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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	Emmons—present	Leland—present	Robertson—present
Acciavatti—present	Espinoza—present	Lemmons, III—present	Rocca—present
Adamini—present	Farhat—present	Lemmons, Jr.—present	Sak—present
Amos—present	Farrah—present	Lipsey—present	Schuitmaker—present
Anderson—present	Gaffney—present	Marleau—present	Shaffer—present
Angerer—present	Garfield—present	Mayes—present	Sheen—present
Ball—present	Gillard—present	McConico—present	Sheltrown—present
Baxter—present	Gleason—present	McDowell—present	Smith, Alma—present
Bennett—present	Gonzales—present	Meisner—present	Smith, Virgil—present
Bieda—present	Gosselin—present	Meyer—present	Spade—present
Booher—present	Green—present	Miller—present	Stahl—present
Brandenburg—present	Hansen—present	Moolenaar—present	Stakoe—present
Brown—present	Hildenbrand—present	Moore—present	Steil—present
Byrnes—present	Hood—present	Mortimer—present	Stewart—present
Byrum—present	Hoogendyk—present	Murphy—present	Taub—present
Casperson—present	Hopgood—present	Newell—present	Tobocman—present
Caswell—present	Huizenga—present	Nitz—present	Vagnozzi—present
Caul—present	Hummel—present	Nofs—present	Van Regenmorter—present
Cheeks—present	Hune—present	Palmer—present	Vander Veen—present
Clack—present	Hunter—present	Palsrok—present	Walker—present
Clemente—present	Jones—present	Pastor—present	Ward—present
Condino—present	Kahn—present	Pavlov—present	Waters—present
Cushingberry—present	Kehrl—present	Pearce—present	Wenke—present
DeRoche—present	Kolb—present	Phillips—present	Whitmer—present
Dillon—present	Kooiman—present	Plakas—present	Williams—present
Donigan—present	LaJoy—present	Polidori—present	Wojno—present
Drolet—present	Law, David—present	Proos—present	Zelenko—present
Elsenheimer—present	Law, Kathleen—present		

e/d/s = entered during session

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

“The Book of Proverbs 15:22 says: ‘Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.’

Lord, You have put in our hands the affairs of the State of Michigan. You have given us a great responsibility to be here on behalf of so many. May we give and receive good counsel in fulfilling our duties. May we exercise prudence and patience with each other in our work. Send us good counsel that we may succeed and open our hearts to wisdom. Bless our work here today. Amen.”

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4342, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled “Single business tax act,” by amending section 4 (MCL 208.4), as amended by 2003 PA 240; 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:

Roll Call No. 21

Yeas—66

Acciavatti	Gaffney	Marleau	Rocca
Amos	Garfield	McDowell	Schuitmaker
Angerer	Gosselin	Meyer	Shaffer
Ball	Green	Moolenaar	Sheen
Baxter	Hansen	Moore	Sheltrown
Booher	Hildenbrand	Mortimer	Spade
Brandenburg	Hoogendyk	Newell	Stahl
Byrnes	Huizenga	Nitz	Stakoe
Casperson	Hummel	Nofs	Steil
Caswell	Hune	Palmer	Stewart
Caul	Jones	Palsrok	Taub
DeRoche	Kahn	Pastor	Van Regenmorter
Drolet	Kehrl	Pavlov	Vander Veen
Elsenheimer	Kooiman	Pearce	Walker
Emmons	LaJoy	Proos	Ward
Espinoza	Law, David	Robertson	Wenke
Farhat	Lemmons, Jr.		

Nays—44

Accavitti	Cushingberry	Law, Kathleen	Polidori
Adamini	Dillon	Leland	Sak
Anderson	Donigan	Lemmons, III	Smith, Alma
Bennett	Farrah	Lipsey	Smith, Virgil
Bieda	Gillard	Mayer	Tobocman
Brown	Gleason	McConico	Vagnozzi
Byrum	Gonzales	Meisner	Waters
Cheeks	Hood	Miller	Whitmer
Clack	Hopgood	Murphy	Williams
Clemente	Hunter	Phillips	Wojno
Condino	Kolb	Plakas	Zelenko

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

Reps. Brandenburg, Casperson, DeRoche, Gaffney, Meyer, Palmer, Stakoe and Walker were named co-sponsors of the bill.

Rep. Bieda, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I voted no on House Bill 4342 because, although well-meaning, the bill is simply fiscally irresponsible. Michigan’s General Fund continues to face a structural deficit, even as General Fund spending has been cut by \$1.2 billion in the last 4 years. The bill exacerbates the structural deficit because proponents of the bill have failed to demonstrate how the approximately \$33 million General Fund hole created by the bill will be filled. There are no answers when we ask, how are we going to pay for this proposal? As we must annually balance the budget, it can only be assumed that the bill will likely result in either tax increases for other taxpayers not benefiting from the bill or additional cuts to education, health care, or public safety.

The Governor has proposed a sensible plan that balances the budget by closing an additional \$773 General Fund shortfall for FY 2006, while providing substantial tax relief to 77 percent of businesses that have single business tax (SBT) liability in the state through a comprehensive reform package. Tinkering around the edges is no longer an option. We need real reform.

Rather than debating the merits of the comprehensive SBT reform that businesses across the state are demanding, the bill’s proponents are attempting to rush through a piecemeal approach that provides minimal, temporary tax relief to fewer businesses. They have offered no evidence that health care coverage would be expanded under the bill or that new jobs would be created.

On the other hand, the Governor has proposed a tax relief package that is specifically aimed at keeping jobs in Michigan, attracting the jobs of the future, and making the overall business tax structure simpler and fairer. It would also reduce the so-called ‘health care add back’ liability of Michigan businesses. All of these elements are related and need to be addressed in a comprehensive manner. The Governor’s proposal demonstrates that we can provide tax relief, make the system fairer, and maintain fiscal responsibility. It appears that the rush to push through a fiscally-irresponsible piecemeal bill is an attempt to score political points and preempt debate on comprehensive SBT reform. Unfortunately, that strategy may leave us with the same broken business tax system we have today and an even larger hole in the budget.”

Rep. Zelenko, having reserved the right to explain her protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

Rather than debating the merits of the comprehensive SBT reform that businesses across the state are demanding, the bill’s proponents are attempting to rush through a piecemeal approach that provides minimal, temporary tax relief to fewer businesses. They have offered no evidence that health care coverage would be expanded under the bill or that new jobs would be created.

On the other hand, the Governor has proposed a tax relief package that is specifically aimed at keeping jobs in Michigan, attracting the jobs of the future, and making the overall business tax structure simpler and fairer. It would also reduce the so-called ‘health care add back’ liability of Michigan businesses. All of these elements are related and need to be addressed in a comprehensive manner. The Governor’s proposal demonstrates that we can provide tax relief, make the system fairer, and maintain fiscal responsibility. It appears that the rush to push through a fiscally-irresponsible piecemeal bill is an attempt to score political points and preempt debate on comprehensive SBT reform. Unfortunately, that strategy may leave us with the same broken business tax system we have today and an even larger hole in the budget.”

Rep. Gonzales, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I voted on House Bill 4342 because, although well-meaning, the bill is simply fiscally irresponsible. Michigan’s General Fund continues to face a structural deficit, even as General Fund spending has been cut by \$1.2 billion in the last 4 years. The bill exacerbates the structural deficit because proponents of the bill have failed to demonstrate how

the approximately \$33 million General Fund hole created by the bill will be filled. There are no answers when we ask, how are we going to pay for this proposal? As we must annually balance the budget, it can only be assumed that the bill will likely result in either tax increases for other taxpayers not benefiting from the bill or additional cuts to education, health care, or public safety.

A major re-write of the SBT statute is needed. The Governor has proposed a sensible plan that balances the budget by closing an additional \$773 General Fund shortfall for FY 2006, while providing substantial tax relief to 77 percent of businesses that have single business tax (SBT) liability in the state through a comprehensive reform package. Tinkering around the edges is no longer an option. We need real reform.

Rather than debating the merits of the comprehensive SBT reform that businesses across the state are demanding, the bill's proponents are attempting to rush through a piecemeal approach that provides minimal, temporary tax relief to fewer businesses. They have offered no evidence that health care coverage would be expanded under the bill or that new jobs would be created.

On the other hand, the Governor has proposed a tax relief package that is specifically aimed at keeping jobs in Michigan, attracting the jobs of the future, and making the overall business tax structure simpler and fairer. It would also reduce the so-called 'health care add back' liability of Michigan businesses. All of these elements are related and need to be addressed in a comprehensive manner. The Governor's proposal demonstrates that we can provide tax relief, make the system fairer, and maintain fiscal responsibility. It appears that the rush to push through a fiscally-irresponsible piecemeal bill is an attempt to score political points and preempt debate on comprehensive SBT reform. Unfortunately, that strategy may leave us with the same broken business tax system we have today and an even larger hole in the budget."

Rep. Mayes, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I support the intent of this bill, however, it fails to address the larger issue of SBT reform proposed by Governor Granholm. Furthermore, it fails to address the critical issue of how we are going to pay for the \$33 million proposal and what state services will be put at risk in this time of a challenging budget."

Rep. Hunter, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I voted no on House Bill 4342 because, although well-meaning, the bill is simply fiscally irresponsible. Michigan's General Fund continues to face a structural deficit, even as General Fund spending has been cut by \$1.2 billion in the last 4 years. The bill exacerbates the structural deficit because proponents of the bill have failed to demonstrate how the approximately \$33 million General Fund hole created by the bill will be filled. There are no answers when we ask, how are we going to pay for this proposal? As we must annually balance the budget, it can only be assumed that the bill will likely result in either tax increases for other taxpayers not benefiting from the bill or additional cuts to education, health care, or public safety.

The Governor has proposed a sensible plan that balances the budget by closing an additional \$773 General Fund shortfall for FY 2006, while providing substantial tax relief to 77 percent of businesses that have single business tax (SBT) liability in the state through a comprehensive reform package. Tinkering around the edges is no longer an option. We need real reform.

Rather than debating the merits of the comprehensive SBT reform that businesses across the state are demanding, the bill's proponents are attempting to rush through a piecemeal approach that provides minimal, temporary tax relief to fewer businesses. They have offered no evidence that health care coverage would be expanded under the bill or that new jobs would be created.

On the other hand, the Governor has proposed a tax relief package that is specifically aimed at keeping jobs in Michigan, attracting the jobs of the future, and making the overall business tax structure simpler and fairer. It would also reduce the so-called 'health care add back' liability of Michigan businesses. All of these elements are related and need to be addressed in a comprehensive manner. The Governor's proposal demonstrates that we can provide tax relief, make the system fairer, and maintain fiscal responsibility. It appears that the rush to push through a fiscally-irresponsible piecemeal bill is an attempt to score political points and preempt debate on comprehensive SBT reform. Unfortunately, that strategy may leave us with the same broken business tax system we have today and an even larger hole in the budget."

Rep. Whitmer, having reserved the right to explain her protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

Every member of this legislature wants affordable health care for our citizens and our businesses. In fact, we have a 'results team' focusing on just that. The discourse on this bill is incredible. I am astounded that a policy change of

this magnitude, with a \$30 million budget implication, would sail through this legislature. The same legislature that has created a new ‘outcomes based’ budget procedure that examines if and how well every tax dollar spent achieves its purported goal.

Why now do health care providers, educators, firefighters and everybody else impacted by the state budget need to be scrutinized and the business community not only gets a free pass, they get a tax break? Shouldn’t we, the stewards of tax dollars, be consistent and subject all recipients of taxpayers’ dollars to the same level of scrutiny? If so, this bill should go through the Price of Government process. All Ways and Means should be subjected to the same level of scrutiny.

We have all heard the cut, cut, cut mantra, but this body has shown little genuine propensity to make those cuts. A number of members have balked at the \$30 million cut to higher education—calling it a broken promise. But, let’s review another promise, one that is only two weeks old. Just two weeks ago the House passed and Executive Order and a Supplemental. In that vote, every member of this House promised the higher education community that if they would agree to the \$30 million cut, they would get first call on any additional revenues in the May Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference. This bill gives that money away. And if there are no additional revenues in May, this bill threatens to make an even deeper cut in higher education.

The business community should not receive special treatment while the vulnerable, the children and the rest of the taxpayers in this state face deep cuts.

There are two good reasons to vote against this bill; it is fiscally irresponsible, creating an additional \$30 million hole in the state general fund without care to creating a balanced budget.

The Governor’s SBT package is better. It gives broader, meaningful tax relief to business and it is fiscally sound.

Be true to your new process. Send this bill back to committee. Better yet, put this through the Price of Government process we’ve created for everybody else.”

Rep. Cushingberry, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I voted no on the passage of this bill because it will cause a greater deficit in Michigan’s fiscal situation and is fiscally bankrupt. This idea of a so-called results based budgeting is a spin on zero based budgeting and is analogous to a person without a memory. The problem budget wise is that the personal income tax cut previously adopted which set that rate at 1960’s levels. The temporary Single Business Tax designed in the 1970’s to assist our large manufacturing companies is outdated and outmoded but this is not the way to comprehensive reform. This bill would better be considered during deliberation on the Governor’s tax proposal. Finally we would better serve the interest of the people by increasing the amount of funds available to provide health care for the less fortunate persons in our State.”

Rep. Clemente, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I voted ‘no’ on House Bill 4342, although the bill is well-meaning and with merit, because the state of Michigan is in very challenging economic times. The employers who offer good paying jobs need incentives to remain in Michigan, and I believe that the Governor’s proposal for SBT reform represents a comprehensive bipartisan opportunity to not only keep good paying jobs in the state, but offer a great opportunity for businesses to expand their operations in Michigan and make the state more attractive to new employers, which will create a diverse market for good paying jobs, that the people of my district need. The same can be said for every region in the state of Michigan. The Governor’s plan should create more jobs without further damaging our strained budget.”

House Bill No. 4233, entitled

A bill to amend 1995 PA 279, entitled “Horse racing law of 1995,” by amending section 16 (MCL 431.316).

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

Roll Call No. 22

Yeas—110

Accavitti
Acciavatti
Adamini
Amos

Emmons
Espinoza
Farhat
Farrah

Leland
Lemmons, III
Lemmons, Jr.
Lipsey

Robertson
Rocca
Sak
Schuitmaker

Anderson	Gaffney	Marleau	Shaffer
Angerer	Garfield	Mayes	Sheen
Ball	Gillard	McConico	Sheltrown
Baxter	Gleason	McDowell	Smith, Alma
Bennett	Gonzales	Meisner	Smith, Virgil
Bieda	Gosselin	Meyer	Spade
Booher	Green	Miller	Stahl
Brandenburg	Hansen	Moolenaar	Stakoe
Brown	Hildenbrand	Moore	Steil
Byrnes	Hood	Mortimer	Stewart
Byrum	Hoogendyk	Murphy	Taub
Casperson	Hopgood	Newell	Tobocman
Caswell	Huizenga	Nitz	Vagnozzi
Caul	Hummel	Nofs	Van Regenmorter
Cheeks	Hune	Palmer	Vander Veen
Clack	Hunter	Palsrok	Walker
Clemente	Jones	Pastor	Ward
Condino	Kahn	Pavlov	Waters
Cushingberry	Kehrl	Pearce	Wenke
DeRoche	Kolb	Phillips	Whitmer
Dillon	Kooiman	Plakas	Williams
Donigan	LaJoy	Polidori	Wojno
Drolet	Law, David	Proos	Zelenko
Elsenheimer	Law, Kathleen		

Nays—0

In The Chair: Kooiman

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

Rep. Ward 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

Motions and Resolutions

Reps. Sak, Jones, Vagnozzi, Brown, Gosselin, Acciavatti, Adamini, Anderson, Ball, Baxter, Bennett, Booher, Byrnes, Byrum, Caul, Cheeks, Clack, Condino, Elsenheimer, Farrah, Garfield, Gillard, Gleason, Gonzales, Kehrl, Kolb, Kathleen Law, Lemmons, III, Lemmons, Jr., Lipsey, Meyer, Miller, Mortimer, Murphy, Nofs, Pastor, Pavlov, Phillips, Plakas, Polidori, Proos, Rocca, Shaffer, Sheltrown, Alma Smith, Spade, Stahl, Taub, Tobocman, Vander Veen, Waters, Wojno, Emmons and Huizenga offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 29.

A resolution recognizing March 2, 2005, as "Reps. Read Across Michigan Day."

Whereas, The members of the Michigan House of Representatives are dedicated to providing a quality education to all children in Michigan; and

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan recognize reading as fundamental to children's education; and

Whereas, Research shows that children who read regularly, especially with adults, have greater success in schools; and

Whereas, Reading is essential to everyday life, both inside and outside of the classroom. Also, reading can open doors and allow children to explore the entire world and beyond. Reading is also a cornerstone to building productive, contributing citizens; and

Whereas, Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, is a beloved children's author who has written 137 children's books and whose use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful readers; and

Whereas, "Read Across America" a national celebration of Dr. Seuss' 101st birthday on March 2nd, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our children; and

Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives recognizes and promotes the importance of community and parental involvement in every child's success in school; and

Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives is committed to making Michigan's children, and America's children, the best readers in the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body recognize March 2, 2005, as "Reps. Read Across Michigan Day."

Pending the reference of the resolution to a committee,

Rep. Ward moved that Rule 77 be suspended and the resolution be considered at this time.

The motion prevailed, 3/5 of the members present voting therefor.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security, by Rep. Garfield, Chair, reported

Senate Bill No. 194, entitled

A bill to amend 2004 PA 402, entitled "Armed forces commemoration act," by amending section 2 (MCL 435.342).

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. Garfield, Moore, Pavlov, Espinoza, Sheltroun and Spade

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Present: Reps. Garfield, Moore, Pavlov, Espinoza, Sheltroun and Spade

Absent: Reps. Mortimer, Rocca and Polidori

Excused: Reps. Mortimer, Rocca and Polidori

The Committee on Judiciary, by Rep. Van Regenmorter, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4413, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16 (MCL 770.16), as added by 2000 PA 402.

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. Van Regenmorter, Schuitmaker, Newell, Nofs, Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Jones, David Law, Rocca, Lipsey, Condino, Adamini, McConico, Bieda and Virgil Smith

Nays: None

The Committee on Judiciary, by Rep. Van Regenmorter, Chair, reported

Senate Bill No. 137, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 295, entitled "Forensic polygraph examiners act," by amending section 10 (MCL 338.1710).

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. Van Regenmorter, Schuitmaker, Newell, Nofs, Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Jones, David Law, Rocca, Lipsey, Condino, Adamini, McConico, Bieda and Virgil Smith

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Present: Reps. Van Regenmorter, Schuitmaker, Newell, Nofs, Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Jones, David Law, Rocca, Lipsey, Condino, Adamini, McConico, Bieda and Virgil Smith

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

House Joint Resolution C, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 3 of article VIII, to provide for gubernatorial appointment of the superintendent of public instruction.

With the recommendation that the substitute (H-3) be adopted and that the joint resolution then be adopted.

The joint resolution and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce and Proos

Nays: Reps. Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Lemmons, III, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Present: Reps. Palmer, Mortimer, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Lemmons, III, Virgil Smith, Kehrl and Clack

Absent: Rep. Gosselin

Excused: Rep. Gosselin

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Wenke, Chair, of the Committee on Higher Education and Career Preparation, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Present: Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Byrnes, Lipsey and Kehrl

Absent: Reps. Palmer and Ward

Excused: Reps. Palmer and Ward

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Gosselin, Chair, of the Committee on Employment Relations, Training, and Safety, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Present: Reps. Gosselin, Marleau, Drolet, LaJoy, Bieda, Farrah and Hood

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Present: Reps. Nitz, Ball, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law and Sheltroun

Absent: Reps. Newell and Casperson

Excused: Reps. Newell and Casperson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Robertson, Chair, of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Present: Reps. Robertson, Green, Hune, Palsrok, Hunter, Dillon, Clemente and Mayes

Absent: Rep. Huizenga

Excused: Rep. Huizenga

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, March 2:

House Bill Nos.	4416	4417	4418	4419	4420	4421	4422	4423	4424	4425	4426	4427	4428	4429
	4430	4431	4432	4433										

Introduction of Bills

Reps. Hummel, Gaffney, Kahn, Vander Veen, Taub, Ball, Byrnes, Jones, Meyer and Caul introduced

House Bill No. 4434, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 17708, 17751, 17752, and 17763 (MCL 333.17708, 333.17751, 333.17752, and 333.17763), sections 17708 and 17751 as amended by 1997 PA 153 and section 17763 as amended by 2004 PA 536, and by adding section 17753.

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

Reps. Waters and Virgil Smith introduced

House Bill No. 4435, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending section 6 (MCL 388.1606), as amended by 2004 PA 351.

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

Rep. Hummel introduced

House Bill No. 4436, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Rep. Hummel introduced

House Bill No. 4437, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Reps. Sak, Kehrl, Garfield, Caul, Byrnes, Gonzales, Kathleen Law, Lipsey, Jones, Vagnozzi, Sheltroun, Booher, Moore, Ball, Brown, Gosselin, Pearce, Vander Veen, Bieda and Gleason introduced

House Bill No. 4438, entitled

A bill to amend 1915 PA 63, entitled "An act to provide for the furnishing of suitable flag holders and United States flags for the graves of veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States for the marking and designation of the graves for memorial purposes; and to provide a penalty for the removal or destruction of the flag holders and United States flags when placed," by amending section 1 (MCL 35.831), as amended by 1988 PA 263.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

Reps. Vander Veen, Jones, Kahn, Hansen, Zelenko, Shaffer, LaJoy, Mortimer, Wenke, Lipsey, Vagnozzi, Caul and Garfield introduced

House Bill No. 4439, 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 2004 PA 97, and by adding section 16346 and part 176.

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

Reps. Ward, Garfield, Vagnozzi, Accavitti, Wenke, Sheltroun, Ball, Taub, Plakas, Kahn, Jones, Sak and Gleason introduced

House Bill No. 4440, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," by amending sections 213 and 303a (MCL 339.213 and 339.303a), section 303a as amended by 1995 PA 183, and by adding article 17.

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

Reps. Gillard, Garfield, Vagnozzi, Accavitti, Wenke, Ball, Sheltroun, Taub, Plakas, Kahn, Jones, Sak and Gleason introduced

House Bill No. 4441, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 152, entitled "State license fee act," (MCL 338.2201 to 338.2277) by adding section 35.

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

Reps. Jones, Garfield, Vagnozzi, Accavitti, Wenke, Sheltroun, Ball, Taub, Plakas, Kahn, Sak and Gleason introduced

House Bill No. 4442, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 60102 (MCL 324.60102), as added by 1995 PA 57.

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

Rep. Stakoe moved that the House adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:55 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Thursday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m.