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10:00 a.m.

The House was called to order by the Assistant Clerk.

The roll was called by the Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, who announced that a quorum was not present.

Rep. Barb Byrum, from the 67th District, offered the following invocation:

“If I Knew You
If I knew you, and you knew me,
And both of us could clearly see,
I’m sure that we would differ less,
And clasp our hands in friendliness’
If I knew you, and you knew me.

Thank you.”

Motions and Resolutions

Rep. Schuitmaker offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 413.

A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to continue to promote and prioritize the establishment of local farm-to-school initiatives.

Whereas, Local farm-to-school initiatives improve child nutrition and promote local farming communities. These programs emphasize the purchase and availability of fresher and more nutritious local foods for consumption in schools. In addition, they provide an opportunity for students to gain a greater appreciation of where their food comes from and enhance markets for local farmers. Strong local markets reduce food costs and fuel use associated with transporting foods long distances and increase food security; and

Whereas, The federal government plays a critical role in the success of local farm-to-school initiatives. Federal support can make the difference between a successful farm-to-school program and a failed one. In particular, placing a priority on farm-to-school programs and giving schools flexibility in the use of federal funding received for school meal programs would make a huge difference; and

Whereas, The 2008 federal farm bill (P.L. 110-246) made major strides to remove roadblocks and encourage the establishment of farm-to-school initiatives. Under the enacted bill, schools will now be able to show a preference for

locally grown and raised foods without risking the loss of critical funds. In addition, the bill authorizes funding for grants that may be used to make fresh fruits and vegetables available in elementary schools and develop hands-on school vegetable gardening and nutrition education programs at high-poverty schools; and

Whereas, The promise of the 2008 federal farm bill will only be met if Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture follow through and continue to expand on the commitments made. Full funding, regulatory flexibility, and a cooperative and collaborative relationship with the states and local schools are needed to maintain the momentum; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to continue to promote and prioritize the establishment of local farm-to-school initiatives; 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, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the Secretary of Agriculture.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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 Thursday, August 14:

House Bill Nos.	6362	6363	6364	6365	6366	6367	6368	6369	6370	6371	6372	6373	6374	6375
	6376	6377	6378	6379	6380	6381								

Notices

Pursuant to Rule 41, the Speaker has made the following reassignments:

House Bill No. 6365 referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

House Bill No. 6366 referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Judiciary from further consideration of **House Joint Resolution NN**.

Rep. Stahl

Public Hearing

Committee on Education, Subcommittee on High School Alternatives

Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Second Ebenezer Church
14601 Dequindre St.
Detroit, MI 48211

Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood
Chair

Agenda: Hearing Public Testimony on the New High School Graduation Requirements.

Introduction of Bills

Reps. Schuitmaker, Proos, Meekhof, Hildenbrand, DeRoche and Opsommer introduced

House Bill No. 6382, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," by amending section 88b (MCL 125.2088b), as amended by 2008 PA 175, and by adding section 88r.

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

Reps. Horn, DeRoche, Proos, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Meekhof and Opsommer introduced

House Bill No. 6383, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 30 (MCL 206.30), as amended by 2007 PA 154.

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

Reps. Rick Jones, Proos, Elsenheimer, Meekhof and Opsommer introduced

House Bill No. 6384, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 1 (MCL 205.51), as amended by 2004 PA 173.

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

Rep. Ball introduced

House Bill No. 6385, entitled

A bill to amend 1919 PA 71, entitled "An act to provide for the formulation and establishment of a uniform system of accounting and reporting in the several departments, offices, and institutions of the state government, and in all county offices; to provide for the examination of the books and accounts of each state department, office, and institution, and of each county office; to provide for financial reports from all those departments, institutions, and offices, and for the tabulation and publication of comparative financial statistics relating to the departments, institutions, and offices; to provide for the administration of this act; to provide for the powers and duties of the department of treasury, the state treasurer, the library of Michigan and depository libraries, and other officers and entities; to provide penalties; and to provide for meeting the expense authorized by this act," by amending sections 4 and 5 (MCL 21.44 and 21.45), as amended by 2002 PA 370.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs.

Reps. Constan, Meadows and Spade introduced

House Bill No. 6386, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," by amending section 22b (MCL 421.22b), as added by 2005 PA 18.

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

Reps. Constan, Meadows and Spade introduced

House Bill No. 6387, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," by amending section 11 (MCL 421.11), as amended by 2005 PA 182.

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

Rep. Miller introduced

House Bill No. 6388, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 21742.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement.

Rep. Miller introduced

House Bill No. 6389, entitled

A bill to amend 1943 PA 240, entitled "State employees' retirement act," (MCL 38.1 to 38.69) by adding section 19k.

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

Rep. Farrah introduced

House Bill No. 6390, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," by amending section 2511 (MCL 339.2511), as amended by 1990 PA 164.

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

Rep. Farrah introduced

House Bill No. 6391, entitled

A bill to repeal 1972 PA 286, entitled "Land sales act," (MCL 565.801 to 565.835).

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

Rep. Byrum announced that pursuant to House Rule 1(2), the House will stand adjourned until Wednesday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m.

The Assistant Clerk declared the House adjourned until Wednesday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m.

RICHARD J. BROWN
Clerk of the House of Representatives