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

e/d/s = entered during session

Pastor Rich McCarrell, Pastor of Byron Center Bible Church in Byron Center, offered the following invocation:

“Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of Life, our Heavenly Father, through faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ ~ we come to You this morning at the beginning of a new day and a new session to ask Your blessing upon these Your servants.

Your Word tells us that these who serve in government are Your ministers for righteousness.

Grant, I pray, to these who serve, wisdom to uphold justice and fight injustice. May they be dispensers of equal justice to all – regardless of race – gender – religion – or social status.

Grant, I pray, to these who serve, strength to defend the defenseless, and to protect those most vulnerable in our state, especially the children, who You demonstrated Your special love for in the Gospels.

Grant, I pray, to these who serve, a passion for integrity and truth in all they do.

Grant to them physical, emotional, and spiritual protection and in thanking You for them we also thank You for their families and the sacrifices they make - so we ask this same protection for the families of these who serve.

We recognize that we who have been entrusted with much have a great responsibility to lead with humility – integrity – generosity - recognizing our purpose which we find in the great preamble to the great constitution of this great state:

That we the people of the state of Michigan grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom, and earnestly desiring to secure these blessings undiminished to ourselves and our posterity . . .

May it be so –

This we pray in the name of Your Son Jesus before whom one day we will stand accountable and who taught us to pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.”

Rep. Stamas moved that Rep. Shaughnessy be excused from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

Messages from the Senate

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35.

A concurrent resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Hal W. Ziegler, former member of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Legislature were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Hal Ziegler. An inspired and energetic lawmaker and politically active to the very end, he will be remembered for his intelligence, humor, and strong belief in working together, regardless of political affiliation, to solve the problems facing our state and nation; and

Whereas, Upon graduation from Jackson High School, Hal Ziegler would go on to earn his bachelor’s degree from Hillsdale College and a law degree from Wayne State University. He proudly served our country in the 1950s as a member of the U.S. Army and would later serve as an assistant prosecuting attorney and circuit court commissioner in Jackson County. Lead by his passion for politics, he was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1966. Eight years later, he would move on to the Michigan Senate; and

Whereas, For twelve years, Hal Ziegler worked hard to represent the interests of the residents of his native Jackson County and the surrounding counties. He served on the Judiciary Committee in both chambers as well as committees dealing with elections, urban affairs, commerce, and veterans affairs. Smart and witty, he had the ability to work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to achieve solutions that benefited every Michigander; and

Whereas, Hal Ziegler’s passion for politics did not end when he left the Legislature. He remained politically involved until his death. Most recently, he had become active in the “No Labels” movement, championing bipartisan cooperation to solve our nation’s problems, and had begun participating in a weekly news radio segment offering his perspective on issues and answering questions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Hal W. Ziegler, a member of the House of Representatives from 1967 to 1974 and a member of the Senate from 1975 to 1978; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Ziegler family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory and contributions.

The Senate has adopted the concurrent resolution.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted by unanimous standing vote.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Motions and Resolutions

Reps. Liss, Barnett, Bauer, Brown, Constan, Crawford, Darany, Denby, Heise, Kurtz, Lindberg, Price, Slavens, Talabi and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 329.

A resolution to declare November 2012 as COPD Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a term used to describe airflow obstruction that is associated mainly with emphysema and chronic bronchitis; and

Whereas, There is indication of COPD being underdiagnosed as an estimated 24 million people have evidence of impaired lung function. COPD kills more than 120,000 Americans every year. On average, one person dies from COPD every 4 minutes; and

Whereas, According to a 2010 National Center for Health Statistics report, COPD has become the third leading cause of death in the United States; and

Whereas, Pulmonary experts predict that by the year 2020, COPD will become the third leading cause of death worldwide; and

Whereas, COPD currently accounts for 1.5 million emergency room visits, 715,000 hospitalizations, and 8 million physician office and hospital outpatient visits. COPD costs the nation an estimated \$49.9 billion in direct and indirect medical costs annually; and

Whereas, Smoking is the primary risk factor for COPD as approximately 85 to 90 percent of COPD deaths are caused by smoking; and

Whereas, COPD affects almost 450,000 citizens of Michigan and in 2009 it was the third leading cause of death in the state; and

Whereas, Coordinated community efforts, such as the Michigan COPD Coalition, a public-private partnership of individuals and organizations that created the Michigan COPD Action Plan, can result in dramatic improvements to public health and reduced healthcare costs; and

Whereas, Research has identified a hereditary protein deficiency called Alpha-1 Antitrypsin. People with this deficiency tend to develop COPD even without exposure to smoking or environmental triggers; and

Whereas, While there is currently no cure for COPD, spirometry testing and medical treatments exist to address symptom relief and possibly slow the progression of the disease; and

Whereas, Until there is a cure, the best approaches to prevent COPD and its considerable health, societal, and mortality impacts lie with education, awareness, and expanded delivery of detection and management protocols; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this legislative body declare November 2012 as COPD Awareness Month in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this legislative body recognize the founding of the Michigan COPD Coalition; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Department of Community Health, and the Michigan COPD Coalition.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Horn, Poleski, Shirkey, Johnson, McBroom, Barnett, Bauer, Brown, Constan, Crawford, Darany, Denby, Heise, Kurtz, Lindberg, Liss, Price, Slavens, Talabi and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 330.

A resolution to declare December 6, 2012, as Utility Workers Safety Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Utility workers put their lives on the line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

Whereas, These brave men and women are often the first people at the scene of a storm or catastrophic event; and

Whereas, Utility workers regularly perform their duties along the roadside as identified by circulating amber lights and designated signs and cones; and

Whereas, There are numerous near misses every month where utility workers are almost hit because drivers do not slow down or pull to the side when utility workers are roadside; and

Whereas, The fines and liabilities of hitting a roadside utility worker are identical to those of roadside construction workers and police officers; and

Whereas, Everyone can assist in creating a safer environment through better awareness to utility workers and vehicles operating roadside; and

Whereas, All citizens need to understand the sacrifice and risk these men and women undergo to ensure our daily schedules are not interrupted; and

Whereas, During Utility Workers Safety Awareness Day, the goal is to better educate the public about the need to “slow down and go around” utility workers, just as they do for police, fire trucks and ambulances; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare December 6, 2012, as Utility Workers Safety Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Reps. Slavens, Barnett, Bauer, Brown, Constan, Crawford, Darany, Heise, Hooker, Knollenberg, Kurtz, Lindberg, Liss, Poleski, Price, Talabi and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 331.

A resolution to declare November 2012 as Adoption Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Children thrive in loving families where they are nurtured, comforted, and protected; and

Whereas, Michigan recognizes the valuable contributions of individuals who travel the rewarding journey of adoption by providing love, guidance, and hope for children whose lives have been filled with change and uncertainty; and

Whereas, Michigan is committed to working as a partner with social service agencies, organizations in communities, and child advocates to help recruit and support adoptive families who make a difference in developing positive outcomes for our children; and

Whereas, Finding nurturing, permanent homes for waiting children is an objective Michigan works toward throughout the year; and

Whereas, During Adoption Awareness Month, special efforts are made to instill a greater perception of the need for adoptive families; and

Whereas, Throughout November, communities across the nation observe National Adoption Month to raise awareness and encourage citizens to become involved in the lives of these youth as adoptive parents, volunteers, or mentors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 2012 as Adoption Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We urge all citizens of our state to observe this occasion and recognize the importance of adoption in order to honor those who provide children with a loving home.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Slavens, Barnett, Bauer, Brown, Constan, Darany, Knollenberg, Kurtz, Lindberg, Liss, Segal and Talabi offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 332.

A resolution to declare November 15, 2012, as Great American Smoke-Out Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The state of Michigan has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and

Whereas, More than 45 million Americans smoke cigarettes and more than 15 million people smoke tobacco in cigars or pipes; and

Whereas, The United States Surgeon General has said that smoking remains the single most preventable cause of premature death in our society; and

Whereas, Lung cancer is the leading type of cancer death in America as 87% of lung cancer cases result from smoking; and

Whereas, For thirty years, millions of smokers have participated in the American Cancer Society’s Great American Smoke-Out, a day on which they give up cigarettes for 24 hours in the hope they may quit permanently; and

Whereas, A significant number of those who gave up cigarettes for the day were able to give up the habit entirely; and

Whereas, This demonstration of success suggests that the Great American Smoke-Out has potential for improving the health of the citizens of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 15, 2012, as Great American Smoke-Out Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize that the citizens of Michigan deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy, informed and aware of their health and of the factors that affect that health.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Slavens, Barnett, Brown, Constan, Darany, Denby, Knollenberg, Kurtz, Lindberg, Liss and Talabi offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 333.

A resolution to declare November 14, 2012, as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The state of Michigan has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and

Whereas, Chronic lung disease, known collectively as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), is a slow, progressive and irreversible disease of the airways that affects over 24 million Americans; and

Whereas, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is the third leading cause of death in the nation; and

Whereas, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease kills more than 120,000 Americans each year and causes one death every 4 minutes; and

Whereas, More than 75% of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease cases in the United States are attributed to smoking and are easily preventable; and

Whereas, Awareness, early detection, and treatment are crucial in the prevention or slowing of the spread of lung disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare November 14, 2012, as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize that the citizens of Michigan deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy, informed, and aware of their respiratory health and of the factors that affect that health.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Somerville, Hooker, Kurtz and Liss offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 334.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to end the federal grants that support presidential nominating conventions.

Whereas, The federal government provides millions of taxpayer dollars to the major political parties to hold lavish presidential nominating conventions. In 2012, federal grants from the Presidential Election Campaign Fund provided the Democratic and Republican parties with grants of nearly \$18 million each for their presidential nominating conventions. Since 1976, over \$220 million of taxpayer dollars has been directed to the major parties; and

Whereas, In an age of trillion dollar national debt, it is a frivolous waste of taxpayer money to fund conventions that are more political show than political debate. Each year the debt grows by more than \$1 trillion, but every four years, millions of federal dollars is still spent on weeklong parties, extravagant hotels, speech coaches, makeup artists, political consultants, gift bags, and other perks; and

Whereas, Federal funding is no longer needed for presidential nominating conventions. The major political parties are more than capable of raising private and corporate contributions for these conventions and already cover the majority of costs. In 1980, federal grants accounted for 95 percent of convention funding, whereas in 2008, federal grants only covered 23 percent of convention costs. Public financing of nominating conventions is an outdated system that should be ended; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to end the federal grants that support presidential nominating conventions; 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 Redistricting and Elections.

The Speaker called the Speaker Pro Tempore to the Chair.

Comments and Recommendations

Rep. Stamas moved that the following remarks be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Agema:

“Six years ago I came to this institution with a great dislike of politics. The role of government has assumed a greater and greater importance in our lives-indeed, too great an importance affecting entirely too much.

I believe that the role of government was intended to be just enough so people can do as much or as little as they wanted and then reap the rewards, or lack thereof of their labors. Instead, government now dictates what people and businesses will and can or cannot do based on excessive regulations and taxes.

Too often we are overly influenced by lobbyists, and in our own election, rather than doing what we know is right-here lies the rub, our election is more important and therefore we don't do what we should, but rather we do what we shouldn't.

You may already know that one legend identifies the etymology of the word ‘lobbyist’ as originating in the lobby of the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., where President Ulysses S. Grant would encounter the political wheelers and dealers who frequented the hotel's lobby to access him and persuade him to make political decisions in their favor by buying him drinks and the like. Many see lobbying as a fundamental problem in our political culture today-but I disagree. It is not the fundamental problem, but rather a symptom of the fundamental problem.

People don't attempt to influence your favor if you are not in possession of favors to bestow. Were we to shrink the size, power and yes influence of government, lobbying would automatically become more thin and less successful.

The political process under a robust and ever-enlarging government, incentivizes politicians to simply wait to see what the direction of the wind will be, so they can build constituencies by offering favors. The sad truth is that it will take much more than one election to solve what ails us, in part because the confusion that ails our republic runs very deep.

I pray to God that many lovers of human dignity, and the free and virtuous society find their way to office in the coming elections, but more than that, I pray that the people of this nation will learn again the meaning of the words *freedom*, of *justice*, of that 236-year old declaration that ‘all men are *created equal*’, meaning they are all endowed by their Creator-not their Capitol; not their Community Organizer-with certain unalienable rights.

Government by its very nature limits your rights, takes your income and rewards behaviors it sees as virtuous, rather than those that the almighty God deems good and right which our country was founded on.

Yes, the confusion that ails our republic can be summed up by the quote that our Constitution will only survive for a morale people. Truly we have lost that virtue.

I want to both encourage you and warn you. Doing what is right in God's eyes blesses a nation. When our leadership follow Biblical principles, we are blessed. When they don't we incur the curses God has placed on every other nation that has spit in the face of God.

I end with a Biblical quote, ‘If my people which are called by my name will humble themselves and pray. I will heal their land.’

And I say, we are in need of healing.”

Rep. Bauer:

“Thank you Mr. Speaker.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in the Michigan House of Representatives these past six years. Every time I walk up the sidewalk and into this Capitol, I still pinch myself because I can't believe I am so fortunate to work in this beautiful building, to be part of Michigan's government, and have this first-hand view of democracy in action. I do believe in government and its role in making this a better state.

First and foremost, I want to thank the people of the 68th District who have given me the remarkable opportunity to represent them in this Chamber. It has been an honor to serve them these past six years and I hope I have lived up to their expectations. As we are faced with a myriad of interests, voices, and pressure on any given issue here in the Legislature, I have the unique position of being able to look out my office window in the HOB at my district right here in Lansing and Lansing Township, and be immediately reminded of who sent me here and whose interests I represent.

I also want to thank the thousands of state employees who make this state function. In a term limited era, Legislators come and go, but our dedicated, competent, and hardworking state workers are there to provide services to the people of Michigan day in and day out, year after year. I have the privilege of representing many of you and have such deep respect for the work you do.

And, we all owe our gratitude to the staff who make our jobs in the Legislature so much easier. Clerks Randall and Brown and your staff, the policy and communications staffs of both caucuses who do their jobs so well, Tim Bowlin and everyone in the business office, the facilities staff who so lovingly and competently preserve and maintain this beautiful Capitol building, the IT staff (what will I do in January when I can't call you!), the sergeants and state troopers who are ever vigilant, and the incredible people who staff the tour desk and so make history come alive for the thousands of visitors of all ages who come through this building.

Having served on the Appropriations Committee for my six years in the House, I have to acknowledge the brilliance and patience of Maureen Watson and also want to thank the House Fiscal Agency and all the incredibly smart and dedicated people who work there. I could not have chaired the Higher Education Appropriations Committee without the incredible staff support from Kyle Jen, who we affectionately call the human calculator. Special thanks also to Mitch Bean and Mary Ann Cleary for their leadership in providing the analysis and numbers we ask for (usually at the very last minute). . . always in a professional, nonpartisan way.

Most of all, I thank the incredible people with whom I worked in my office. I am blessed to have had a dear friend of 30 years, Mary Clark, work with me during my first 5 years and cannot thank her enough for her incredible work ethic, her support, and her commitment to the people of the 68th district. Mary is now the newly elected Delta Township Clerk. Sarah Anthony came right out of college to work with me for 4 years until she became the Finance and Strategy Director for the Michigan College Access Network. Sarah was just elected to the Ingham County Commission. I am so proud of these two women and owe them so much. My current staff are also incredible. Karissa Chabot Purchase is one of the most competent and organized people I have ever known and Weston Lindberg is an excellent staffer. And I have to mention our interns! Being a former teacher, I have loved the opportunity to have many interns work in my office over the past six years. They have done a great deal for my constituents and I have learned a great deal from them.

My time in the Legislature has been a special experience because of all of you, my colleagues in this Chamber. Some of you I have come to know well and I only wish I had the time to get to know many of you better. I have been so fortunate to serve with outstanding legislators from Ingham County - Barb Byrum and Mark Meadows in the House, and Gretchen Whitmer in the Senate and I thank them for their continual support and cooperation. I have worked closely with Paul Opsommer to develop the Capitol Caucus comprised of the 11 representatives and senators from the Greater Lansing area which has been effective because all the members focus on what we agree on for our region . . . which is quite a bit. Paul has played a major role in our success and I thank him.

And, I have had incredible seatmates! My first term by the luck of the draw I sat by Rebekah Warren and Alma Wheeler Smith. Special thanks to Alma for her wisdom and willingness to mentor so many of the first termers. My second term seatmate was Kate Segal whose energy and competence never cease to amaze me. And this term, my seatmate is Lisa Brown. We have argued over how we should vote and discussed important and relevant legislative topics . . . while also laughing and talking about our families, friends, and hair styles! Lisa is incredibly smart and I so respect her passion and conviction especially as she advocates for education and women's rights.

I served on the Appropriations Committee during my entire tenure in the House. What a remarkable opportunity to be part of the budget process (though it would have been much more fun if the great recession hadn't hit Michigan so hard the first year I was elected!). Serving under George Cushingberry was an experience I will never forget and I thank chair Moss and minority vice chair LeBlanc for their leadership these past two years.

Serving on the Higher Education Appropriations subcommittee for all six years, I had the opportunity to work with committee chairs Pam Byrnes and Bob Genetski as well as chair the committee in my second term. I was able to visit all but one of our 15 fine public universities and to meet and work with incredible people from our higher education system . . . university presidents, governmental relations staff, financial aid directors, professors, and, perhaps best of all, students. We have a remarkable system with 15 autonomous universities, each with a unique flavor and environment from the smallest (Lake Superior State) to the largest (Michigan State University). I implore those of you in this chamber who are returning to make education at all levels a priority in the coming term and to make higher education affordable and accessible for our citizens. Michigan cannot afford to continue the trend of disinvesting in higher education. We owe it to our young people and to the future prosperity of this state to reverse that trend. You can do it. There are many options available.

As I look around this chamber, I realize that one of the true joys of this job has been meeting and working with such exceptional colleagues, and I would love to go around the room and say something about all of you . . . but if I start I will be up here for hours. Just know that I feel blessed to have had the chance to know you.

Finally, I have to acknowledge my family. My parents were both teachers, my dad a government teacher, so I am sure that the dinner table conversations had something to do with my life path. My sister is a teacher and my brother is a police officer. Public service is ingrained in us.

My biggest supporter and fan, and the person who has lived through my 11 years on the Lansing City Council and my 6 years in the Legislature is my husband, Doug Langham. I would probably never be doing this today without his love and support. I owe so much to him.

And, I so wish my paternal grandmother were still alive. Like so many of your families, my grandmother came to this country from Holland at the age of 14 with probably a 3rd grade education and not speaking a word of English. She was a single parent who raised my dad and aunt while working as a hair dresser until she was 84. She never owned a car and lived a very simple life. She died in 2004 at the age of 107. She would have been so proud to see her granddaughter serving in the Michigan House of Representatives. The American dream continues for so many of us.

I am so proud to be a Michigander, to have lived in this wonderful state for most of my life. I love our state and our hardworking, gritty, smart people who have common sense and care about each other. And I am thankful for each and every day that I have been part of our state's history."

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 5801, entitled

A bill to enter into the state and province emergency management assistance agreement.

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

Roll Call No. 605**Yeas—109**

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

Nays—0

In The Chair: Walsh

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Motions and Resolutions

Rep. Stamas moved to reconsider the vote by which the House passed **Senate Bill No. 358**.

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

Third Reading of Bills**Senate Bill No. 358, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 159g (MCL 750.159g), as amended by 2010 PA 362.

(The bill was passed on November 27, see House Journal No. 74, p. 2283.)

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Rep. Cotter moved to substitute (H-1) the bill.

The motion was seconded and the substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was then passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 606**Yeas—104**

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

Nays—5

Agema	Daley	MacMaster	Potvin
Bumstead			

In The Chair: Walsh

House Bill No. 5487, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 42 and 726c (MCL 257.42 and 257.726c), as amended by 1989 PA 173.

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

Roll Call No. 607**Yeas—108**

Agema	Genetski	LaFontaine	Potvin
Ananich	Gilbert	Lane	Price
Barnett	Glardon	LeBlanc	Pscholka

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

Nays—1

McMillin

In The Chair: Walsh

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

House Bill No. 4800, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 705 (MCL 380.705), as amended by 2003 PA 299.

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

Roll Call No. 608**Yeas—106**

Agema	Genetski	LaFontaine	Potvin
Ananich	Gilbert	Lane	Price
Barnett	Glardon	LeBlanc	Pscholka
Bauer	Goike	Lindberg	Rendon
Bledsoe	Graves	Lipton	Rogers
Bolger	Greimel	Liss	Rutledge
Brown	Haines	Lori	Schmidt, R.
Brunner	Hammel	Lund	Schmidt, W.
Bumstead	Haugh	Lyons	Segal
Byrum	Haveman	MacGregor	Shirkey
Callton	Heise	MacMaster	Slavens
Cavanagh	Hobbs	McBroom	Smiley
Clemente	Hooker	McCann	Somerville

Constan	Horn	Meadows	Stallworth
Cotter	Hovey-Wright	Moss	Stamas
Crawford	Howze	Muxlow	Stanley
Daley	Hughes	Nathan	Stapleton
Damrow	Huuki	O'Brien	Switalski
Darany	Irwin	Oakes	Talabi
Denby	Jackson	Olson	Tlaib
Dillon	Jacobsen	Olumba	Townsend
Durhal	Jenkins	Opsommer	Tyler
Farrington	Johnson	Ouimet	Walsh
Forlini	Kandrevas	Outman	Womack
Foster	Knollenberg	Pettalia	Yonker
Franz	Kowall	Poleski	Zorn
Geiss	Kurtz		

Nays—3

McMillin	Nesbitt	Santana
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In The Chair: Walsh

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

House Bill No. 5055, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," (MCL 421.1 to 421.75) by adding section 11a.

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

Roll Call No. 609**Yeas—63**

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

Nays—46

Ananich	Durhal	LeBlanc	Segal
Barnett	Geiss	Lindberg	Slavens
Bauer	Greimel	Lipton	Smiley

Bledsoe	Hammel	Liss	Stallworth
Brown	Haugh	McCann	Stanley
Brunner	Hobbs	Meadows	Stapleton
Byrum	Hovey-Wright	Nathan	Switalski
Cavanagh	Howze	Oakes	Talabi
Clemente	Irwin	Olumba	Tlaib
Constan	Jackson	Rutledge	Townsend
Darany	Kandrevas	Santana	Womack
Dillon	Lane		

In The Chair: Walsh

The House agreed to the title of the bill.
Rep. Stamas moved that the bill be given immediate effect.
The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

House Bill No. 5682, entitled

A bill to amend 1991 PA 46, entitled "Eligible domestic relations order act," by amending section 2 (MCL 38.1702), as amended by 2008 PA 348.

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

Roll Call No. 610

Yeas—109

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

Nays—0

In The Chair: Walsh

The House agreed to the title of the bill.
Rep. Stamas moved that the bill be given immediate effect.
The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

House Bill No. 5798, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 11503 and 11506 (MCL 324.11503 and 324.11506), section 11503 as amended by 2007 PA 212 and section 11506 as amended by 2010 PA 345, and by adding section 11521b.

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

Roll Call No. 611

Yeas—109

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

Nays—0

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 amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 11503, 11505, and 11506 (MCL 324.11503, 324.11505, and 324.11506), sections 11503 and 11505 as amended by 2007 PA 212 and section 11506 as amended by 2010 PA 345, and by adding section 11521b.

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.

House Bill No. 4609, entitled

A bill to amend 1993 PA 354, entitled "Railroad code of 1993," by amending section 315 (MCL 462.315), as amended by 2001 PA 5.

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

Roll Call No. 612**Yeas—104**

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

Nays—5

Agema	Hooker	MacMaster	Pettalia
Genetski			

In The Chair: Walsh

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

House Bill No. 5839, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 87c (MCL 211.87c), as amended by 2002 PA 165.

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

Roll Call No. 613**Yeas—109**

Agema	Gilbert	Lane	Potvin
Ananich	Glardon	LeBlanc	Price

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

Nays—0

In The Chair: Walsh

The House agreed to the title of the bill.
Rep. Stamas moved that the bill be given immediate effect.
The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

House Bill No. 5843, entitled

A bill to prohibit organized retail crime and to provide penalties for that crime; to provide for forfeiture of and restitution for stolen retail merchandise in certain circumstances; to create the organized retail crime advisory board and to prescribe its powers and duties; and to provide for the administration of this act.

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

Roll Call No. 614**Yeas—107**

Agema	Genetski	Lane	Price
Ananich	Gilbert	LeBlanc	Pscholka
Barnett	Glardon	Lindberg	Rendon
Bauer	Goike	Lipton	Rogers
Bledsoe	Graves	Liss	Rutledge
Bolger	Greimel	Lori	Santana
Brown	Haines	Lund	Schmidt, R.
Brunner	Hammel	Lyons	Schmidt, W.
Bumstead	Haugh	MacGregor	Segal
Byrum	Haveman	MacMaster	Shirkey

Darany	Jackson	Oakes	Switalski
Denby	Jacobsen	Olson	Talabi
Dillon	Jenkins	Olumba	Tlaib
Durhal	Johnson	Opsommer	Townsend
Farrington	Kandrevas	Ouimet	Tyler
Forlini	Knollenberg	Outman	Walsh
Foster	Kowall	Pettalia	Womack
Franz	Kurtz	Poleski	Yonker
Geiss	LaFontaine	Potvin	Zorn
Genetski			

Nays—4

Agema	Irwin	McMillin	Nathan
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In The Chair: Walsh

The House agreed to the title of the bill.
 Rep. Stamas moved that the bill be given immediate effect.
 The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

House Bill No. 5892, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 424, entitled "Rental-purchase agreement act," by amending sections 7, 8, and 20 (MCL 445.957, 445.958, and 445.970).

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

Roll Call No. 616**Yeas—106**

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

Franz	Kowall	Pettalia	Womack
Geiss	Kurtz	Poleski	Zorn
Genetski	LaFontaine		

Nays—3

Agema	McMillin	Yonker
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In The Chair: Walsh

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

The Speaker Pro Tempore called Associate Speaker Pro Tempore O'Brien to the Chair.

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).

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

Roll Call No. 617**Yeas—103**

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

Nays—6Brown
Hovey-WrightJackson
Nathan

Olumba

Tlaib

In The Chair: O'Brien

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

House Bill No. 5076, entitled

A bill to amend 1968 PA 2, entitled "Uniform budgeting and accounting act," by amending sections 16 and 18 (MCL 141.436 and 141.438), as amended by 2000 PA 493.

The bill was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Rep. Walsh moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 3, line 14, after "**OFFICIAL.**" by striking out "**A**" and inserting "**THE CHIEF JUDGE OF A**".
2. Amend page 3, line 18, by striking out "**BEFORE A**" and inserting "**IF A COURT AND THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A COUNTY ARE INVOLVED IN MEDIATION, BEFORE THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THAT**".
3. Amend page 3, line 19, after "**OF**" by striking out "**A**" and inserting "**THE**".
4. Amend page 5, line 7, after "**OFFICIAL.**" by striking out "**A**" and inserting "**THE CHIEF JUDGE OF A**".
5. Amend page 5, line 11, after "**COURT.**" by striking out "**BEFORE A**" and inserting "**IF A COURT AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF A COUNTY ARE INVOLVED IN MEDIATION, BEFORE THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THAT**".
6. Amend page 5, line 13, after "**OF**" by striking out "**A**" and inserting "**THE**".
7. Amend page 5, line 16, after "**(7)**" by striking out "**NOTWITHSTANDING**" and inserting "**EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (8) AND NOTWITHSTANDING**".
8. Amend page 5, following line 24, by inserting:

"(8) IF A COURT IS INVOLVED IN MEDIATION UNDER SUBSECTION (6) OR SECTION 16(9) DURING THE 60-DAY PERIOD TO BRING A SUIT IN THE MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (7), ANY SUIT BROUGHT ON THE COURT'S BEHALF UNDER SUBSECTION (6) OR SECTION 16(9) SHALL ONLY BE BROUGHT IN THE MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER 1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE ADOPTION OF A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

(B) AN AMENDMENT TO A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OR AN ACTION RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION, EXECUTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THAT GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, IF THE AMENDMENT OR ACTION CONSTITUTES A BASIS FOR THE SUIT." and renumbering the remaining subsections.
9. Amend page 5, line 26, after "**(7)(B)**" by inserting "**OR (8)(B)**".
10. Amend page 6, line 12, after "**(7)**" by inserting "**OR (8)**".

The motion was seconded and the amendments were adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was then passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 618**Yeas—65**Agema
Bolger
Bumstead
Callton
Cotter
Crawford
DaleyGoike
Graves
Haines
Haveman
Heise
Hooker
HornLane
LeBlanc
Lori
Lund
Lyons
MacGregor
MacMasterPettalia
Poleski
Potvin
Price
Pscholka
Rendon
Rogers

Damrow	Hughes	McBroom	Schmidt, R.
Denby	Huuki	McMillin	Schmidt, W.
Dillon	Jacobsen	Moss	Shirkey
Farrington	Jenkins	Nesbitt	Somerville
Forlini	Johnson	Oakes	Stamas
Foster	Knollenberg	Olson	Tyler
Franz	Kowall	Opsommer	Walsh
Genetski	Kurtz	Ouimet	Yonker
Gilbert	LaFontaine	Outman	Zorn
Glardon			

Nays—44

Ananich	Durhal	Lindberg	Segal
Barnett	Geiss	Lipton	Slavens
Bauer	Greimel	Liss	Smiley
Bledsoe	Hammel	McCann	Stallworth
Brown	Haugh	Meadows	Stanley
Brunner	Hobbs	Muxlow	Stapleton
Byrum	Hovey-Wright	Nathan	Switalski
Cavanagh	Howze	O'Brien	Talabi
Clemente	Irwin	Olumba	Tlaib
Constan	Jackson	Rutledge	Townsend
Darany	Kandrevas	Santana	Womack

In The Chair: O'Brien

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

House Bill No. 4998, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 5732 and 5739 (MCL 600.5732 and 600.5739), section 5739 as amended by 2006 PA 147, and by adding section 5736.

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

Roll Call No. 619**Yeas—76**

Agema	Glardon	Lane	Ouimet
Ananich	Goike	LeBlanc	Outman
Bledsoe	Graves	Liss	Pettalia
Bolger	Greimel	Lori	Poleski
Bumstead	Haines	Lund	Potvin
Callton	Haveman	Lyons	Price
Constan	Heise	MacGregor	Pscholka
Cotter	Hobbs	MacMaster	Rendon
Crawford	Hooker	McBroom	Rogers
Daley	Horn	McCann	Schmidt, R.
Damrow	Hughes	McMillin	Schmidt, W.
Denby	Huuki	Moss	Shirkey
Dillon	Jacobsen	Muxlow	Somerville
Farrington	Jenkins	Nesbitt	Stamas
Forlini	Johnson	O'Brien	Stapleton
Foster	Knollenberg	Oakes	Tyler

Franz	Kowall	Olson	Walsh
Genetski	Kurtz	Olumba	Yonker
Gilbert	LaFontaine	Opsommer	Zorn

Nays—32

Barnett	Durhal	Kandrevas	Slavens
Bauer	Geiss	Lindberg	Smiley
Brown	Hammel	Lipton	Stallworth
Brunner	Haugh	Meadows	Stanley
Byrum	Hovey-Wright	Nathan	Switalski
Cavanagh	Howze	Rutledge	Talabi
Clemente	Irwin	Santana	Tlaib
Darany	Jackson	Segal	Womack

In The Chair: O'Brien

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

Rep. Townsend, under Rule 31, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I did not vote on Roll Call No. 619 because of a possible conflict of interest.”

House Bill No. 5600, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled “Probate code of 1939,” by amending section 18e of chapter XIII (MCL 712A.18e), as amended by 1996 PA 257.

The bill was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Rep. Haveman moved to substitute (H-5) the bill.

The motion was seconded and the substitute (H-5) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was then passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 620**Yeas—109**

Agema	Gilbert	Lane	Potvin
Ananich	Glardon	LeBlanc	Price
Barnett	Goike	Lindberg	Pscholka
Bauer	Graves	Lipton	Rendon
Bledsoe	Greimel	Liss	Rogers
Bolger	Haines	Lori	Rutledge
Brown	Hammel	Lund	Santana
Brunner	Haugh	Lyons	Schmidt, R.
Bumstead	Haveman	MacGregor	Schmidt, W.
Byrum	Heise	MacMaster	Segal
Callton	Hobbs	McBroom	Shirkey
Cavanagh	Hooker	McCann	Slavens

Clemente	Horn	McMillin	Smiley
Constan	Hovey-Wright	Meadows	Somerville
Cotter	Howze	Moss	Stallworth
Crawford	Hughes	Muxlow	Stamas
Daley	Huuki	Nathan	Stanley
Damrow	Irwin	Nesbitt	Stapleton
Darany	Jackson	O'Brien	Switalski
Denby	Jacobsen	Oakes	Talabi
Dillon	Jenkins	Olson	Tlaib
Durhal	Johnson	Olumba	Townsend
Farrington	Kandrevas	Opsommer	Tyler
Forlini	Knollenberg	Ouimet	Walsh
Foster	Kowall	Outman	Womack
Franz	Kurtz	Pettalia	Yonker
Geiss	LaFontaine	Poleski	Zorn
Genetski			

Nays—0

In The Chair: O'Brien

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

House Bill No. 5692, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 71, 72, and 73 (MCL 750.71, 750.72, and 750.73).

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

Roll Call No. 621**Yeas—109**

Agema	Gilbert	Lane	Potvin
Ananich	Glardon	LeBlanc	Price
Barnett	Goike	Lindberg	Pscholka
Bauer	Graves	Lipton	Rendon
Bledsoe	Greimel	Liss	Rogers
Bolger	Haines	Lori	Rutledge
Brown	Hammel	Lund	Santana
Brunner	Haugh	Lyons	Schmidt, R.
Bumstead	Haveman	MacGregor	Schmidt, W.
Byrum	Heise	MacMaster	Segal
Callton	Hobbs	McBroom	Shirkey
Cavanagh	Hooker	McCann	Slavens
Clemente	Horn	McMillin	Smiley
Constan	Hovey-Wright	Meadows	Somerville
Cotter	Howze	Moss	Stallworth
Crawford	Hughes	Muxlow	Stamas
Daley	Huuki	Nathan	Stanley
Damrow	Irwin	Nesbitt	Stapleton
Darany	Jackson	O'Brien	Switalski
Denby	Jacobsen	Oakes	Talabi
Dillon	Jenkins	Olson	Tlaib
Durhal	Johnson	Olumba	Townsend
Farrington	Kandrevas	Opsommer	Tyler

Forlini	Knollenberg	Ouimet	Walsh
Foster	Kowall	Outman	Womack
Franz	Kurtz	Pettalia	Yonker
Geiss	LaFontaine	Poleski	Zorn
Genetski			

Nays—0

In The Chair: O'Brien

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

House Bill No. 5693, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 74, 75, and 76 (MCL 750.74, 750.75, and 750.76), section 74 as amended by 1998 PA 312.

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

Roll Call No. 622**Yeas—109**

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

Nays—0

In The Chair: O'Brien

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

House Bill No. 5694, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending sections 77, 78, and 79 (MCL 750.77, 750.78, and 750.79), section 77 as amended by 1998 PA 312.

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

Roll Call No. 623**Yeas—108**

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

Nays—0

In The Chair: O’Brien

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

House Bill No. 5695, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 16c of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16c), as amended by 2000 PA 279.

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

Roll Call No. 624**Yeas—108**

Agema	Genetski	LaFontaine	Potvin
Ananich	Gilbert	Lane	Price
Barnett	Glardon	LeBlanc	Pscholka

Bauer	Goike	Lindberg	Rendon
Bledsoe	Graves	Lipton	Rogers
Bolger	Greimel	Liss	Rutledge
Brown	Haines	Lori	Santana
Brunner	Hammel	Lund	Schmidt, R.
Bumstead	Haugh	Lyons	Schmidt, W.
Byrum	Haveman	MacGregor	Segal
Callton	Heise	MacMaster	Shirkey
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Clemente	Hooker	McCann	Smiley
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Daley	Hughes	Muxlow	Stanley
Damrow	Huuki	Nathan	Stapleton
Darany	Irwin	Nesbitt	Switalski
Denby	Jackson	O'Brien	Talabi
Dillon	Jacobsen	Oakes	Tlaib
Durhal	Jenkins	Olson	Townsend
Farrington	Johnson	Opsommer	Tyler
Forlini	Kandrevas	Ouimet	Walsh
Foster	Knollenberg	Outman	Womack
Franz	Kowall	Pettalia	Yonker
Geiss	Kurtz	Poleski	Zorn

Nays—0

In The Chair: O'Brien

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

Senate Bill No. 152, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," (MCL 760.1 to 777.69) by adding sections 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 to chapter III.

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

Roll Call No. 625**Yeas—109**

Agema	Gilbert	Lane	Potvin
Ananich	Glardon	LeBlanc	Price
Barnett	Goike	Lindberg	Pscholka
Bauer	Graves	Lipton	Rendon
Bledsoe	Greimel	Liss	Rogers
Bolger	Haines	Lori	Rutledge
Brown	Hammel	Lund	Santana
Brunner	Haugh	Lyons	Schmidt, R.
Bumstead	Haveman	MacGregor	Schmidt, W.
Byrum	Heise	MacMaster	Segal
Callton	Hobbs	McBroom	Shirkey
Cavanagh	Hooker	McCann	Slavens
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Cotter	Howze	Moss	Stallworth

Crawford	Hughes	Muxlow	Stamas
Daley	Huuki	Nathan	Stanley
Damrow	Irwin	Nesbitt	Stapleton
Darany	Jackson	O'Brien	Switalski
Denby	Jacobsen	Oakes	Talabi
Dillon	Jenkins	Olson	Tlaib
Durhal	Johnson	Olumba	Townsend
Farrington	Kandrevas	Opsommer	Tyler
Forlini	Knollenberg	Ouimet	Walsh
Foster	Kowall	Outman	Womack
Franz	Kurtz	Pettalia	Yonker
Geiss	LaFontaine	Poleski	Zorn
Genetski			

Nays—0

In The Chair: O'Brien

Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the full title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows:

“An act to revise, consolidate, and codify the laws relating to criminal procedure and to define the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of courts, judges, and other officers of the court under the provisions of this act; to provide laws relative to the rights of persons accused of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to provide for the arrest of persons charged with or suspected of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to provide for bail of persons arrested for or accused of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to provide for the examination of persons accused of criminal offenses; to regulate the procedure relative to grand juries, indictments, informations, and proceedings before trial; to provide for trials of persons complained of or indicted for criminal offenses and ordinance violations and to provide for the procedure in those trials; to provide for judgments and sentences of persons convicted of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to establish a sentencing commission and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for procedure relating to new trials and appeals in criminal and ordinance violation cases; to provide a uniform system of probation throughout this state and the appointment of probation officers; to prescribe the powers, duties, and compensation of probation officers; to provide penalties for the violation of the duties of probation officers; to provide for procedure governing proceedings to prevent crime and proceedings for the discovery of crime; to provide for fees of officers, witnesses, and others in criminal and ordinance violation cases; to set forth miscellaneous provisions as to criminal procedure in certain cases; to provide penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act.”

The House agreed to the full title.

Rep. Segal moved that Rep. Womack be excused temporarily from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 5952, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 32, entitled “Emergency 9-1-1 service enabling act,” by amending section 401c (MCL 484.1401c), as amended by 2012 PA 260.

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

Roll Call No. 626

Yeas—108

Agema	Genetski	LaFontaine	Poleski
Ananich	Gilbert	Lane	Potvin

Barnett	Glardon	LeBlanc	Price
Bauer	Goike	Lindberg	Pscholka
Bledsoe	Graves	Lipton	Rendon
Bolger	Greimel	Liss	Rogers
Brown	Haines	Lori	Rutledge
Brunner	Hammel	Lund	Santana
Bumstead	Haugh	Lyons	Schmidt, R.
Byrum	Haveman	MacGregor	Schmidt, W.
Callton	Heise	MacMaster	Segal
Cavanagh	Hobbs	McBroom	Shirkey
Clemente	Hooker	McCann	Slavens
Constan	Horn	McMillin	Smiley
Cotter	Hovey-Wright	Meadows	Somerville
Crawford	Howze	Moss	Stallworth
Daley	Hughes	Muxlow	Stamas
Damrow	Huuki	Nathan	Stanley
Darany	Irwin	Nesbitt	Stapleton
Denby	Jackson	O'Brien	Switalski
Dillon	Jacobsen	Oakes	Talabi
Durhal	Jenkins	Olson	Tlaib
Farrington	Johnson	Olumba	Townsend
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Franz	Kowall	Outman	Yonker
Geiss	Kurtz	Pettalia	Zorn

Nays—0

In The Chair: O'Brien

The House agreed to the title of the bill.
Rep. Stamas moved that the bill be given immediate effect.
The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

House Bill No. 5931, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 111a (MCL 400.111a), as amended by 2000 PA 187.

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

Roll Call No. 627**Yeas—108**

Agema	Genetski	LaFontaine	Poleski
Ananich	Gilbert	Lane	Potvin
Barnett	Glardon	LeBlanc	Price
Bauer	Goike	Lindberg	Pscholka
Bledsoe	Graves	Lipton	Rendon
Bolger	Greimel	Liss	Rogers
Brown	Haines	Lori	Rutledge
Brunner	Hammel	Lund	Santana
Bumstead	Haugh	Lyons	Schmidt, R.
Byrum	Haveman	MacGregor	Schmidt, W.
Callton	Heise	MacMaster	Segal
Cavanagh	Hobbs	McBroom	Shirkey

Clemente	Hooker	McCann	Slavens
Constan	Horn	McMillin	Smiley
Cotter	Hovey-Wright	Meadows	Somerville
Crawford	Howze	Moss	Stallworth
Daley	Hughes	Muxlow	Stamas
Damrow	Huuki	Nathan	Stanley
Darany	Irwin	Nesbitt	Stapleton
Denby	Jackson	O'Brien	Switalski
Dillon	Jacobsen	Oakes	Talabi
Durhal	Jenkins	Olson	Tlaib
Farrington	Johnson	Olumba	Townsend
Forlini	Kandrevas	Opsommer	Tyler
Foster	Knollenberg	Ouimet	Walsh
Franz	Kowall	Outman	Yonker
Geiss	Kurtz	Pettalia	Zorn

Nays—0

In The Chair: O'Brien

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

Comments and Recommendations

Rep. Brown:

“When I was first sworn into office, my husband advised me that if I was ever unsure as to what to do, or how to vote on a bill, to put my hand on my heart, listen to it, and be true to myself. It was excellent counsel and I thank him for that and all of his support. Parker, you are my good luck charm and I couldn't have done any of it without you.

It's been a privilege and honor to represent the wonderful people of the 39th district. I'm proud of the votes I cast and bills I introduced. I've had some great times and experiences, including fire ops training and the legislative mission to Israel. One of the many things I am proud of: one day during session, in my first term, Republicans were in caucus. Democratic leadership decided to put a bill up for a vote hoping to close the board and finish the vote before Republicans came out, barring them from voting. Many of my freshmen colleagues and I stood in the back of the chambers refusing to put up our votes until our Republican colleagues had a chance to vote. Our actions made a statement - we wanted to change the culture of Lansing. I wonder how many of you would do that? Ignore your party leadership and do the right thing? Who do you feel beholden to? Your answer should be your constituents, the people of Michigan, not your party, leadership, or a lobbyist standing just outside this chamber's doors. The title is Representative, and we are a dime a dozen. A public Act doesn't state the bill sponsors' names but reads 'The People of the State of Michigan enact...' Remember, this house belongs to the people. We all took an oath to uphold the constitution which includes separation of state and church.

There are so many individuals that I want to thank but 3 minutes isn't enough to name all of them. I've had some great staff - Kevin Kresch, Alyssa Roland, David Randels, Katie Watson, and Paul Kanan.

I learned so much here from so many different people and made a few friends along the way. My fellow L'eemas, Ellen Lipton and Vicki Barnett, my sister Rashida Tlaib, friends Jon Switalski and Dian Slavens - keep up the fight. My seatmates David Nathan and Joan Bauer have been the best.

I've enjoyed working with so many people here and appreciate those who work behind the scenes to make so much of it happen. Kathy Angerer, Lavora Barnes, Dan Farough: thank you for teaching me and helping me grow.

I cannot thank my sons Bryan, Andrew, and Jason enough. For so many reasons, I stand here today because of them. I love you boys.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Pete Lund, Jase Bolger, Jim Stamas, and John Walsh for: gerrymandering me, trying to have me recalled, banning me from speaking, and breaking your promise to have a hearing on my cyber bullying bills. Instead of the political pranks and stunts, why don't you try and put policy in place that will actually benefit, support and protect the people of Michigan? And to have a committee chair who has hearings on bills that she has not read, even those she has sponsored is shameful and disrespectful of other people's time.

To those of you who think you are finally rid of me, I won't say 'goodbye', just 'until we meet again'.

From my heart, again, I want to thank everyone I worked with and to those I worked for, the people of Commerce Township, West Bloomfield, and Wolverine Lake, thank you for entrusting me to be your voice."

Rep. Byrum:

"• Thank you, Madame Speaker.

• I give these remarks one day after my great uncle, Claire Morehouse turned 104, and the day a dear friend lays her mother to rest.

• First, I would like to thank the people of the 67th district who elected me to represent them.

• I would like to thank my grandmothers, my mother, my father, husband & boys.

• My grandmothers may never fully understand how much of an impact they had in my upbringing.

• Both of these matriarchs and of course, my mother, are responsible for my strong spirit and inability to sit idly by when instructed to be quiet.

• I hope all little girls & boys are fortunate enough to have such strong role models as I.

• At this point in my life, I must confess, there is no better compliment than to hear, 'Like mother, like daughter.'

• At the end of the year, and for the first time since 1990, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle will finally get their wish:

• No more Byrums in the Legislature.

• Speaking of Byrums, I'd like to thank my father, Jim Byrum, who knows that the best way to get me to do something is to tell me I cannot do it. Or vice versa, tell me that I am prohibited from doing something and....perhaps wisdom others could have used in June.

• I want to thank my husband, Brad, who has stood by me, whether I was being threatened, attacked or praised.

• It takes a very strong man to be married to me.

• Thank you, Brad, for your patience, courage, humor, and above all, your friendship.

• Our children, Blake & Bryce! They are still too young to really understand what we do, but every morning they remind me that, while they are at school, I will be at 'Mommy's Capitol.'

• Blake was born just a month or so after the first government shutdown in 2007.

• And Bryce was born just after the near-shutdown in 2010.

• Apparently, my pregnancies caused the gears of our democracy to come to a grinding halt.

• Pregnant or not, shutdown or otherwise, I've been fortunate enough to develop some amazing friendships over the past six years.

• During the legislative orientation, I was fortunate enough to meet a nice gentleman from Ottawa County, who actually celebrates his birthday, today. My dear, dear friend, Arlan Meekhof. We rarely agree, but through humor, we have developed a strong friendship all the same.

• We need more of that in this House...quite frankly.

• I must mention a few of my more eccentric seatmates, along the way:

• Coleman Young Jr., who is more fond of food and purses than I.

• Marty Griffin, who to this day brings a smile to my face with his quick wit and smart comments.

• Joe Haveman....I will miss our banter & Kurt Heise I will miss your one liners.

• Although never my seatmate, Steve Lindberg.

Lindy, you are such a kind person. I am going to miss you terribly and look forward to another visit to Marquette, this time under better circumstances.

• Dillon....Brandon Dillon, Rudy Hobbs and David Nathan...it has been a pleasure to serve with you...

• To my Ingham Delegation, Mark Meadows and Joan Bauer thank you for your support.

• In addition to the wonderful policy and communications staff I have been so blessed to work with, I would like to make specific mention of a few people who provided friendship and guidance along the way.

Azlan Ibrahim, Tina Weatherwax-Grant, Larry Steckelberg, Peter Cunningham, Dave Olds, Dave Schupbach, and because he was so great, Gail Schupbach, Matt Solak, Frank Surman, Nathan Tripplett, Josh Robinson, Travis Boak and Kathleen O'Reilly Farhat you all were and continue to be great!

• Rami Haddad, I expect great things from you.

• Mike Blake: someone I was also fortunate enough to work with early on. He has since went from Byrum to Obama.

• Mark Fisk: Your guidance, although I often took with much resistance was just what I needed.

• In addition to all of our hardworking policy and communications staff, I want to specifically thank Mark Salogar, who served as a trusted policy advisor and I knew would always give it to me straight.

• Shelia Cummings, who always took my calls and offered counsel & friendship.

• Tim Bowlin and our amazing House Business Office, IT, Facilities and Sgts, you all take such care of us and this Institution but receive little thanks and praise.....THANK YOU

- And Thomas Morgan, who always served as a great sounding board — even at the wee hours of the morning. His ability to transform my notes into wonderful speeches is so necessary.
- It is funny to think that at the ripe old age of 35, I'm one of the most senior members of the Michigan House of Representatives.
- That said, I do have some advice for those who will still be serving next year.
- We have much more work to do to make our state great.
- Individually, I believe that we all are good people who care deeply about public service.
- But collectively, we can't seem to get it right.
- On behalf of regular people across our state, please do a better job.
- I ask everyone here to stop and remember where you came from.
- Remember that the only reason people call you 'representative' is because they can't remember your name.
- Don't spend all of your time with Lansing insiders.
- Remember to go home every night, if possible.
- Continue to take out the trash, mow the lawn, shovel the sidewalk and read to your kids & grandkids.
- Go hunting with your friends.
- Grab a coffee with someone who doesn't write checks, doesn't follow politics and doesn't need anything from you other than your friendship.
- Because before you know it, your six years will be up, and you will go back to just being you.
- We're not all that special.
- Yet at the same time, you are all are very special to me.
- Thank you to my colleagues. I am grateful for this opportunity to say farewell to a Chamber that I deeply love and respect.
- Thank you, Madame Speaker."

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 5542, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 40b and 310 (MCL 257.40b and 257.310), section 40b as amended by 2008 PA 7 and section 310 as amended by 2008 PA 36.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 862, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 34c (MCL 211.34c), as amended by 2011 PA 320.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Tax Policy,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 1108, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 89, entitled "Michigan BIDCO act," by amending the title and sections 104, 105, 106, 203, 301, 303, 401, and 403 (MCL 487.1104, 487.1105, 487.1106, 487.1203, 487.1301, 487.1303, 487.1401, and 487.1403), sections 104, 105, 106, 301, 303, 401, and 403 as amended by 1997 PA 150, and by adding sections 304 and 304a.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 1001, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 295, entitled "Support and parenting time enforcement act," by amending section 23 (MCL 552.623), as amended by 1998 PA 334.

The bill was read a second time.

Rep. Slavens moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 2, following line 22, by inserting:

“(6) UPON APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE PAYER AND PROOF TO THE DEPARTMENT’S SATISFACTION THAT COLLECTION OF THE FEE AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (3) WOULD IMPOSE A HARDSHIP, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE COLLECTION OF THAT FEE.”

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Rep. Lane moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 9, by striking out all of subsection (3) and inserting:

“(3) A SOURCE OF INCOME MAY CHARGE AND COLLECT FROM A PAYER A SINGLE FEE EACH PAY PERIOD IN COMPLIANCE WITH 1 OR MORE NOTICES OF INCOME WITHHOLDING FOR THAT PAYER AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IF A SOURCE OF INCOME SUBMITS INCOME WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, THE SOURCE OF INCOME MAY CHARGE THE PAYER A SINGLE FEE OF \$1.00 PER PAY PERIOD REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF ORDERS OF WITHHOLDING THE SOURCE OF INCOME RECEIVES FOR THE PAYER. A SOURCE OF INCOME SHALL NOT COLLECT MORE THAN \$2.00 PER MONTH IN FEES UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION.

(B) IF A SOURCE OF INCOME SUBMITS INCOME WITHHOLDING PAYMENTS BY OTHER THAN ELECTRONIC MEANS, THE SOURCE OF INCOME MAY CHARGE THE PAYER A SINGLE FEE OF \$2.00 PER PAY PERIOD REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF ORDERS OF WITHHOLDING THE SOURCE OF INCOME RECEIVES FOR THE PAYER. A SOURCE OF INCOME SHALL NOT COLLECT MORE THAN \$4.00 PER MONTH IN FEES UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION.”

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 5817, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled “General sales tax act,” by amending section 6a (MCL 205.56a), as amended by 2008 PA 556.

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 adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 402, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 5139.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 403, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 309 (MCL 257.309), as amended by 2004 PA 362.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 688, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 423 (MCL 750.423).

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment previously recommended by the Committee on Judiciary (for amendment, see House Journal No. 73, p. 2256),

The amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 689, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2102 (MCL 600.2102) and by adding chapter 21A.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Judiciary,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 707, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 1852 (MCL 600.1852) and by adding chapter 22.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed amendments previously recommended by the Committee on Judiciary (for amendments, see House Journal No. 73, p. 2257),

The amendments were adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 726, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 24 of chapter VII (MCL 767.24), as amended by 2005 PA 35.

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

The substitute (H-2) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 845, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 4a of chapter IX (MCL 769.4a), as amended by 2006 PA 663.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment previously recommended by the Committee on Judiciary (for amendment, see House Journal No. 73, p. 2257),

The amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 846, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16d of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16d), as amended by 2011 PA 169.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed amendments previously recommended by the Committee on Judiciary (for amendments, see House Journal No. 73, p. 2258),

The amendments were adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 847, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 81 and 81a (MCL 750.81 and 750.81a), as amended by 2001 PA 190.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment previously recommended by the Committee on Judiciary (for amendment, see House Journal No. 73, p. 2258),

The amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 848, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 84 (MCL 750.84).

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment previously recommended by the Committee on Judiciary (for amendment, see House Journal No. 73, p. 2258),

The amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 895, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 6023 (MCL 600.6023), as amended by 1998 PA 61.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 901, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 59, entitled "Condominium act," by amending section 144 (MCL 559.244), as added by 1982 PA 538.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Judiciary,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 902, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 5070 (MCL 600.5070), as added by 2000 PA 419, and by adding section 5037 to chapter 50; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Judiciary,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 903, entitled

A bill to provide for the enforceability of agreements to arbitrate disputes; to provide procedures for the arbitration of disputes; to provide remedies, including remedies for the enforcement of arbitration agreements, rulings, and awards; and to provide immunity from civil liability and testimonial privileges.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Judiciary,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 934, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 520b, 520c, 520d, and 520e (MCL 750.520b, 750.520c, 750.520d, and 750.520e), as amended by 2007 PA 163.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment previously recommended by the Committee on Judiciary (for amendment, see House Journal No. 73, p. 2260),

The amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 1056, entitled

A bill to amend 1925 PA 289, entitled "An act to create and maintain a fingerprint identification and criminal history records division within the department of state police; to require peace officers, persons in charge of certain institutions, and others to make reports respecting juvenile offenses, crimes, and criminals to the state police; to require the fingerprinting of an accused by certain persons; and to provide penalties and remedies for a violation of this act," by amending

sections 1a, 2, 2a, 3, 3a, and 8 (MCL 28.241a, 28.242, 28.242a, 28.243, 28.243a, and 28.248), sections 1a and 3a as amended and section 8 as added by 2001 PA 187, section 2 as amended by 2001 PA 203, section 2a as added by 2005 PA 310, and section 3 as amended by 2004 PA 222.

The bill was read a second time.

Rep. Walsh moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 11, following line 2, by inserting:

“(G) SECTION 1209(6) OF THE REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.1209.”.

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 6007, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled “The general property tax act,” by amending sections 24, 25, 27, 34c, and 53 (MCL 211.24, 211.25, 211.27, 211.34c, and 211.53), section 24 as amended by 2002 PA 620, section 27 as amended by 2010 PA 340, section 34c as amended by 2011 PA 320, and section 53 as amended by 1983 PA 24, and by adding sections 7oo, 7pp, and 7qq; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Tax Policy,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 6008, entitled

A bill to levy specific taxes on certain nonferrous metallic minerals on certain taxpayers in this state; to provide for the levy, collection, and administration of the specific tax; to provide certain reporting requirements; to provide for certain penalties; to provide certain exemptions, credits, and refunds; and to provide for the distribution of the specific tax.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Tax Policy,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Huuki moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 3, line 26, after “include” by inserting “gypsum, lime, limestone, salt, dolomite, basalt, granite, sandstone, shale, clay, stone, gravel, marl, peat, sand, gemstones, coal, substances extracted from potable water or brine, substances extracted from oil or natural gas,”.

2. Amend page 4, line 1, by striking out “or”.

3. Amend page 4, line 2, after “207.279” by inserting a comma and “or any other substance not extracted primarily for its nonferrous metallic mineral content”.

The motion prevailed and the amendments were adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Lindberg moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 5, line 2, by striking out all of subparagraph (viii).

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Rep. Lindberg moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 4, line 19, by striking out all of subparagraph (v) and inserting:

“(v) Buffer lands located within 1/4 mile of the producing mine that are owned, leased, or controlled by a taxpayer and are contiguous to mineral-bearing property unless required to acquire specific buffer from a state regulating agency.”.

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Rep. Lindberg moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 14, following line 11, by inserting:

“(7) The distribution of minerals severance taxes and interim minerals severance taxes to school districts, intermediate school districts, or regional education service agencies shall not be affected by any changes in the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1896, or future changes to the school funding formula. The minerals severance tax or interim minerals severance tax amount will be converted to an equivalent ad valorem taxable value amount and shall be included in determining a school district’s foundation allowance. If the result is a school district becomes an out

of formula school district, then that school district shall receive its share of minerals severance tax or interim minerals severance tax. If by calculation a school district does not become an out of formula school district, then the minerals severance tax or interim minerals severance tax amount shall not be part of the foundation allowance calculation. Any minerals severance tax or interim minerals severance tax not paid to local school districts as a result of the formula calculation described in this subsection shall be paid to that school district, intermediate school district, or regional education service agency.”

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Rep. Lindberg moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 5, line 22, by striking out all of subdivision (m) and relettering the remaining subdivisions.
 2. Amend page 13, line 9, after “(a)” by striking out “65%” and inserting “80%”.
 3. Amend page 13, line 15, after “(b)” by striking out “35%” and inserting “20%”.
 4. Amend page 13, line 15, after the second “the” by striking out “rural development fund” and inserting “state school aid fund”.
 5. Amend page 13, line 20, after “the” by striking out “rural development fund” and inserting “state school aid fund”.
 6. Amend page 14, line 7, by striking out all of subsection (6).
- The motion did not prevail and the amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.
- Rep. Huuki moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
- The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 6009, entitled

A bill to establish certain programs that promote the sustainability of land-based industries and support infrastructure that benefits rural communities; to establish a fund and provide for its use; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Tax Policy,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Lindberg moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 3, line 5, after “(i)” by striking out “Two” and inserting “Three”.
2. Amend page 3, line 6, after “and” by striking out “2” and inserting “1”.
3. Amend page 3, line 6, after “be” by striking out “residents” and inserting “a resident”.

The motion did not prevail and the amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Rep. Lindberg moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 7, line 12, after “communities” by inserting “located within regions with nonferrous mineral mining operations”.

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Rep. Hobbs moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 7, line 8, after “5(2)(c).” by inserting “The preference shall provide that money shall be expended proportionately in counties in which the revenues were generated.”.

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Rep. Barnett moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 6, line 7, after “is” by striking out the balance of the sentence and inserting “provided for in 1943 PA 20, MCL 129.91 to 129.97a.”.

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Rep. Foster moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 8, line 11, after “for” by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting “any of the following:
(a) Projects that include telecommunication facilities owned or operated by an educational institution or an affiliate, a local unit of government, or any other governmental entity.
(b) The construction of telecommunication facilities or wireless telecommunication facilities in areas where broadband service of at least 3 mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream is available.”.

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 564, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 106a (MCL 400.106a), as added by 2003 PA 32.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 6010, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," (MCL 205.51 to 205.78) by adding section 4dd.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Tax Policy,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 6011, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," (MCL 205.91 to 205.111) by adding section 4aa.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Tax Policy,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 6012, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 623 (MCL 206.623), as amended by 2011 PA 312, and by adding section 31b.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Tax Policy,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 5937, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," by amending sections 3a, 4, and 4o (MCL 205.93a, 205.94, and 205.94o), section 3a as amended by 2012 PA 299, section 4 as amended by 2008 PA 314, and section 4o as amended by 2010 PA 115.

The bill was read a second time.

Rep. MacGregor moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 24, line 12, after "retail" by inserting "**OR AFFIXED TO AND MADE A STRUCTURAL PART OF REAL ESTATE**".

2. Amend page 25, line 12, after "estate" by inserting "**IN THIS STATE**".

The motion prevailed and the amendments were adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Farrington 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
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 Wednesday, November 28:

House Bill Nos.	6032	6033	6034	6035	6036	6037	6038	6039	6040	6041	6042	6043		
Senate Bill Nos.	1368	1369	1370	1371	1372	1373	1374	1375	1376	1377	1378	1379	1380	1381
	1382	1383	1384	1385										

The Clerk announced that the following Senate bills had been received on Wednesday, November 28:

Senate Bill Nos. 1043 1145 1240 1242 1316 1317 1318 1319 1320

Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Education, by Rep. Lyons, Chair, reported

House Resolution No. 311.

A resolution to express support for the Eaton Rapids School District and its plan for a Small School Nature Academy. (For text of resolution, see House Journal No. 66, p. 2065.)

With the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Lyons, Hooker, Crawford, McMillin, Franz, Heise, O'Brien, Price, Shaughnessy, Yonker, Darany, Rutledge and Stallworth

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Wednesday, November 28, 2012

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

Absent: Rep. Bumstead

Excused: Rep. Bumstead

The Committee on Tax Policy, by Rep. Gilbert, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 5475, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7dd (MCL 211.7dd), as amended by 2011 PA 320.

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. Gilbert, Walsh, Horn, Farrington, Foster, Lyons, Nesbitt, O'Brien, Olson and Ouimet

Nays: Reps. Barnett, Kandrevas, Meadows, Townsend, Cavanagh and Hobbs

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, November 28, 2012

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

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

House Bill No. 5852, entitled

A bill to amend 1964 PA 283, entitled "Weights and measures act," by amending section 28e (MCL 290.628e), as added by 2012 PA 254.

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, Muxlow, Callton, Brunner, Oakes, Talabi, Hovey-Wright, Segal and Smiley

Nays: None

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

Senate Bill No. 210, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 274, entitled "Large carnivore act," by amending section 22 (MCL 287.1122).

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. Daley, Denby, Kurtz, Tyler, Glardon, Johnson, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Rendon, Muxlow, Brunner and Smiley

Nays: Reps. Callton, Oakes, Talabi, Hovey-Wright and Segal

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

Senate Bill No. 703, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 274, entitled "Large carnivore act," (MCL 287.1101 to 287.1123) by adding section 8a.

With the recommendation that the following amendment be adopted and that the bill then pass.

1. Amend page 2, line 3, by striking out all of enacting section 1 and inserting:

"Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 1236 of the 96th Legislature is enacted into law."

The bill and amendment 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, Muxlow, Brunner and Smiley

Nays: Reps. Callton, Oakes, Talabi, Hovey-Wright and Segal

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

Senate Bill No. 1236, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 274, entitled "Large carnivore act," by amending sections 2 and 22 (MCL 287.1102 and 287.1122).

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, Muxlow, Brunner and Smiley

Nays: Reps. Callton, Oakes, Talabi, Hovey-Wright and Segal

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Wednesday, November 28, 2012

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

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

House Bill No. 5917, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," by amending section 19 (MCL 408.1019), as amended by 1991 PA 105; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

With the recommendation that the following amendment be adopted and that the bill then pass.

1. Amend page 2, line 11, by striking out the balance of the bill and inserting:

“(a) Senate Bill No. 1335.

(b) Senate Bill No. 1336.

(c) House Bill No. 5922.”.

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

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Reps. Haugh, Byrum, Slavens and Rutledge

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

House Bill No. 5922, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," by amending sections 4, 6, 11, 16, 21, and 69 (MCL 408.1004, 408.1006, 408.1011, 408.1016, 408.1021, and 408.1069), section 11 as amended by 1986 PA 80 and sections 16 and 21 as amended by 1991 PA 105; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

With the recommendation that the following amendment be adopted and that the bill then pass.

1. Amend page 10, line 9, by striking out the balance of the bill and inserting:

“(a) Senate Bill No. 1335.

(b) Senate Bill No. 1336.

(c) House Bill No. 5917.”.

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

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Reps. Haugh, Byrum, Slavens and Rutledge

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

Senate Bill No. 1335, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," by amending section 14 (MCL 408.1014), as amended by 1991 PA 105.

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. Crawford, Yonker, Opsommer, McMillin, Stamas, Shirkey, Franz and Rendon
 Nays: Reps. Haugh, Byrum, Slavens and Rutledge

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

Senate Bill No. 1336, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," by amending sections 5, 14a, 14b, 14d, 14e, 14f, 14h, 14j, 14k, 14l, 24, 31, 54, and 63 (MCL 408.1005, 408.1014a, 408.1014b, 408.1014d, 408.1014e, 408.1014f, 408.1014h, 408.1014j, 408.1014k, 408.1014l, 408.1024, 408.1031, 408.1054, and 408.1063), sections 5, 31, and 63 as amended and sections 14a, 14b, 14d, 14e, 14h, 14j, 14k, and 14l as added by 1986 PA 80, section 14f as amended by 1996 PA 70, and section 24 as amended by 1991 PA 105; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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. Crawford, Yonker, Opsommer, McMillin, Stamas, Shirkey, Franz, McBroom and Rendon
 Nays: Reps. Haugh, Byrum, Slavens and Rutledge

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, November 28, 2012

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

Absent: Rep. Womack

Excused: Rep. Womack

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

House Bill No. 5848, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 611 (MCL 257.611).

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, Wayne Schmidt, Huuki, Jacobsen, Muxlow, Olson, Ouimet, Somerville, Geiss, Talabi, Liss, Smiley and Oakes
 Nays: None

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

House Bill No. 5849, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," (MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 811v.

With the recommendation that the substitute (H-3) 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. Opsommer, Glardon, Wayne Schmidt, Huuki, Jacobsen, Muxlow, Ouimet, Somerville, Geiss, Talabi, Nathan, Liss, Byrum, Smiley and Oakes
 Nays: None

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

House Bill No. 5850, entitled

A bill to amend 2010 PA 347, entitled "Girl scouts of Michigan fund act," by amending sections 3 and 4 (MCL 206.923 and 206.924).

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. Opsommer, Glardon, Wayne Schmidt, Huuki, Jacobsen, Muxlow, Ouimet, Somerville, Geiss, Talabi, Nathan, Liss, Byrum, Smiley and Oakes

Nays: None

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

House Bill No. 5896, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 1061.

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. Opsommer, Glardon, Wayne Schmidt, Huuki, Jacobsen, Muxlow, Olson, Ouimet, Somerville, Geiss, Talabi, Liss, Byrum, Smiley and Oakes

Nays: None

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

Senate Bill No. 1180, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 224 (MCL 257.224), as amended by 2006 PA 177.

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, Wayne Schmidt, Huuki, Jacobsen, Muxlow, Olson, Ouimet, Somerville, Geiss, Talabi, Nathan, Liss, Byrum, Smiley and Oakes

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, November 28, 2012

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

Absent: Rep. Roy Schmidt

Excused: Rep. Roy Schmidt

The Committee on Appropriations, by Rep. Moss, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 5830, entitled

A bill to amend 1964 PA 183, entitled "An act creating the state building authority with power to acquire, construct, furnish, equip, own, improve, enlarge, operate, mortgage, and maintain facilities for the use of the state or any of its agencies; to act as a developer or co-owner of facilities as a condominium project for the use of the state or any of its agencies; to authorize the execution of leases pertaining to those facilities by the building authority with the state or any of its

agencies; to authorize the payment of true rentals by the state; to provide for the issuance of revenue obligations by the building authority to be paid from the true rentals to be paid by the state and other resources and security provided for and pledged by the building authority; to authorize the creation of funds; to authorize the conveyance of lands by the state or any of its agencies for the purposes authorized in this act; to authorize the appointment of a trustee for bondholders; to permit remedies for the benefit of parties in interest; to provide for other powers and duties of the authority; and to provide for other matters in relation to the authority and its obligations," by amending sections 3, 5, 7, and 8 (MCL 830.413, 830.415, 830.417, and 830.418), sections 3 and 7 as amended by 2005 PA 67, section 5 as amended by 1994 PA 252, and section 8 as amended by 2002 PA 382.

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. Moss, Haveman, Genetski, Kowall, Lori, Rogers, Bumstead, Cotter, Forlini, Goike, Jenkins, MacGregor, MacMaster, Poleski, Pscholka, Potvin and LeBlanc

Nays: Rep. Tlaib

The Committee on Appropriations, by Rep. Moss, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 5831, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," by amending sections 248 and 249 (MCL 18.1248 and 18.1249), section 248 as amended by 1999 PA 8.

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. Moss, Haveman, Genetski, Kowall, Lori, Rogers, Bumstead, Forlini, Goike, Jenkins, MacGregor, MacMaster, Poleski, Pscholka and Potvin

Nays: Reps. Cotter, LeBlanc, Bauer, Dillon, Durhal, Lindberg, Lipton, McCann and Tlaib

The Committee on Appropriations, by Rep. Moss, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 6029, entitled

A bill to authorize the state administrative board to convey certain state-owned property in Grand Traverse and Otsego counties; to prescribe conditions for the conveyances; to provide for certain powers and duties of certain state departments in regard to the properties; to provide for disposition of revenue derived from the conveyances; and to authorize the state administrative board to transfer certain state-owned property in Jackson county from the state transportation department to the department of corrections.

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. Moss, Haveman, Agema, Genetski, Kowall, Lori, Rogers, Bumstead, Cotter, Forlini, Goike, Jenkins, MacGregor, MacMaster, Poleski, Pscholka, Potvin, LeBlanc, Ananich, Bauer, Dillon, Lindberg, Lipton, McCann and Tlaib

Nays: None

The Committee on Appropriations, by Rep. Moss, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 6030, entitled

A bill to authorize the state administrative board to convey certain parcels of state-owned property in Ingham, Schoolcraft, and Wayne counties; to prescribe conditions for the conveyances; to provide for certain powers and duties of certain state departments in regard to the properties; and to provide for disposition of revenue derived from the conveyances.

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. Moss, Haveman, Agema, Genetski, Kowall, Lori, Rogers, Bumstead, Cotter, Forlini, Goike, Jenkins, MacGregor, MacMaster, Poleski, Pscholka, Potvin, LeBlanc, Bauer, Dillon, Durhal, Lindberg, Lipton, McCann and Tlaib
Nays: None

The Committee on Appropriations, by Rep. Moss, Chair, reported

Senate Bill No. 931, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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. Moss, Haveman, Agema, Genetski, Kowall, Lori, Rogers, Bumstead, Cotter, Forlini, Goike, Jenkins, MacGregor, Poleski, Pscholka and Potvin
Nays: Reps. Bauer, Durhal, Lindberg and Tlaib

The Committee on Appropriations, by Rep. Moss, Chair, reported

House Concurrent Resolution No. 67.

A concurrent resolution approving the conveyance of property to the State Building Authority and approving a lease among the State of Michigan, the State Building Authority, and Ferris State University relative to the Ferris State University College of Pharmacy.

(For text of concurrent resolution, see House Journal No. 74, p. 2280.)

With the recommendation that the concurrent resolution be adopted.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Moss, Haveman, Agema, Genetski, Kowall, Lori, Rogers, Bumstead, Cotter, Forlini, Goike, Jenkins, MacGregor, Poleski, Pscholka, Potvin, LeBlanc, Bauer, Dillon, Durhal, Lindberg, Lipton, McCann and Tlaib
Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Present: Reps. Moss, Haveman, Agema, Genetski, Kowall, Lori, Rogers, Bumstead, Cotter, Forlini, Goike, Jenkins, MacGregor, MacMaster, Poleski, Pscholka, Potvin, LeBlanc, Ananich, Bauer, Dillon, Durhal, Lindberg, Lipton, McCann and Tlaib

Absent: Rep. Jackson

Excused: Rep. Jackson

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, November 28, 2012

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

Absent: Reps. Lyons, Womack and Switalski

Excused: Reps. Lyons, Womack and Switalski

Messages from the Senate**Senate Bill No. 1043, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2559 (MCL 600.2559), as amended by 2003 PA 243.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Bill No. 1145, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 17048 and 17548 (MCL 333.17048 and 333.17548), as amended by 2011 PA 210.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Bill No. 1240, entitled

A bill to provide protection from civil liability to persons that provide court-appointed social services.

The Senate has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

Senate Bill No. 1242, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled "An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 2a and 10 (MCL 722.112a and 722.120), section 2a as amended by 2007 PA 217 and section 10 as amended by 2006 PA 206.

The Senate has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

Senate Bill No. 1316, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 17048 (MCL 333.17048), as amended by 2011 PA 210.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Bill No. 1317, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," by amending section 721 (MCL 339.721), as amended by 2005 PA 278.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Bill No. 1318, entitled

A bill to amend 1907 PA 101, entitled "An act to regulate the carrying on of business under an assumed or fictitious name," by amending section 4 (MCL 445.4), as amended by 1990 PA 111.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Bill No. 1319, entitled

A bill to amend 1993 PA 23, entitled "Michigan limited liability company act," by amending sections 102 and 902 (MCL 450.4102 and 450.4902), section 102 as amended by 2010 PA 290 and section 902 as amended by 2010 PA 126.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Bill No. 1320, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 284, entitled "Business corporation act," by amending sections 105, 106, 108, 109, 123, 201, 202, 211, 241, 405, 488, 528, 564b, 565, 569, 611, 631, 641, 642, 643, 703a, 753, 762, 776, 781, 784, 804, 911, 1021, 1035, and 1041 (MCL 450.1105, 450.1106, 450.1108, 450.1109, 450.1123, 450.1201, 450.1202, 450.1211, 450.1241, 450.1405, 450.1488, 450.1528, 450.1564b, 450.1565, 450.1569, 450.1611, 450.1631, 450.1641, 450.1642, 450.1643, 450.1703a, 450.1753, 450.1762, 450.1776, 450.1781, 450.1784, 450.1804, 450.1911, 450.2021, 450.2035, and 450.2041), sections 105, 123, 405, 488, 703a, and 753 as amended by 2001 PA 57, section 106 as amended by 2006 PA 68, sections 108, 202, 804, and 1035 as amended by 1989 PA 121, sections 109, 565, 643, and 1021 as amended by 1993 PA 91, sections 201, 211, 241, 564b, and 762 as amended by 2008 PA 402, section 528 as amended by 2006 PA 65, section 569 as amended by 1987 PA 1, section 611 as amended by 2006 PA 64, sections 631, 641, and 1041 as amended by 1997 PA 118, section 642 as amended by 1982 PA 407, sections 776, 781, and 784 as amended by 1989 PA 31, and section 911 as amended by 2007 PA 182, and by adding section 529 and chapter 2A; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Messages from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

November 28, 2012

Gary Randall
Clerk
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7509

Dear Mr. Randall:

Attached is a copy of my Special Message on Ensuring our Future: Energy and the Environment to the Regular Session of the 96th Michigan Legislature. This message transmitting information on the affairs of state and recommending measures I consider necessary and desirable is presented to the Michigan House of Representatives pursuant to Section 17 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

Sincerely,
Rick Snyder
Governor

November 28, 2012

*A Special Message from Governor Rick Snyder:
Ensuring our Future: Energy and the Environment*

To Michiganders and the Michigan Legislature:

I. Introduction

In Michigan, we care about energy and the environment because we care about our kids and their future. These areas don't lend themselves to "quick fixes." It takes a long time to see the effect of the choices we make. But the rewards of the right decisions are tremendous, as we know when we expand a Michigan business or play in our Great Lakes. We must ensure Michigan has the energy our kids need to thrive. We must ensure Michigan will be Pure Michigan for years to come – a place our kids will want to live, work and play.

How do we know what the right decisions are? The hard part is that we don't know exactly what our future will hold and what challenges to our energy and environmental futures we will face. But that is no excuse for standing still or failing to be proactive. What we need to do is identify those actions or decisions that are **adaptable**. These are solutions that are good for Michigan, not just in one possible future, but in many possible futures. We have a lot of opportunities to take action today – action that is "no-regrets" even if things turn out differently than we predict.

II. Energy

Adaptability has to be the foundation of every energy decision we make. Building on that foundation of adaptability, there are three pillars that every decision must stand on: excellent reliability, an affordable price and a protected environment.

First, we need to make sure that our energy supplies are reliable. We all depend on having the power stay on whether at home, at work or on the road. We saw just how vital power is to our lives while watching the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Our hearts went out to people trying to live without it for days. We remember 2003, when the electrical grid went down and Michigan residents suffered from a widespread blackout affecting the eastern United States. Our reliability challenge has only grown since then. We must take action to ensure this is an area of strength for all of Michigan today and in the future.

Second, our energy needs to come at an affordable price to our businesses and homes. Our prices are near the national average, but most states have lower prices. In fact, Michigan's electricity prices are the highest in the Midwest. That's actually normal for Michigan, because our neighbors have more coal resources than we do and existing coal plants are hard to beat on cost. But of more concern is the fact that Michigan's energy prices have been on a fast rise over the last few years.

When Michigan revised its energy law in 2008, we didn't realize we were on the cusp of a major economic downturn. That meant fewer factories were running machines, and fewer people were flipping light switches on. We lost about 10 percent of our electric power demand, and the remaining 90 percent had to shoulder additional costs. Then Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules about coal plants started kicking in, requiring our utilities to spend about \$3 billion so far on new environmental controls to keep key coal plants running and to shut others down. That happened at the same time we were doing the smart thing and diversifying into renewable energy. That meant we were building nearly 10 percent new supply in renewable energy on one hand while losing 10 percent of our demand on the other hand. You can't do all those things in four short years and not have rates go up.

That's been very hard on our most vulnerable households, which spend about a quarter of their income on energy. Higher prices have also been hard on Michigan businesses that compete with companies in neighboring states. Affordability is critical for all of Michigan.

Third, we must make sure our energy choices always recognize our responsibility to protect Michigan's environment. Michigan's natural gas production has never once had an incident where groundwater was polluted from hydraulic fracturing, even though we've been doing it for decades. That's in part because Michigan has strict regulations on drilling and wastewater management. Those regulations have been no-regrets decisions. We have many successful companies that have safely produced oil and natural gas in Michigan, while protecting Michigan's waters. That's a great example of how Michigan has made protecting the environment a key part of our energy decisions in the past, and why it must be one of the pillars on which we make our decisions in the future.

Efficiency

These pillars will be used to guide our energy decisions – and a great example is energy efficiency. Energy efficiency doesn't mean doing less; it means doing as much or more but using less energy to get it done. Energy efficiency is the best example of a no-regrets policy Michigan can have. It makes us more reliable, more affordable and protects our environment.

The biggest threats to our electric reliability usually come on the hottest days of the summer, when we are all turning up the air conditioning at work and home. Because of that demand, those are the most expensive days to buy power, and that means power companies have to maintain plants we rarely need. And when we turn everything on, that is when we are burdening our environment the most.

How do we make Michigan even more energy efficient?

First, we can give people the tools they need to take advantage of lower power bills through efficiency. One way to do that is to make sure private dollars are available. We've already got a great public-private partnership that is successful at reinventing energy efficiency in Michigan: Michigan Saves. This partnership, which was seeded with public funds, works with private lenders throughout the state to provide affordable financing to help homes and businesses save energy and money. Since October 2010, more than 1,700 Michiganders have used those funds to improve their homes and have saved about \$350 per year in energy costs. They've used local contractors to do the work, so they have supported local jobs. There's good news for lenders too: a default rate that is almost 30 times lower than similar consumer loans. This year, private financial institutions across the state will make more than \$68 million available for efficiency improvements in buildings. That's great news but that number needs to grow. Michigan Saves is expanding its program to businesses like small grocers and convenience stores. It is exciting to see this public-private partnership grow, and I look forward to seeing them meet their goal of \$150 million of investment in 2017.

There is another way we can empower the private sector and Michigan homeowners. When people are looking at buying a home, they receive an inspection report, telling them about the plumbing, the roof, and many things about the house that aren't visible to the naked eye. What they don't know is whether the house is energy efficient. Legislation that would add energy efficiency information to those reports is needed, and I encourage the Legislature to act on a bill in the new year.

There are other things we can do to enhance energy efficiency in Michigan. I have asked the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) to reinvent our existing energy efficiency programs to reduce paperwork and costs while increasing actual improvements. Already, the PSC has found ways to allow collaboration between smaller municipal utilities and cooperatives, which saves even more money.

This coming year, the PSC will look at how we can implement “geo-targeting.” That means making smarter energy investments - spending on energy efficiency instead of new infrastructure in areas with reliability problems caused by high local demand. There are some great examples of possible places where this can be deployed – places like Ferndale in southeast Michigan, where increasing demand has been straining the existing substations but it’s hard to find a place to put another one. And this week, the PSC will release its report on energy efficiency, noting a number of existing ways these efforts are lowering our bills and recommendations of how we can do more.

Four state agencies currently manage weatherization programs of one kind or another. Today I am directing the PSC, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s (MEDC) Energy Office, the Department Human Services, and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to work together and coordinate their know-how and efforts so the state can do some geo-targeting of its own.

In addition, we need to reinvent the delivery of low-income heating to focus on moving people toward self-sufficiency. That will mean reforms in the way the state and its non-profit partners deliver low-income heating assistance. I applaud the Senate for passing legislation that reforms the funding and delivery of these services. I urge the House to join this bipartisan effort by passing this package.

There are things that the state can do to be more efficient in its own energy use. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has already implemented a number of energy efficiency measures in our state parks, meaning it is spending more on our parks and less on power. In our state buildings, we have reduced our energy use by nearly 25 percent in the last 10 years, and we continue to invest in energy efficiency upgrades. Now it is time to look at whether we need to set new goals, and what they should be. I am directing the MEDC’s Energy Office, the PSC, and the Department of Technology Management and Budget (DTMB) to partner on a benchmarking study of state buildings – comparing them to other states and private buildings. This study will also identify best practices so we document what is effective. In addition, we will offer local governments, schools and others assistance in identifying tools to help them achieve savings through energy efficiency contracting.

Production

Michigan is known for its innovation in many industries, but we don’t talk often enough about Michigan’s leadership in the energy field. MichCon literally invented the natural gas storage industry, and our state remains the indisputable national leader. That’s a key advantage that Michigan needs to promote and grow. Michigan produces natural gas. It has a lot of places where natural gas can be stored. And it has pipelines built to help move that natural gas. That’s a great advantage and an opportunity for the state of Michigan to do a little of its own economic gardening.

I have asked the DNR and PSC to work together to see if we can partner with private industry to develop a Strategic Natural Gas Reserve for Michigan. It’s a simple concept – the state of Michigan owns many natural gas deposits. When a private company brings those into production, the state can either take its share in money or in natural gas. Until now, we have chosen to take the money. But if the state owns gas, and the state owns storage, it could make sense for us to store that gas and sell it later, when we could get a better price. We will look for private companies to partner with us in developing storage. By waiting to sell that gas on the private market to a Michigan company, we could create good news for both ratepayers and taxpayers, since long-term contracts can help keep winter heating prices down while ensuring Michigan gets a better return on its resources.

Any changes that we make will be built upon the legacy of innovation already present in Michigan’s energy sector. For years, experts thought some of our old oil wells had reached the end of their lives, unable to produce any more. But it turns out that if you can get enough pure carbon dioxide into those wells, these wells can be productive again, and the carbon dioxide stays below the ground. A multi-generational family company in Michigan has successfully brought this new, exciting technology to our state. Bob Mannes, the head of Core Energy LLC, figured out that the carbon dioxide emissions from a local ammonia plant could be used to produce oil in Michigan. The experiment has been a success and is a great example of a win-win for the environment and the economy of Michigan.

We need to do more to make sure this industry, which is a great example of economic gardening, can grow in Michigan. To do that, I am asking the Legislature to enact a law that will grant carbon dioxide pipelines the same legal standing as other pipelines in Michigan to make sure our state laws are ready for this new industry.

Transmission Infrastructure

How else can Michigan adapt to any and all possible energy futures? We can make sure we have the ability to get the power where we need it, when we need it, at a superior level of reliability and at reasonable cost.

Michigan’s electrical “superhighways” – its transmission system – are a tale of two peninsulas. In the Lower Peninsula, the reliability of our electrical superhighway is excellent. It’s a tremendous asset, and we need to make sure our businesses and citizens understand the value of reliability. But in the Upper Peninsula, it’s very different. There, we have nearly 12 “yellow alerts” a year – meaning that all it takes is for one more thing to go wrong and everybody’s power could be out for days.

What does that mean for daily life? Whether it is a business engaged in just-in-time manufacturing, a data center providing computing services, a hospital with sensitive equipment, or a homeowner with insulin in the fridge, reliability is vital and valuable. You can’t grow economically, or even hold your own, if the power isn’t there reliably.

This has to change, and change in a way that is protective of our environment and of our wallets. The first step is to get enough backup transmission in place so that we can end all yellow alerts. The Midwest Interconnection System Operator

(MISO), which runs our region's electrical highway system, recently fast-tracked approval of some lines that will address this reliability problem. Our state agencies have already pledged to help speed up siting and construction of those projects in an environmentally sensitive way.

The next step is making sure we have a major generating source in the UP, so we aren't entirely dependent on long transmission lines for power. Two utilities are leading the way on this front. I am thrilled to announce that this week, Wolverine Electric Cooperative and We Energies finalized a new venture that will install hundreds of millions of dollars of new pollution prevention equipment and keep the Presque Isle Power Plant in Marquette operating. Because of this deal, Michigan has a key building block in place to ensure the reliability and power supply we need. We will also retain a key contributor to the UP's tax base and 170 Michigan jobs. Moreover, We Energies' customers in Michigan and Wisconsin who were facing increases in costs to solve this problem will pay less, not more, to fix this problem.

Wolverine Power Cooperative and We Energies deserve to be commended for bringing this deal to fruition. In particular, Wolverine is increasing its commitment to Michigan's economic future, and it is making the right decision.

Those steps get us to where we need to be today. But they won't get us to where we need to be for Michigan 3.0 – a future that includes new data centers, new mining operations, new industries, and above all, more and better jobs. For that, we need to do something about the high power prices that Michiganders in the UP and northern Lower Peninsula pay. We need to make sure that new sources of power – whether they are natural gas, wind, or biomass – have a superhighway that can get their power to the places that need it.

To do this, we need to explore connecting Michigan's peninsulas electrically. Right now, there is a small electrical connection, and we have had to spend money making sure the peninsulas don't short each other out. We need a robust connection that gives us the potential to reduce the cost of moving power around in both places and creates opportunities to improve supply as well.

That is why I am encouraged by the recent actions of MISO. It is studying the costs and benefits of a strong inter-connection. It is also looking at whether Michigan should partner with other states and provinces as part of a larger solution. Clearly we need a supply of reliable power and the ability to move power wherever it is needed throughout all of Michigan. I will continue to encourage MISO to recognize the unique needs of its largest customer – Michigan – with its two peninsulas.

We also need the ability to efficiently and safely move natural gas. Right now, there is a proposal before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to abandon a pipeline that supplies one-third of Michigan's natural gas. I have opposed that, as have many legislators, the PSC, MISO, and Consumers Energy. We will continue to fight any proposal that limits Michigan's energy future and are hopeful that in the near future, we can find a cooperative solution that will ensure Michigan's gas supply reliability. I am committed to ensuring that Michigan can take advantage of the reliability, affordability and environmental and economic benefits of natural gas, and that the rest of the country can benefit from our resources in that area as well.

Comprehensive Strategy

There is one more key ingredient to Michigan's energy future, and that's being part of a nation with a consistent plan. We want to work with our federal government and make sure that Michigan's plans for the future fit with where the country is going. Unfortunately, what we face now is a hodgepodge of conflicting policies. Here are just a few examples:

- **Nuclear energy.** The federal government started out doing the right thing: building a long-term solution for nuclear waste. Many Michiganders have already paid money in their utility bills to help get Yucca Mountain's repository built. But then the federal government switched courses and abandoned those plans, requiring us to store waste near the Great Lakes. While such storage doesn't pose imminent threats, no one would say that the Great Lakes shoreline is a better place for nuclear waste than the Nevada desert. We badly need a national, thoughtful approach to this issue.
- **Electrical reliability.** The federal government has done the right thing by encouraging regional cooperation in operating our electrical grid and setting good standards for reliability. But now MISO has warned that the timeline of the EPA rules for coal plants create some real risks to our reliability – meaning that massive outages become more likely. I know people disagree about the new EPA rules for coal plants, but I think we can all agree it's not in the best interest of the environment or the country to risk massive outages to get there at a breakneck pace. We need the federal government, through cooperation between its own agencies, to broker a solution to this problem. We stand ready to do our part in that effort.
- **Natural gas.** A recent presidential order recognized the benefits of natural gas as a reliable, affordable, clean and domestic part of our energy future. The President got this right and we need him to follow through. We need timelines that will let us look seriously at transitioning existing plants to this fuel, a commitment to pipeline infrastructure and a stable, environmentally protective set of regulations that allow companies to create a business plan built around new natural gas supplies. Michigan has done what it can in leading the way on this issue. We will do whatever we can to help our federal partners develop and implement a consistent strategy in short order.
- **Energy independence for our most vulnerable.** Michigan receives federal funds to help vulnerable citizens when they can't afford their heat. This has allowed many Michigan families to stay in their homes and keep their kids in school in the winter. The federal government also subsidizes housing for some of these families. Unfortunately, there

are some addresses in Michigan where family after family can't afford their heat. But under existing federal rules, the state can't say to a landlord that it won't keep subsidizing families' rent unless something is done to improve the insulation or other conditions that are causing families to need heating assistance. I encourage our federal agencies, partnering together, to enact the common sense reforms that we need.

Just like Michigan, the federal government needs an energy plan that is focused on adaptability, reliability, affordability and environmental protection. There is a lot we can do to put no-regrets policies into place in this country and state and Michigan is eager to do its part. During this campaign, President Obama pledged to take an "all of the above" approach to energy policy. That is heartening, because I believe it shows he already places high value on adaptability. I am hopeful that reliability, affordability, and environmental protection will also be incorporated as guiding principles into federal energy policy.

Until we see more of what the nation's energy policy will be, and what the effects are on Michigan, it would be a mistake to again change our energy framework. In 2015, we will be in a better position to know what effects federal policies are having on our reliability and on the markets for electricity. We will have reached our 10 percent goal for renewable energy, and will have well-established efficiency programs, so we will be in a good position to set higher goals in both these areas. We will need solid information about the effects of our policies and the energy marketplace to make good decisions. This coming year, I will invite the Legislature and Michigan citizens to tell me what information we will need to fairly evaluate our energy policies, and we will embark on an effort to collect and analyze those facts. Then, by 2015, we will all be able to implement new decisions about our energy framework that will enhance Michigan's adaptability, reliability, affordability and environment.

III. Environment

In the earliest days of statehood, Michiganders chose to extol the beauty of Michigan's peninsulas in its official motto – "Si quaeris peninsulam amoenam circumspice" (If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you). One hundred and seventy five years later, we're saying the same thing – only this time, not in Latin. Our Pure Michigan campaign is telling people about the beauty of Michigan, and it is working. It is working because we have a great story to tell about the good work we have done to keep the air, water and land in Michigan clean and beautiful.

Whether sledding in a neighborhood park, walking along a shore or riverbank, cross-country skiing through a forest, or sitting on a beach, in every season we can experience the reasons we love living here. Those are the reasons our kids and their kids will love living here, too. We need to think strategically about how to make sure those opportunities continue and grow.

Ecosystem Approach

In the past, we approached environmental protection in a reactive and relatively piecemeal fashion. While we have enjoyed some great results in a collection of public parks, forests, beaches and recreation areas, these assets do not necessarily work together ecologically and economically.

For instance, we have an extensive forest system that covers nearly 4 million acres, more than 10 percent of the state. That is not because we sat down and decided we needed a 4 million-acre system or where those forests would be. Instead, land that wasn't good for farming and had already been logged kept churning through our tax foreclosure system. We stopped that fruitless cycling by creating a state forest system. However, it is unclear if this collection of state owned lands is providing for the many collective values that Michiganders hope to receive: camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, sense of place, timber harvesting, forest products and biodiversity.

Other state resources, including some of our parks and recreation areas, came about with a similar lack of an overall vision – we've protected a beautiful place here, or a particular river or lake there, but we've never stepped back and tried to think holistically about what we do own, what we should own, where and most of all, why.

Science, and decades of data, can now help us look at things using an ecosystem approach. That means looking at all the functions and services our ecosystems provide to nature and people, like support of the great diversity of plants and animals, shade and cooling, purification of water and air, flood reduction, food, fiber and fuel, and providing us wondrous areas for recreation, to name a few. It means thinking about what services we will want from our environment now and well into the future. It means using data and knowledge to guide our decisions about investment in our state's ecological and natural assets. These systems form the basis of life and the basis of the quality of life that has defined us and the state since the beginning.

Land Management

An ecosystem approach guided the work of the State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Blue Ribbon Panel, and is guiding the work of the DNR.

The Blue Ribbon Panel, which recently completed an excellent report with recommendations regarding the future of Michigan's parks and outdoor recreation, recognized that our parks are regional economic drivers, protect unique ecological resources, improve our health and well-being and help define the Michigan experience. I am excited about many of their recommendations, which include the need to connect trails and integrate green infrastructure in our urban areas.

The DNR is taking a similar approach when looking at our public lands. There are a number of things we need from our public lands. We need rich outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities. We need the tangible products they provide

as well: wood from Michigan trees to build and repair our homes; Michigan minerals that build the cars we drive and the wires that deliver our power; oil and gas that get us to work and keep us warm. In short, we need a land management strategy that protects the character and productive capacity of Michigan's wide array of natural resource assets for future generations. We are reinventing our planning process by being more strategic about what we own, and why we own it. We need to continue to protect the truly unique places that provide habitat or other natural resources that make them irreplaceable. We need to make sure the high-value recreational experiences that we have will be available and attractive now and in the future. We need to have an opportunity to enhance those when appropriate. But most of all, we need a strategy for making sure we aren't hampered in these goals by responsibilities for other land that doesn't advance any particular purpose. We must be willing to rebalance our land portfolio – to acquire lands that meet these goals and to get rid of lands that don't fit within our strategy.

Having this kind of strategic plan in place will also tell us what kind of long-term sustainable funding we need. We will know if a lack of recreation in a certain area is because we don't have the right space for it, or because we have underinvested in the places we do own.

We must have a complementary strategy for timber resources. The timber industry is an economic asset to our state, especially in rural communities, contributing \$14 billion annually to the state's economy and directly employing 26,000 citizens. Whether it is furniture making, timber for homes, paper mills, biomass facilities, or a combination of those using different parts of the resource, the state has an opportunity to provide for responsible growth. As it undertakes the planning efforts described above, I am directing the DNR – working with the Timber Advisory Council, MEDC and the Michigan departments of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and Transportation (MDOT) – to prepare a business plan for the future of the state's timber industry. The plan will identify and prioritize opportunities for growing this important part of our economy. As part of this effort, I am also directing DNR to convene a Timber Industry Summit in April 2013.

While putting these strategies in place is key, there are also actions we know we won't regret under any plan, and we need to take those now.

Trails

Michigan has more total trail miles than just about any other state. Much of the credit goes to volunteers who have shoveled, raked, trimmed and groomed these trails on their own time and often at their own expense. This shows the real appetite Michiganders have for quality trails, and points to the opportunity we have to be the number one trail state.

We can reach that goal much faster together. I am directing the DNR, Michigan Snowmobile and Trail Advisory Committee, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, the MEDC, the MDARD and the MDOT to align and prioritize their efforts to support and create trail connections. All these entities will reach out to local communities as partners, helping them to maximize the economic return from trail use. We can and will seek to make Michigan the Trail State.

As the Trail State, we will need a showcase trail that celebrates these efforts and pulls together private and public trails into a signature Pure Michigan experience. With the addition of approximately 200 miles of additional trails in the Lower Peninsula and the UP, we could hike or bike from Belle Isle to the Wisconsin border. Today, I am directing DNR to focus on connecting those trails, through cooperation with private and non-profit partners and the use of their own resources.

Rural Development Fund/Severance Tax

There is real economic development potential from mining expansion in the UP. We need to make sure that these short-term economic gains help us build a solid foundation for long-term business growth. To that end, I have proposed a Rural Development Fund, which we will create while reforming a confusing and outdated mining tax structure.

Michigan's taxes need to be simple, fair and efficient. The current tax system on non-ferrous metals is none of these. Our system requires the state geologist to guess what the value of the ore will be over the entire life of the mine, and turn that into a property value. That's a tax system that is complicated, uncertain and burdensome. Instead, we should switch to a severance tax, which means we can stop trying to guess what the ore might be worth and instead get a share of what the ore really is worth.

We will take that money and make sure we are reinvesting it in infrastructure for our rural areas, so we will have the foundation for economic growth in place after the mine is gone. I ask the Legislature to enact a severance tax and create the Rural Development Fund. That will let us welcome more commerce today, and lay the foundation for our rural communities to flourish tomorrow.

Natural Resources Trust Fund

Third, we need our Natural Resources Trust Fund to better work with our communities to realize their visions for Pure Michigan and align with local visions. We can take the first step today. I am directing the DNR to require a resolution of support from local government before funding any project from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

I believe this step will help enhance the admirable work of the Natural Resources Trust Fund. Since 1976, the Trust Fund has made significant investments in both the protection of Michigan's special places and in the development of important recreational assets in our state. Nearly \$1 billion has been invested, with projects in every county in Michigan. By investing \$435 million in local grants and \$492 million in state grants, some 199,552 acres of land has been permanently protected. We have created places that will keep and attract the next generation of Michiganders. Because of the wisdom of those who created the Trust Fund 36 years ago, it will continue its contribution to the reinvention of Michigan, creating access to the places that matter in the 21st century.

Better Planning for Natural Disasters

Fourth, natural disasters can have a significant impact on local communities and state resources. The state must have the capacity to respond to these emergencies and ensure that communities receive assistance quickly. To address this need, I am calling on the Legislature to create a Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund. This fund would enable rapid emergency response in the protection of both state resources and private property in the event of a major natural disaster like the forest fire that recently occurred near Duck Lake in Luce County. This fund will be part of my upcoming budget plan in February, and I urge the Legislature to enact this needed change.

Urban Public Lands

For too long Michigan has thought about public lands as if those words were just another way to say “up north.” They aren’t. We must not ignore the other side of the coin – our urban public lands.

Just like it did in the early part of the last century, Michigan is again seeing a huge property churn based on repeated tax foreclosures. This time, though, it’s in our urban areas. Our communities are falling prey to speculators who allow blighted properties to destroy the investments of neighbors who love their communities and care for their homes. Our system for getting these properties back into the hands of responsible owners – a system that we set up in 1917 – is doing the opposite. And various governments are ending up holding a lot of land they don’t have a clear plan for and don’t have the resources to maintain.

We can’t let that continue. There are several legislative efforts underway to reform aspects of that 1917 property tax act, and I am eager to make them law. Those efforts should begin by banning tax evaders and slum lords from acquiring more property for pennies on the dollar at our foreclosure auctions, as called for in my Special Message to the Legislature on Public Safety. But that is only a starting place. Our antiquated laws dealing with blight and foreclosures are in need of serious reinvention. There are a number of good bills pending in the Legislature now to reduce blight, and I will be proposing additional measures for consideration in January. I pledge to work with the Legislature on these important reforms.

Similarly, there is another law that is being applied to circumstances we never foresaw –our Right to Farm Act. I will vigorously defend Michigan’s vital agricultural interests from encroachments of all kinds. That was good policy in 1981, and it’s good policy now. But Michigan’s firm defense of that policy has meant that our biggest cities – where no one ever expected there would be enough land to have anything bigger than a kitchen garden – now fear they need to ban agriculture altogether, or risk allowing animal facilities in their city. We need to find a solution to the concerns of both sides. I know that for years, the MDARD has worked with urban communities, agriculture interests and others to understand the problem and develop options. That work is done. We understand the issues. We understand the options. It’s time to move forward. 2013 needs to be the year we implement a solution.

Common Urban and Rural Public Land Issues

Our rural and urban areas have more in common than we may recognize. In fact, in many cases, they need the same solutions.

In our urban areas, a single street may have lots owned by the city, county and state. That creates a lot of confusion for people who just want to buy the lot next door, or for those who want to consolidate several parcels for economic development or recreational opportunities. Similarly, in our rural areas, the federal and state governments own a patchwork of properties, making it harder to connect trails, manage wildlife habitat or create a sensible timber harvest plan. I have directed the state Treasurer to lead an effort to work with governments at all levels to facilitate property swaps or joint management agreements. We need to consolidate public ownership so that our federal, state, county and local governments do not just create a plan, but execute it.

Second, both types of areas need the capacity and the resources to be better stewards. In the urban case, we assume we can fund maintenance like grass mowing and demolition of blight with property sales. That model is not working today, and it has left the state in the position of being a bad neighbor. In the rural case, we have often underfunded certain resources, in part because we may be trying to take care of too much land in some places and not enough in others. In both cases we need to fix that, and these priorities will be reflected in my next two budgets. I ask the Legislature to support these priorities and work with me to make sure that when we own property, we fulfill our obligations.

Brownfields

Of course, we can’t forget the other tools we have to rebuild and reinvent Michigan’s land policy. One of the most important issues for our reinvention is brownfield redevelopment. Some have claimed that the loss of a single brownfield tax credit means Michigan isn’t focused on redeveloping brownfields anymore. Nothing could be further from the truth.

First, we are looking at programs with a long record of success and making sure that success can continue and grow. The proposed amendments to the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act would allow the Michigan Strategic Fund and the DEQ to receive between \$1.5 million and \$4 million annually to provide funding for new brownfield redevelopment projects. I ask the Legislature to enact those changes quickly.

Similarly, the state is still committed to supporting brownfield revitalization as part of its reinvention. My budget for FY ‘14 will also continue to invest \$25 million into the MEDC’s efforts. In FY ‘12 alone, our state investments leveraged \$412.9 million in private investment into brownfields. This amount includes projects approved under the Michigan Community Revitalization Program, the Brownfield Redevelopment Tax Increment Finance program and the DEQ’s grant

and loan program. The Michigan Community Revitalization Program is designed to accelerate private investment on these brownfield sites and foster the redevelopment of brownfield or historic properties, reduce blight and protect the natural resources of this state. One great example of the success of this program is the redevelopment of a nearly century-old 20,000-square-foot building in downtown Benton Harbor into a modern, mixed-use commercial building.

We are also thinking creatively about helping people realize that it can be cheaper to reuse a site than to build a new building. I am excited to announce a new public-private effort between many of our utilities and the MEDC that will help businesses know the value that existing energy infrastructure can provide. Right now, when a new business with large energy needs is shopping for a new space or weighing an expansion, it is hard to get a ballpark number for how much it will cost them to get the kind of energy they need for their development. This can be a multi-million dollar economic development question – so it's important to get decision makers timely information about the real value of a brownfield site.

Starting today, all investor-owned utilities operating in Michigan will have a dedicated phone number that will let businesses get that ballpark estimate of the rates, connection costs and necessary infrastructure upgrades for up to five sites within five days or less. This significant improvement in the customer service process will provide a streamlined, transparent and consistent method to determine potential costs for upgrades as well as offering the possibility of reducing these costs. Michigan is the only state to offer this service to site selectors. We have the sites, we have the infrastructure and we will work together to power our progress and reinvent Michigan.

Additionally, for companies locating or expanding in an area, we need to make sure our policies are encouraging new investments, not penalizing them. Recently, the PSC, working with our two largest utilities, approved a change that resulted in a consistent and clear policy on the contributions companies may need to make for new electrical infrastructure. Their service territories will now have consistent charges and new customers will no longer subsidize existing infrastructure. In other words, opening or expanding a business in Michigan that needs a lot of electrical power is now simpler and clearer.

Water

Water, and especially Great Lakes water, has always been essential to Michigan. It defines us. We have one-fifth of the world's freshwater supply. We have more coastline than any state except Alaska. And with our local communities leading the way, water is central to our placemaking efforts across the state.

You can't go anywhere in Michigan without seeing communities reconnecting with their waters. In the UP, you can enjoy Houghton and Marquette's waterfront revitalizations. You can visit the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena, as I did this year. On the west side, I am excited to support the effort to "put the rapids" back in Grand Rapids. In southwest Michigan, eight coastal communities which stretch along the shoreline of Lake Michigan – Michiana, Grand Beach, New Buffalo, Union Pier, Lakeside, Harbert, Sawyer and Three Oaks – along with the support of the Pokagon Band of Potawatami Indians, have successfully promoted themselves as the tourism destination "Harbor Country." And of course, the fabulous work on the Detroit Riverfront – driven by a public-private partnership between the state, city, the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy and GM – has already transformed the relationship Detroiters and downtown workers have with the city's namesake river. That is the power of private and public partnerships – their progress is nothing short of spectacular.

We need to continue that success with another partnership involving the state, city and the Belle Isle Conservancy – the restoration of Belle Isle. Belle Isle is a Detroit jewel that could be the talk of the country, but it badly needs polishing. It is vital that the Detroit City Council approve the agreement that will allow the state to begin making improvements that will allow Detroiters—and all Michiganders—to fall in love with the Belle Isle experience all over again.

To these and all the other communities in Michigan that are connecting to their waterways, I commend you for doing the important work of placemaking that will keep your community vibrant for years to come. The state is supportive of your efforts.

Our state's water resources permeate all facets of Michigan's economy as well as the lifestyles that Michiganders enjoy. Water envelopes us and is in the ground below us.

While we are celebrating and enhancing the deep connections Michiganders have to their water, we also need to have a comprehensive water management plan, just as we will have an integrated land management plan. The development of this water plan will be led through Michigan's Office of The Great Lakes. By identifying our priorities and moving forward with resolve and purpose, we can safeguard our precious resources while creating a better place for our families.

Great Lakes

Of course, every discussion of water in Michigan should begin with the Great Lakes. I am proud to be assuming leadership of the Council of Great Lakes Governors, because there is no state whose future is more intertwined with the Lakes than ours. I will invite the eight Great Lakes States' governors, and their Canadian counterparts, to Mackinac Island for a summit, because we have a lot of work to do and there's no better place to be reminded of how important this work is than on that beautiful island.

The biggest issue we face in the Great Lakes is aquatic invasive species – plants and animals - like phragmites (a giant reed that is spreading across our shoreline), zebra mussels and Asian carp. These harmful species are tearing at the health and fabric of our beloved shoreline and lakes. They spread, reproduce and wreak havoc on natural systems, on coastal zones, on beaches and in the aquatic food web. They spoil our view of the water, crowd out native vegetation and harm

valuable fish. Because they come into the lakes in a stealthy manner and from many sources, we almost never know who is responsible for the pollution and who should be paying for the mess it creates. The paper plant that's now paying nearly \$2 million to remove zebra mussels from its facility can't go find the ocean-going ship that brought the mussels here and demand payment. Our utilities pass on to their customers the millions they spend on the same activity. And everyone who has tried to enjoy a beach with phragmites or an algal bloom or anyone who has caught a lake trout with a lamprey scar knows firsthand that every Michigander will pay the price if we get this wrong.

This is not an issue on which Michigan can afford to sit idly by, even when others ignore the costs. This is not an issue where we can wait and see if the risks are worth it. We know there are measures we could be taking today to reduce the risk of new invasive species entering the Great Lakes. We can and we must manage the ones that are already here so they do not devastate our precious Lakes.

The threat of invasive species is not just a threat we encounter in the water, but is experienced on land too. MDARD has been proactive about fighting agricultural pests, and has some notable successes. As we develop management plans we will utilize what we've learned in both arenas to prevent and better manage invasive species.

Michigan cannot address the invasive species issue alone. The Lakes are connected and thus we are connected to our neighbors and their actions, too. We must work with our neighbors, and with the federal government, to do the right thing. There are three steps Michigan should take:

1. Remain a leader on ballast water standards by encouraging control mechanisms that will prevent introducing species – not just lower the risk. We've seen enough to know that allowing even a small risk of introducing species is a guarantee that we'll be spending millions to fight the next zebra mussel.
2. Create a strong "unwanted list" that puts a trading ban on invasive species.
3. Aggressively defend the Great Lakes against the spread of Asian carp and other invasive fish species.

The threat of Asian carp in the Great Lakes is real and imminent. One of our biggest obstacles to strengthening our defense against an Asian carp invasion has been the reluctance of the federal government to act as aggressively as this threat warrants. Michigan's officials have pushed hard to protect the Great Lakes from this threat. A bipartisan coalition of Michigan's representatives in Washington worked mightily and managed to secure some funding and some action on this issue. The Attorney General has pushed long and hard through the courts. Nevertheless, the federal government has already started backsliding on its promises and missed too many deadlines. We need new barriers up on **all** routes identified as probable carp entry points. We need enforcement help on the trading bans for these organisms.

If the federal government won't protect Michigan's commerce and the integrity of the Great Lakes, then we will remind it of its obligations. The federal government is required, under the federal Endangered Species Act, to take actions that protect Michigan's native mussels and other endangered species from invasive species that can harm them. If the Asian carp enter our Lakes, they will adversely affect not just the Lakes' ecosystem as a whole, but these protected species. Legally, this is not an obligation that can be avoided because it costs a lot or is inconvenient. With the Attorney General, I am sending a letter that will put the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on notice that it has an obligation that it needs to fulfill.

Michigan is prepared to take all necessary steps we need to protect the Great Lakes. I am hopeful that this time, we will get the federal government to really listen to what every Michigander knows – stopping the Asian carp is something we need the federal government to get as serious about as Michigan is.

Water Strategy

Michigan's waters encompass far more than just the Great Lakes. That's why, in addition to the number one priority I've already discussed— aquatic invasive species – there are four components that I am asking my quality of life agencies to put front and center in their efforts to create a comprehensive water strategy for water quality and use for the state. They are improvements to: our water withdrawal system, our storm water and sewer systems, our wetlands system, and finally, continuing the good work we already do restoring Michigan's waterways. Our Great Lakes continue to experience water quality issues. Harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie, beach closings and muck on our beaches and marinas mean that we can't enjoy the Great Lakes as we should. We have done a good job controlling what comes out of our pipes; we need to do even better while addressing pollution from weather-related and non-point source discharges to improve the water quality in our Great Lakes.

Water Use

People may not agree about why climate change is happening, but it is certainly affecting Michigan. Historically low – maybe all-time low – water levels in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, last year's drought and limited winter ice cover, and overall changing weather patterns across the country have stressed our lakes and groundwater. Water is in demand by farmers for irrigation use, and by Michigan residents and businesses who want clean, safe water, 100 percent of the time. Climate change will make Michigan's water resources all the more valuable – and we need to be ready.

Michigan has created an innovative and simple-to-use system for water withdrawal as part of its obligations under the regional water management compact agreement with the other Great Lakes states.

We need to take the next steps regarding the state's surface water use (lakes, rivers and streams) in Michigan. We will establish a Water Use Advisory Council to refine the Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool and to evaluate situations where large quantity water withdrawals adversely affect other users or the health of the aquatic system. By having this council monitor large surface water users, we can simultaneously support expanding agricultural production and rural

development and avoid impacts on water quality and ecological health. We also need to make sure that any conflict resolution system that works for surface water users takes into account groundwater users. This proactive approach can assure that when we have a drought and need to make choices, we will be able to make them fairly and quickly.

Water Quality

Weather-related water runoff has a big impact on the pollution levels in our waterways and lakes. These are expensive problems to fix, and for too long, the only solution the state would look at was more concrete. It's time for that to change. Green infrastructure is one area where an investment can resolve a water-related problem and create recreational space, all at the same time. It also helps address non-point source pollution – pollution that doesn't come out of a pipe, but affects our waters. We need to focus on creating and recreating green spaces – parks, rain gardens and even swales and ponds – that can absorb stormwater. This will lower our costs while protecting our beaches and the health of the Great Lakes – a real win-win. Our grant and loan programs must incentivize these projects, not block them. I have directed DEQ to undertake reforms to make sure that happens.

Wetlands

Michigan, with more than 5 million acres of wetlands, has a great resource that protects our water quality and provides great habitat for ducks and other waterfowl. That's why Michigan has taken charge of its own wetland program instead of depending on Washington to determine the state's policies. We need to make sure we keep that authority by implementing hard-negotiated changes that satisfy federal and state requirements. We need consistency in the fee structure so that it is fair to all applicants. But most of all, when existing wetlands are converted for development or agriculture use, we need to make sure that we replace them with high quality wetlands. Right now, when a construction project eliminates an existing wetland, Michigan law focuses too much on putting replacement wetlands on the same site. A better way is to expand our use of wetland mitigation banks. In a wetland bank, high quality, spectacular wetlands can result from many different developers choosing to pool their resources and collectively replace their wetlands. I am calling on DEQ to reinvent our wetland mitigation banking system to make sure that Michigan will end up not just with average or good replacement wetlands, but with the best wetlands and wetland systems in America – all at the same or lower cost to our business community and residents.

Continue Restoration

The important ongoing efforts to address historical pollution and to restore many of Michigan's coastal regions and waterways must continue, and will be part of any restoration plan that is put forward. For example, this past year, we took an important step by putting funding associated with underground storage tanks toward cleanups. My budget priorities will continue to reflect sustainable funding for restoring Michigan's environment.

Hydraulic Fracturing

Hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," has received increased attention lately. This technology is being used in combination with horizontal drilling to reach some natural gas and other resources that otherwise could not be developed. This innovation is already benefitting Michigan in the form of unusually low natural gas prices and additional money from state leases that goes to our public lands and our parks. But some have expressed concerns about what these technologies mean for Michigan's environment.

Neither fracking nor horizontal drilling is a new technology—they have been used in Michigan for many decades. None of the fracking that has been done in Michigan has resulted in a single water quality problem. In fact, fracking's deeper wells likely pose less risk to our groundwater than the shallower wells we are more used to. With our water withdrawal statute, as well as our strong regulatory history of natural gas drilling, we are better prepared – more adaptable – than most other states.

That said, it's important that our citizens understand what fracking is really all about. That's why the University of Michigan's Graham Sustainability Institute is undertaking an evaluation of fracking. At their invitation, the state is participating in the steering committee for this effort alongside environmental and industry groups. At the end of the process, the public will have well-reasoned, objective explanations of what this technology is and is not. We will also have a Michigan-focused evaluation of the various implications of fracking. This is a great example of collaboration and a public university serving the needs of the state, and I am looking forward to seeing the results.

Integration

We need to remember that our ecosystems are all interconnected, and the best environmental solutions can solve more than one problem. A great example of this is recycling. When we can redirect trash to productive use, we reduce the impact on our lands, air and water. And that's why this is an area in which we need to do better.

As a state, we have one of the lowest recycling rates in the Midwest. We need to look beyond our recycling of cans and plastic bottles and creatively figure out what we can do to reduce our waste overall. This year, my administration will examine possible options to get Michigan to where it needs to be on recycling, and I'll be coming back to you with a comprehensive plan in 2014.

As anyone who runs a business or a farm can tell you, environmental issues don't come in neat packages called "water" or "air" – and it can be hard for people to know what the right thing is to do. I think most Michiganders want to do the right thing, but are often unsure about asking for help. We need to make sure those with good intentions can get the assistance they need. I am calling on the DEQ to increase its compliance assistance efforts throughout their regulatory programs – but I think it's important to recognize two great ways they are already doing that.

DEQ's award-winning Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program, or RETAP, sends technical experts to help citizens and businesses figure out ways to prevent pollution and reduce their energy costs. We know our retirees are engaged and vital and make a difference to this state, and this program is a great example of the way some of them are doing just that. In fact, I will be encouraging retired engineers and scientists, who would like to work with companies trying to do the right thing while growing their business, to consider joining the RETAP program.

The second example of a program providing great customer service and environmental benefits is the Michigan Agriculture and Environmental Assurance Program. This is a voluntary, proactive program designed by a coalition of farmers, agricultural commodity groups, state and federal agencies and conservation and environmental groups to reduce food producers' legal and environmental risks. The response from the agricultural community has been terrific. We are already more than meeting our goals for participation.

And finally, for those who are worried about falling into an endless pit of red tape, I want to promise you that isn't the case. Since April 2011, a total of 105 unnecessary DEQ rules have been taken off the books, including regulations that were outdated, had excessive reporting requirements, or were related to inefficient government programs. Michigan's quality of life agencies – DEQ, DNR and MDARD – have all improved in timeliness even while their staff levels have gone down. These agencies will continue to work closely with applicants that have complicated issues, making certain that their reviews are data driven and focused on bad actors that need more watching.

In addition, the Office of Regulatory Reinvention, in conjunction with DEQ and stakeholders, has developed and issued recommendations to ensure that Michigan's environmental regulations are simple, fair and efficient. The DEQ has developed a plan to implement those recommendations, and has made considerable progress in following through on that plan. I encourage DEQ and the Legislature to continue working toward implementing these recommendations.

IV. Conclusion

There is a long list of things we need to do to support and enhance our efforts to protect our environment and ensure our energy future. But the best thing Michigan has going for it – by far – is our ability to adapt. We are committed to reinventing Michigan, and with the help of both the Legislature and the people, we are seeing results. Michigan is the comeback state of the nation. Our ability to adapt will ensure that, no matter what the future holds, Michigan will be ready.

We will work to set up the kind of environmental protections that allow us to adapt to changing conditions, and make sure our environment is healthy and resilient. Then we will enjoy watching our kids keep up the spirit of relentless positive action that reinvented the state they know, love and call home.

The message was referred to the Clerk.

Introduction of Bills

Rep. Price introduced

House Bill No. 6044, entitled

A bill to amend 1968 PA 317, entitled "An act relating to the conduct of public servants in respect to governmental decisions and contracts with public entities; to provide penalties for the violation of this act; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; and to validate certain contracts," by amending section 3 (MCL 15.323), as amended by 1997 PA 145.

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

Rep. Ananich introduced

House Bill No. 6045, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 295, entitled "Clean, renewable, and efficient energy act," (MCL 460.1001 to 460.1195) by adding section 135.

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

Rep. Ananich introduced

House Bill No. 6046, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 5427.

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

Rep. Ananich introduced

House Bill No. 6047, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.713) by adding section 675.

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

Rep. Knollenberg introduced

House Bill No. 6048, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 795c, 803, and 804 (MCL 168.795c, 168.803, and 168.804), section 795c as amended by 1990 PA 109 and section 803 as amended by 2004 PA 92. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

Rep. Knollenberg introduced

House Bill No. 6049, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 706, 737, and 782b (MCL 168.706, 168.737, and 168.782b), sections 706 and 737 as amended by 1985 PA 160. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Redistricting and Elections.

Rep. Foster introduced

House Bill No. 6050, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 198, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of plant rehabilitation districts and industrial development districts in local governmental units; to provide for the exemption from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain facilities; to impose and provide for the disposition of an administrative fee; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to provide for the obtaining and transferring of an exemption certificate and to prescribe the contents of those certificates; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state tax commission and certain officers of local governmental units; and to provide penalties," (MCL 207.551 to 207.572) by adding section 11a.

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

Rep. Foster introduced

House Bill No. 6051, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 9m. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

Rep. Foster introduced

House Bill No. 6052, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 9o. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

Rep. Foster introduced

House Bill No. 6053, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 385, entitled "Technology park development act," (MCL 207.701 to 207.718) by adding section 12a.

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

Rep. Foster introduced

House Bill No. 6054, entitled

A bill to provide for the reimbursement of certain funds to local taxing units; to create certain funds; and to set forth the powers and duties of certain state departments and state officials.

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

Rep. Farrington introduced

House Bill No. 6055, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 9n. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

Rep. Farrington introduced

House Bill No. 6056, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 9f (MCL 211.9f), as amended by 2010 PA 274.

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

Rep. Farrington introduced

House Bill No. 6057, entitled

A bill to amend 1985 PA 224, entitled "Enterprise zone act," (MCL 125.2101 to 125.2123) by adding section 21d. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

Reps. Lane, Forlini, Goike, Farrington, Liss, Haugh and LaFontaine introduced

House Bill No. 6058, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 952 and 961 (MCL 168.952 and 168.961), section 952 as amended by 1993 PA 137 and section 961 as amended by 2005 PA 71.

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

Reps. Farrington, LaFontaine, Forlini, Goike, Lane, Liss and Haugh introduced

House Bill No. 6059, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 963, 968, 969, 972, and 975 (MCL 168.963, 168.968, 168.969, 168.972, and 168.975), section 963 as amended by 2005 PA 71, section 968 as amended by 1989 PA 26, and section 972 as amended by 2004 PA 298, and by adding sections 971a and 973a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Reps. Forlini, Lane, Goike, Farrington, Liss, Haugh and LaFontaine introduced

House Bill No. 6060, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 23, 952, and 961 (MCL 168.23, 168.952, and 168.961), section 23 as amended by 1982 PA 456, section 952 as amended by 1993 PA 137, and section 961 as amended by 2005 PA 71.

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

Reps. Switalski, LaFontaine, Forlini, Lane, Goike, Farrington, Liss and Haugh introduced

House Bill No. 6061, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 963 (MCL 168.963), as amended by 2005 PA 71.

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

Reps. LaFontaine, Farrington, Forlini, Goike, Lane, Liss and Haugh introduced

House Bill No. 6062, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 23 (MCL 168.23), as amended by 1982 PA 456.

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

Reps. Haugh, Switalski, LaFontaine, Forlini, Lane, Goike, Farrington and Liss introduced

House Bill No. 6063, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 952 (MCL 168.952), as amended by 1993 PA 137.

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

Announcements by the Clerk

November 27, 2012

Received from the Auditor General a copy of the following audit report and/or report summary:

Performance audit of the Business Enterprise Program, Bureau of Services for Blind Persons, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, November 2012.

Gary L. Randall
Clerk of the House

Rep. Howze moved that the House adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 6:20 p.m.

Associate Speaker Pro Tempore O'Brien declared the House adjourned until Thursday, November 29, at 12:00 Noon.

GARY L. RANDALL
Clerk of the House of Representatives