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House Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

1:30 p.m.

The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tempore.

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

Agema—present	Durhal—present	Kurtz—present	Polidori—present
Amash—present	Ebli—present	Lahti—present	Proos—present
Angerer—present	Elsenheimer—present	LeBlanc—present	Roberts—present
Ball—excused	Espinoza—present	Leland—present	Rocca—present
Barnett—present	Geiss—present	Lemmons—present	Rogers—present
Bauer—present	Genetski—present	Lindberg—present	Schmidt, R.—present
Bennett—present	Gonzales—present	Lipton—excused	Schmidt, W.—present
Bledsoe—present	Green—present	Liss—present	Schuitmaker—present
Bolger—present	Gregory—present	Lori—present	Scott, B.—present
Booher—present	Griffin—present	Lund—present	Scott, P.—present
Brown, L.—present	Haase—present	Marleau—present	Scripps—present
Brown, T.—present	Haines—present	Mayes—present	Segal—present
Byrnes—present	Hammel—present	McDowell—present	Sheltrown—present
Byrum—present	Hansen—present	McMillin—present	Slavens—present
Calley—present	Haugh—present	Meadows—present	Slezak—present
Caul—present	Haveman—present	Meekhof—present	Smith—present
Clemente—present	Hildenbrand—present	Melton—present	Spade—present
Constan—present	Horn—present	Meltzer—present	Stamas—present
Corriveau—present	Huckleberry—present	Miller—present	Stanley—present
Coulouris—present	Jackson—present	Moore—present	Switalski—present
Crawford—present	Johnson—present	Moss—present	Tlaib—present
Cushingberry—present	Jones, Rick—present	Nathan—present	Tyler—present
Daley—present	Jones, Robert—present	Nerat—present	Valentine—present
Dean—present	Kandrevas—present	Neumann—present	Walsh—present
Denby—present	Kennedy—present	Opsommer—present	Warren—present
DeShazor—present	Knollenberg—present	Pavlov—present	Womack—present
Dillon—present	Kowall—present	Pearce—present	Young—present

e/d/s = entered during session

Rep. Goeff Hansen, from the 100th District, offered the following invocation:

“God of all Creation, You have given us the blessing of the beauty of nature in all that we see around us, whether it is the snow and cold of winter, or the warmth of the sun and the trees turning green in the spring. You have given us the blessing of knowing and living among people who are as diverse and different as the seasons of the year; but each one bearing Your image, Creator God. You have given us the blessing of living and serving in a free country, the United States of America; and in this beautiful state of Michigan. Help us this day, as we serve the people of this state to remember that to whom much has been given much is expected. The people have given us their approval and chosen us to serve them — keep us humble. Lead us to make decisions that are for the good of all people. Give us the wisdom we need to keep from doing harm. Fill us with the will to lead in a responsible and honorable manner so that each of us might be an example for the young people of our state. Bless each one of us who serves in this state capital; no matter in what capacity or what party — giving us clear-headedness, good health, and vigor to carry out our responsibilities. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.”

Rep. Melton moved that Rep. Lipton be excused from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

Rep. Wayne Schmidt moved that Rep. Ball be excused from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 5575, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 462j.

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. 106 of 2009, p. 2437),

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Melton moved that the bill be placed on its immediate passage.

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

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 5575, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 462j.

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

Roll Call No. 5

Yeas—106

Agema	Ebli	Lahti	Proos
Angerer	Elsenheimer	LeBlanc	Roberts
Barnett	Espinoza	Leland	Rocca
Bauer	Geiss	Lemmons	Rogers
Bennett	Genetski	Lindberg	Schmidt, R.
Bledsoe	Gonzales	Liss	Schmidt, W.
Bolger	Green	Lori	Schuitmaker
Booher	Gregory	Lund	Scott, B.
Brown, L.	Griffin	Marleau	Scott, P.
Brown, T.	Haase	Mayes	Scripps
Byrnes	Haines	McDowell	Segal

Byrum	Hammel	McMillin	Sheltrown
Calley	Hansen	Meadows	Slavens
Caul	Haugh	Meekhof	Slezak
Clemente	Haveman	Melton	Smith
Constan	Hildenbrand	Meltzer	Spade
Corriveau	Horn	Miller	Stamas
Coulouris	Huckleberry	Moore	Stanley
Crawford	Jackson	Moss	Switalski
Cushingberry	Johnson	Nathan	Tlaib
Daley	Jones, Rick	Nerat	Tyler
Dean	Jones, Robert	Neumann	Valentine
Denby	Kandrevas	Opsommer	Walsh
DeShazor	Kennedy	Pavlov	Warren
Dillon	Knollenberg	Pearce	Womack
Donigan	Kowall	Polidori	Young
Durhal	Kurtz		

Nays—1

Amash

In The Chair: Byrnes

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 5576, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 16w of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16w), as amended by 2006 PA 156.

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. 106 of 2009, p. 2438),

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Melton moved that the bill be placed on its immediate passage.

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

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

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

Roll Call No. 6

Yeas—106

Agema	Ebli	Lahti	Proos
Angerer	Elsenheimer	LeBlanc	Roberts
Barnett	Espinoza	Leland	Rocca

Bauer	Geiss	Lemmons	Rogers
Bennett	Genetski	Lindberg	Schmidt, R.
Bledsoe	Gonzales	Liss	Schmidt, W.
Bolger	Green	Lori	Schuitmaker
Booher	Gregory	Lund	Scott, B.
Brown, L.	Griffin	Marleau	Scott, P.
Brown, T.	Haase	Mayer	Scripps
Byrnes	Haines	McDowell	Segal
Byrum	Hammel	McMillin	Sheltrown
Calley	Hansen	Meadows	Slavens
Caul	Haugh	Meekhof	Slezak
Clemente	Haveman	Melton	Smith
Constan	Hildenbrand	Meltzer	Spade
Corriveau	Horn	Miller	Stamas
Coulouris	Huckleberry	Moore	Stanley
Crawford	Jackson	Moss	Switalski
Cushingberry	Johnson	Nathan	Tlaib
Daley	Jones, Rick	Nerat	Tyler
Dean	Jones, Robert	Neumann	Valentine
Denby	Kandrevas	Opsommer	Walsh
DeShazor	Kennedy	Pavlov	Warren
Dillon	Knollenberg	Pearce	Womack
Donigan	Kowall	Polidori	Young
Durhal	Kurtz		

Nays—1

Amash

In The Chair: Byrnes

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 5577, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 159g (MCL 750.159g), as amended by 2002 PA 124.

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

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Melton moved that the bill be placed on its immediate passage.

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

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 5577, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 159g (MCL 750.159g), as amended by 2002 PA 124.

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

Roll Call No. 7**Yeas—106**

Agema	Ebli	Lahti	Proos
Angerer	Elsenheimer	LeBlanc	Roberts
Barnett	Espinoza	Leland	Rocca
Bauer	Geiss	Lemmons	Rogers
Bennett	Genetski	Lindberg	Schmidt, R.
Bledsoe	Gonzales	Liss	Schmidt, W.
Bolger	Green	Lori	Schuitmaker
Booher	Gregory	Lund	Scott, B.
Brown, L.	Griffin	Marleau	Scott, P.
Brown, T.	Haase	Mayes	Scripps
Byrnes	Haines	McDowell	Segal
Byrum	Hammel	McMillin	Sheltrown
Calley	Hansen	Meadows	Slavens
Caul	Haugh	Meekhof	Slezak
Clemente	Haveman	Melton	Smith
Constan	Hildenbrand	Meltzer	Spade
Corriveau	Horn	Miller	Stamas
Coulouris	Huckleberry	Moore	Stanley
Crawford	Jackson	Moss	Switalski
Cushingberry	Johnson	Nathan	Tlaib
Daley	Jones, Rick	Nerat	Tyler
Dean	Jones, Robert	Neumann	Valentine
Denby	Kandrevas	Opsommer	Walsh
DeShazor	Kennedy	Pavlov	Warren
Dillon	Knollenberg	Pearce	Womack
Donigan	Kowall	Polidori	Young
Durhal	Kurtz		

Nays—1

Amash

In The Chair: Byrnes

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

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

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 159g (MCL 750.159g), as amended by 2009 PA 82.

The motion prevailed.

The House agreed to the title as amended.

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

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

Second Reading of Bills**House Bill No. 5578, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 4701 (MCL 600.4701), as amended by 2007 PA 156.

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. Jackson moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.

Rep. Melton moved that the bill be placed on its immediate passage.
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of
Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 5578, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 4701 (MCL 600.4701), as amended by 2007 PA 156.

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

Roll Call No. 8

Yeas—106

Agema	Ebli	Lahti	Proos
Angerer	Elsenheimer	LeBlanc	Roberts
Barnett	Espinoza	Leland	Rocca
Bauer	Geiss	Lemmons	Rogers
Bennett	Genetski	Lindberg	Schmidt, R.
Bledsoe	Gonzales	Liss	Schmidt, W.
Bolger	Green	Lori	Schuitmaker
Booher	Gregory	Lund	Scott, B.
Brown, L.	Griffin	Marleau	Scott, P.
Brown, T.	Haase	Mayes	Scripps
Byrnes	Haines	McDowell	Segal
Byrum	Hammel	McMillin	Sheltrown
Calley	Hansen	Meadows	Slavens
Caul	Haugh	Meehof	Slezak
Clemente	Haveman	Melton	Smith
Constan	Hildenbrand	Meltzer	Spade
Corriveau	Horn	Miller	Stamas
Coulouris	Huckleberry	Moore	Stanley
Crawford	Jackson	Moss	Switalski
Cushingberry	Johnson	Nathan	Tlaib
Daley	Jones, Rick	Nerat	Tyler
Dean	Jones, Robert	Neumann	Valentine
Denby	Kandrevas	Opsommer	Walsh
DeShazor	Kennedy	Pavlov	Warren
Dillon	Knollenberg	Pearce	Womack
Donigan	Kowall	Polidori	Young
Durhal	Kurtz		

Nays—1

Amash

In The Chair: Byrnes

The question being on agreeing to the title of the bill,
Rep. Melton moved to amend the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 4701 (MCL 600.4701), as amended by 2009 PA 83.

The motion prevailed.

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

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 5579, entitled

A bill to amend 1985 PA 87, entitled "William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act," (MCL 780.751 to 780.834) by adding section 16b.

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. 106 of 2009, p. 2439),

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Melton moved that the bill be placed on its immediate passage.

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

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 5579, entitled

A bill to amend 1985 PA 87, entitled "William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act," (MCL 780.751 to 780.834) by adding section 16b.

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

Roll Call No. 9

Yeas—106

Agema	Ebli	Lahti	Proos
Angerer	Elsenheimer	LeBlanc	Roberts
Barnett	Espinoza	Leland	Rocca
Bauer	Geiss	Lemmons	Rogers
Bennett	Genetski	Lindberg	Schmidt, R.
Bledsoe	Gonzales	Liss	Schmidt, W.
Bolger	Green	Lori	Schuitmaker
Booher	Gregory	Lund	Scott, B.
Brown, L.	Griffin	Marleau	Scott, P.
Brown, T.	Haase	Mayes	Scripps
Byrnes	Haines	McDowell	Segal
Byrum	Hammel	McMillin	Sheltrown
Calley	Hansen	Meadows	Slavens
Caul	Haugh	Meekhof	Slezak
Clemente	Haveman	Melton	Smith
Constan	Hildenbrand	Meltzer	Spade
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Coulouris	Huckleberry	Moore	Stanley
Crawford	Jackson	Moss	Switalski
Cushingberry	Johnson	Nathan	Tlaib
Daley	Jones, Rick	Nerat	Tyler
Dean	Jones, Robert	Neumann	Valentine
Denby	Kandrevas	Opsommer	Walsh
DeShazor	Kennedy	Pavlov	Warren
Dillon	Knollenberg	Pearce	Womack
Donigan	Kowall	Polidori	Young
Durhal	Kurtz		

Nays—1

Amash

In The Chair: Byrnes

The House agreed to the title of the bill.
Rep. Melton 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
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, January 20:

House Bill Nos.	5749	5750	5751	5752	5753	5754	5755						
Senate Bill Nos.	1065	1066	1067	1068	1069	1070	1071	1072	1073	1074	1075	1076	

Reports of Standing Committees

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

House Bill No. 4404, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 4t (MCL 205.54t), as amended by 2004 PA 173.

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. Ebli, Melton, Barnett, Coulouris, Robert Jones, Kandrevas, Lipton, Mayes, Slezak, Warren, Calley, Kowall, Lund, Meekhof, Meltzer, Stamas and Walsh

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Present: Reps. Ebli, Melton, Barnett, Coulouris, Robert Jones, Kandrevas, Lipton, Mayes, Slezak, Warren, Calley, Kowall, Lund, Meekhof, Meltzer, Stamas and Walsh

The Committee on Judiciary, by Rep. Meadows, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4314, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled "Probate code of 1939," by amending section 17c of chapter XIA (MCL 712A.17c), as amended by 1998 PA 480.

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. Meadows, Lipton, Lisa Brown, Constan, Corriveau, Coulouris, Kandrevas, Bettie Scott and Warren

Nays: Rep. Rocca

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Present: Reps. Meadows, Lipton, Lisa Brown, Constan, Corriveau, Coulouris, Kandrevas, Bettie Scott, Warren, Amash, Haveman, Rick Jones, Kowall and Rocca

Absent: Rep. Schuitmaker

Excused: Rep. Schuitmaker

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Angerer, Chair, of the Committee on Ethics and Elections, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Present: Reps. Angerer, Haase, Lisa Brown, Donigan, Scripps, Slavens, Meltzer, Kurtz and Pearce

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Robert Jones, Chair, of the Committee on Commerce, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Present: Reps. Robert Jones, Roy Schmidt, Clemente, Haase, Haugh, Huckleberry, Lemmons, Nathan, Nerat, Sheltrown, Womack, Hansen, DeShazor, Knollenberg, Meekhof, Meltzer, Opsommer and Walsh

Absent: Rep. Byrum

Excused: Rep. Byrum

Messages from the Senate**House Bill No. 5404, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The Senate has substituted (S-1) the bill.

The Senate has passed the bill as substituted (S-1) and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The Speaker announced that pursuant to Rule 42, the bill was laid over one day.

Announcements by the Clerk

January 15, 2010

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

Financial audit of the State Building Authority, a blended component unit of the State of Michigan, for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

Richard J. Brown
Clerk of the House

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Motions and Resolutions

Reps. Bolger, Robert Jones, DeShazor, Terry Brown, Caul, Crawford, Dean, Denby, Durhal, Haines, Hansen, Kurtz, Leland, Lori, Lund, Marleau, Opsommer, Pearce, Proos, Schuitmaker, Tyler and Walsh offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 198.

A resolution declaring March 6, 2010, as Go Curling Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The 2010 USA Curling Nationals, the premier event for the selection of the elite athletes to represent the United States in the 2010 men's and women's World Curling Championships, are being held March 6-13 at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo; and

Whereas, The first curling club in the United States was formed in Michigan and curled on Orchard Lake in 1831. The Orchard Lake Curling Club used hickory blocks instead of the typical granite stones used today. Now there are eight clubs in Michigan including: Calumet, Escanaba, Midland, Lewiston, Gladstone, Ferndale, Port Huron, and Kalamazoo; and

Whereas, Despite the moribund economy that our state is facing, the city of Kalamazoo and Wings Stadium were able to impress the United States Curling Association and beat out two curling powerhouses in Minnesota and Wisconsin in the bid competition; and

Whereas, The 2010 USA Curling Nationals hopes to bring in over 20,000 spectators to Wings Stadium to witness the event. It is estimated that over one million dollars will be contributed to the Southwest Michigan economy as a result; and

Whereas, Creation of "Go Curling Day in Michigan" demonstrates Michigan's commitment to tourism promotion and economic growth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 6, 2010, as Go Curling Day in the state of Michigan.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Kowall, Moss, Walsh, Rogers, Marleau, Haines, Meltzer, Denby, Meekhof, Opsommer, Mayes, Bolger, Caul, Crawford, Hansen, Haveman, Horn, Rick Jones, Kurtz, Leland, Lori, Lund, McMillin, Proos, Schuitmaker and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 199.

A resolution to urge the Governor to determine the costs associated with the trial of the suspect in the Christmas Day bombing attempt and to urge the United States Attorney General to assure that all ancillary costs be paid by the federal government and not the city of Detroit or the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The decision by the administration to deal with the Christmas Day bombing attempt on Northwest Airlines flight 253 in a civilian court has potentially significant economic ramifications for the city of Detroit and the state of Michigan. As was clear in the initial proceedings at Detroit's federal courthouse, which took all of 3 minutes but which generated considerable public attention, security and other costs may end up taking a major toll on a community already in dire financial straits; and

Whereas, Dealing with the accused bomber, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, as a common criminal rather than the terrorist his alleged actions would seem to reflect, may end up costing the area far more than it can afford. Projections by New York's Mayor Bloomberg that the trials of the 9-11 suspects will cost hundreds of millions of dollars demonstrate the scope of the problem if a prolonged trial in Detroit takes place; and

Whereas, By trying the so-called underwear bomber in a civilian court, a beleaguered city and state are effectively being penalized, both in costs and in the reduced safety resources that may be available for citizens, visitors, and businesses elsewhere. Clearly, this national security situation is the proper responsibility of the U. S. Justice Department that has decided not to try the case in a military court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Governor to determine the costs associated with the trial of the suspect in the Christmas Day bombing attempt and we urge the United States Attorney General to assure that all ancillary costs be paid by the federal government and not the city of Detroit or the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the office of the Governor and to the office of the United States Attorney General.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Reps. Kowall, Moss, Walsh, Rogers, Marleau, Haines, Meekhof, Opsommer, Polidori, Mayes, Lahti, McDowell, Bolger, Booher, Terry Brown, Caul, Constan, Crawford, Dean, Durhal, Hansen, Horn, Rick Jones, Robert Jones, Kurtz, Leland, Lori, Lund, Neumann, Proos, Schuitmaker, Scripps, Sheltroun and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 200.

A resolution to express support of public policies that promote outdoor activities for Michigan's children.

Whereas, Michigan is home to a wealth of high-quality natural resources that offer a wide range of recreational opportunities for all of our residents. The state's water resources include over 35,000 inland lakes and ponds, more than

49,000 miles of rivers and streams, and over 3,000 miles of coastline on the Great Lakes. Our land resources are also impressive, with expansive forests and timberlands and numerous public areas to hunt, fish, trap, kayak and canoe, ski, hike, camp, boat, and snowmobile; and

Whereas, Concerns exist that the younger generation has become disconnected from nature and lacks an understanding of the importance of clean air and water. Youths are shunning the great outdoors in favor of sedentary activities such as video games, Internet surfing, and movies; and

Whereas, Numerous studies have shown that there are many health, physical, emotional, and educational benefits to playing and experiencing our state's outdoors. The National No Child Left Inside movement is encouraging children to reconnect with the outdoors. At the state level, the Michigan No Child Left Inside Coalition encourages children to get outdoors through specially designed events and activities. These outdoor experiences will be critical in the development of the next generation of Michigan's conservation stewards; and

Whereas, Every child in Michigan should have the opportunity to visit a Great Lake; sit beneath a tree at least 100 years old; cook a marshmallow over a campfire; go fishing; canoe, kayak, or float a river; hike a trail; plant a native flower, shrub, or tree; listen to a spring bird song or a chorus of frogs; star gaze; and follow animal tracks in the snow; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we support increased participation in and support policies that promote outdoor activities for Michigan's children; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Departments of Natural Resources and Environment and Education and the Governor.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources.

Reps. Elsenheimer, Bolger, Booher, Terry Brown, Caul, Constan, Crawford, Denby, Durhal, Haines, Hansen, Horn, Rick Jones, Kowall, Kurtz, Leland, Lori, Lund, Marleau, McDowell, Neumann, Opsommer, Pearce, Proos, Wayne Schmidt, Tyler and Walsh offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 201.

A resolution to urge the United States Coast Guard to operate a cutter ship out of Charlevoix.

Whereas, The United States Coast Guard used to operate three ships out of Duluth, Port Huron, and Charlevoix until the 2006 decommissioning of the *Acacia*, which was kept in Charlevoix. Since the *Acacia* was decommissioned by the United States Coast Guard, no ship has been housed in Charlevoix to replace it; and

Whereas, The United States Coast Guard Cutter *Acacia*, built in 1944, provided essential navigational, search and rescue, and other services in Lake Michigan. Its work tending to nearly 200 navigation aids and keeping channels open by breaking ice was paramount to public safety; and

Whereas, Reducing the number of ships providing buoy-tending and ice-cutting services continues to be a major concern to the individuals and businesses that relied upon the services of the *Acacia*; and

Whereas, Charlevoix's role in lifesaving and promoting safe and efficient transportation on the Great Lakes is well established. The Coast Guard has operated a nautical rescue station in Charlevoix since 1889. The work carried out by the *Acacia* was an important component of these services and a valued resource for the community and the area. The loss of such a vessel has raised tremendous concern about the future of these services and the impact on several levels of the area's economy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Coast Guard to resume operation of a cutter ship out of Charlevoix to replace the lack of services since the decommissioning of the *Acacia*; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Coast Guard 9th District Headquarters in Cleveland, the United States Secretary of Transportation, the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

Rep. Hansen offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 39.

A concurrent resolution to urge the Governor and the Attorney General to do all they can to put in place a moratorium on permitting, leasing, and public engagement for offshore wind development in Michigan until a comprehensive statutory structure is developed and enacted.

Whereas, Recently, a Norwegian wind developer announced plans to install wind turbines offshore in Lake Michigan. The company, along with a Minnesota-based firm, is proposing to erect 100 to 200 wind turbines two to four miles offshore in Lake Michigan west of Oceana and Mason counties. These plans are shocking because a process for approving or denying offshore use of Michigan's Great Lakes bottomlands for wind energy does not currently exist; and

Whereas, Offshore siting statutes are needed to ensure that wind energy systems are not constructed in locations that would unduly degrade Michigan's tourism, recreation, shipping, or fishing industries, its wildlife populations, its property

values, or its quality of life. A September 2009 report by the Michigan Great Lakes Wind Council stated that, *If an application were received today, the state's review process would prove inadequate and would likely lead to confusion within government agencies as well as for the applicant and the public;* and

Whereas, Before any offshore wind developments are discussed at any level, legislation should be enacted to specify the public engagement process, permitting review criteria, and leasing structure for the use of the state's bottomlands. Allowing offshore wind development before a regulatory and statutory framework is in place would be reckless and would put the state's most precious natural resource at risk; and

Whereas, The state should also ask the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) to examine potential impacts, jurisdictional issues, and agency roles as part of an offshore wind development program in the Great Lakes; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we urge the Governor and the Attorney General to do all they can to put in place a moratorium on permitting, leasing, and public engagement for offshore wind development in Michigan until a comprehensive statutory structure is developed and enacted; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Governor, the Attorney General, and the directors of the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth and the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment.

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

Introduction of Bills

Rep. Lindberg introduced

House Bill No. 5756, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," by amending section 27 (MCL 421.27), as amended by 2002 PA 192.

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

Reps. Roberts, Tlaib, Miller, Mayes, Bettie Scott, Kandrevas, Switalski, Smith, Coulouris, Scripps, Haugh and Lindberg introduced

House Bill No. 5757, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," (MCL 408.1001 to 408.1094) by adding section 25.

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

Reps. Meltzer, Moss, Denby, Tyler, Bolger, Lori, Kurtz, DeShazor, Haveman, Stamas and Opsommer introduced

House Bill No. 5758, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," (MCL 169.201 to 169.282) by adding section 45a.

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

Reps. Genetski, Rick Jones, Lund, Moss, Agema, Paul Scott, Meekhof, Green, Kowall, Bolger, Daley, Stamas, Wayne Schmidt, Proos, Pavlov, Crawford, Knollenberg, Walsh, Booher, Hildenbrand, Lori, Opsommer, Liss and Calley introduced

House Bill No. 5759, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 10c.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families and Children's Services.

Reps. Durhal, Johnson, Jackson, Tlaib, Cushingberry, Constan and Liss introduced

House Bill No. 5760, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 489, entitled "Michigan trust fund act," by amending section 7 (MCL 12.257), as amended by 2009 PA 183.

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

Rep. Hansen introduced

House Bill No. 5761, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 32503 and 32512 (MCL 324.32503 and 324.32512), section 32503 as amended by 2004 PA 325 and section 32512 as amended by 2003 PA 14.

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

Rep. Angerer moved that the House adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 4:25 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Thursday, January 21, at 12:00 Noon.

RICHARD J. BROWN
Clerk of the House of Representatives

