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House Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, February 18, 2003.

Sheen—present

1:00 p.m.

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

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

Accavitti—present Acciavatti - present Adamini — present Amos—present Anderson - present Bieda—present Bisbee-present Bradstreet - present Brandenburg—present Brown-present Byrum-present Casperson—present Caswell-present Caul-present Cheeks—present Clack—present Condino-present Daniels—present Dennis- present DeRoche—present DeRossett-present Drolet-present Ehardt—present Elkins—present Emmons—present Farhat - present Farrah — present

Garfield—present Gieleghem - present Gillard—present Gleason-present Hager-present Hardman—present Hart-excused Hood-present Hoogendyk-present Hopgood-present Howell-present Huizenga-present Hummel—present Hune-present Hunter—present Jamnick—present Johnson, Rick-present Johnson, Ruth—present Julian — present Koetje-present Kolb—present Kooiman—present LaJoy — present LaSata—present Law-excused Lipsey—present McConico—present

Meisner-present Meyer—present Middaugh—present Milosch-present Minore-present Moolenaar-present Murphy-present Newell-present Nitz-present Nofs-present O'Neil—present Paletko—present Palmer-present Palsrok-present Pappageorge — present Pastor-present Phillips—excused Plakas—excused Pumford—present Reeves-present Richardville-present Rivet—present Robertson—present Rocca—present Sak-present Shackleton—present

Shaffer—present

Sheltrown-present Shulman—present Smith—present Spade-present Stahl-present Stakoe - present Stallworth—present Steil—present Stewart-present Tabor—present Taub-present Tobocman-present Vagnozzi-present Van Regenmorter—present Vander Veen—present Voorhees—present Walker—present Ward-present Waters-present Wenke-present Whitmer—present Williams - present Wojno-present Woodward-present Woronchak - present Zelenko—present

Gaffney—present

Rep. Rich Brown, from the 110th District, offered the following invocation:

"Dear God, thank You for this wonderful day; thank You for this beautiful state; thank You for this great country; and thank You for this opportunity to serve as we face the difficult days ahead. Please give us the strength, wisdom, courage and, most of all, the compassion to do what is right for the people we represent, so that when we end our time in this great house, we can leave with our heads held high knowing we have done our best. We ask this in Your name. Amen."

Rep. Palmer moved that Rep. Hart be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Waters moved that Reps. Law, Phillips and Plakas be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Motions and Resolutions

Reps. Spade, Accavitti, Adamini, Anderson, Brown, Caswell, Daniels, DeRossett, Drolet, Ehardt, Elkins, Farrah, Garfield, Gillard, Gleason, Jamnick, Lipsey, Minore, Murphy, Paletko, Richardville, Sak, Sheltrown, Smith, Stallworth, Stewart, Vagnozzi, Waters and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 18.

A resolution memorializing the United States Postal Service and the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a commemorative postal stamp to depict coal miners.

Whereas, Coal was first discovered in Michigan in 1835. Coal mining was a significant industry in this state until the last deep coal mine closed in 1952. Portions of 32 counties in central lower Michigan are included in Michigan's coal basin with an estimated 300 million tons of reserves still in existence and available for mining; and

Whereas, Pioneers first began extracting bituminous coal near Jackson and used it as fuel to power locomotives and large factory engines following the Civil War. Larger operations opened in the late 1880s in Bay and Saginaw Counties and by the 1900s were producing almost 800,000 tons of coal; and

Whereas, Coal mining in Michigan reached its peak in 1907, producing 2 million tons in that one year, compared to 3.4 million tons during the entire previous century. When Michigan's last coal mine, located in Saginaw County, closed in 1952, the state's mines had produced approximately 46 million tons of coal. While an open-pit mine operated briefly in Ingham County in the mid-1970s, falling prices had brought an end to mining in the state; and

Whereas, Early mining operations in Michigan saw workers overcome incredible difficulties to bring coal to the surface. They frequently had to stand in pools of water, breathe rank air, and use lard lamps to see what they were doing. Often, miners had to lie on their bellies in wet mud while chipping away at the seams of coal; and

Whereas, Our entire nation could never repay coal miners for the difficult and dangerous job they performed so that we could operate our industries and heat our homes; and

Whereas, It would be proper and fitting for our nation to recognize coal miners, both past and present, for their contributions to this nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body memorialize the United States Postal Service and the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a commemorative postal stamp to depict our coal miners; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Postal Service, members of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the Michigan congressional delegation.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Great Lakes and Tourism.

Reps. Spade, Accavitti, Adamini, Bradstreet, Brown, Daniels, DeRossett, Ehardt, Elkins, Farrah, Garfield, Gillard, Gleason, Jamnick, Lipsey, Minore, Murphy, Paletko, Sak, Sheltrown, Smith, Stallworth, Stewart, Vagnozzi, Waters and Zelenko offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 19.

A resolution to urge the Michigan Civil Service Commission to rescind its requirement that all new hires must use electronic funds transfer to receive their pay.

Whereas, The Michigan Civil Service Commission recently adopted a rule that provides that all new employees hired by the state can only receive their paycheck in electronic format. Contrary to current policies, which have been in place for many years, state employees who join the state work force will not have the option of receiving all or part of their wages in a traditional check. The new requirement, Rule 5-15, effectively reduces flexibility for workers and their families; and

Whereas, While many people who work for the state, like employees elsewhere, already utilize the electronic transfer option, there are many others who have serious concerns with electronic transfers. Reports of identity theft and computer crimes are worrisome to many who do not feel comfortable with what they feel is an unnecessary risk to their paycheck. Other workers may choose not to sign up for electronic payroll deposit because they want the added flexibility a paper check provides them when they do their banking with more than one institution; and

Whereas, Although there are good reasons for the state to promote electronic transfer for wages, it is wrong for the state to provide no option for its workers. The heavy-handed approach represented by the new rule is not needed and is inconsiderate for employees who have serious objections to electronic funds transfer for their paycheck; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Michigan Civil Service Commission to rescind its requirement that all new hires must use electronic funds transfer to receive their pay; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Civil Service Commission.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Reps. Brandenburg, Hoogendyk, Kooiman, Caswell, Nitz, Drolet, LaJoy, Acciavatti, Stahl, Vander Veen, Richardville, Taub, Voorhees, Ehardt, Sheen, Emmons, Palmer, Hummel, Bradstreet, DeRossett, Garfield, Huizenga, Julian, Meyer, Pastor, Shulman and Stewart offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the President's 2003 economic growth and tax relief plan.

Whereas, President Bush has proposed an economic growth and tax relief plan designed to strengthen the American economy and deliver critical help to unemployed citizens; and

Whereas, The President's plan would end the double taxation on dividends, speed up tax cuts passed in 2001, encourage business investment, and help unemployed workers. These measures will speed economic recovery and encourage the creation of more jobs; and

Whereas, More than half of the American population invests in the stock market. Senior citizens receive approximately half of all dividend payments. In addition to the direct benefits of the proposal to eliminate the double taxation of dividends, all citizens and businesses in the country benefit from a strong stock market; and

Whereas, Everyone who pays taxes, especially middle-income Americans, will receive additional relief from the acceleration of the reduction of the marriage penalty tax, a faster increase in the child tax credit, and the immediate implementation of the new, lower, 10 percent tax bracket; and

Whereas, Every small business that purchases equipment will benefit greatly from the increase in expense limits from \$25,000 to \$75,000. This added incentive will help businesses grow by strongly encouraging the reinvestment of capital into the economy. The end result will be more jobs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the President's 2003 economic growth and tax relief plan; and be it further

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

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Reps. Spade, Accavitti, Adamini, Anderson, Brown, Caswell, Daniels, DeRossett, Drolet, Ehardt, Elkins, Farrah, Garfield, Gillard, Gleason, Jamnick, Lipsey, Minore, Murphy, Paletko, Richardville, Sak, Sheltrown, Smith, Stallworth, Stewart, Vagnozzi, Waters and Zelenko offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

A concurrent resolution memorializing the United States Postal Service and the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee to issue a commemorative postal stamp to depict coal miners.

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Whereas, Pioneers first began extracting bituminous coal near Jackson and used it as fuel to power locomotives and large factory engines following the Civil War. Larger operations opened in the late 1880s in Bay and Saginaw Counties and by the 1900s were producing almost 800,000 tons of coal; and

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Whereas, Early mining operations in Michigan saw workers overcome incredible difficulties to bring coal to the surface. They frequently had to stand in pools of water, breathe rank air, and use lard lamps to see what they were doing. Often, miners had to lie on their bellies in wet mud while chipping away at the seams of coal; and

Whereas, Our entire nation could never repay coal miners for the difficult and dangerous job they performed so that we could operate our industries and heat our homes; and

Whereas, It would be proper and fitting for our nation to recognize coal miners, both past and present, for their contributions to this nation; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Postal Service, members of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the Michigan congressional delegation.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Committee on Great Lakes and Tourism.

Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Agriculture and Resource Management, by Rep. Meyer, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4010, 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 section 2 (MCL 207.552), as amended by 2002 PA 280.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills and laid over one day.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Meyer, Nitz, DeRossett, Hager, Casperson, Hune, Stahl, Sheltrown and Spade

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Reps. Meyer, Nitz, DeRossett, Hager, Casperson, Hune, Stahl, Sheltrown, Rivet and Spade

Absent: Rep. Law Excused: Rep. Law

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Nofs, Chair of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Thursday, February 13, 2003, at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Reps. Nofs, Garfield, Richardville, Pappageorge, Woronchak, Casperson, Woodward, Sheltrown, Spade and Elkins

Absent: Rep. Ruth Johnson Excused: Rep. Ruth Johnson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Thursday, February 13, 2003, at 11:07 a.m. Present: Reps. Palsrok, Brandenburg, Law and Gleason

Absent: Reps. Tabor, Meyer and Stallworth Excused: Reps. Tabor, Meyer and Stallworth

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Ward, Chair of the Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Reps. Ward, Robertson, DeRossett, Hager, Stakoe, Wenke, Jamnick, Hardman, Tobocman and Accavitti

Absent: Rep. Drolet Excused: Rep. Drolet

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Ehardt, Chair of the Committee on Health Policy, was received and read: Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Reps. Ehardt, Vander Veen, Ruth Johnson, Rocca, Hart, Woronchak, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Gaffney, Hune, Ward, Adamini, Wojno, Hardman, O'Neil, Gillard and Clack

Notices

February 13, 2003

Gary Randall Clerk of the House Room 70, Capitol Building Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Mr. Randall:

With this letter I am authorizing the House Appropriation's Committee FIA Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Jerry Kooiman, to hold meetings at the following locations:

- Thursday, February 20, 2003 W.J. Maxey Training School, Whitmore Lake
- Thursday, February 27, 2003 Wedgewood Community Services Office, Grand Rapids

Sincerely, Rick Johnson Speaker of the House

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, Wednesday, February 12:

Senate Bill Nos. 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173

The Clerk announced that the following bills had been printed and placed upon the files of the members, Friday, February 14:

House Bill Nos. 4210 4211 4212 4213 4214 4215 4216 4217 4218 4219 4220 4221 4222 4223 4224 4225 4226 4227 4228 4229 4230 4231 4232

Communications from State Officers

The following communication from the Auditor General was received and read:

February 13, 2003

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or report summary: Performance Audit of the Bureau of Elections
Department of State
February 2003

Sincerely, Thomas H. McTavish, C.P.A. Auditor General

The communication was referred to the Clerk and the accompanying report referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Introduction of Bills

Rep. Steil introduced

House Bill No. 4233, entitled

A bill to amend 1941 PA 122, entitled "An act to establish the revenue collection duties of the department of treasury; to prescribe its powers and duties as the revenue collection agency of the state; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the state treasurer; to regulate the importation, stamping, and disposition of certain tobacco products; to provide for the transfer of powers and duties now vested in certain other state boards, commissions, departments and offices; to prescribe certain duties of and require certain reports from the department of treasury; to provide procedures for the payment, administration, audit, assessment, levy of interests or penalties on, and appeals of taxes and tax liability; to prescribe its powers and duties if an agreement to act as agent for a city to administer, collect, and enforce the city income tax act on behalf of a city is entered into with any city; to provide an appropriation; to abolish the state board of tax administration; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to declare the effect of this act," by amending section 3 (MCL 205.3), as amended by 2002 PA 657.

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

Reps. Steil, Brandenburg and Voorhees introduced

House Bill No. 4234, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.157) by adding section 9j. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

Reps. Voorhees, Vander Veen, Garfield, LaJoy, Steil, Sheen, Huizenga and Kooiman introduced

House Bill No. 4235, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 260 (MCL 206.260), as amended by 1996 PA 484.

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

Rep. Ehardt introduced

House Bill No. 4236, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 16131 and 16263 (MCL 333.16131 and 333.16263), as amended by 2001 PA 139, and by adding section 16344 and part 187.

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

Rep. Ward introduced

House Bill No. 4237, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 737a (MCL 168.737a), as added by 1996 PA 461.

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

Reps. Rivet, Howell, Newell, Nofs, Stahl, Stakoe, Elkins, Julian, Ward and Hune introduced

House Bill No. 4238, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 622 (MCL 257.622), as amended by 1991 PA 168.

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

Reps. Rivet, Kooiman, Lipsey, Dennis, Minore, Kolb, Brown, Adamini, Murphy, Bieda, Accavitti, Wojno, Elkins, Gillard, Phillips and LaSata introduced

House Bill No. 4239, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 726 (MCL 168.726) and by adding sections 38, 726a, and 726b.

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

Reps. Hunter, McConico, Cheeks, Vagnozzi, Smith, Condino, Murphy, Gleason, Stallworth and Phillips introduced House Bill No. 4240, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 2111c. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

Reps. Hunter, McConico, Hopgood, Lipsey, Cheeks, Vagnozzi, Smith, Clack, Murphy, Minore, Gleason, Stallworth, Dennis and Phillips introduced

House Bill No. 4241, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 20155 (MCL 333.20155), as amended by 2001 PA 218.

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

Reps. Hunter, McConico, Hopgood, Lipsey, Cheeks, Vagnozzi, Smith, Clack, Condino, Murphy, Minore, Gleason, Stallworth and Phillips introduced

House Bill No. 4242, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 106 (MCL 400.106), as amended by 1990 PA 145, and by adding section 106a.

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

Reps. Hunter, McConico, Cheeks, Vagnozzi, Smith, Clack, Condino, Waters, Murphy, Minore, Gleason, Stallworth and Phillips introduced

House Bill No. 4243, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 300, entitled "The public school employees retirement act of 1979," by amending section 75 (MCL 38.1375), as amended by 1989 PA 194.

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

Reps. Minore, Spade, Dennis and Jamnick introduced

House Bill No. 4244, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 300, entitled "The public school employees retirement act of 1979," by amending section 91 (MCL 38.1391), as amended by 1998 PA 85.

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

Reps. Minore, Zelenko and Clack introduced

House Bill No. 4245, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 961a (MCL 168.961a), as amended by 1999 PA 220.

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

Reps. Howell and Gaffney introduced

House Bill No. 4246, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 2, 412, 413a, 415, 416, 417, 424, 424a, 432, 433, 433a, 435, 435a, 436, 437, 444, 467a, 467b, 467c, 467e, 467f, 467g, 467m, and 544b (MCL 168.2, 168.412, 168.413a, 168.415, 168.416, 168.417, 168.424, 168.424a, 168.432, 168.433, 168.433a, 168.435, 168.435a, 168.437, 168.444, 168.467a, 168.467b, 168.467c, 168.467e, 168.467f, 168.467g, 168.467m, and 168.544b), section 2 as amended by 2002 PA 163, sections 413a, 424, 424a, 433, 433a, 444, 467b, 467c, and 467m as amended by 1999 PA 218, sections 415, 416, 435, 435a, 436, 467e, and 467f as amended by 1990 PA 32, section 467a as amended by 1981 PA 4, and section 544b as amended by 1999 PA 216, and by adding section 38; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Rep. Van Regenmorter introduced

House Bill No. 4247, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 310d, 310e, 319, 624b, 625, 625a, 625c, 625g, 625i, and 625m (MCL 257.310d, 257.310e, 257.319, 257.624b, 257.625, 257.625a, 257.625c, 257.625g, 257.625i, and 257.625m), sections 310d and 625g as amended by 1999 PA 73, section 310e as amended by 2002 PA 554, section 319 as amended by 2002 PA 534, section 624b as amended by 1998 PA 349, sections 625 and 625m as amended by 2000 PA 460, section 625a as amended by 1998 PA 351, section 625c as amended by 1998 PA 350, and section 625i as amended by 1998 PA 354, and by adding section 1d.

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

Rep. Van Regenmorter introduced

House Bill No. 4248, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending sections 12f, 33, and 48 of chapter XVII (MCL 777.12f, 777.33, and 777.48), section 12f as added by 2002 PA 34 and sections 33 and 48 as amended by 2000 PA 279.

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

Reps. Gleason, Vagnozzi, Condino, Clack, Sak, O'Neil, Stallworth, Anderson, Accavitti, Tobocman, Meisner, Bieda, Lipsey, Sheltrown, Gillard, Smith, Daniels, Law, Murphy, Hunter, Plakas, Spade, Woodward, Gieleghem, Jamnick, McConico, Minore, Waters, Stahl, Stakoe, Casperson and Hardman introduced

House Bill No. 4249, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 2855a. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. Byrum moved that the House adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 1:50 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Wednesday, February 19, at 1:00 p.m.

GARY L. RANDALL Clerk of the House of Representatives