and inserting "**SECOND**".

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as amended, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,

Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made to the bill by the House,

The amendment was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 16

Yeas—37

Ananich	Hertel	Knollenberg	Robertson
Bieda	Hildenbrand	Kowall	Rocca
Booher	Hood	MacGregor	Schmidt
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Marleau	Schuitmaker
Casperson	Horn	Meekhof	Shirkey
Colbeck	Hune	Nofs	Smith
Emmons	Johnson	O'Brien	Stamas
Green	Jones	Pavlov	Warren
Gregory	Knezek	Proos	Zorn
Hansen			

Nays—1

Young

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,
The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.
The Senate agreed to the full title.
The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Third Reading of Bills

Senator Kowall moved that the following bills be placed at the head of the Third Reading of Bills calendar:

Senate Bill No. 18

Senate Bill No. 19

Senate Bill No. 53

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 18, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 2120a.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 17

Yeas—38

Ananich	Hertel	Kowall	Rocca
Bieda	Hildenbrand	MacGregor	Schmidt
Booher	Hood	Marleau	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Meekhof	Shirkey
Casperson	Horn	Nofs	Smith
Colbeck	Hune	O’Brien	Stamas
Emmons	Johnson	Pavlov	Warren
Green	Jones	Proos	Young
Gregory	Knezek	Robertson	Zorn
Hansen	Knollenberg		

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 19, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled “The general property tax act,” by amending section 27a (MCL 211.27a), as amended by 2014 PA 535.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 18

Yeas—38

Ananich	Hertel	Kowall	Rocca
Bieda	Hildenbrand	MacGregor	Schmidt
Booher	Hood	Marleau	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Meekhof	Shirkey
Casperson	Horn	Nofs	Smith
Colbeck	Hune	O’Brien	Stamas
Emmons	Johnson	Pavlov	Warren
Green	Jones	Proos	Young
Gregory	Knezek	Robertson	Zorn
Hansen	Knollenberg		

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 53, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled “An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,” by amending sections 1 and 5o (MCL 28.421 and 28.425o), section 1 as amended by 2014 PA 203 and section 5o as amended by 2014 PA 206.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 19

Yeas—37

Ananich	Hertel	Knollenberg	Robertson
Bieda	Hildenbrand	Kowall	Rocca
Booher	Hood	MacGregor	Schmidt
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Marleau	Schuitmaker
Casperson	Horn	Meekhof	Shirkey
Colbeck	Hune	Nofs	Smith
Emmons	Johnson	O’Brien	Stamas
Green	Jones	Pavlov	Young
Gregory	Knezek	Proos	Zorn
Hansen			

Nays—1

Warren

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Resolutions

The question was placed on the adoption of the following resolution consent calendar:

Senate Resolution No. 15

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senator Hildenbrand offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 15.

A resolution to declare February 19, 2015, as Conductive Education Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Conductive education (CE) was developed over sixty years ago in Hungary by Dr. András Petö; and

Whereas, CE is a unique teaching system that maximizes the independence and mobility of children and adults with neuromotor disabilities, such as stroke survivors and those with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, acquired brain injuries, Parkinson's disease, and spina bifida; and

Whereas, CE operates from a core belief in neuroplasticity, the lifelong ability of the brain to reorganize neural pathways based on new experiences, and on the premise that no matter how severe the disability, people can learn and improve when they are motivated; and

Whereas, CE has the potential to make a significant, life-changing impact on the mobility and independence of close to 9 million people in the United States and Canada; and

Whereas, CE helps individuals learn their way to independence; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize February 19, 2015, as Conductive Education Day in the state of Michigan. We encourage support for this important program that increases the independence of people with disabilities in our community; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Association for Conductive Education in North America with our highest esteem.

Senators Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Colbeck, Green, Hansen, Hood, Horn, Knollenberg, MacGregor, Pavlov, Proos and Zorn were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Brandenburg, Zorn, Robertson, Schmidt and Knollenberg introduced

Senate Bill No. 149, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 2912i.

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

Senators O'Brien, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, Knezek and Hune introduced

Senate Bill No. 150, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3406t.

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

Senators Bieda, Jones, Ananich, Hertel, Schuitmaker, Hopgood, Nofs and Gregory introduced

Senate Bill No. 151, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16 of chapter X (MCL 770.16), as amended by 2011 PA 212.

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

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 152, entitled

A bill to amend 2004 PA 403, entitled "Michigan unarmed combat regulatory act," by amending the title and sections 1, 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, 22, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 47, 48, 55, 57, and 58 (MCL 338.3601, 338.3610, 338.3611, 338.3612, 338.3620, 338.3621, 338.3622, 338.3630, 338.3631, 338.3633, 338.3634, 338.3635, 338.3640, 338.3641,

338.3642, 338.3647, 338.3648, 338.3655, 338.3657, and 338.3658), sections 1, 10, 11, 12, 21, 31, 34, 35, 47, 48, 55, 57, and 58 as amended by 2007 PA 196, sections 20 and 33 as amended by 2012 PA 546, and section 22 as amended by 2010 PA 100, and by adding sections 33a, 33b, 33c, 33d, 49, 49a, and 54a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

House Bill No. 4110, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 11, 11m, 18, 22a, 22b, 51a, 51c, 147c, 147d, 201, and 236 (MCL 388.1611, 388.1611m, 388.1618, 388.1622a, 388.1622b, 388.1651a, 388.1651c, 388.1747c, 388.1747d, 388.1801, and 388.1836), sections 11, 11m, 18, 22a, 22b, 51a, 51c, 147c, 201, and 236 as amended and section 147d as added by 2014 PA 476; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4112, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies and for capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

Committee Reports

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 81, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7cc (MCL 211.7cc), as amended by 2014 PA 40.

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

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Brandenburg, Robertson, Knollenberg, Casperson, Proos, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 86, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 34, entitled "Revised municipal finance act," by amending section 518 (MCL 141.2518), as amended by 2014 PA 297.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Brandenburg, Robertson, Knollenberg, Casperson, Proos, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Brandenburg (C), Robertson, Knollenberg, Casperson, Proos, Bieda and Warren

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Commerce submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Schmidt (C), Kowall, MacGregor, Nofs and Hertel

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Hansen (C), Pavlov and Hopgood

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Michigan Competitiveness submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Shirkey (C), Stamas and Warren

Excused: Senators Robertson and Proos

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Community Colleges submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Booher (C) and Knezek

Excused: Senator Schuitmaker

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Appropriations submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Hildenbrand (C), MacGregor, Hansen, Stamas, Schuitmaker, Knollenberg, Booher, Shirkey, Proos, Nofs, Green, Marleau, Gregory, Hopgood, Hertel, Knezek and Young

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Emmons (C), Pavlov, Jones and Johnson

Excused: Senator Casperson

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations -

Subcommittees -

Agriculture and Rural Development - Tuesdays, March 10, March 17, and March 24, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Community Colleges - Wednesday, March 25, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Community Colleges and House Community Colleges Appropriations Subcommittee - Thursday, February 26, 3:00 p.m., Lansing Community College, Arts and Sciences Building, Rooms 104-105-106, 419 N. Washington Square, Lansing (373-2768)

Community Health - Tuesdays, February 24 and March 3, 2:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

Corrections - Thursdays, March 5 and March 26, 9:00 a.m., Room 405, Capitol Building; February 26, March 12, and March 19, 9:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

General Government - Thursdays, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, and March 26, 8:30 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2768)

Higher Education - Monday, March 2, 1:30 p.m., Ferris State University, University Center, Room 203, 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids; and Wednesday, March 18, 9:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Higher Education and House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee - Tuesday, February 24, 11:00 a.m. or later immediately following session, Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Judiciary - Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25, 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

K-12, School Aid, Education - Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25, 8:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

State Police and Military Affairs - Thursdays, February 26 (CANCELED), March 5 (CANCELED), March 12 (CANCELED), and March 26 (CANCELED), 1:00 p.m.; Tuesdays, February 24, March 3, March 10, and March 24, 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Transportation - Thursdays, March 12, March 19, March 26, 8:30 a.m.; February 26, 11:00 a.m.; and March 5, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Legislative Council - Thursday, February 26, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-0212)

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:50 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

JEFFREY F. COBB
Secretary of the Senate

