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10:00 a.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
Amash—present
Angerer—present
Ball—present
Barnett—present
Bauer—present
Bennett—present
Bledsoe—present
Bolger—present
Booher—present
Brown, L.—present
Brown, T.—present
Byrnes—present
Byrum—present
Calley—e/d/s
Caul—present
Clemente—present
Constan—present
Corriveau—present
Crawford—present
Cushingberry—present
Daley—present
Dean—present
Denby—present
DeShazor—present
Dillon—present
Donigan—present
Durhal—present
Ebli—excused
Elsenheimer—present
Espinoza—present
Geiss—present
Genetski—present
Gonzales—present
Green—present
Gregory—present
Griffin—present
Haase—present
Haines—present
Hammel—present
Hansen—present
Haugh—present
Haveman—present
Hildenbrand—present
Horn—present
Huckleberry—present
Jackson—present
Johnson—present
Jones, Rick—present
Kandrevas—present
Kennedy—present
Knollenberg—present
Kowall—present
Kurtz—present
Lahti—present
LeBlanc—present
Leland—present
Lemmons—present
Lindberg—present
Lipton—present
Liss—present
Lori—present
Lund—present
Marleau—present
Mayes—present
McDowell—present
McMillin—present
Meadows—present
Meekhof—present
Melton—present
Meltzer—present
Miller—excused
Moss—present
Nathan—present
Nerat—excused
Neumann—present
Oakes—present
Opsommer—present
Pavlov—present
Pearce—present
Polidori—present
Proos—present
Roberts—present
Rocca—present
Rogers—present
Schmidt, R.—present
Schmidt, W.—present
Schuitmaker—present
Scott, B.—present
Scott, P.—present
Scripps—present
Segal—present
Shelbourn—present
Shirkey—present
Slavens—present
Slezak—present
Smith—present
Spade—present
Stamas—present
Stanley—present
Switalski—excused
Tlaib—present
Tyler—present
Valentine—present
Walsh—present
Warren—present
Womack—present
Young—present

e/d/s = entered during session
Rep. Goeff Hansen, from the 100th District, offered the following invocation:

“Almighty God, through Whom we live and move and have our being, hear us pray.
You have made the earth and all of its people with grateful hearts we thank You for this beautiful state.
We stand before You as representatives of the people of Michigan asking for You to put Your mighty hand upon us as
we try to bring our state back to the glory it once knew. We ask for You to give us wisdom to make the decisions that
are right for each of our districts.
Lord let us put all of the partisanship in our past and put the people of Michigan first as we move Michigan forward.
We pray that we might always serve You by serving our fellow citizens, and we give You thanks for putting us in this
place of service. In the name of our Savior, Amen.”

Rep. Angerer moved that Reps. Ebli, Miller, Nerat and Switalski be excused from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

Motions and Resolutions

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 366.
A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Edward H. Fenlon, former member of the House of Representatives.
Whereas, With news of the recent passing of Edward H. Fenlon, we are reminded of the long tradition of service that
has been built here and the challenge before us to follow the example of his commitment to this state. To Ned Fenlon’s
family, we offer this expression of our condolences and our gratitude for the long years he devoted to the people of
Michigan; and
Whereas, Ned Fenlon was a gentleman whose colorful life spanned virtually the entire twentieth century and Michigan’s
transition from the horse and buggy days to the digital age. He worked in his family store as a boy and learned the
language of the local Native Americans, worked on boats at Mackinac Island, and studied at the University of Notre Dame,
Saint Louis University, and LaSalle University; and
Whereas, In 1933, in a special election, Ned Fenlon was elected to the first of his three terms with the Michigan House
of Representatives. His tenure as a lawmaker spanned the nation’s most difficult economic crisis. His service included his
leadership in seeking to bring to reality the age-old dream of connecting Michigan’s two peninsulas. While the legislation
and initiative he spearheaded were thwarted by World War II, his work helped lay the groundwork for the eventual construc-
tion of the Mackinac Bridge; and
Whereas, Following his service at the Capitol, Ned Fenlon distinguished himself as Mackinac County’s prosecutor
prior to his appointment in 1952 as a Circuit Court Judge by G. Mennen Williams, a post he filled with great effectiveness
until his 1971 retirement; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of
Edward H. Fenlon, a member of this legislative body from 1933 to 1938; and be it further
Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Fenlon family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his
memory.
The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted by unanimous standing vote.

Notices

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Government
Operations from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 955.

Rep. Angerer

Comments and Recommendations

Rep. Angerer moved that the following remarks be printed in the Journal.
The motion prevailed.
Rep. Donigan:
“Representing Royal Oak and Madison Heights for the last six years has been quite an honor. I follow a long line of distinguished and hard-working legislators who showed me by example how to be a good State Representative and how to represent our communities well.

As far as the speech goes, my colleagues wouldn’t know what was wrong with me if I didn’t take this opportunity to talk about transit.

I’ve spent my years in Lansing advocating for one of Michigan’s most important and underappreciated parts of our infrastructure - public transportation. Around the country, in every state and city, transit is supporting millions of good paying jobs, creating economic opportunity in the public and private sectors and is transforming entire regions. No matter how you look at it - through Republican or Democratic eyes - transit provides a measurable return on investment. Michigan’s 79 transit agencies connect millions of our residents to work, education, health care, shopping and each other. But I worry that the next legislature will turn back the clock. Transit funding’s not constitutionally protected so transit money is viewed as ‘free’ money or money that can be used to fill budget gaps. We’ve done that for years, diverting hundreds of millions of dollars from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund to balance the state’s budget. Well, that money’s not ‘free’. There’s an economic price to pay because we haven’t embraced transit like Indiana, Missouri, Minnesota, Texas, North Carolina, Ohio, Florida, Pennsylvania and dozens of other states. Our tax dollars - billions, in fact - have flowed freely to those states to build the modern systems that have put their people back to work. I ask the next Legislature and Governor-elect Snyder to take this issue seriously and to believe that we’ll never prosper if we don’t embrace the 21st century. Michigan needs a lot of things but one of the things we need most is a modern, integrated and comprehensive transportation system that offers options and alternatives to get people where they need to go quickly and efficiently. Transit costs money but it makes money for those who invest in it. It creates jobs for people who build and operate it; it pays back the people who build around it many times over and it makes those who live near it wealthier than those who don’t. I’m not making these things up - in this case the facts don’t stand in the way of a good story - the facts are the story.

Speaking of stories - you heard part of it yesterday in Rep Dean’s remarks. Early in his legislative career he was passing out surveys in his district - thousands of them, door to door. After he passed out a few thousand he realized that his surveys featured a handsome picture of him with a caption that identified him as State Representative Marie Donigan. We decided then and there that we were twins separated at birth.

I’d like to thank my outstanding staff - Robin Benbow who’s been with me for six years and is the best legislative aide ever and Jason, Chris, Amy, Lindsey and now Jennifer who have had the honor of riding with me in the car 90 miles to Lansing and back. I went home every night so that’s a lot of driving. Kevin, my husband, prayed for them every mile. My staff has made sure I’ve had the best town hall meetings, the most informative newsletters and have made me a rock star in my own hometown.

Speaking of Kevin - he’s my most excellent husband - he has been by my side every step of the way. I think my colleagues will miss him more than they’ll miss me. I want to thank all my wonderful friends and supporters - all the people who have taught me what I know about transit - Clark and Bob and Carmine - the people who have honored me in many ways, my friends in this room and in the lobby although I can’t believe I’m saying that since I’m always grouchy when I step foot in that hallway during session. To all of you who I’ve shared space with the last six years - be well, be smart and please, be in touch.”

Rep. Green:
“Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean I’ll miss you Until we meet again!

It has truly been a pleasure serving the great people of Michigan for the past six years with all of you. I can’t say I have enjoyed every moment, especially sleeping in the House chambers with a bunch of grumpy state legislators for 21 consecutive days in 2007, but I have always treasured my time serving our citizens of this state.

I want you all to know how much I have valued our friendship and service together. There is always danger in leaving out mentioning dozens of friends when giving a farewell speech, but I must make a point of teasing some of our colleagues.

I would like to start with my classmates, freshmen class of 2005: Rep. Hansen and Rep. Booher – my first seatmates – how far we have come since we were freshman – I mean how far you have moved away from my seat as we have gotten seniority. Was I really that much of a desk hog?

Rep. Hildenbrand and Rep. Pearce – the three of us were like Three Musketeers (or more like the Three Amigos) from Grand Rapids. How I have enjoyed the laughs we have shared (at each other’s expense, of course) and our friendship serving together.

Rep. Pavlov – You’re a darn good representative and a better pool player. I will try to stay in your district boundaries when I walk for you again.


Oh, and how can I forget Rep. Rocca and Rep. Jones – You both sure know how to work your districts. One of these days, as Whip, I will get Tory to vote with the Caucus and be able to pull Rep. Jones away from the camera.

And to my other Republican colleagues: Rep. Meekhof – for sharing his desk with me for four years (literally) and being a great ally, Rep. Opsommer and Rep. Haines – you’ve been loyal friends, Rep. Rogers and Rep. Lori – who am I going to get to tease me and tease you when I am gone – you have been both great friends, Rep. Agema, Rep. Genetski, Rep. Amash and Rep. McMillin – you all do have a Green buttons and they do work - really, Rep. Calley and Rep. Bolger – if I had only known how cool you would turn out to be when I was helping you in your first campaigns – I just thought that the 100 page campaign plans you showed me were a bit much – if I only knew how visionary you were!

Reps. Meltzer – the sparkplug of the caucus, Rep. Moss – who has such a way with words – or more like words have a way with him, Rep. Horn – the Red Dog leader, To Reps. Denby, Kovall, Crawford, Stamas, Walsh, Horn, DeShazor, Knollenberg, Lund, Tyler, Daley, and Scott (oh, and that guy that promised I could represent his district in the summer months – Wayne Schmidt) – I want to tell you all – ‘Man my feet still hurt from walking in all your districts!’ Thank you for your character (yes – you are all characters) and heartfelt friendships. To Rep Haveman – I didn’t leave you out intentionally I just couldn’t walk for a guy who has a 90% Republican District. To Rep. Kurtz – I am sure glad you haven’t had to use your hostage negotiating skills while on the floor.

A Special thank you to the Red Coats who protect us all so well and my special friends across the Aisle: Floor leader Angerer – we had a special bond since the first day we meet as freshman – thank you for your integrity and true friendship. Rep. Espinoza – for your words of encouragement and wisdom. Rep. McDowell – for being a great Chair to serve with. To Rep. Liss and Rep. Corriveau - thank you for your compassion and advocacy on my stillbirth legislation. To Rep. Roy Schmidt and Rep. Bob Dean – my brothers from Grand Rapids - thank you for your camaraderie and authenticity. And thank you to Rep. Brown and Rep. Lahti for sharing their district of Gogebic County (my hometown) with me.

The reality for all of us is we could never do a tenth of what we do if it wasn’t for our committed staff and yes, they should all be committed for working for us! I appreciate the staff that have worked for me: Monica Ware, Mark Armstrong, BJ Forsgren, Andrew Schepers and more recently Johnny Knowles – who impressed me with his charm and political skills. Also a special Thank you to the extension of my staff – Deena Bosworth –who always made me look like I knew what I was talking about.

But the staff that has made me the legislator I am today are Brandy Nash, Jenell Leonard and Brian Sapita. Brian – thank you for the recent contributions to our team – I am glad you haven’t brought any Iguanas into the office. Jenell – you were truly the spark plug of our team – the energizer bunny is no competition to the energy, commitment and fun you brought to our office (did I mention the noise you brought too) – all kidding aside I will miss your sunshiny personality greatly.

Last, but not least, Brandy Nash, you are the kind of employee and friend that can never be replaced. Your loyalty, work ethic (do you ever sleep?), sense of humor and friendship has made the last four years here the best experience a boss could ever ask for! Thank you very much for all you have done for me and the constituents of the 77th District! Brandy, you are like part of my family now. The only question I have is why did you put up with me for so long? If you only would have gone to Central Michigan University instead of Western you would have been the perfect employee - smiling.

The greatest Thank you I need to give is to my family, my Mom and Dad and my lovely wife Chele Green. Chele, we have been through so much together. Thank you for your understanding, support and the freedom you gave me to put up with the huge demands of time and energy as a public servant. I know I will pay for it in ‘Honey Do’ lists in the near future, but it will be all worth it for all the years of love and consideration. Chele, thank you most of all for the precious children you have given me during my time in office, our handsome little man, Elliot, and our precious little princess, Meadow, and for working so hard to honor the birth and passing of our little girl Skylar Anne.

With the outgoing personality of our children, I have a good feeling Elliot and Meadow will be back at the Capitol twenty years from now. I am sure you would all agree.

In closing I would like Thank God for all his grace and glory by bestowing a final Irish Blessing: ‘May God grant you always...A sunbeam to warn you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you. Laughter to cheer you. Faithful friends near you. And whenever you pray, Heaven to hear you’.

Thank you and God Bless.”

Rep. Pearce:

“Thank you Madame Speaker:

Since this may be our final week before Christmas when we celebrate our Savior’s birth, I came across a great quote written by Burton Hillis, he writes, ‘The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree, is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.’ And so my Christmas wish for each of you is that you will be wrapped up in the love of others and in God’s love during this season.
As I pondered what should be said in a farewell speech, I decided just as others have to start with Thank yous.

Each of us has had someone in our lives who has played a vital role in helping us become all that we can be. An individual who provided inspiration when it was needed, picked us up when we have fallen, held us when we were weak, and guided us when we lost our way. They did all this and more with a level of love we never could have imagined or felt we deserved. For me that person for the past thirty plus years has been Janet Marie Pearce, my beautiful wife. As you all know being in elected office can be very hard on our spouses, but Janet did an amazing job. She has with her compassion left a positive mark on anyone who has crossed her path. Thank you Janet for being a great partner, I will love you forever.

My children have also been a tremendous source of inspiration, joy, and support. Troy, Emily, and our Daughter-in-law Melissa, all of you have accomplished so much in your young lives and you have made us so proud in more ways than you can imagine. Mom and I know God has great things in store for you in the years to come. Thank you for everything and yes, we are still praying and loving you each and every day.

Abby and Haylie, you two are the most beautiful little girls in the world. When you came into our family, Amma (that was Abby’s early attempt at Grandma that has kind of caught on) and I experienced a new level of joy I can’t explain. Fennian, we have barely had a chance to get to know you but it’s great to know you’ll carry on the Pearce name. You too brought incredible joy into our lives. God has placed you all in a wonderful family, and please know you are greatly loved. Thank you for being part of our lives.

To my Lansing office team, Kristine, Tiffany, and now Chase, you have served the 73rd district with a level of professionalism and care never before achieved. Your dedication and commitment has been the envy of many of my colleagues. Thank you all so much for your service.

To the sergeants, the clerks and their staff, and the support staff who all play a vital role here in the House, thank you for your friendship and your dedication to your jobs and to this great state.

To the citizens of the 73rd district, what a privilege it has been to serve you. I have taken that privilege seriously and have tried to do what I felt was best for our district and the state. Thank you for the honor of serving you. You are the best!

To all my colleagues both here in the House and the Senate, if I start naming individuals I risk one of two outcomes. I will either hold the record for the longest farewell speech or I will miss thanking someone who should not have been missed. So let me simply thank all of you. It has been a true highlight of my life to serve with you. Since early this term, I have been on a personal journey that helped clarify some very important things for me. I am convinced more than ever before that God, the creator of all things is deeply fond of each and every one of you. Yes, even the Senators. John 3:16 speaks of that love and recently I heard a friend of mine, singer-songwriter Ralston Bowles, sing a song that shares God’s heart. Here are just a few lines of that song.

My love for you is deeper than the ocean,
Higher than the cross upon that hill,
I loved you then,
I love you still,
And yes I always will.

It also seems fitting that I should pass on a couple of the insights I gained while being in office.

First, get to know and appreciate the people around you. The clerks, their staff, the sergeants, the policy teams, and yes, even the media. They all play a vital role and deserve your respect. As a side note to David Dickson: You have done an incredible job as Chief Sergeant and I consider you a dear friend. I hope you don’t mind but I have forwarded a request that we be neighbors in the life to come. Which brings up another side note: I’ve also requested that the rest of the Sergeants be placed in a whole different neighborhood. Not for my sake, but you David have had to put up with so many of their shenanigans here on earth, I think you deserve a break.

Second, I would encourage all of you to:

Love the state more than you love your party.
Love your district more than you love Lansing.
Love your family more than you love your position.

And when it’s time to seek wisdom and discernment the best place to start looking is on your knees in prayer.

When you reach your final term, people begin asking two questions. First, what are you going to do next? I had banked on getting a knock on my door yesterday by the Publisher’s Clearinghouse Sweepstakes people, but since that didn’t happen I guess it is time to start looking for a new role. The second question is how do you want to be remembered? My friend Ralston has written another song that answers that question for me better than I could. In closing, here again are a few lines:

I don’t want to be remembered
For any kingdoms I have built
I don’t want to be remembered
For any blood I might have spilt
I don’t want to be remembered
For any battles I have won
I just want to be known as a friend of God’s
I don’t want to be remembered
For having lots of cash
I don’t want to be remembered
For any philanthropic flash
I don’t want to be remembered
For my money in the bank
I just want to be known as a friend of God’s
I don’t care if I’m forgotten by
The power and the fame
Just don’t let me be forgotten
By the name above all names
I don’t want to be remembered
With flowers on my grave
I don’t want to be remembered
By any limousine parade
I don’t want to be remembered
By any movement or shrine
I just want to be remembered as a friend of God’s.”

Rep. Tom Pearce

Rep. Gonzales:
“In the course of 5 years and 11 months, I have watched the morning frost on the Capitol steps come and go, as have
the warming fires set by the many debates in this magnificent Chamber. I share with my departing class the understanding
of transition, the meaning of a lame duck, and knowing we are not dead ducks. I promise not to proselytize to those who
will remain to conduct the vital affairs of state government.

This is indeed a privilege to stand before you today as the remaining days of my time in the MI House of Representatives
wind to a close.

What does it mean to be here on behalf of our citizens? If you want the world of your dreams for your children—and
grandchildren—you have to make it a home for all the world’s children. From my viewpoint, the number one thing to
remember is you will get to the right place on all the complex issues if you keep constantly expanding in your mind the
definition of who is us and shrinking the definition of who is them. This is much easier said than done.

We ought to be compelled to look beyond the events of the day to the changing global system to revitalize the Michigan
story. In this era of perpetual fiscal crisis, it is not a question of should we reform the way state government works. It is
an imperative. We must create thoughtful reforms if we want Michiganders to increase their trust in government. We also
know government is fiscally broke and it will take bipartisan action to get the results we need to make Michigan a come-
back state. And yes, we will be a comeback state by revitalizing the Michigan story as we make the Michigan brand again
synonymous with innovation and progress.

There is, of course, no guarantee of success. But good public policy is not about observations or predictions. Public
policy is what we create by what we do, what we hope for, and what we dare to imagine.

Additionally, policy is not about techniques of communication. Over and over again I hear my colleagues talk about
how to better deliver our ‘message.’ But the question is not how to communicate an agenda, but whether an agenda is
worth communicating. You and I probably agree as guardians of the public interest that we are inextricably linked. Good
government and good governance are being demanded by the public for they are tired of feeling ripped off. A point on
government by Will Rogers transcends time, who once said, ‘I don’t make jokes, I just watch government and report the
facts.’

While there are a lot of problems, eventually we will cooperate because we have to, because we have no other choice,
and because the moral precept has become a practical imperative. I believe there are solutions. Marcel Proust once wrote,
‘The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new lands, but in seeing with new eyes.’

All of us have seen the trees and flower gardens in front of the Capitol burst into bloom each spring, leaving us with
a sense of rebirth and discovery. This brings me to my family. Rebirth at my stage of life is synonymous with the arrival
of four new grandkids during my three terms bringing my family’s total to five wonderful grandchildren—Zachary,
Abigail, Asher, Isabella & William.

Heartfelt gratitude goes to my wife, partner and love, Brenda and my three adult children—Ehren, Gretchen & her husband
Ethan, and Eli & his wife Melissa. They have endured, persevered and sacrificed so I could serve the 49th District and
the citizens of Michigan. My mom passed away earlier this year and I miss her dearly, and my dad, a proud WW2 patriot,
passed in 1985 so he never got to see his son serve as an elected official.

I thank my staff for their loyalty and professionalism. Sarah Schillio and Heidi Zabik kick butt and they have served
with distinction.
My gratitude goes out to Speaker Andy Dillon and Appropriations Chair George Cushingberry for their confidence in my ability to chair the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation.

To my seatmate Dudley Spade for two terms, and Gino Polidori for the inaugural one I thank you both for all you have done. Representatives Spade and Polidori, Messrs. Spade and Polidori—Gentlemen—what goes on in Lansing, stays in Lansing and ditto that for the Detroit Regional Chamber Policy Conference on Mackinac Island.

Colleagues, I thank all of you for your engagement and ideas, whether we agreed or disagreed on myriad issues. It has been an honor to serve with you.

The author Daniel Pink often says the three essential ingredients in any good speech are brevity, levity and repetition. I agree for my parents taught me the importance of the philosophy that blessed are those who are brief for they will be invited again. Oh I almost forgot, term limits do not allow that invitation.

One last thought. The Capitol Pediment, located above the main front entrance to this great Capitol building, is entitled ‘The Rise and Progress of Michigan.’ This should be our credo as we await Michigan’s 96th Legislature and the Governor-elect Rick Snyder Administration!

I better let you go. Thank you.”

Rep. Ball:
“My six year journey through the tangles of legislative Lansing has been simultaneously the most challenging and the most frustrating experience I have ever encountered. Unfortunately, partisan political wrangling and emotional finger pointing are often substituted as a mechanism for avoiding thoughtful bipartisan negotiations that could lead to the only viable goal – the best possible public policy for the citizens of Michigan.

Neither political party has all the good ideas or all the bad ideas. Legislation should never be a King of the Mountain game. Good public policy requires careful and objective consideration of all the options and selecting the most appropriate pieces to craft what is best for Michigan. The voters in 110 Districts elected each one of us as their Representative to use our individual experience base and skill set to work together for the betterment of our District and the State of Michigan. All too often we do not measure up to these expectations.

Another area that frustrates creating good public policy is the seemingly total ideological fixation to certain positions. It is hard to objectively consider various options for solving problems when your mind is already rigidly committed. This current situation too often leads to a stone wall of impasse.

There have been some memorable challenges in my six years that feel contributed to good progress in public policy and it is not just coincidence that each of them involved solid bipartisan cooperation. My very first bill dealt with a seemingly simple issue concerning methane digesters for large dairy farm operations. Over a period of many months this bill evolved to include alternative energy production, environmental protection, and other controversial issues. Along this rocky road to consensus among diverse groups that did not really want to negotiate, I owe great credit to two bipartisan colleagues Jeff Mayes and Tim Hughes. Without their efforts we could not have crafted a bill where both Farm Bureau and DEQ were on the same page in the final good compromise.

This experience reinforced the conviction I had on entering the Legislature that bipartisan efforts and negotiations, along with compromise among all the stakeholders, are most apt to yield the best public policy. I have tried to follow this concept throughout my six years.

• Rigorous high school graduation requirements were a contentious issue in 2005. My good friend Joel Sheltrown and I worked very hard, as members of the Education Committee, to guide a bill that would increase rigor without creating a one size fits all situation or serious unintended consequences. We were not initially successful but Joel and I persisted and have crafted modifications that significantly reduce the serious unintended consequences.

• I worked extremely hard with Brenda Clack and a number of others in the successful bipartisan effort concerning second hand smoke that culminated in health care protection.

• A multiyear effort with Marc Corriveau in the area of individual health insurance market reform yielded significant progress.

• Another needed health care reform effort that hopefully will be resolved in this lame duck session is the area of autism diagnosis and treatment. Kathy Angerer and I have worked hard to craft a package of good legislation.

Let me close this review with a few suggestions the past six years lead me to believe would be relevant.

1. Do not overestimate the role of majority. I spent two years in the majority caucus and four years in the minority caucus. Both parties overemphasize the concept of majority. It is not a mandate to rule. Majority should mean you get to select the Speaker, floor leaders, and committee chairs. It should not mean that the minority members are ignored or minimized. I have witnessed both parties, when in majority, often being guilty of this. The citizens of Michigan would be better served if the R and D badges were left at the door when entering the House chamber.

2. Floor amendments should only be permitted when they directly relate to the bill being discussed. Unrelated areas such as Canadian trash, benefits for illegal aliens, or right to work are frequently used by minority party members to create a disruption. They often lead to loud shouting matches on the floor that are totally inappropriate to the mission of the House. Issues like these should be taken up as separate bills where they can be debated on their own merit.
The Speaker and the Senate Majority Leader, regardless of party, have too much power to block consideration and a vote on a bill. There are 148 members in the Legislature and each has one vote. No single member should have the ability to block an up or down vote on a bill by all 148.

Term limits should be lengthened, but not eliminated with a cap on total years of service. This would have the obvious advantage of members with more legislative experience, but also alleviate the amount of distraction and time many members use in jockeying for positions to move from one chamber to the other.

I am extremely pleased to see the continued efforts of the bipartisan caucus group in what will now be the second term members. You are a breath of fresh air. Keep up the good work.

Permit me to conclude with a short anecdote to illustrate that we should never get too ego involved about being a State Representative. We are only temporary messengers sent by our approximately 90,000 constituents to serve their needs and the needs of the State of Michigan. After the smoking ban legislation was passed a group of us, who had worked diligently during the lengthy process, were invited by the Governor for the bill signing. Each of us had our picture taken as she signed the bill. I was particularly proud of having been a part of this effort and put this picture on my desk at home. One day soon after, my great-granddaughter was at our house and my wife showed her the picture. Seven year old Emma looked at it and exclaimed ‘that is the Governor with Grandpa Ball and that is a nice picture. Could you get one like it for me.’ My wife said she thought I could do that, to which Emma exclaimed, ‘could you get one like it only without Grandpa Ball in it.’ The Governor was amused by this story and sent Emma a large picture of just her with a special note on it for Emma. Now I have my picture with the Governor on my desk while Emma has her picture of just the Governor on her desk, and I learned a good lesson about humility needed to be a State Representative.

As I look back on my six years of service I realize we accomplished quite a lot during very difficult times for Michigan. We could have done more. We should have done more.

Now, in January the new Legislature has a fresh start to learn from our mistakes and do a better job than we did. I have high hopes for Michigan’s future and that future is now in your hands.

Good luck to you and remember: ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST TO DO YOUR BEST.”

Rep. Espinoza:

“Madam Speaker. I want to start out by thanking the people of the 83rd Michigan House District for having given me the opportunity to serve them.

I want to thank all of the state employees who make this state function day in and day out. The Clerk of the House staff, House Fiscal staff, and caucus staffs. We could not do a thing without any of you. I came from an environment where the Generals planned the battles but it was the sergeants and the privates that won them.

My office staff was always phenomenal. Chief of Staff Nicole Stallworth, Nathan Medina and Nort Schramm. My former staff Sulema Medrano, Jack Cardinal and Cia Segerlind.

I have served with some great Americans in this chamber. I am especially fond of those I came in with. On both sides of the isle.

My first seatmates Representative Alma Wheeler Smith and Gary McDowell are real treasures of this thing we call humanity. My last seatmate Representative Terry Brown has become family to my wife Mary and I. My caucus seatmate Jeff Mayes is man who is destined for great things in the future. I know it.

My leadership, Speaker Dillon, Majority Floor Leader Angerer, Chairman George Cushingberry, Speaker Pro-Tempore Burns also friends, did their jobs under extreme circumstances and I believe history will show they did a good job.

Madam Speaker, I live in the greatest country on earth. Great not only for its citizenry, its natural resources but also for its opportunities.

I came into this world into a migrant farm working family. No one could have had more loving parents than I did. They pushed us to get an education as a way to change our lives.

My belief in the American Dream started to take root when my father brought us to Croswell in our great state. I had teachers in school that taught me to believe in my true potential and accepted nothing less than my best. The way I envision Representative Jennifer Haase guiding her students.

I married the prettiest girl in Croswell and she has had the fortitude to stay with me for almost thirty-three years. She gave me three wonderful sons and they gave me three beautiful daughters-in-law and soon to be twelve grandchildren.

I served for over twenty years some real American heroes in the United States Army. I taught school and tried to emulate those that taught me. I have heard from former students and according to them I achieved a little bit of what I sought. I patrolled the street in a patrol car and worked with partners that always had my back.

I don’t know what the good Lord has in store for me in my future. Well, I know what I’ll be doing on January 1st. I get to serve the town that made all of the possible for a while longer. I don’t worry about what the Lord has in store for me; I have been given much already.

My friends, all of you, It has been an honor serving with you. God Bless.”
Rep. Proos:

“…To my colleagues, the members of the House of Representatives let me begin with a thank you to each of you for your willingness to serve the residents of our great state. Few are called and only a select number of those called are given the privilege to serve and to be a part of history. I feel especially fortunate to be included in this vocation of service during this chapter in our history.

And, it goes without question, a thank you to the residents of Southwest Michigan who have entrusted in me their seat in the Michigan House of Representatives.

If I were to recount the stories that have marked the past six years of service in the Michigan legislature I would spend the better part of this lame duck session noting moments of great excitement such as the first time I raised my right hand and swore before my God and each of you that I would uphold the constitution of the United States and Constitution of Michigan.

I would tell you that I first learned the value of service and its important role in our society from my father, Dr. John Proos and that that same care for your fellow man can be exhibited in Government service as shown by my first boss out of graduate school, Congressman Fred Upton and my good friend Janet Zielke who coined the phrase, ‘We are paid to listen’.

I would explain in detail how I learned, first hand, what it meant to fight hard for principal while on the floor and to conclude that action with a tip of a glass with that same adversary.

I would share that after my first term I could not imagine how fortunate I had been to learn so much about what it meant to be a Representative of the people and how I thought, ‘What must four more years of service be like and how much more will I learn’.

I would recall 21 straight days in session and sleeping on the caucus room floor for several nights in a row with the likes of Reps. Nitz, Stahl and Pastor…. And thank you Lord, Reps. Schuitmaker and Meltzer too…. I would share that in each case, and in each experience I grew to appreciate the unique task of service that I have been called to perform.

I learned that we all hurt when a colleague from our chamber, or a serviceman or woman from our state is called home; we are all Michiganders first.

I would tell you that I learned that working toward a common goal is difficult but far more fulfilling than defeating an adversary through power. After all, true power comes from one who is willing to give that up for a greater good.

I learned from a colleague and former Michigan State Police post commander that when faced with an angry response from a colleague, sit back and listen, they will eventually run out of energy and the words to use to belittle you.

I learned that your word, honest and true, held to a standard of loyalty, is what will take your far in this environment. Guard your integrity no matter the cost because there is no amount of money or power that will replace it once it is compromised or lost.

There is so much to recount from just a few short years I cannot help be wonder what my next four years of service to Southwest Michigan might be like. It is a daunting task to be sure but one that I am excited to begin in a few short weeks.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the good people of Michigan’s great southwest for allowing me the honor and the opportunity to carry your hopes, your dreams and your desire to see a better day for your family to our Michigan Capitol. I have tried to exceed your expectations in the work that I have done and will continue to do on your behalf. After all, if not for your confidence, I would not have had the opportunity to learn so much.

A sincere thank you to the clerks, sergeants, capitol staff, the legislative service bureau and those that help to make this institution operate efficiently though sometimes in spite of the legislators!

The thanks does not stop there however, I must note the respect, praise and admiration that I have for the staff and interns that have worked with me to serve the residents of Southwest Michigan. Good, hardworking and caring people like Rebecca O’Connell, Kim Biging, Bob Wolfer, Mike Webber and great writers like Phyllis Browne. Without them, the many thousands of cases and tens of thousands of calls for service would have gone unanswered and the residents of the 79th district would have lacked the representation that they rightly deserve. There is never enough thanks for the staff…. So again, Thank you.

Finally, a note of thanks to my family; Kristy, Elena, Jack and Nora. In these six years, Kristy and I added Nora to our family of four and each of them continue to grow and develop into great young kids. Each of them has given me the chance to serve, a chance to make a difference and have supported me with love every step of the way. Thank you and I love you Kristy, Elena, Jack and Nora. And by the way, I learned too that five Independence Day parades in one 90 plus degree day is NOT smart…. For anyone!

I thank God every day for doing a job that allows me the chance to make a difference. After all, isn’t that what He would want for each of us: to make a positive difference in the life of a constituent, a colleague, a family member or a friend? I pray that each of you continue to make positive a difference in the lives of those that you come into contact with now and in the future. If we all make every effort to accept this small challenge, I have no doubt that Michigan to be the Great State of Michigan.

Thank you, God Bless and God Speed to each of you in your journey to make a difference.”
Rep. Spade:

“Thank you Madame Speaker.

I rise today to bid farewell to this House of Representatives with a grateful heart.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the good people of Michigan’s 57th district. I have met so many wonderful people over these past six years.

There are a number of individuals that I wish to thank. The first is my brother former Representative Doug Spade who is in the gallery today. I never forget whose shoulders I stood on when I ran for this office.

January 12, 2005 was my first day of session and it seems only a short time ago. Among those with me on that exciting day were my two best campaigners, my parents, Victor (age 89) and Mirabel (age 88). It was a proud day for them. I lost them both during this last term but I know that they are watching today from a much higher gallery.

I want to thank my three children Kyle, Sarah and Katie for the sacrifices they made of family time together. Although this has been a great experience for them, they did sacrifice and never complained. They are the three absolute joys in my life.

Most of all I want to thank my best friend, my wife Nancy. She’s the best. She supports me and she keeps me grounded. I could not have done any of this without her.

I also want to thank all of the staff who have worked in my office over the last six years. It has been my good fortunate to have worked with such a talented and caring group of young people.

Aaron Davis ran my first campaign and worked in the office during my first term. Aaron left to pursue a successful law career.

Bob Kefgen was with me for most of the six years until he moved on to be a lobbyist. And I want to thank him for being in the gallery today.

And of course Katie LaRoche who worked in my office for about a year before she was crowned Miss Michigan 2010! Mark Lawrence came to my office first as an internal then as a staff person and now runs the office extremely well. He has an exciting career ahead of him. Mark is with me on the floor today. Thank you Mark.

And Ben Hawkins who currently works part time in the office while he completes his bachelors degree. All of them have represented me extremely well in the district and on legislative issues.

And I owe great deal of thanks to so many here in this chamber. I will not attempt to mention all of you. But there are a few that I want to recognize.

I want to acknowledge Speaker Craig DeRoche for the compassion he extended to me and my family as we faced a major health issue. Speaker DeRoche went above and beyond to help us find a solution, and for that I will always remain deeply grateful.

I want to thank Speaker Dillon for his support of my efforts with the Human Services budget even when it wasn’t popular with much of our caucus and friends. For this and other tough, unpopular issues he has taken on, I deeply respect Andy Dillon as a true leader and I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with him.

And to my Chairman, George Cushingberry, for his mentoring, for his wisdom, and for the long leash he gave me with my budget. George is a true champion.

To my seatmates and good friends for these past six years Gino and Lee, for the countless hours of hard work, and the moments of laughter and good fun.

And to one member who should not be forgotten. I entered the legislature with him but he is not with us today, our friend Representative Herb Kehrl. His untimely death came less than a year into our first term. I wish Herb was here to deliver his farewell remarks. I know that they would have been a speech to remember.

In preparing my remarks, I reflected on some of the reasons I decided to run for this seat.

Like each of you, I set goals that I wanted to achieve during my time here. Some I reached, on others I fell short, and on some I just ran out of time.

We all have heroes, role models, people we hold in high regard. My favorite president is Harry S. Truman. If Franklin Roosevelt befriended the common man, Harry S. Truman was the common man in person. I couldn’t think of a better person to try and emulate during my time as a State Representative.

Although President Truman was much more liberal than this conservative democrat, I greatly admire him for his candor and his humility. So Madame Speaker, I would like to conclude my remarks with a few quotes from ol’ give ‘em hell Harry.

‘You can tell a good politician by how sincere he is in liking and wanting to help people.’

One of my goals was to be accessible to my constituents. I have held nearly 300 coffee and ice cream hours. My home phone number has always been published. If you call my home and get the voicemail, you will get my cell phone.

I must have succeeded to some degree on meeting this goal. My wife and I have to drive a bit further if we really want a quiet dinner out.

I have learned that the phrase ‘Representative Spade, I don’t want to bother you here but’ really means that my mobile constituent office is open, whether at a shopping mall, a restaurant, or a movie theater.

One morning as I sat in a hospital waiting room waiting to have my blood drawn, an anxious looking older gentleman came down the hall and began peering through the windowed walls. He spotted me and said, ‘I thought you were in here somewhere. I saw your van in the parking lot.’
‘Politics – good politics – is public service. There is no life or occupation in which a man can find a greater opportunity to serve his community or his country.’

The legislative side of this job has its ups and downs. But the constituent side can be a constant source of satisfaction if you work hard at it.

When I run into people in my district, I seldom hear ‘hey nice vote the other day on that energy bill’. I would more likely hear ‘you helped me with a problem three years ago. Thank you again.’ Or, ‘my daughter got a letter back from Treasury and everything is worked out.’ ‘Thanks for going to bat for her.’ These will be the fondest memories I will hold from my time in office.

And the final Truman quote:

‘I think we would lose something important in our political life if the conservatives were all in one party and the liberals in the other. That would make us a nation divided either into two opposing and irreconcilable camps or even smaller and contentious groups.’

Moderates, conservative democrats, liberal republicans, are important parts of both caucuses. They are not less democrat or less republican. They often provide the bridge that brings both sides together to find solutions.

We have experienced strong short-term voter swings over the past decade. They want change. And the change they want isn’t from republican to democrat or democrat to republican. They want change from the polarizing partisanship.

As the 96th legislature begins, I encourage both parties to focus on the true change called for by voters.

I think Harry Truman would have great concern with politics today. But I also think he would have great optimism, as do I.

To those who are returning and those who are starting, I wish you all the best. Each of us are temporary custodians of these offices. The privilege to serve is great as is the responsibility.

I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to do my part to make a difference in this great state. God bless you all.”

Rep. Angerer 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 Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs, by Rep. Donigan, Chair, reported

**Senate Bill No. 1233, entitled**

A bill to amend 1996 PA 381, entitled “Brownfield redevelopment financing act,” by amending section 2 (MCL 125.2652), as amended by 2007 PA 204.

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. Donigan, Barnett, Bledsoe, Haugh, Kennedy, Young and Wayne Schmidt

Nays: Rep. Lund

The Committee on Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs, by Rep. Donigan, Chair, reported

**Senate Bill No. 1464, entitled**

A bill to amend 1941 PA 359, entitled “An act for controlling and eradicating certain noxious weeds within the state; to permit townships, villages, and cities to have a lien for expenses incurred in controlling and eradicating such weeds; to permit officials of counties and municipalities to appoint commissioners of noxious weeds; to define the powers, duties, and compensation of commissioners; to provide for sanctions; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 2 (MCL 247.62).

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. Donigan, Barnett, Bledsoe, Kennedy, Young, Lund and Wayne Schmidt
  Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Donigan, Chair, of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs, was received and read:
  Meeting held on: Wednesday, December 1, 2010
  Present: Reps. Donigan, Barnett, Bledsoe, Haugh, Kennedy, Young, Lund and Wayne Schmidt
  Absent: Reps. Denby and Meekhof
  Excused: Reps. Denby and Meekhof

The Committee on Regulatory Reform, by Rep. Johnson, Chair, reported
Senate Bill No. 216, entitled
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. Johnson, Haugh, Melton, Rocca, Crawford, Rick Jones and Stamas
  Nays: None

The Committee on Regulatory Reform, by Rep. Johnson, Chair, reported
Senate Bill No. 1413, entitled
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. Johnson, Melton, Rocca, Crawford, Rick Jones and Stamas
  Nays: None

The Committee on Regulatory Reform, by Rep. Johnson, Chair, reported
Senate Bill No. 1493, entitled
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. Johnson, Haugh, Melton, Rocca, Crawford and Stamas
  Nays: None
COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Wednesday, December 1, 2010
Present: Reps. Johnson, Haugh, Melton, Rocca, Crawford, Rick Jones and Stamas
Absent: Reps. Byrnes, Bettie Scott, Stanley and Switalski
Excused: Reps. Byrnes, Bettie Scott, Stanley and Switalski

The Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life, by Rep. Clemente, Chair, reported

Senate Bill No. 138, entitled
A bill to amend 2006 PA 317, entitled “An act to create certain centers in the Michigan strategic fund; to impose certain duties and responsibilities on those centers and on certain state employees and public employees; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending the title and section 2 (MCL 125.1972); 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. Clemente, Byrnes, Geiss, Griffin, Knollenberg, Denby and Tyler
Nays: None

The Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life, by Rep. Clemente, Chair, reported

Senate Bill No. 1419, entitled
A bill relating to the promotion of convention business and tourism in this state; to provide for regional tourism and convention marketing and promotion programs in certain areas; to provide for imposition and collection of assessments on the owners of transient facilities to support tourism and convention marketing and promotion programs; to provide for the disbursement of the assessments; to establish the functions and duties of certain state departments and employees; and to prescribe penalties and remedies.
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. Clemente, Byrnes, Geiss, Griffin, Denby and Tyler
Nays: Rep. Knollenberg

The Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life, by Rep. Clemente, Chair, reported

Senate Bill No. 1528, entitled
A bill to amend 1975 PA 169, entitled “Charitable organizations and solicitations act,” by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 21, and 23 (MCL 400.272, 400.273, 400.275, 400.277, 400.281, 400.283, 400.286, 400.288, 400.290, 400.291, and 400.293), section 2 as amended by 2010 PA 196, section 3 as amended by 2008 PA 424, and section 13 as amended by 1992 PA 299, and by adding sections 17a, 23a, and 23b; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.
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. Clemente, Byrnes, Geiss, Griffin, Segal, Knollenberg, Denby and Tyler
Nays: None
The Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life, by Rep. Clemente, Chair, reported

**Senate Bill No. 1529, entitled**


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. Clemente, Byrnes, Geiss, Griffin, Segal, Knollenberg, Denby and Tyler
Nays: None

The Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life, by Rep. Clemente, Chair, reported

**Senate Bill No. 1577, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 14a of chapter XVII (MCL 777.14a), as added by 2002 PA 29.

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. Clemente, Byrnes, Geiss, Griffin, Segal, Knollenberg, Denby and Tyler
Nays: None

**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The following report, submitted by Rep. Clemente, Chair, of the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, December 1, 2010
Present: Reps. Clemente, Byrnes, Geiss, Griffin, Segal, Knollenberg, Denby and Tyler
Absent: Reps. Stanley, Leland and Bolger
Excused: Reps. Stanley, Leland and Bolger

The Committee on Great Lakes and Environment, by Rep. Warren, Chair, reported

**Senate Bill No. 194, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 14h of chapter XVII (MCL 777.14h), as amended by 2008 PA 430.

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

1. Amend page 2, line 2, after “metal” by striking out “3” and inserting “5”.

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

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:
Yeas: Reps. Warren, Bledsoe, Kennedy, Meadows, Roberts, Scripps, Daley, Haveman, Rick Jones, Pavlov and Wayne Schmidt
Nays: None

The Committee on Great Lakes and Environment, by Rep. Warren, Chair, reported

**Senate Bill No. 1564, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 11102, 11107, 11118a, 11121, 11123, 11124, 11125, 11129, 11140, and 11153 (MCL 324.11102, 324.11107, 324.11118a,
324.11121, 324.11123, 324.11124, 324.11125, 324.11129, 324.11140, and 324.11153), section 11118a as added by 1996 PA 182 and section 11153 as amended by 2008 PA 403; 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. Warren, Bledsoe, Kennedy, Meadows, Roberts, Scripps, Daley, Haveman, Rick Jones, Pavlov and Wayne Schmidt

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Warren, Chair, of the Committee on Great Lakes and Environment, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Present: Reps. Warren, Bledsoe, Kennedy, Meadows, Roberts, Scripps, Daley, Haveman, Rick Jones, Pavlov and Wayne Schmidt

Absent: Reps. Nerat, Ebli, Leland and Meekhof

Excused: Reps. Nerat, Ebli and Meekhof

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Valentine, Chair, of the Committee on Families and Children’s Services, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Present: Reps. Valentine, Liss, Neumann, Slavens, Kurtz, McMillin and Pavlov

Absent: Rep. Womack

Excused: Rep. Womack

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1578, entitled

A bill to provide for the establishment of art institute authorities; to provide for the powers and duties of an art institute authority; to authorize the levy and collection of a property tax by an art institute authority; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain government officials.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Angerer 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

Senate Bill No. 1578, entitled

A bill to provide for the establishment of art institute authorities; to provide for the powers and duties of an art institute authority; to authorize the levy and collection of a property tax by an art institute authority; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain government officials.

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

Rep. Polidori:

“Thank you Madame Speaker,

I would like to thank those residents of the 15th House District for electing me for three terms.

Although this is the hardest part of this job, saying good bye to friends, staff and colleagues, I will treasure these moments forever. These six years have been the quickest six years of my life. I have enjoyed working with each and everyone one of you.

Over these past six years it has been a pleasure to work with Democrats and Republicans. I have always believed that the citizens of Michigan are best served when there is bipartisanship. As Chair of the House Committee Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, I have always believed we serve our constituents well when we work together. I am truly grateful for the bipartisanship that was shown in my years as chairman of that committee. I will always be grateful to my colleagues for working with me when we passed an important piece of legislation, HB 5245 and 5246, Representative Kurtz. This legislation allowed those who served our great country the proper burial they so deserve. This could not have been
possible without support from the other side of the aisle, Representatives Kurtz along with Vice-Chair and Rick Jones, Minority Vice-Chair and Representative Sarah Roberts, Majority Vice-Chair, for their long and hard work to make HB 5245, PA 148 of 2009 possible.

I want to personally thank Senator Allen, whom I respect and enjoyed working with over these past several years. They all showed how much we can get done regardless of which side of the aisle we are on.

I can’t go without thanking Representatives Lee Gonzales, Dudley Spade, Ed Clemente and Bob Constan with whom I have worked very closely with and will miss seeing them every week as we move on to other endeavors in our lives. I would also like to thank the late State Representative Herb Kerhl and Majority floor leader whom I had meet during my first week in the legislature.

As I leave House of Representatives, I will always have fond memories of those whom I have served with. I have been truly blessed that I have been part of this great institution. I want to acknowledge my lovely wife Bette, whom I have been very lucky to say I have been married to for 43 years, my mother Nelly, who just turned 94 years young. I would also like to thank my children, Gino, Jr., Laura and Rita. Finally, I want to thank my brothers who have been very supportive over the years, Raymond and Tony Polidori. I want to thank Tim Sneller, my Legislative Director for all the help and assistance he has provided me over these last several years.

In closing, I want to say again, thank you and:
God Bless this Great Institution
God Bless this Great State of Michigan
God Bless this Great Country
And God Bless you all!
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!”

The Speaker Pro Tempore called Associate Speaker Pro Tempore Haase to the Chair.

Rep. Corriveau:
“Thank you Madame Speaker.
I rise today for a final time to say good bye and give thanks to those that have touched my life the past four years.
Most of you know that I was elected in 2006 in a very large upset. Although I knew in my heart that I would win that day, I did not know how profound the journey I was about to take would be.
I have experienced joy, frustration, pride, anger, accomplishment and failure. I was told in my first week by Rep. Hood that this is the best job a person could ever have. He was correct. He did leave out that the price we pay is high and as my colleagues I do not have to remind you what this means but I can honestly say that I have been living a dream and I had the time of my life.
My journey to this day has been touched by many. I will not be able to thank all of you but please know that you will be remembered by me forever.

First, to the State of Michigan: Thank you for allowing me to serve you. You have been knocked down and battered. I di my best to help you get back on your feet but I wish I could have done more. I will continue to be there for you and I will cheer the loudest as you make your comeback.
To my constituents: Thank you for the opportunity to represent you here in Lansing. I promised you that I would work as hard as I could. I promised you that I would reach across the isle to do what was in your best interests. I promised you that I would do everything I could to make our neighborhoods the very best place to live, work and raise our families. I hope I didn’t let you down.
To my volunteers: Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your support of me has been humbling.
To the Defenders of Truth (press core): Thank you for your fairness and thank you providing one of the highlights of my career. Three MIRS quotes of the day.
To the Government Relations Advocates: Your experience is valuable and your honesty is appreciated. Ziggy, KB, Cookie, Noah, Yutzey, KK, Wortz, Ryan, Curren, Jap, Colin, Eric and David Finkbiner, thank you for your help. Jimmy Murray- Thank you for your advice and brutal honesty. Diedra Wilson- Thank you for your friendship and for sharing your infinite understanding of Health Policy. Dave Ladd- You are one of the very best and Thank you for helping me fight for my district. Without your help I would never have been able to achieve my greatest legislative accomplishment.
TO MY COLLEAGUES FROM THE RIGHT
Joey Hune- Lansing desperately needs your laugh back.
Ed Gaffney- I wish we all could serve this chamber with your youthful spirit.
Chris Ward- you are the most talented, courage’s and brightest I have met.
John Walsh- I wish we all could be as professional, kind and thoughtful
Kevin Green- At a time when I needed it most, your tragedy reminded me what is most important. Thank you for your friendship and know that your family and Skylar will always be in my prayers.
Dr. Ball- Thank for sharing your true bi-partisan nature. We were not successful in our sincere pursuit of health care reform, however, your kindness and friendship will always be a victory for me.
Senator Patterson- I inadvertently crossed you one time. That was plenty. I could serve another 100 years in this chamber and not display the courage you showed while fighting to protect our township. I learned much from you and my respect for you is matched only by my fear.
I haven't been able to work with all of you but our common experience will bind us together forever. It has been my pleasure to serve with all of you.
TO MY COLLEAGUES FROM THE LEFT
Paul Condino, Steve Bieda, Barb Farrah, Tim Melton, Bert Johnson, Jeff Mayes and MFL Angerer- Thank you for showing me how to be a legislator.
Speaker Dillon- I often joke that I grew up carrying your golf bags at Western Golf and Country Club only to later carry your water here in Lansing. I say this with the up most respect as your dogged pursuit of good public policy, despite known political consequences, has made it an honor to serve with you. Despite turbulent times, under your leadership, we have brought movies to Michigan, protected our great lakes, positioned ourselves to be leaders in the alternative energy future, we have made Pure Michigan a success, brought fairness to the mortgage industry and made our lives virtually smoke free. We could always have done more but we have left a mark.
Mike Simpson- I miss you my friend. Your intensity is still felt in this chamber.
Ed Clemente- Your sage advice has taught me plenty. Thank you for being there for me as I agonized about my future.
Andy Coulouris- Our stays were short but the confusion over who was who will last forever.
Richard LeBlanc- There is no one in this town who understands politics better than you. Thank you for your guidance and friendship.
To rest of my friends and colleagues- To those who have moved on, to those who will be leaving with me, and to those who will remain. We have shared tears and laughter. We have spent more time together than we have with our loved ones. We will forever be family and each and every one of you has changed me and made me a better person. For that I am forever grateful.
To the Clerks, Sergeants, and Guides- Thank you for serving our state. You bring honor and professionalism to this beautiful building
TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE MY JOB EASIER
Lavora Barnes- Thank you for listening. You are very dear to my heart.
Shiela Cummings- I don't know who I'll go to anymore to find sanity. I've never met another lawyer I like as much as you.
Everyone in Democratic Communications. Especially Russell Laforte & Cathy Bacle-Cunningham
Tiffany Reeser, Dana Gill, Bri Hanlon, Dan Stump, and Patricia Tremblay- I accept that I was not the easiest chair to work with but please know that I hold the deepest respect and appreciation for all of you.
Donna Hasenhauer- I have not met a classier smarter person in this town.
TO MY STAFF
Danille Toth and Christ Fort- Thank you, You were both fantastic interns
Steve Purchase- Thank you Steve. I could not have gotten off the ground without you. Your political mind is only matched by your intellect. I have no doubt that you will one day serve in this chamber.
Mary Ellen King- You represented me with dignity. You are now a part of my family and I will never forget your loyalty.
Oliver Wolcott- Our time working together was brief. You have a bright future and I look forward to helping you achieve your goals.
Ryan Fantino- You began working for me before I made it to Lansing. It has been an honor to watch you work your way from high school student to college graduate, to a full time staffer. Your gift of the written word is without equal and I will be there for you always.
Jeff Brandt- You led my re-election campaign and turned a 900 vote win in 2006 into a 9000 vote victory two years later. Your effortless transition into my office is a testament to your character and ability to adjust to strong minded individuals. I have never met a more dedicated person in my life. Your marathon runs, hikes along the Appalachian Trail and recent 170 on the LSAT are impressive examples of this trait. You will do great things and I am lucky to have known you.
Ewa Jarosz- Most of you don’t know Ewa’s story but it is truly remarkable. Ewa was brought to Michigan from Poland with her mother and brother when she was 10 years old. Her father moved here a decade earlier in search of the American dream. When she arrived she could not speak a single word of English. However, this would only be an early opportunity for her to prove what I have learned about her over the last four years. Ewa walked into my office for an interview 12 years after her arrival in this country and just shortly after her graduation from Michigan State, where she had just barely missed high honors by only one tenth of a point. I had been asking all my potential staff to rank their work ethic on a scale of 1 to 10. People were very honest and most individuals placed themselves between a 7 and 9. Ewa was equally honest but her answer was much different. After a short pause she replied ‘Actually, I think I would be a 12’. I instinctively laughed as did Steve Purchase from outside the office but we would soon realize she was not kidding.
My office and I were under a tremendous amount of pressure to validate what many saw as a lucky election victory that could not be repeated. I mentioned earlier that Jeff led the re-election effort and he did. However, the foundation for victory had been laid long before by the work of Ms. Jarosz. She has relentlessly pushed me to work harder. To give the extra effort it often took to help solve our constituent’s problems. To take the time to show everyone that we really did care and deeply appreciated the opportunity I had been given to serve. We argued often but she refused to accepted compliancy. Never once did I threaten to let her go, in fact I think it was me that had to actually ask several times for my job back.

Many of you know that our staffs are incredibly important to the work were are trying to accomplish and nobody was more important to me than Ewa Jarosz. Ewa, thank you for making me a better State Representative.

TO MY FAMILY

It has already been mentioned by others that it is the ones who love us most that pay the highest price for us to perform this work. It is often our families that we turn to when our pursuit of public service begins. I was no different. I asked for their money, their time and blinded support of my unattainable goal. This was all given without question and without expectations. Thank you. Your love for me has been unyielding.

To Wendy, my wife of 15 years, and friend for more than twenty- I changed our lives drastically on November 7, 2006, and from that day forward you have been asked to give and do more than anyone else. I could no longer be home by a decent hour, I could no longer help as much with our children and I could no longer be there for you in the same way that I had. You graciously deferred our time together for my work. Without question, you have been a greater person than I could ever be. I love you and I will spend the rest of my life trying to give back to you what you have given to me.

And finally, to my children Luc and Eve- Daddy’s coming home. Thank you.”

The Speaker Pro Tempore resumed the Chair.

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

Senate Bill No. 1234, entitled
A bill to amend 2005 PA 280, entitled “Corridor improvement authority act,” by amending section 3 (MCL 125.2873), as amended by 2007 PA 44.

The bill was read a second time.
Rep. Angerer moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.
Rep. Angerer moved that the bill be placed on its immediate passage.
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of
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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:

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The House agreed to the full title.

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

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

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1235, entitled

A bill to amend 1948 (1st Ex Sess) PA 31, entitled “An act to provide for the incorporation of authorities to acquire, furnish, equip, own, improve, enlarge, operate, and maintain buildings, automobile parking lots or structures, recreational facilities, stadiums, and the necessary site or sites therefor, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof, for the use of any county, city, village, or township, or for the use of any combination of 2 or more counties, cities, villages, or townships, or for the use of any school district and any city, village, or township wholly or partially within the district’s boundaries, or for the use of any school district and any combination of 2 or more cities, villages, or townships wholly or partially within the district’s boundaries, or for the use of any intermediate school district and any constituent school district or any city, village, or township, wholly or partially within
the intermediate school district’s boundaries; to provide for compensation of authority commissioners; to permit transfers of property to authorities; to authorize the execution of contracts, leases, and subleases pertaining to authority property and the use of authority property; to authorize incorporating units to impose taxes without limitation as to rate or amount and to pledge their full faith and credit for the payment of contract of lease obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued by an authority; to provide for the issuance of bonds by such authorities; to validate action taken and bonds issued; to provide other powers, rights, and duties of authorities and incorporating units, including those for the disposal of authority property; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies.” by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 123.951), the title as amended by 1998 PA 190 and section 1 as amended by 1993 PA 121.

The bill was read a second time.
Rep. Angerer moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.
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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:

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

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1236, entitled
The bill was read a second time.
Rep. Angerer moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.
Rep. Angerer 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

Senate Bill No. 1236, entitled
Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 505

| Yeas—70 |
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| Angerer           | Ball              | Barnett          | Bauer             |
|                   | Donigan           | Espinoza         | Geiss             |
|                   |                   | Lindberg         | Lipton            |
|                   |                   | Liss             | Lori              |
|                   |                   | Mayes            | Sheltrown         |
|                   |                   | McDowell         | Slezak            |
|                   |                   | Meadows          | Smith             |
|                   |                   | Melton           | Spade             |
|                   |                   | Meltzer          | Stanley           |
|                   |                   | Nathan           | Tlaib             |
|                   |                   | Neumann          | Tyler             |

| Nays—12 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Agema             | Amash             | Daley             |                   |
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In The Chair: Byrnes
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Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the full title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows:

“An act to provide for the establishment of commercial redevelopment 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 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 remedies and penalties;”

The House agreed to the full title.

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

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

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1238, entitled

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

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

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

Rep. Angerer moved that Reps. Neumann, Durhal and Cushingberry be excused temporarily from today’s session.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1238, entitled

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:
Roll Call No. 506

Yeas—69

Angerer Donigan Leland Schmidt, R.
Ball Espinoza Lemmons Schmidt, W.
Barnett Geiss Lindberg Scott, B.
Bauer Gonzales Lipton Scripps
Bennett Gregory Liss Segal
Bledsoe Griffin Lori Sheltrown
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Byrum Huckleberry Meltzer Stanley
Caul Johnson Nathan Tlaib
Clemente Kandrevas Oakes Valentine
Constan Lahti Proos Warren
Corriveau Kowall Roberts Womack
Dean LeBlanc

Nays—31

Agema Green Kurtz Pearce
Amash Haines Lund Rogers
Bolger Haveman Marleau Schuitmaker
Crawford Hildenbrand McMillin Scott, P.
Daley Horn Meekhof Shirkey
DeShazor Jones, Rick Moss Stamas
Elsenheimer Knollenberg Opsommer Walsh
Genetski Kowall Pavlov

In The Chair: Byrnes

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

“An act to prevent urban deterioration and encourage economic development and activity and to encourage neighborhood revitalization and historic preservation; to provide for the establishment of tax increment finance authorities and to prescribe their powers and duties; to authorize the acquisition and disposal of interests in real and personal property; to provide for the creation and implementation of development plans; to provide for the creation of a board to govern an authority and to prescribe its powers and duties; to permit the issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness by an authority; to permit the use of tax increment financing; to reimburse authorities for certain losses of tax increment revenues; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officers.”

The House agreed to the full title.

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

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

Comments and Recommendations

Rep. Mayes:

“Thank you, Madame Speaker. All of us came to this chamber for different reasons and on different paths….some after a career in business, others after experiences in local office and some of you because maybe a family member or friend suggested it.
For me like a few of us here, at an early age I was taken by the notion of what public service could be and eventually worked for those who once served in this chamber. It is hard to believe in the 5th grade a friend’s dad running unsuccess-

fully for local office talking about things a grade school kid wouldn’t understand would have such an impact.

I did learn one thing at that point, government was important. Over time I learned making a difference can be as simple as making one person’s life a little bit easier...and it was through public service I wanted to live this belief.

Community involvement was encouraged early by my mother, even though she wanted me to be an engineer...and through family, teachers, scout leaders and a community that has always supported me every step of the way. I grew up in the shadow of childhood Bay County heroes who all served at one time in this chamber...who became peers and then close friends...names like Bob Traxler, Jim Barcia and Tom Hickner...apparently I didn’t follow sports when I was younger or read comic books with heroes like this...but they were important to me and people I looked up to...in addition there were men like Howard Weters, AT Frank and Joseph Rivet whom I worked for...sharing their insights, war stories, support, advice and the unique brand of Bay County politics that lifts eyebrows of republicans and democrats from time to time here at the capitol.

Without a doubt, the people I have had the opportunity to work with and the experiences I have had will be memories I will cherish forever...and for a selected number of stories I will talk about, with only a few of you, we will laugh nervously and then we can quickly change the subject.

The 2007 Budget crisis is one of those experiences when I was assigned the task of keeping people in session overnight through the call of the house as the speaker tried to sleep downstairs...with a message from him that I could let those with health issues or may have a few years behind them go to their hotel to rest...yes, I was the one who would in a tired punch drunk state sneak up on some sleeping members and whisper to them the ‘sick and the aged’ could leave early...and then sneak away. In hindsight, I should have left myself and left the rest of you here.

I recall that I was on the verge of having my first bill passed my first term when I was inspired by Matt Gillard to stand up with him to the Democratic Leader, Speaker, Floor Leader and Governor over a bill on a simple transfer of funds...one by one they came to me to ask me to change my vote. I remember I told them all no because I was standing on principle...and the board was opened for a while...to eventually close with enough votes...and as I looked at the board I realized Gillard changed his vote and it was months later before my first bill passed the chamber...I learned an important message watch out for Gillard and don’t sweet the small stuff or the small bills.

I met my wife here...who has nothing to do with politics and was a guest to an event in Lansing ...and since she is a mental health professional...I guess many of you think this is a good fit.

I am certain my best vote was for Speaker Dillon...and to be involved with that early core group of diverse and amazing people that were apart of that speaker race and the early leadership of the new democratic majority...talk about a vote that is high risk, high reward...I remember watching us lose votes in caucus the day of the speaker election as he gave the famous Saving Private Ryan speech...your inspirational speeches have improved since then Mr. Speaker. Thank you Andy for allowing me to do policy and for allowing me to lead in my own way. It is what I wanted to do in Lansing.

Leader Dianne Byrum thanks for the early trust and leadership opportunities.

Speaker Craig DeRoche, thank you for allowing me opportunities...and never asking me to trade a vote for a bill...and you made a simple ask... ‘Work with us when you can.’

I have served with amazing people and a few I will mention. But two I must make a special note. Terry Brown and John Espinoza. Over the past few years I had an opportunity to get to know these men...receive their support and counsel...spent countless hours with them...let me just say they are the real deal...they are who we read about in high school government books on who should run for office...and if the measure of a person is reflected in ones family...these men are special people and it was no accident they are members of the Michigan House.

I have enjoyed my projects big and small...while I have been here. But this experience of working on issues isn’t simply solving a problem or getting things done...the list means little...it is the people you get to work with.

Great people and friends, Neal Nitz, Dave Palsrok, Tim Melton, Kathy Angerer, Mark Meadows, John Proos, Andy Coulouris, Patty Birkholz and Bert Johnson...and others. I pay them the compliment of being called a policy maker.

No speech could be complete without mentioning Mark Corriveau...thank you for the hours of humor at your expense and the most memorable quote I have ever heard during my time in Lansing... ‘Some times, you will have good days, sometimes you will have bad days, however, you just have to commit.’ This quote was as he was giving me hair advice. Remember we pick on those we admirer.

To my Great Lakes Bay Regional crew through trust and relationship we have served are area well served. My friends Ken, Andy, Tim, Jim, Jim, Tony & Bill. Proud of the work we have done and what we have accomplished for the region by working together. The stuff we have snuck through here...amazing.

Joel Sheltrown, my seat mate. You are the person that I would go over the cliff with any day of the week...and we have had only one major disagreement during our time together...and after the yelling stop...you were kind enough to let me win. Joel my grandmother asks about you often and asks are you still playing such ‘beautiful music.’ You are a true friend and I will miss you.

I want to thank my terrific staff...Marilynn Pell who retired a couple years ago who was the rock of the Bay County District for countless years, Jennifer Robel and Whitney Mich who made me look good, for dealing with countless work groups
and an obsessive boss. You were outstanding in your jobs. Anyone who works for a former staffer deserves a medal for putting up with us. Bay County has been fortunate to have your service.

We have been also fortunate to have had a talented central staff from both sides of the aisle and non-partisan who are a credit to this institution...I want to specifically recognize Maureen Watson, Chrissy Beckwith, Leah Wawro, Liz Kranz, Mark Salogar and Emily Austin who particularly have been an endless help to me. You are all amazing at what you do.

And here is what advice I have to offer – get to know your colleagues from both sides of the aisle...their families, their hopes, their fears...the stories that make them special...it is hard to treat someone unfairly or to break trust when you have met someone’s children or know where they come from....inclusion creates relationships, relationships breeds trust, trust allows for honesty...and honesty opens the door to solutions and is at the heart of leadership. Party means little between friends.

I have learned years ago through those that I have followed from Bay County the timeless lessons often lost in the partisan world, be honest, keep your word...treat others as you would want to be treated...and hold those accountable in your own party when they don't. And speak your peace when it is time. Share the heavy lifting....and respect those who do the heavy lifting in your stead. I tried to live these pre-term limited ideals during my six years and hope I was successful more often the not.

As I close, I leave this chamber with no grudge or regret... I thank the people of Bay County for their faith and the privilege to serve them, I thank my wife, family and friends for their never ending support, those in the lobby who taught me a great deal about our state...and I thank my fellow members for the honor of serving with you and the memories. I look forward to seeing you all again. And wish you all success, good health and happiness...thank you.”

Rep. Huckleberry:

“Those of you that know me will find this hard to believe, but I really don’t have much to say. I would like to start by thanking all of my staff and especially Frank Surmann and Mike Sadler. I told them when they came to work for me that their job was to make me look good. They said, ‘We can’t do that and find time to eat!’ Thanks to me they have combined to lose ninety pounds. Thanks guys for an incredible job well done!

My Low point was losing my friend and mentor Mike Simpson and my high point was in becoming the Chair of Agriculture. I would like to thank Speaker Dillon for having the confidence to appoint me to such an important committee. To my colleagues both democrats and republicans that make up this committee - thanks for working with me and your support while I was getting my sea legs. We worked well together not representing our parties but representing agriculture. I will always be proud of how we worked in a bi-partisan manner for the good of agriculture.

I am occasionally asked as a small business owner why I am a democrat. First let me say that I am proud to be from the party that delivered Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, the G.I. Bill, Equal Rights, Civil Rights and Women’s Right to vote. These are my core democratic values.

From a business persons perspective there is nothing more important than our customers not only having jobs... but good paying jobs or they wouldn’t be our customers. There seems to be a disconnect in some people understanding that. I hope the new legislature can cut my taxes by a few hundred dollars but that won’t keep me and my brothers and sisters in business for very long.

So I have chosen to link with this party that stands for Women’s Rights and Fair Pay because without our customers having good paying jobs business cannot succeed. I firmly believe that when Michigan is successful and doing well, so does our nation.

If I had one wish it would be that we take the nasty, mean spirited and outrageous lies out of our campaigns. We need to ask why the citizens lose respect for us and become turned off with Government. We only need to look at our campaigns to know why.

This has been an incredible honor to serve with the many friends I have made and will never forget. Perhaps I may be only a ‘one term wonder’ but what a ‘wonderful term’.”

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

Senate Bill No. 1345, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 20114a, 20120a, 20120b, 20120c, and 20120d (MCL 324.20114a, 324.20120a, 324.20120b, 324.20120c, and 324.20120d), section 20114a as amended by 1996 PA 115, sections 20120a, 20120b, and 20120c as added by 1995 PA 71, and section 20120d as amended by 1996 PA 383, and by adding sections 20114b, 20114c, 20114d, 20120, and 20120e; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The bill was read a second time.

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

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

Rep. Angerer moved that Reps. Dillon and Bettie Scott be excused temporarily from today’s session. The motion prevailed.

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

Senate Bill No. 1345, entitled
A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 20114a, 20120a, 20120b, 20120c, and 20120d (MCL 324.20114a, 324.20120a, 324.20120b, 324.20120c, and 324.20120d), section 20114a as amended by 1996 PA 115, sections 20120a, 20120b, and 20120c as added by 1995 PA 71, and section 20120d as amended by 1996 PA 383, and by adding sections 20114b, 20114c, 20114d, 20120, and 20120e; and to repeal acts and parts of acts. Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

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

“An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, assessments, and donations; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,”

The House agreed to the full title.

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

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

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1346, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 20101, 20104, and 20104a (MCL 324.20101, 324.20104, and 324.20104a), section 20101 as amended and section 20104a as added by 1996 PA 383 and section 20104 as amended by 1995 PA 71.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Angerer 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

Senate Bill No. 1346, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 20101, 20104, and 20104a (MCL 324.20101, 324.20104, and 324.20104a), section 20101 as amended and section 20104a as added by 1996 PA 383 and section 20104 as amended by 1995 PA 71.

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

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

“An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, assessments, and donations; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,”

The House agreed to the full title.

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

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

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1348, entitled
A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 20129, 20137, and 20139 (MCL 324.20129, 324.20137, and 324.20139), as amended by 1995 PA 71.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberts 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

Senate Bill No. 1348, entitled
A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 20129, 20137, and 20139 (MCL 324.20129, 324.20137, and 324.20139), as amended by 1995 PA 71.

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

Roll Call No. 509

Yeas—96

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

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The House agreed to the full title.

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

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

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1502, entitled
A bill to amend 2008 PA 295, entitled “Clean, renewable, and efficient energy act,” by amending section 93 (MCL 460.1093).

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

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberts 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

Senate Bill No. 1502, entitled
A bill to amend 2008 PA 295, entitled “Clean, renewable, and efficient energy act,” by amending section 93 (MCL 460.1093).

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:
Roll Call No. 510

Yeas—87

Angerer  Donigan  Kurtz  Roberts
Ball  Durhal  Lahti  Rocca
Barnett  Espinoza  LeBlanc  Schmidt, R.
Bauer  Geiss  Leland  Schmidt, W.
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Crawford  Jackson  Nathan  Valentine
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Daley  Jones, Rick  Oakes  Warren
Dean  Kandrevas  Pavlov  Womack
DeShazor  Kennedy  Polidori  Young
Dillon  Kowall  Proos

Nays—15

Agema  Genetski  Lund  Rogers
Amash  Horn  Moss  Shirkey
Denby  Knollenberg  Opsommer  Stamas
Elsenheimer  Lori  Pearce

In The Chair: Byrnes

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

“An act to require certain providers of electric service to establish renewable energy programs; to require certain providers of electric or natural gas service to establish energy optimization programs; to authorize the use of certain energy systems to meet the requirements of those programs; to provide for the approval of energy optimization service companies; to provide for certain charges on electric and natural gas bills; to promote energy conservation by state agencies and the public; to create a wind energy resource zone board and provide for its power and duties; to authorize the creation and implementation of wind energy resource zones; to provide for expedited transmission line siting certificates; to provide for a net metering program and the responsibilities of certain providers of electric service and customers with respect to net metering; to provide for fees; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; to require the promulgation of rules and the issuance of orders; and to provide for civil sanctions, remedies, and penalties,”

The House agreed to the full title.

Rep. Roberts 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 Scripps to the Chair.
Second Reading of Bills

**Senate Bill No. 1515, entitled**
A bill to amend 1980 PA 395, entitled “Community convention or tourism marketing act,” by amending sections 3 and 6 (MCL 141.873 and 141.876), section 3 as amended by 1996 PA 589.

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

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberts 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**

**Senate Bill No. 1515, entitled**
A bill to amend 1980 PA 395, entitled “Community convention or tourism marketing act,” by amending sections 3 and 6 (MCL 141.873 and 141.876), section 3 as amended by 1996 PA 589.

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

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

“An act relating to the promotion of convention business or tourism in municipalities in this state; to provide for tourism or convention marketing programs in municipalities through nonprofit convention and tourist bureaus; to provide for the imposition and collection of assessments on the owners of transient facilities to support tourism or convention marketing programs; to provide for the disbursement of the assessments; to establish the functions and duties of the department of commerce; and to prescribe remedies and penalties,”

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

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1491, entitled
The bill was read a second time.
Rep. Meadows moved to amend the bill as follows:
1. Amend page 2, line 9, after “unless” by striking out “Senate Bill No. 1492” and inserting “House Bill No. 6389”.
The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.
Rep. Roberts moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.
Rep. Roberts 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

Senate Bill No. 1491, entitled
Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 512

| Yeas—102 |
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| Barnett | Genetski | Lindberg | Schmidt, R. |
| Bauer | Gonzales | Lipton | Schmidt, W. |
| Bennett | Green | Liss | Schuitmaker |
| Bledsoe | Gregory | Lori | Scott, P. |
| Bolger | Griffin | Lund | Scripps |
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| Corriveau | Huckleberry | Moss | Stanley |
| Crawford | Jackson | Nathan | Tlaib |
| Cushingberry | Johnson | Neumann | Tyler |
| Daley | Jones, Rick | Oakes | Valentine |
In The Chair: Scripps

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 probationers and probation officers, to pardons, reprieves, commutations, and paroles, to the administration of correctional institutions, correctional farms, and probation recovery camps, to prisoner labor and correctional industries, and to the supervision and inspection of local jails and houses of correction; to provide for the siting of correctional facilities; to create a state department of corrections, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the transfer to and vesting in said department of powers and duties vested by law in certain other state boards, commissions, and officers, and to abolish certain boards, commissions, and offices the powers and duties of which are transferred by this act; to allow for the operation of certain facilities by private entities; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain other state departments and agencies; to provide for the creation of a local lockup advisory board; to provide for a lifetime electronic monitoring program; to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; to make certain appropriations; to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act,”

The House agreed to the full title.

Rep. Roberts 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

Reports of Standing Committees

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

Senate Bill No. 1003, entitled

A bill to amend 1989 PA 196, entitled “An act to abolish the criminal assessments commission; to prescribe certain duties of the crime victim services commission; to create the crime victim’s rights fund; to provide for expenditures from the fund; to provide for assessments against criminal defendants and certain juvenile offenders; to provide for payment of crime victim’s rights services; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and departments,” by amending section 4 (MCL 780.904), as amended by 2010 PA 202.

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. Cushingberry, Hammel, Bauer, Bennett, Terry Brown, Dean, Durhal, Espinoza, Gonzales, Lahti, McDowell, Spade, Tlaib, Hildenbrand, Proos and Schuitmaker

Nays: Reps. Smith, Moss, Agema, Caul, Lori and Rogers

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Wednesday, December 1, 2010
Present: Reps. Cushingberry, Hammel, Bauer, Bennett, Terry Brown, Dean, Durhal, Espinoza, Gonzales, Gregory, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Smith, Spade, Tlaib, Moss, Agema, Booher, Caul, Genetski, Green, Haines, Hildenbrand, Lori, Proos, Rogers and Schuitmaker
Absent: Reps. Miller and Switalski
Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1003, entitled
A bill to amend 1989 PA 196, entitled “An act to abolish the criminal assessments commission; to prescribe certain duties of the crime victim services commission; to create the crime victim’s rights fund; to provide for expenditures from the fund; to provide for assessments against criminal defendants and certain juvenile offenders; to provide for payment of crime victim’s rights services; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and departments,” by amending section 4 (MCL 780.904), as amended by 2010 PA 202.

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

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.
Rep. Roberts moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.
Rep. Roberts 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:

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Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 216, entitled

The bill was read a second time.
Rep. Roberts moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.
Rep. Roberts moved that the bill be placed on its immediate passage.
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Roberts moved that Reps. Dillon and Womack be excused temporarily from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 216, entitled

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

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

"An act to create a commission for the control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, and to prescribe its powers, duties, and limitations; to provide for powers and duties for certain state departments and agencies; to impose certain taxes for certain purposes; to provide for the control of the alcoholic liquor traffic within this state and to provide for the power to establish state liquor stores; to prohibit the use of certain devices for the dispensing of alcoholic vapor; to provide for the care and treatment of alcoholics; to provide for the incorporation of farmer cooperative wineries and the granting of certain rights and privileges to those cooperatives; to provide for the licensing and taxation of activities regulated under this act and the disposition of the money received under this act; to prescribe liability for retail licensees under certain circumstances and to require security for that liability; to provide procedures, defenses, and remedies regarding violations of this act; to provide for the enforcement and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act; to provide for allocation of certain funds for certain purposes; to provide for the confiscation and disposition of property seized under this act; to provide referenda under certain circumstances; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

The House agreed to the full title.

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

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


The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Reports of Select Committees

The Speaker laid before the House the conference report relative to

House Bill No. 4932, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 310b (MCL 750.310b), as added by 1996 PA 539.

(The conference report was reported by the conference committee on November 30, consideration of which, under the rules, was postponed until today.)

(For conference report, see House Journal No. 94, p. 1919.)

The question being on the adoption of the conference report,

The conference report was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:
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Nays—4

Ball
Bledsoe
McMillin
Pearce

In The Chair: Scripps

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Motions and Resolutions

Rep. Angerer moved that the Committee on Energy and Technology be discharged from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1456.

(For first notice see House Journal No. 94, p. 1928.)

The question being on the motion made by Rep. Angerer,
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members present voting therefor.
The bill was placed on the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1456, entitled

A bill to provide for the preservation of certain economic development rates or contracts; to provide for the adoption of certain rate-making policies for certain electric utilities; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.

The bill was read a second time.

Rep. Geiss moved to substitute (H-1) the bill.
The motion prevailed and the substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.
Rep. Roberts moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.
Rep. Roberts 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**

### Senate Bill No. 1456, entitled

A bill to provide for the preservation of certain economic development rates or contracts; to provide for the adoption of certain rate-making policies for certain electric utilities; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.

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

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In The Chair: Scripps

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

A bill to provide for the preservation of certain economic development rates or contracts; to provide for the adoption of certain rate-making policies for certain electric utilities; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The motion prevailed.
The House agreed to the title as amended. Rep. Roberts 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. Angerer moved that the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life be discharged from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1079. (For first notice see House Journal No. 94, p. 1928.) The question being on the motion made by Rep. Angerer, The motion prevailed, a majority of the members present voting therefor. The bill was placed on the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1079, entitled
A bill to amend 1995 PA 24, entitled “Michigan economic growth authority act,” by amending section 3 (MCL 207.803), as amended by 2008 PA 257. The bill was read a second time. Rep. Roberts moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills. The motion prevailed. Rep. Roberts 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

Senate Bill No. 1079, entitled
A bill to amend 1995 PA 24, entitled “Michigan economic growth authority act,” by amending section 3 (MCL 207.803), as amended by 2008 PA 257. Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

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

“An act to promote economic growth and job creation within this state; to create and regulate the Michigan economic growth authority; to prescribe the powers and duties of the authority and of state and local officials; to assess and collect a fee; to approve certain plans and the use of certain funds; and to provide qualifications for and determine eligibility for tax credits and other incentives for authorized businesses and for qualified taxpayers,”

The House agreed to the full title.

Rep. Roberts 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. Angerer moved that the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life be discharged from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1082.

(For first notice see House Journal No. 94, p. 1928.)

The question being on the motion made by Rep. Angerer,

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

The bill was placed on the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1082, 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,” by amending sections 2 and 22 (MCL 207.552 and 207.572), section 2 as amended by 2008 PA 581 and section 22 as amended by 1994 PA 266.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberts 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

Senate Bill No. 1082, entitled

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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,” by amending sections 2 and 22 (MCL 207.552 and 207.572), section 2 as amended by 2008 PA 581 and section 22 as amended by 1994 PA 266.

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

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In The Chair: Scripps

The House agreed to the title of the bill.
Rep. Roberts 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. Angerer moved that the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life be discharged from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1084.
(For first notice see House Journal No. 94, p. 1928.)
The question being on the motion made by Rep. Angerer,
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members present voting therefor.
The bill was placed on the order of Second Reading of Bills.
Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 1084, entitled
A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled “The general property tax act,” by amending section 9f (MCL 211.9f), as amended by 2008 PA 573.

The bill was read a second time.
Rep. Roberts moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.
Rep. Roberts 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

Senate Bill No. 1084, entitled
A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled “The general property tax act,” by amending section 9f (MCL 211.9f), as amended by 2008 PA 573.

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

Roll Call No. 519

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Nays—25

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

“An act to provide for the assessment of rights and interests, including leasehold interests, in property and the levy and collection of taxes on property, and for the collection of taxes levied; making those taxes a lien on the property taxed, establishing and continuing the lien, providing for the sale or forfeiture and conveyance of property delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the state and not redeemed or purchased; to provide for the establishment of a delinquent tax revolving fund and the borrowing of money by counties and the issuance of notes; to define and limit the jurisdiction of the courts in proceedings in connection with property delinquent for taxes; to limit the time within which actions may be brought; to prescribe certain limitations with respect to rates of taxation; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain officers, departments, agencies, and political subdivisions of this state; to provide for certain reimbursements of certain expenses incurred by units of local government; to provide penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,”

The House agreed to the full title.
Rep. Roberts 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. Oakes moved that the Committee on Great Lakes and Environment be discharged from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 589.
(For first notice see House Journal No. 94, p. 1925.)
The question being on the motion made by Rep. Oakes,
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members present voting therefor.
The bill was placed on the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Second Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 589, entitled
The bill was read a second time.

Rep. Oakes moved to amend the bill as follows:
1. Amend page 3, line 2, after “BETWEEN” by striking out “OCTOBER 1, 2009” and inserting “DECEMBER 1, 2010”.
2. Amend page 3, line 3, by striking out “NOVEMBER 15, 2010” and inserting “MARCH 1, 2011”.
The motion prevailed and the amendments were adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.
Rep. Roberts moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.
Rep. Roberts 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

Senate Bill No. 589, entitled
The bill was read a third time.
The question being on the passage of the bill,

Rep. Roberts moved that consideration of the bill be postponed temporarily.
The motion prevailed.
By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Motions and Resolutions

Rep. Angerer moved that the Committee on Labor be discharged from further consideration of House Resolution No. 365.
(For first notice see House Journal No. 94, p. 1925.)
The question being on the motion made by Rep. Angerer,
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members present voting therefor.

Rep. Slavens moved that the Committee on Government Operations be discharged from further consideration of House Bill No. 5782.
(For first notice see House Journal No. 94, p. 1925.)
The question being on the motion made by Rep. Slavens,
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members present voting therefor.
The bill was placed on the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Rep. Angerer moved that when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned until Thursday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m.
The motion prevailed.

Reps. Oakes, Barnett, Terry Brown, Constan, Horn, Smith and Valentine offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 367.
A resolution to urge the United States Postal Service to keep open the Saginaw, Michigan, mail processing and distribution center.

Whereas, On November 15, 2010, the United States Postal Service concluded an Area Mail Processing (AMP) survey
to determine whether or not to consolidate the Saginaw Processing and Distribution Center operations into the Michigan Metroplex in Pontiac, Michigan. The postal service is considering consolidation in order to reduce a budget shortfall for
the Greater Michigan Postal District; and

Whereas, There are many observers who feel the move to close the Saginaw facility will not bring about a commensurate increase in efficiencies, but will result instead in a deterioration of service. Clearly, every effort must be made to encourage
the highest standards of responsiveness to customers; and

Whereas, If the consolidation of operations were to occur, nearly 46 positions are expected to be lost or transferred out
of the region to other postal facilities. This would have a detrimental impact on the Saginaw economy as well-paying jobs
flee the area. In addition, closing the Saginaw mail processing operations will result in a lower standard of service because
without the processing center, mail cannot be delivered to this region in an efficient and timely manner; now, therefore,
be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Postal Service to maintain mail processing
services out of Saginaw; and be it further
Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Postal Service.
The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Reps. Kowall, Horn and Moss offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 368.
A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation prohibiting the use of full body scanners and enhanced physical pat-down checks.

Whereas, The Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution provides the following guarantee:
The right of the people to be secure in their persons, house, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) procedures such as full body scans and personal, invasive pat-downs are in direct violation of the Fourth Amendment and are thus unconstitutional; and

Whereas, The concept of the presumption of innocence is one of the most basic in our system of justice, even though it is not explicitly enumerated in the text of the U.S. Constitution. This basic right comes to us, like many things, from English jurisprudence and has been a part of that system for so long that it is considered common law. Furthermore, this concept is embodied in several provisions of the U.S. Constitution, such as the right to remain silent and the right to a jury. The
practices of full body scans and enhanced physical pat-down checks assume guilt before innocence and are therefore in
direct violation of common law and concepts embodied in the U.S. Constitution; and

Whereas, While the U.S. Constitution does not specifically mention a right to privacy, many Supreme Court decisions
over the years have established that the right to privacy is a basic human right, and as such is protected by virtue of the
Ninth Amendment. In addition, right to privacy is inherent in many of the amendments in the Bill of Rights, such as the
Fourth Amendment’s search and seizure limits, and the Fifth Amendment’s self-incrimination limit. Full body scanning
and enhanced physical pat-down checks violate American citizens’ right to privacy and are an assault on our human
dignity, as well as our physical, emotional, and mental well-being; and

Whereas, While the U.S. Constitution does not specifically mention “travel” or an explicit right to travel, this right is
firmly established in U.S. law and precedent. In United States v Guest, 383 U.S. 745 (1966), the Supreme Court noted,
“It is a right that has been firmly established and repeatedly recognized.” In Shapiro v Thompson, 394 U.S. 618 (1969),
Justice Stewart noted in his concurring opinion that

…it is a right broadly assertable against private interference as well as government action. Like the right
of association,…it is a virtually unconditional personal right, guaranteed by the Constitution to us all.

Furthermore, although the Articles of Confederation had an explicit right to travel, it is thought that the right is so
fundamental that the framers may have thought it unnecessary to include it in the Constitution or the Bill of Rights. Thus,
being denied access to any mode of travel due to an individual’s refusal to submit to full body scanning or enhanced
physical pat-down checks is a violation of American citizens’ right to travel; and

Whereas, Full body scanning and enhanced pat-down procedures have not been proven to be effective in preventing
terrorist attacks on airlines. In fact, they may have little impact on security and merely give travelers a false sense of security,
as opposed to adopting real security measures to ensure that travelers are actually safe. The Department of Homeland Security
and the TSA should adopt the much more effective security procedures of the Israelis, such as profiling and the interviewing
of travelers by highly trained and experienced agents before they are even allowed to check in. Not a single terrorist has
been successful in managing to get through the security at Ben Gurion International Airport; and

Whereas, The use of full body scanning and enhanced pat-down procedures actually embolden our enemies and further
their goals by eroding the very freedoms Americans hold dear and which Al Qaeda and other Islamic radicals want to
destroy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby memorialize the Congress of the United States and the
Department of Homeland Security to remember that this is, in fact, the United States of America and to ban the invasive,
demoralizing, illegal and unconstitutional practices of full body scanning and enhanced physical pat-downs; and be it further

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

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 369.

A resolution of tribute offered for the Honorable Jennifer Haase.

Whereas, It is with appreciation for her dedication to serving our state and working to enhance our shared future that
we salute Jennifer Haase and thank her for her efforts through this legislative body throughout the Ninety-fifth Legislature.
Her integrity and commitment to Michigan’s future have been deeply appreciated; and

Whereas, Jennifer Haase’s service as a lawmaker was an extension of a commitment to service that she demonstrated
through her work as a teacher. A graduate of Alma College with a master’s degree earned at Oakland University, this lifelong
resident of Macomb County taught in the Warren Woods Public Schools for more than 10 years. This background of service
and her concern for Michigan’s future brought her to the Capitol following her 2008 election; and

Whereas, Representative Haase has worked to advance issues of vital interest not only for the people of her Thirty-second
House District, but all of Michigan. Drawing on her experience in the classroom, Representative Haase advocated for
education through her own bills and through her responsibilities on the Education Committee. She also contributed to the
work carried out by the Ethics and Elections, Agriculture, and Health Policy Committees. In each of these responsibilities,
she demonstrated a notable diligence and thoughtfulness that has earned her respect and has advanced the legislative
process; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we commend and thank Representative Jennifer Haase for her service
to the people of this state as a member of the Ninety-fifth Legislature; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Haase as an reflection of our gratitude and best
wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.
The Speaker on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 370.**
A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Goeff Hansen.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation that we thank Representative Hansen for his service to the state as his tenure in this legislative body concludes. He has been dedicated in service to his constituents in Lake, Newaygo, and Oceana Counties; and

Whereas, A long-time resident of Hart, Goeff Hansen faced the challenges of serving customers and managing employees as the owner and operator of a small business. His strong background in business has been highlighted by his years as an owner and operator of Hansen Foods stores in Hart and Bear Lake, and Hansen Distributing. Goeff has been a fixture in his community, serving others as an EMT and volunteer firefighter, member of various local boards and councils, Hart Township Supervisor, and coaching numerous youth, middle school, and high school sports; and

Whereas, As a legislator since 2005, Representative Hansen began his service to the state as a member of the appropriations committee and faced the daunting task of charting a course through the economic downturn. He has been an advocate for the state’s strong, prominent, and growing agricultural industry and worked to protect the state programs supporting the agriculture industry. Representative Hansen has been a voice for recreational interests, sponsoring legislation that created a new process for determining special watercraft rules for inland lakes, and providing citizens with greater input and more consistency in the decision-making process; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we commend and thank Representative Goeff Hansen for his service in this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Hansen as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 371.**
A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Dave Hildenbrand.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation for his efforts on behalf of this legislative body over the past six years that we wish to commend Representative Dave Hildenbrand as he leaves the House to assume new responsibilities in the Senate. It is most appropriate to express our gratitude for his contributions to the legislative process and for his efforts on behalf of the people of the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, A graduate of Michigan State University, Dave Hildenbrand has had a number of positions in state government through which he has demonstrated his skills and his commitment to public service. Before being elected to the House of Representatives in 2004, he served as chief of staff for Senator Bill Hardiman, chief of staff for Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus, district representative for Senator Dick Posthumus, and agriculture policy advisor for Governor John Engler. He has also been very active in his community by being engaged in Habitat for Humanity, Right to Life of Michigan, and the Kent County Farm Bureau; and

Whereas, Representative Hildenbrand’s thoroughness has been exhibited in the manner he has engaged in his committee work. He has served with distinction on the Commerce, the Education, the Insurance, the New Economy and Quality of Life, and the Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation Committees. Most recently, Representative Hildenbrand has served on the Appropriations Committee. Representative Hildenbrand has sponsored legislation in a wide range of areas, with bills being passed dealing with issues such as concealed weapons, brownfield development, mobile homes, local government, and state parks. He has also been recognized by his peers in being chosen assistant floor leader and later as the caucus floor leader. His sense of cooperation and shared concern in facing the state’s challenges has assisted other lawmakers as well; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That tribute be accorded the Honorable Dave Hildenbrand as he completes his service in this legislative body and begins his new responsibilities with the Senate; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Hildenbrand as evidence of our respect and gratitude.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 372.**
A resolution of tribute offered for the Honorable Mike Huckleberry.

Whereas, With great respect for his commitment to our state and its future, we commend our colleague Mike Huckleberry as he brings to a close his service to the people of the Seventieth House District throughout the Ninety-fifth Legislature.
His hard work in devoting his energy to solving Michigan’s problems during an era of great challenge has earned our gratitude, and we offer our best wishes to him and his family; and

Whereas, A native of Grand Rapids who studied at Grand Rapids Community College and Davenport Business College, Mike Huckleberry is a longtime resident and businessman in Greenville who has long been involved in community life. In addition to his deep personal understanding of the demands of operating a restaurant, he also has distinguished himself through local Chamber of Commerce initiatives, and he was intimately involved in the Greenville Task Force fighting to save jobs. These types of activities gave him insights into matters of concern to communities across all of Michigan; and

Whereas, During his term as a lawmaker, Representative Huckleberry worked in several public policy areas. He sought to promote the hiring of Michigan workers, sponsored incentives for renewable energy development and emerging technologies, and worked to protect senior citizens from financial exploitation. In addition, his efforts as the chair of the Agriculture Committee, as well as his contributions to the Commerce, Energy and Technology, and Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committees further reflected his value to the work of this legislative body; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we honor and thank Representative Mike Huckleberry for his service to the Ninety-fifth Legislature; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Huckleberry as evidence of our respect and best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the Michigan House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 373.
A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Bert Johnson.

Whereas, It is an honor and a privilege to extend our gratitude to Representative Bert Johnson as he brings to a close his tenure of service as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives. Over the course of the past four years, Bert Johnson has developed a reputation as a hardworking and conscientious lawmaker. His efforts on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Representative District, and for the people of the entire state of Michigan, testify to his strength of character and leadership. He is to be commended; and

Whereas, Bert Johnson was elected to this legislative body in 2006. His talents and legislative experience paid great dividends as he hit the ground running on taking office in 2007. He served with distinction on a host of committees, including, most recently, serving as the chair of the House Committee on Regulatory Reform, Banking and Financial Services. He has also served on the House Committee on Energy and Technology and the Health Policy Committee. His election to chair the Detroit Caucus stands as a testament to the esteem in which he is held by his peers; and

Whereas, As a highly productive lawmaker, Bert Johnson has sponsored a host of bills, including a number of bills that have had a significant impact on his native Detroit, such as the legislation that became part of the Cobo Hall package, promoted urban transit, and provided a number of consumer protections, including home foreclosure protection and winter utility shutoff protection. His efforts clearly embodied the finest qualities of public service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby offer this expression of tribute to commend and thank Representative Bert Johnson for his notable contributions to this legislative body and the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Johnson as evidence of our esteem and best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 374.
A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Rick Jones.

Whereas, It is with admiration for his tenure as a lawmaker that we join to thank the Honorable Rick Jones for his efforts and dedication. Representative Jones has proven in many ways his strong sense of public service and consideration. His has been a consistent voice for solutions based on his concern for Michigan’s future; and

Whereas, First elected in 2004, Representative Jones came to the Michigan Legislature after 31 years with the Eaton County Sheriff’s Department, including four years as Eaton County Sheriff. In addition to law enforcement, his work in the private sector, including insurance sales, all enhanced Representative Jones’ contributions to the legislative process. His background and insight were valuable assets to the several committees of which he was a member, including Great Lakes and Environment, Judiciary, Military and Veterans Affairs, and Regulatory Reform; and
Whereas, In addition to his public service, Representative Rick Jones has been involved in numerous civic and community organizations. He has been active in Eaton County Hospice, Special Olympics, the Red Cross, Rotary, and Meals on Wheels. Representative Jones is a dedicated public servant for the citizens of the Seventy-first District; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this resolution as an expression of our gratitude to the Honorable Rick Jones for his many contributions to the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Rick Jones as evidence of our thanks and best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 375.
A resolution of tribute offered for the Honorable Deb Kennedy.

Whereas, It is with deep appreciation for her strong commitment to our state and her notable contributions to the work of the Ninety-fifth Legislature that we commend and thank Representative Deb Kennedy. In the same manner in which she has long been dedicated to service in her Downriver community, she was devoted to issues of great significance to the people of the Twenty-third House District and the entire state of Michigan; and

Whereas, A graduate of Central Michigan University, Deb Kennedy gained valuable insights into the challenges of operating a small business through her 30-year career with Mary Kay. She has been actively involved in civic affairs, evident in her efforts running a nonprofit agency offering such diverse services as a 24-hour crisis hotline, senior transportation, and family services. Her years on the Woodhaven-Brownstown Board of Education and its education foundation also reflect her public-mindedness; and

Whereas, Deb Kennedy brought these varied and valuable experiences with her to the Capitol following her 2008 election. Representative Kennedy contributed to the legislative process through her work as a member of the Labor, Education, Great Lakes and Environment, and Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committees. Her voice in these key issue areas has been deeply appreciated; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor and thank Representative Deb Kennedy for her service during the Ninety-fifth Legislature; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Kennedy as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 376.
A resolution of tribute to the Honorable Michael Lahti.

Whereas, It is with appreciation that we thank Representative Lahti for his service to the state in this legislative body. He has been tireless and dedicated in his work on behalf of his constituents in Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon Counties; and

Whereas, A native son of the Upper Peninsula, Michael Lahti graduated from Hancock High school and Northern Michigan University. He worked for years on economic development in the region as a real estate developer and insurance agent. Michael Lahti also served his community as a member of the Hancock School Board, and chair of the County Board of Commissioners, and he continues to serve on the Finlandia University Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, As a legislator, Representative Lahti worked to preserve the state’s conservation and recreation heritage as chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Environment. He steadfastly defended resources for conservation and recreation, particularly in his beloved Upper Peninsula during one of the most difficult fiscal downturns Michigan has faced. Representative Lahti looked for ways to use shrinking resources efficiently as exemplified in his work on managing pharmacy benefits for public employees in his service on the Public Employee Health Reform Committee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we commend and thank Representative Michael Lahti for his service in this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Lahti as evidence of our appreciation and best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.
The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the Michigan House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 377.**

A resolution of tribute to the Honorable Gabe Leland.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we honor and thank the Honorable Gabe Leland as his tenure with the Michigan House of Representatives comes to a close. It is indeed a pleasure and an honor to salute Representative Leland for all he has done on behalf of the people of the Great Lake State, and, in particular, the citizens of Detroit and the Tenth Representative District; and

Whereas, Gabe Leland was elected to the first of his three terms in 2004. Since that time he has compiled an outstanding record of service in the House. This was exemplified by his chairmanship of the House Committee on Urban Policy, where he tackled many complex and long-standing urban problems, such as urban transit, safe routes to school, urban agriculture, and food deserts. He has also served with distinction on related committees, including the House Committees on Great Lakes and Environment, New Economy and Quality of Life, and Transportation. Clearly, his record in the House stands as a testament to his effectiveness, and to his character and leadership. He is to be commended; and

Whereas, A native of Detroit, Representative Gabe Leland had the distinction of following on his father's path of public service as a community activist and as a member of this august body. He has earned a reputation for thoroughness and commitment, and, moreover, his integrity and concern for the well-being of others set a standard for us all. We wish him the best as he ends his tenure of service in the House of Representatives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby extend this expression of gratitude to the Honorable Gabe Leland for his service on behalf of this legislative body and the people of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Leland as a token of our esteem and best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the Michigan House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 378.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable LaMar Lemmons, Jr.

Whereas, As he brings to a close his tenure with the Michigan House of Representatives, it is an honor for the members of this legislative body to salute the Honorable LaMar Lemmons, Jr., for his many contributions on behalf of the people of Michigan, and, in particular, the residents of the Second District. LaMar Lemmons has distinguished himself in his three terms as a state representative, and uniquely, had the opportunity to serve along with his son, LaMar Lemmons, III, who represented the Third District during the Ninety-third Legislature; and

Whereas, LaMar Lemmons’ entire career has embodied public service. As a veteran, businessman, and community leader, he has brought a wealth of talent and valuable insights to the work of the House. He has most recently served on the House Committees on Senior Health, Security and Retirement; Commerce; and Insurance. Through his work in these committees, he fought to bring fairness to auto insurance rates, enact credit reform, and raise the minimum wage, among other favored causes. Indeed, his leadership and concern for the well-being of others are an example for us all; and

Whereas, A native of Memphis, Tennessee, LaMar Lemmons moved to Detroit in 1950. In the ensuing 60 years, he attended the Detroit Institute of Technology, worked at Ford Motor Company and the Eppert Oil Company, and founded Lemmons Transportation. He is above all the proud father of four children. We wish him the best as he brings to a close his tenure with the Michigan House of Representatives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we hereby offer this expression of tribute to thank LaMar Lemmons, Jr., for his contributions to this legislative body and the people of the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Lemmons as evidence of our best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 379.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable James Marleau.

Whereas, It is a privilege for the members of this legislative body to join together in thanking the Honorable James Marleau as he completes his tenure in the Michigan House of Representatives. He has set an example of public service that will benefit the House of Representatives for years to come; and
Whereas, Born in the Lake Orion community, James Marleau earned an associate’s degree in business and finance from the University of Toledo, and studied further at Central Michigan University. He went on to work in the private sector, as a store manager, manufacturer’s representative, and business owner. Active in numerous civic organizations, James Marleau decided to serve the public, including his eight years as the Orion Township Treasurer; and

Whereas, First elected in 2004 to the House of Representatives, Representative Marleau earned the confidence of his constituents, winning reelection in 2006 and 2008. His education and background gave him many insights into shaping the legislation that was considered by the committees he served on over the years, including those dealing with health policy, commerce, banking and financial services, tax policy, energy and technology, and insurance. Representative Marleau provided leadership during his tenure as the chair of JCAR, as the vice chair of the Employment Relations, Training, and Safety Committee, and as the minority vice chair of the Health Policy Committee. We thank him for his dedication to the Legislature and his commitment to the people of the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we honor Representative James Marleau as he concludes his service with the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Marleau as evidence of our esteem.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 380.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Jeff Mayes.

Whereas, It is with great admiration for his commitment to the people of the Ninety-sixth District, as well as the entire state, that we honor Representative Jeff Mayes as he ends his tenure of service as a member of this legislative body; and

Whereas, In 2004, Jeff Mayes was first elected to serve the people of Bay County. A graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor’s degree in political science, he earned the distinction of being an Evans Scholar. Representative Mayes held a number of legislative positions before being elected to the House. He was a legislative assistant to two state representatives, and from 2000 through 2004 he served as Bangor Township Supervisor. Each of these positions well prepared him for his future responsibilities in the Michigan House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Representative Mayes served with distinction on a number of committees while in the Michigan House, and was highlighted by his contributions as the chair of the Agriculture Committee for the Ninety-fourth Legislature and chair of the Energy and Technology Committee for the Ninety-fifth Legislature; and

Whereas, Representative Mayes has been committed to improving the quality of life in the Saginaw Bay community as well as the state as a whole. He has introduced legislation in a wide range of subject areas, with a good number of his bills being enacted, with a noticeable emphasis on agriculture, energy, and economic development legislation. Representative Mayes has been a knowledgeable and pro-active legislator who has consistently served in the role of a consensus builder in addressing the issues facing the people of Michigan; now; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That this tribute be accorded to the Honorable Jeff Mayes with gratitude for his conscientious and thoughtful efforts on behalf of the people of Michigan and in helping make Michigan better equipped to solve the issues facing the state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution is transmitted to our colleague, Representative Jeff Mayes as evidence of our esteem for him and our best wishes to him for the future.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 381.

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Gary McDowell.

Whereas, It is with gratitude that we thank Representative McDowell for his service to the state as he concludes his tenure in this legislative body. His dedicated work on behalf of his constituents in Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, and Mackinac Counties over the past six years has been greatly appreciated; and

Whereas, As a resident of Rudyard, Gary McDowell has logged many miles in service to the area as a UPS delivery driver and in service on numerous public bodies. He was a long-time member of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, serving as chair for four years. Gary McDowell also gave his time to serve on Chippewa County boards for economic development, the War Memorial Hospital, emergency services and preparedness, and recycling. He was a volunteer fire fighter for many years and gave generously of his time as a member of local service organizations; and

Whereas, As a legislator, Representative McDowell worked to chart the state’s course through an especially challenging and prolonged fiscal downturn. He chaired the House Appropriations Subcommittee responsible for the Department of Community Health budget for four years, taking responsibility for one of the state’s largest and most complex budgets.
Representative McDowell worked with colleagues in the House and members of the Senate to fund programs and services relied on by Michigan residents and remain fiscally responsible in years of shrinking budgets; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we extend our gratitude and thanks to Representative Gary McDowell as he concludes his tenure in this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative McDowell as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 382.
A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Arlan Meekhof.

Whereas, It is a special pleasure for the members of this legislative body to join together in paying tribute to our friend and colleague, the Honorable Arlan Meekhof, for his outstanding contributions to the people of the Eighty-ninth House District and the citizens of the entire state during his outstanding service in the House of Representatives. His exemplary leadership and his hard work have earned for him our respect and our praise; and

Whereas, Mr. Meekhof has clearly demonstrated a strong commitment to his constituents and adherence to his principles. Throughout his tenure of service, Representative Meekhof has kept the needs and well-being of the residents of his district in the forefront of his thoughts. He has worked diligently on numerous vital issues, particularly those pertaining to agriculture, boating, ethanol, and taxation; and

Whereas, Over the course of the past four years, Representative Arlan Meekhof has worked to represent his district, as evidenced by his outstanding efforts on the Agriculture Committee, the Commerce Committee, the Great Lakes and Environment Committee, the Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs Committee, and the Tax Policy Committee. In each of these capacities, he has contributed his wealth of knowledge in civic and governmental endeavors as well as his dedication to the public interest to his responsibilities in the House. May he continue to serve the residents of his Senate district as successfully as he has represented the Eighty-ninth House District; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body gratefully acknowledge the contributions of our friend and colleague, Arlan Meekhof, as he concludes his two terms of dedicated and loyal service in the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Meekhof as evidence of our esteem and gratitude.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 383.
A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Kim Meltzer.

Whereas, It is with great appreciation for her service to the people of Michigan that the members of this legislative body join together to thank Representative Kim Meltzer. As she concludes her service in the Michigan House of Representatives, we commend her for her dedication and resolve to address the great issues of our day; and

Whereas, Kim Meltzer is a graduate of Wayne State University who has continued her education at Michigan State University. She is a small-business owner and has experience as a volunteer in her local schools, as well as serving on the boards of community civic organizations. Her experience in local politics includes her tenure on the Clinton Township Board and her work at the grassroots level in congressional, state, and local election campaigns; and

Whereas, Representative Meltzer first won election in 2006 and was reelected in 2008. Her background in local government and in the private sector, where she gained her practical experience with the auto supply network in Michigan, gave her great insights into discussions over tax policy and efforts to support job creation in our state, especially in our urban areas. This experience guided her participation in the Committees on Tax Policy, Urban Policy, and Commerce. She also served as minority vice chair of both the Tax Policy and Ethics and Elections Committees during her tenure. Representative Meltzer’s energy and commitment to her district and state have set an example for others to follow; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we honor Representative Kim Meltzer as she concludes her service with the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Meltzer as evidence of our esteem.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.
The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 384.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Fred Miller.

Whereas, It is a privilege for the members of this legislative body to commend and thank the Honorable Fred Miller as he concludes his tenure of service with the Michigan House of Representatives. The past six years have been challenging times to be a legislator, and his efforts on behalf of the people of his district and the entire state have been greatly appreciated; and

Whereas, Fred Miller has served the people of Macomb County long before he came to Lansing. A graduate of Michigan State University who is also part way toward a master’s degree from Wayne State University, Fred Miller served as a substitute teacher as well as working as a congressional aide and an aide to a Michigan State Senator. His involvement in community and charitable organizations showed his keen desire to help his neighbors, whether near or far; and

Whereas, This experience served Representative Miller well in the Michigan Legislature, ever since his initial victory in 2004. He was returned to Lansing two more times by his constituents, where he worked on issues of importance to his district and the entire state. His work as the chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Colleges has been especially relevant as the Legislature crafted responses to our economic difficulties and the challenges of retraining our workforce; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we honor Representative Miller for his six years of public service in the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Miller as evidence of our esteem.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 385.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Tim Moore.

Whereas, It is a pleasure to commend and thank Representative Tim Moore for his service to the state of Michigan as he brings to a close his tenure as a member of this legislative body. His dedication and concern for his constituents in the counties of Arenac, Bay, Clare, and Gladwin have been deeply appreciated and we wish him well in his future endeavors; and

Whereas, A graduate of Ferris State University in business administration, Tim Moore owned and operated his own business before being elected to public service in this legislative body. As a small business owner and family man, he found time to volunteer his talents to better his community through work with the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and Knights of Columbus. His lifelong love of the outdoors led him to membership in outdoor organizations and to advocate for those interests in Lansing; and

Whereas, Representative Moore’s work in Lansing has been highlighted by his service on committees addressing numerous challenging policy areas, including energy; children, families, and seniors; insurance; financial institutions; health; transportation; and, natural resources. He worked to establish a dedicated revenue stream to support the state’s tourism industry, provide access to state lands for all recreational users, mostly recently horse riders, and address equity issues in state funding of K-12 education; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our respect and thanks to Representative Tim Moore as he brings to a close his service as State Representative for the Ninety-seventh District; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Moore as evidence of our gratitude and best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 386.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Judy Nerat.

Whereas, It is with admiration and appreciation that we commend Representative Judy Nerat for her service to the state in this legislative body. Her dedicated service to the constituents of Delta, Dickinson, and Menominee Counties during her tenure has been greatly appreciated; and

Whereas, As a lifelong resident of the Upper Peninsula, Judy Nerat developed a passion for the outdoors and quality of life provided to UP residents. Her experience as a small business owner for 34 years gave her unique perspectives on the most valuable services offered by government to its citizens. Judy Nerat began her public service in elective office by serving on the Menominee County Road Commission for two terms. Her leadership skills were recognized by her peers
as she was appointed to the County Road Association of Michigan’s Commissioners’ Committee and elected as a director of the self-insurance fund; and

Whereas, As a member of this chamber, Representative Judy Nerat pursued her passions to protect the natural resources of the Upper Peninsula, open lands to outdoor enthusiasts, encourage economic development, support small businesses, and see to the state’s transportation needs. In her life and public service, Representative Nerat has met many challenges and continued to represent the needs of her constituents with dedication and commitment to service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we express our admiration and appreciation to Representative Judy Nerat for her public service in this chamber; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Judy Nerat as evidence of our appreciation and best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 387.**

A resolution of tribute for the Honorable Andy Neumann.

Whereas, It is with appreciation and gratitude that we thank Representative Neumann for his service to the state as he concludes his tenure in this legislative body. His dedicated service to the constituents of Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, and Presque Isle Counties during his tenure has been greatly appreciated; and

Whereas, A native son of Alpena, Andy Neumann made Michigan’s northeastern coast his home, graduating from Alpena public schools and community college. Always committed to public service, he became a fire fighter and paramedic willing to respond to all emergencies. Never wavering from the commitment to public service, Andy Neumann volunteered hours of time to conducting CPR classes and serving on boards of directors for Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan, the Michigan Center for Rural Health, Northeast Medical Control Board. He also served the entire state as the Michigan State Fire Marshal; and

Whereas, As a legislator, Representative Neumann continued to look out for those in need, serving as chair of the standing committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement, as well as a member of standing committees on Families and Children’s Services, Health Policy, and Insurance. Representative Neumann sponsored legislation that was part of a package of bills enacted to prevent utility shutoffs that can have tragic consequences for senior citizens and those with special health care needs. His defense of citizens who cannot always defend themselves has been a constant element of his public service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we commend and thank Representative Andy Neumann as he concludes his service in this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Neumann as evidence of our appreciation and best wishes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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, December 1:

- **House Bill No. 6580**
- **Senate Bill Nos. 1586 1587 1588 1589 1590 1591**

Messages from the Senate

**House Bill No. 5640, entitled**

A bill to authorize local units of government to adopt property assessed clean energy programs and to create districts to promote the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by owners of certain real property; to provide for the financing of such programs through voluntary property assessments, commercial lending, and other means; to authorize a local unit of government to issue bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness and to pay the cost of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements from the proceeds thereof; to provide for the
The Senate has concurred in the House amendment to the Senate substitute (S-1) and agreed to the title of the bill as amended.

The bill was referred to the Clerk for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

House Bill No. 6359, entitled
A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 20126 and 20126a (MCL 324.20126 and 324.20126a), section 20126 as amended by 1999 PA 196 and section 20126a as added by 1995 PA 71, and by adding section 20114e.

The Senate has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The House agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Clerk for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

House Bill No. 6360, entitled
A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 20107a and 20108b (MCL 324.20107a and 324.20108b), section 20107a as amended and section 20108b as added by 1996 PA 383.

The Senate has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The House agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Clerk for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

House Bill No. 6363, entitled
A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 20112a, 20113, and 20114 (MCL 324.20112a, 324.20113, and 324.20114), section 20112a as added and section 20114 as amended by 1995 PA 71 and section 20113 as amended by 1996 PA 383.

The Senate has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The House agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Clerk for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

House Bill No. 6416, entitled
A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 5204 and 19708 (MCL 324.5204 and 324.19708), section 5204 as amended by 2005 PA 253 and section 19708 as amended by 2005 PA 256, and by adding sections 5204b, 5204c, and 19703a.

The Senate has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The House agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Clerk for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

House Bill No. 4410, entitled
A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending sections 1278a and 1278b (MCL 380.1278a and 380.1278b), section 1278a as amended by 2008 PA 316 and section 1278b as amended by 2007 PA 141.

The Senate has substituted (S-2) the bill.

The Senate has passed the bill as substituted (S-2) and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to provide for the regulation of
school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 1249, 1278a, and 1278b (MCL 380.1249, 380.1278a, and 380.1278b), section 1249 as added and section 1278a as amended by 2009 PA 205 and section 1278b as amended by 2010 PA 80.

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

House Bill No. 4583, entitled
A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending section 5133 (MCL 333.5133), as amended by 1994 PA 420.

The Senate has amended the bill as follows:
1. Amend page 3, line 4, after “which” by striking out “SEPTEMBER 1, 2010” and inserting “JANUARY 1, 2011”.
2. Amend page 4, line 13, after “1989” by striking out “SEPTEMBER 1, 2010” and inserting “JANUARY 1, 2011”.
3. Amend page 8, line 4, after “effect” by striking out “September 1, 2010” and inserting “January 1, 2011”.

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

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

House Bill No. 5887, entitled
A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 11, 11d, 11m, 11p, 22a, 51a, and 56 (MCL 388.1611, 388.1611d, 388.1611m, 388.1611p, 388.1622a, 388.1651a, and 388.1656), section 11 as amended by 2010 PA 204, sections 11d, 11m, 22a, 51a, and 56 as amended by 2010 PA 110, and section 11p as added by 2010 PA 205, and by adding section 152a.

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

The Senate has passed the bill as substituted (S-1), ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

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


Introduction of Bills

Reps. Geiss and Mayes introduced
House Bill No. 6581, entitled
A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 62501, 62502, 62508, 62509, 62509a, and 62516 (MCL 324.62501, 324.62502, 324.62508, 324.62509, 324.62509a, and 324.62516), section 62501 as amended and section 62509a as added by 1998 PA 467, sections 62502, 62508, and 62516 as added by 1995 PA 57, and section 62509 as amended by 2004 PA 325, and by adding part 627 to subchapter 3 of chapter 3 of article III.

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

Reps. Geiss and Mayes introduced
House Bill No. 6582, entitled
A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding sections 62715, 62717, 62719, 62721, 62723, 62725, 62727, 62729, 62731, 62733, 62735, 62737, 62739, 62741, 62743, and 62745.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.
Reps. Geiss and Mayes introduced
House Bill No. 6583, entitled
A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 13f of chapter XVII (MCL 777.13f), as added by 2002 PA 30.
The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Reps. Gonzales, Spade, Polidori, Huckleberry and Ball introduced
House Bill No. 6584, entitled
A bill to require state and local governmental entities to undertake energy audits of their facilities and implement energy conservation measures; to provide for energy service contracts and the financing thereof; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.
The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Rep. Melton introduced
House Bill No. 6585, entitled
A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled “Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act,” by amending sections 2a and 8b (MCL 125.1502a and 125.1508b), section 2a as added by 1999 PA 245 and section 8b as amended by 2006 PA 192.
The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Notices

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Government Operations from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 48.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Transportation from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1269.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Appropriations from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1150.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Tax Policy from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 77.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Tax Policy from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 192.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Tax Policy from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 283.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Government Operations from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 810.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Insurance from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 825.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Tax Policy from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 883.

Rep. Angerer
I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 944.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Families and Children’s Services from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1118.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Families and Children’s Services from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1119.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Families and Children’s Services from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1120.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1237.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1253.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1254.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1255.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Education from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1284.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Agriculture from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1396.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Agriculture from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1397.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Education from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1421.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Appropriations from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1484.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Appropriations from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1485.  

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1499.  

Rep. Angerer
I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Education from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1509.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Banking and Financial Services from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1525.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Tax Policy from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1527.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Appropriations from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 1558.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Appropriations from further consideration of House Bill No. 6557.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Appropriations from further consideration of House Concurrent Resolution No. 63.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Government Operations from further consideration of House Resolution No. 367.

Rep. Angerer

I hereby give notice that on the next legislative session day I will move to discharge the Committee on Education from further consideration of Senate Bill No. 638.

Rep. Melton

Rep. Espinoza moved that the House adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 9:45 p.m.

Associate Speaker Pro Tempore Scripps declared the House adjourned until Thursday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m.

RICHARD J. BROWN
Clerk of the House of Representatives