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12:00 Noon.

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
Agema—present
Amos—present
Angerer—present
Ball—present
Bauer—present
Bennett—present
Bieda—present
Booher—present
Brandenburg—present
Brown—present
Byrnes—present
Byrum—present
Calley—present
Casperson—present
Caswell—present
Caul—present
Cheeks—present
Clack—present
Clemente—present
Condino—present
Constan—present
Corriveau—present
Coulouris—present
Cushingberry—present
Dean—present
DeRoche—present

Accavitti-present

Dillon—present Donigan—present Ebli—present Elsenheimer—present Emmons—present Espinoza—present Farrah—present Gaffney-present Garfield—excused Gillard—present Gonzales—present Green—present Griffin—present Hammel—present Hammon—present Hansen—present Hildenbrand—present Hood—present Hoogendyk—present Hopgood—present Horn—present Huizenga—present Hune—present Jackson—present Johnson—present Jones, Rick—present Jones, Robert—present Knollenberg—present

Lahti—present LaJoy—present Law, David—present Law, Kathleen—present LeBlanc—present Leland—present Lemmons—present Lindberg—present Marleau—present Mayes—present McDowell—present Meadows—present Meekhof—present Meisner—present Melton—present Meltzer—present Miller—present Moolenaar—present Moore—present Moss-present Nitz—present Nofs-present Opsommer—present Palmer—present Palsrok—present Pastor—present

Pavlov—present

Polidori—present Proos—present Robertson—present Rocca—present Sak—present Schuitmaker—present Scott—present Shaffer—present Sheen—present Sheltrown—present Simpson—present Smith, Alma—present Smith, Virgil—present Spade—present Stahl-present Stakoe—present Steil—present Tobocman—present Vagnozzi-present Valentine—present Walker—present Ward—excused Warren-present Wenke—present Wojno-present Young—present

Pearce—present

Rep. Barbara A. Farrah, from the 13th District, offered the following invocation:

"Each day that I walk through the doors into this spectacular chamber I know that I am privileged to have been given the opportunity to serve.

I ask You Lord that as we come together here You help guide us in the critical decisions we make, help us to be respectful of our differing opinions, mindful of each others personal struggles, help us to be compassionate to the needs of the people, caring of all, and I ask that You watch over us as we work together to move this state forward. In Your name we pray, Amen."

Rep. Hansen moved that Reps. Garfield and Ward be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4292, entitled

A bill to amend 1955 PA 133, entitled "An act to provide for the granting of military leaves and providing re-employment protection for officers and enlisted men of the military or naval forces of the state or of the United States," by amending section 3 (MCL 32.273), as amended by 2002 PA 121.

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

Roll Call No. 79 Yeas—107

Accavitti Dillon Acciavatti Donigan Ebli Agema Amos Elsenheimer Angerer Emmons Ball Espinoza Bauer Farrah Bennett Gaffney Bieda Gillard Booher Gonzales Brandenburg Green Brown Griffin **Byrnes** Hammel Hammon Byrum Calley Hansen Casperson Hildenbrand Caswell Hood Caul Hoogendyk Cheeks Hopgood Clack Horn Clemente Huizenga Condino Hune Constan Jackson Corriveau Johnson Coulouris Jones, Rick Cushingberry Jones, Robert

Knollenberg

Dean

Lahti LaJoy Law, David Law, Kathleen LeBlanc Leland Lemmons Lindberg Marleau Maves McDowell Meadows Meekhof Meisner Melton Meltzer Miller Moolenaar Moore Moss Nitz Nofs Opsommer Palmer Palsrok Pastor Pavlov

Proos Robertson Rocca Sak Schuitmaker Scott Shaffer Sheen Sheltrown Simpson Smith, Alma Smith, Virgil Spade Stahl Stakoe Steil Tobocman Vagnozzi Valentine Walker Warren Wenke Wojno Young

Pearce

Polidori

Nays—0

In The Chair: Sak

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

House Bill No. 4328, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 2038 (MCL 500.2038). Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 80 Yeas—97

Accavitti Dillon Jones, Robert Pavlov Acciavatti Donigan Knollenberg Pearce Amos Polidori Ebli Lahti LaJoy Angerer Elsenheimer **Proos** Ball Emmons Law. David Robertson Espinoza Law, Kathleen Bauer Rocca Bennett Farrah LeBlanc Sak Bieda Gaffney Leland Schuitmaker Booher Gillard Lemmons Scott Brown Gonzales Lindberg Shaffer Byrnes Green Marleau Sheltrown Byrum Griffin Mayes Simpson Calley Hammel McDowell Smith, Alma Smith, Virgil Casperson Hammon Meadows Caswell Hansen Meisner Spade Caul Hildenbrand Melton Stakoe Cheeks Hood Miller Tobocman Clack Vagnozzi Hopgood Moolenaar Clemente Horn Moore Valentine Condino Huizenga Moss Walker Hune Warren Constan Nitz Corriveau Jackson Nofs Wenke Wojno Coulouris Johnson Opsommer Jones, Rick Palsrok Cushingberry Young Dean

Nays-10

AgemaMeekhofPastorStahlBrandenburgMeltzerSheenSteilHoogendykPalmer

In The Chair: Sak

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

House Bill No. 4207, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 17213. Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Yeas-107

Roll Call No. 81

Accavitti Dillon Acciavatti Donigan Agema Ebli Amos Elsenheimer Angerer **Emmons** Ball Espinoza Farrah Bauer Bennett Gaffnev Bieda Gillard Gonzales Booher Brandenburg Green Brown Griffin **Byrnes** Hammel **Byrum** Hammon Hansen Calley Casperson Hildenbrand Caswell Hood Caul Hoogendyk Cheeks Hopgood Clack Horn Clemente Huizenga Condino Hune Constan Jackson Corriveau Johnson Jones, Rick Coulouris Cushingberry Jones, Robert Dean Knollenberg

Lahti LaJov Law, David Law, Kathleen LeBlanc Leland Lemmons Lindberg Marleau Mayes McDowell Meadows Meekhof Meisner Melton Meltzer Miller Moolenaar Moore Moss Nitz Nofs Opsommer Palmer Palsrok

Pastor

Pavlov

Robertson Rocca Sak Schuitmaker Scott Shaffer Sheen Sheltrown Simpson Smith, Alma Smith, Virgil Spade Stahl Stakoe Steil Tobocman Vagnozzi Valentine Walker Warren Wenke Wojno Young

Pearce

Proos

Polidori

Nays—0

In The Chair: Sak

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4322, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 513 (MCL 436.1513), as amended by 2004 PA 141.

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

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

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

The motion prevailed.

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

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

Rep. Shaffer moved that Rep. DeRoche be excused temporarily from today's session. The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4322, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 513 (MCL 436.1513), as amended by 2004 PA 141.

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

Roll Call No. 82

Yeas—86

Accavitti Coulouris Knollenberg Polidori Acciavatti Cushingberry Lahti Robertson LaJoy Rocca Amos Dean Dillon Law, David Sak Angerer Ball Donigan Law, Kathleen Schuitmaker LeBlanc Bauer Ebli Scott Leland Shaffer Bennett Elsenheimer Bieda Espinoza Lemmons Simpson Booher Farrah Lindberg Smith, Alma Gaffney Marleau Smith, Virgil Brandenburg Gillard Mayes Spade Brown **Byrnes** Gonzales McDowell Stakoe Byrum Griffin Meadows Steil Casperson Hammel Meisner Tobocman Caswell Hammon Melton Vagnozzi Valentine Caul Hildenbrand Meltzer Cheeks Hood Miller Walker Hopgood Warren Clack Moss Jackson Nofs Clemente Wenke Condino Johnson Palsrok Wojno Constan Jones, Rick Pavlov Young Corriveau Jones, Robert

Nays-21

Agema	Horn	Moore	Pearce
Calley	Huizenga	Nitz	Proos
Emmons	Hune	Opsommer	Sheen
Green	Meekhof	Palmer	Sheltrown
Hansen	Moolenaar	Pastor	Stahl
Hoogendyk			

In The Chair: Sak

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.

Rep. Palmer, 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 cannot support HB 4322 because I believe that public facilities should not be in competition with private business. In allowing these select community colleges to be eligible for liquor licenses, we are telling our restaurants who are already facing the pressures of a poor economy, that we are happy to ignore their situation and bring in a tax-subsidized competitor. Furthermore, it sends the wrong message for our institutes of higher education to be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages when we already have college-age binge drinking at an all time high."

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4001, entitled

A bill to regulate and to require certain reports to be filed by persons who receive contributions for purposes of defending elected officials from criminal, civil, and administrative actions; to regulate contributions made for purposes of defending elected officials from criminal, civil, and administrative actions; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the secretary of state; and to prescribe penalties and civil sanctions.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-4) previously recommended by the Committee on Ethics and Elections,

The substitute (H-4) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

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

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

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4001, entitled

A bill to regulate and to require certain reports to be filed by persons who receive contributions for purposes of defending elected officials from criminal, civil, and administrative actions; to regulate contributions made for purposes of defending elected officials from criminal, civil, and administrative actions; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the secretary of state; and to prescribe penalties and civil sanctions.

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

Roll Call No. 83 Yeas—107

Accavitti Dillon Acciavatti Donigan Agema Ebli Amos Elsenheimer Angerer Emmons Ball Espinoza Bauer Farrah Bennett Gaffney Gillard Bieda Booher Gonzales Green Brandenburg Brown Griffin **Byrnes** Hammel Byrum Hammon Calley Hansen Casperson Hildenbrand Caswell Hood Caul Hoogendyk

Lahti LaJov Law. David Law. Kathleen LeBlanc Leland Lemmons Lindberg Marleau Maves McDowell Meadows Meekhof Meisner Melton Meltzer Miller Moolenaar

Pearce Polidori **Proos** Robertson Rocca Sak Schuitmaker Scott Shaffer Sheen Sheltrown Simpson Smith, Alma Smith, Virgil Spade Stahl

Stakoe

Steil

Cheeks Hopgood Moore Tobocman Horn Vagnozzi Clack Moss Clemente Huizenga Nitz Valentine Hune Condino Nofs Walker Jackson Opsommer Warren Constan Corriveau Johnson Palmer Wenke Coulouris Jones, Rick Palsrok Wojno Jones, Robert Pastor Cushingberry Young Dean Knollenberg Pavlov

Nays—0

In The Chair: Sak

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

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

A bill to regulate and to require certain reports to be filed by persons who receive contributions for purposes of defending elected officials from criminal, civil, and administrative actions; to regulate contributions made for purposes of defending elected officials from criminal, civil, and administrative actions; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the bureau of elections as to legal defense funds; and to prescribe penalties and civil sanctions.

The motion prevailed.

The House agreed to the title as amended.

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

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

Reps. LeBlanc, Lindberg, Brown, Tobocman, Kathleen Law, Brandenburg, Wojno, Vagnozzi, Accavitti, Wenke, Sak, Moolenaar, Ball, Espinoza, Gonzales, Rick Jones, Leland, Lemmons, Mayes, Polidori, Rocca, Schuitmaker, Alma Smith, Spade, Calley, Constan, Corriveau, Hammel, Robert Jones, Scott, Dean and Simpson were named co-sponsors of the bill.

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4338, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 351 (MCL 206.351), as amended by 2003 PA 22.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

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

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

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4338, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 351 (MCL 206.351), as amended by 2003 PA 22.

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

Roll Call No. 84 Yeas—106

Accavitti Dillon Lahti Pavlov Acciavatti Donigan LaJoy Pearce Agema Amos Angerer Ball Bauer Bennett Bieda Booher Brandenburg Brown **Byrnes Byrum** Calley Casperson Caswell Cau1 Cheeks Clack Clemente Condino Constan Corriveau Coulouris Cushingberry Dean

Ebli Elsenheimer **Emmons** Espinoza Farrah Gaffney Gillard Gonzales Green Griffin Hammel Hammon Hansen Hildenbrand Hood Hoogendyk Hopgood Horn Huizenga

Hune

Jackson

Johnson

Jones, Rick

Jones, Robert

Knollenberg

Law, David Law, Kathleen LeBlanc Leland Lemmons Lindberg Marleau Maves McDowell Meadows Meekhof Meisner Melton Meltzer Miller Moolenaar Moore Moss Nitz Nofs Opsommer Palmer Palsrok **Pastor**

Rocca Sak Schuitmaker Scott Shaffer Sheen Sheltrown Simpson Smith, Alma Smith, Virgil Spade Stahl Stakoe Steil Tobocman Vagnozzi Valentine Walker Warren Woino Young

Polidori

Robertson

Proos

Nays—1

Wenke

In The Chair: Sak

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4068, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 139, entitled "An act to provide forms of county government; to provide for county managers and county executives and to prescribe their powers and duties; to abolish certain departments, boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for transfer of certain powers and functions; to prescribe powers of a board of county commissioners and elected officials; to provide organization of administrative functions; to transfer property; to retain ordinances and laws not inconsistent with this act; to provide methods for abolition of a unified form of county government; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending section 9 (MCL 45.559), as amended by 2003 PA 281.

The bill was read a second time.

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

The motion prevailed.

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

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

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4068, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 139, entitled "An act to provide forms of county government; to provide for county managers and county executives and to prescribe their powers and duties; to abolish certain departments, boards, commissions, and authorities; to provide for transfer of certain powers and functions; to prescribe powers of a board of county commissioners and elected officials; to provide organization of administrative functions; to transfer property; to retain ordinances and laws not inconsistent with this act; to provide methods for abolition of a unified form of county government; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending section 9 (MCL 45.559), as amended by 2003 PA 281.

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

Roll Call No. 85

Yeas-107

Accavitti Dillon Lahti Acciavatti Donigan LaJov Law, David Ebli Agema Elsenheimer Law, Kathleen Amos LeBlanc Angerer **Emmons** Ball Espinoza Leland Bauer Farrah Lemmons Gaffney Lindberg Bennett Bieda Gillard Marleau Gonzales Mayes Booher Brandenburg Green **McDowell** Meadows Brown Griffin **Byrnes** Hammel Meekhof **Byrum** Hammon Meisner Calley Hansen Melton Casperson Hildenbrand Meltzer Caswell Hood Miller Caul Hoogendyk Moolenaar Hopgood Cheeks Moore Clack Horn Moss Huizenga Clemente Nitz Condino Hune Nofs Constan Jackson Opsommer Corriveau Johnson Palmer Palsrok Coulouris Jones, Rick Cushingberry Jones, Robert Pastor Dean Knollenberg Pavlov

Pearce Polidori **Proos** Robertson Rocca Sak Schuitmaker Scott Shaffer Sheen Sheltrown Simpson Smith, Alma Smith, Virgil Spade Stahl Stakoe Steil Tobocman Vagnozzi Valentine Walker Warren Wenke Woino Young

Nays-0

In The Chair: Sak

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

Rep. Tobocman 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 New Economy and Quality of Life, by Rep. Clemente, Chair, reported

House Resolution No. 42.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to fund expansion of the Soo Locks.

(For text of resolution, see House Journal No. 24, p. 278.)

With the recommendation that the following substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the resolution then be adopted.

Substitute for House Resolution No. 42.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to fund expansion of the Soo Locks.

Whereas, The Soo Locks provide a vital link between Lake Superior and the other Great Lakes. United States, Canadian, and other foreign flag vessels make about 8,000 passages through the Soo Locks each year, carrying more than 80 million tons of iron ore, coal, wheat, and other cargo. The locks are of the utmost importance to Michigan and play a critical role in our national defense, with 70 percent of the raw materials used by United States steel manufacturers moving through the locks; and

Whereas, Expansion of the Soo Locks is needed to avoid a crippling disruption of shipping. Currently, only one lock is large enough to accommodate the large freighters that carry the majority of cargo on the Great Lakes. If the Poe Lock were to become unusable for any reason, two-thirds of the cargo would not be able to pass through the locks; and

Whereas, The United States Congress first authorized an expansion of the Soo Locks in 1986, but has not provided funding for construction of a new lock despite nearly \$13 million spent on planning and design; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to fund expansion of the Soo Locks; 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 Secretary of the United States Army.

The resolution and substitute were laid over one day under the rules.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Meadows, Huizenga and Hildenbrand

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: Thursday, March 29, 2007

Present: Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Meadows, Meisner, Huizenga and Hildenbrand

Absent: Reps. Griffin, Melton, Garfield and Pastor Excused: Reps. Griffin, Melton, Garfield and Pastor

The Speaker laid before the House

House Resolution No. 42.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to fund expansion of the Soo Locks.

(For text of resolution, see House Journal No. 24, p. 278.)

(The resolution was reported by the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life on March 29, with substitute (H-1), consideration of which, under the rules, was postponed until March 30.)

(For substitute, see today's Journal p. 434.)

Rep. Tobocman moved that Rule 71 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 proposed substitute (H-1) recommended by the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life,

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Motions and Resolutions

Rep. Hoogendyk moved that the Committee on Government Operations be discharged from further consideration of **House Concurrent Resolution No. 7**.

(For first notice see House Journal No. 31, p. 424.)

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

Rep. Hoogendyk demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was supported.

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

Rep. Tobocman moved that consideration of the motion be postponed for the day.

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Tobocman moved to suspend that portion of Rule 41 requiring bills to be handed to the Clerk three hours prior to calling the House to order.

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

Rep. Tobocman moved that House Committees be given leave to meet during the balance of today's session. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Tobocman moved that when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned until Thursday, April 5, at 12:00 Noon. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Tobocman moved that when the House adjourns Thursday, April 5 it stand adjourned until Thursday, April 12, at 12:00 Noon.

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Tobocman moved that when the House adjourns Thursday, April 12 it stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 17, at 1:30 p.m.

The motion prevailed.

Reps. Vagnozzi, Ball, Bieda, Brown, Clack, Constan, Dean, Ebli, Farrah, Gonzales, Hammel, Hopgood, Johnson, Robert Jones, Kathleen Law, Lemmons, McDowell, Miller, Polidori, Tobocman, Valentine and Wojno offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 59.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States State Department to increase efforts to halt the violence and to provide humanitarian assistance in the Darfur region of Sudan.

Whereas, Over the past few years, the government of Sudan and the government-backed militia have carried out a campaign of murder, rape, and terror in the Darfur region. More than 1.5 million people are estimated to have been displaced from their homes, while tens of thousands of civilians have been killed or pushed into disease and malnutrition. A 2004 cease-fire agreement has proven ineffective, and the conditions for those who have been displaced can only be described as a nightmare; and

Whereas, The United States, the United Nations, the African Union, and other nations and organizations have largely ignored the grave human rights violations and suffering that are taking place. The situation in the Darfur region is acknowledged to be ethnic cleansing and may amount to genocide; and

Whereas, While the United States and other countries have tried to bring a halt to the suffering, a greater sense of urgency needs to be brought to these efforts. Our country must do all it can to influence the leadership of the United Nations to increase the number of troops on the ground to protect civilians and to bring pressure on the Sudanese government to halt its illegal and immoral acts. Clearly, the United States must play a leadership role in working with other nations, the United Nations, and the African Union in the effort to bring relief to this region of sorrows; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States State Department to increase efforts to halt the violence and to provide humanitarian assistance to the victims of the atrocities in the Darfur region of Sudan; and be it further

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

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Reps. Sak, Ball, Bauer, Bieda, Booher, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Constan, Dean, Ebli, Emmons, Farrah, Gonzales, Hammel, Hammon, Hansen, Hopgood, Horn, Johnson, Rick Jones, Robert Jones, Kathleen Law, LeBlanc, Lemmons, Mayes, McDowell, Miller, Pearce, Polidori, Proos, Stahl, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Valentine and Wojno offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 60.

A resolution recognizing April 2007 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan House of Representatives are dedicated to providing a safe and healthy environment to all children in Michigan; and

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan recognize that child abuse and neglect is a serious and growing problem affecting millions of our nation's children; and

Whereas, Research shows child maltreatment is associated with problems throughout adolescence and into adulthood, including increased risk of teen pregnancy, drug use, lower educational attainment, and the perpetuation of abusive behavior; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan, through its support of prevention and community activities, is making significant progress in preventing child abuse and neglect throughout our communities; and

Whereas, Community collaboration is necessary in order to provide services to families at risk for child abuse and neglect, and to ensure a safe and secure future for the children of our communities; and

Whereas, We are committed to providing Michigan's children and America's children, the safest and healthiest of environments in the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 2007 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in the state of Michigan.

Pending the reference of the resolution to a committee,

Rep. Tobocman moved that Rule 71 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.

Reps. Coulouris, Agema, Ball, Bauer, Bieda, Booher, Brown, Clack, Constan, Dean, Ebli, Emmons, Farrah, Gonzales, Hammel, Hammon, Hansen, Hopgood, Johnson, Robert Jones, Kathleen Law, LeBlanc, Leland, Lemmons, Mayes, McDowell, Nitz, Polidori, Proos, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Valentine and Wojno offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 61.

A resolution honoring the Saginaw High School Boys Basketball team upon winning the 2007 Class A State Championship.

Whereas, Saginaw High School won its fourth boys basketball state championship, earning our awe, pride, and applause. The victory over Detroit Redford on Saturday, March 24, 2007, served as a just reward for the hard work and commitment demonstrated by the Trojans throughout their amazing 2006-2007 season; and

Whereas, The Saginaw High School boys basketball team compiled an overall record of 25-1 in the 2006-2007 season; and

Whereas, The Saginaw High School boys basketball team consists of seniors: Demario Wilson, Mike Powell, Tristian Calhoun, Todd Jones, Robert Clark, Bobby Lewis, Josh Southern, and Deonte Wesley; juniors: John Edwards, Daniel West, Mario Robinson, Will Marlow, Cortney Washington, and Draymond Green; and sophomore: Mike Green; and

Whereas, The head coach of the Saginaw High School boys basketball team is Lou Dawkins. Julian Taylor and Bruce Simmions are the assistant coaches and Larry Johnson and Josh Shelton are the managers. Tamika Randall is the trainer. The Saginaw High School principal is Cliff Davis and the athletic director is Marshall Thomas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor the Saginaw High School Boys Basketball team upon winning the 2007 Class A State Championship; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Head Coach Lou Dawkins, the other coaches, and all the team members.

Pending the reference of the resolution to a committee,

Rep. Tobocman moved that Rule 71 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.

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 Thursday, March 29:

House Bill Nos. 4536 4537 4538 4539 4540

Senate Bill Nos. 372 373 374 375 376 377 378 379 380 381 382 383 384

Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Health Policy, by Rep. Angerer, Chair, reported

House Resolution No. 50.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for the State of Michigan.

(For text of resolution, see House Journal No. 26, p. 320.)

With the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

The resolution was laid over one day under the rules.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Angerer, Simpson, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Coulouris, Donigan, Hammon, Robert Jones, Valentine, Wojno, Gaffney, Hune, Marleau, Green, Ball and Calley

Nays: None

The Committee on Health Policy, by Rep. Angerer, Chair, reported

House Concurrent Resolution No. 6.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) for the State of Michigan.

(For text of concurrent resolution, see House Journal No. 26, p. 321.)

With the recommendation that the concurrent resolution be adopted.

The concurrent resolution was laid over one day under the rules.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Angerer, Simpson, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Coulouris, Donigan, Hammon, Robert Jones, Valentine, Wojno, Gaffney, Hune, Marleau, Green, Ball and Calley

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Angerer, Chair, of the Committee on Health Policy, was received and read: Meeting held on: Thursday, March 29, 2007

Present: Reps. Angerer, Simpson, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Coulouris, Donigan, Hammon, Robert Jones, Valentine, Wojno, Gaffney, Hune, Marleau, Green, Ball and Calley

Absent: Rep. Ward Excused: Rep. Ward

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

House Bill No. 4462, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 727c (MCL 257.727c), as amended by 1999 PA 73.

With the recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Hopgood, Bieda, Donigan, Ebli, Leland, Miller, Young, LaJoy, Nitz, Pavlov, Pearce, Stahl and Knollenberg

Nays: None

The recommendation was concurred in and the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Thursday, March 29, 2007

Present: Reps. Hopgood, Accavitti, Bieda, Donigan, Ebli, Leland, Mayes, Miller, Young, LaJoy, Casperson, Nitz, Pavlov, Pearce, Stahl and Knollenberg

Absent: Rep. Griffin Excused: Rep. Griffin

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Virgil Smith, Chair, of the Committee on Insurance, was received and read: Meeting held on: Thursday, March 29, 2007

Present: Reps. Virgil Smith, Farrah, Condino, Constan, Johnson, Lemmons, Polidori, Scott, Simpson, Wojno, Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Hildenbrand, Moore and Rocca

Absent: Rep. David Law Excused: Rep. David Law

Communications from State Officers

The following communications from the Auditor General were received and read:

March 27, 2007

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or report summary: Performance audit of Training and Staff Development, Department of Human Services

March 2007

March 27, 2007

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or report summary:
Performance audit of the Court Originated Liability Section, Medical Services Administration,
Department of Community Health
March 2007

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

The communications were referred to the Clerk and the accompanying reports referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The following communication from the Michigan Strategic Fund was received and read:

March 28, 2007

Consistent with the requirements of Section 88(c)(5) of the Michigan Strategic Fund Act, MCL 125.2088(c)(5), I am writing to provide notice that the Michigan Strategic Fund Board of Directors (the "MSF Board") intends to adopt a resolution (the "Proposed Resolution") on April 25, 2007, establishing the parameters of a 21st Century loan enhancement program. As you will note, the Proposed Resolution involves the approval of the Choose Michigan Fund within the loan enhancement program to: (i) increase the willingness of banks and other financial institutions to provide debt financing to companies, (ii) improve companies' debt service coverage and (iii) enhance the ability of companies to repay debt financing provided by banks and other financial institutions.

Prior to the adoption of the loan enhancement program, the Michigan Strategic Fund ("MSF") will conduct a public hearing to provide interested persons an opportunity to express any data, views or arguments regarding the Proposed Resolution. This hearing is scheduled for April 11, 2007, beginning at 2:00 p.m., and will be held in the Lake Superior Conference Room of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, located at 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan 48913.

Copies of the Notice of Public Hearing, the Proposed Resolution and a draft description of the loan enhancement program are attached for your review.

Sincerely, John Czarnecki MSF Manager Michigan Strategic Fund

The communication was referred to the Clerk.

Introduction of Bills

Reps. Bieda and Condino introduced

House Bill No. 4541, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," (MCL 205.51 to 205.78) by adding section 9a. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

Reps. LaJoy, Meekhof, Stahl, Moore, Stakoe, Pastor, Hoogendyk, Schuitmaker, Moss, David Law, Calley, Nitz, Acciavatti, Wenke, Brandenburg, Knollenberg, Garfield, Horn, Caswell, Gaffney, Sheen and Proos introduced

House Bill No. 4542, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled "Legislative council act," (MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding chapter 7A; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Reps. Casperson, Meekhof, Stahl, Moore, Stakoe, Pastor, Hoogendyk, Schuitmaker, Moss, David Law, Calley, Nitz, Shaffer, Acciavatti, Wenke, Brandenburg, Knollenberg, Garfield, Horn, Caswell, Gaffney and Sheen introduced

House Bill No. 4543, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled "Legislative council act," (MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding section 753. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Investigations.

Reps. David Law, Meekhof, Stahl, Moore, Stakoe, Pastor, Hoogendyk, Schuitmaker, Moss, Calley, Nitz, Shaffer, Acciavatti, Wenke, Brandenburg, Knollenberg, Garfield, Horn, Caswell, Gaffney and Sheen introduced

House Bill No. 4544, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled "Legislative council act," (MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding chapter 7B; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Reps. Moore, Meekhof, Stahl, Stakoe, Pastor, Hoogendyk, Schuitmaker, Moss, David Law, Calley, Nitz, Shaffer, Acciavatti, Wenke, Brandenburg, Knollenberg, Garfield, Horn, Caswell, Gaffney and Sheen introduced

House Bill No. 4545, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled "Legislative council act," (MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding section 783. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Investigations.

Reps. Horn, Elsenheimer, Green, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Pavlov, Moss, Steil, Caswell, Rick Jones, Opsommer, Brandenburg, Pastor, Amos, Ward, Casperson, LaJoy, Pearce, Shaffer, Acciavatti, Emmons, Garfield, Wenke, Calley, Proos, David Law, Moolenaar, Marleau, Gaffney, Stakoe and Walker introduced

House Bill No. 4546, entitled

A bill to provide for the imposition, levy, computation, collection, assessment, reporting, payment, and enforcement of taxes on certain commercial, business, and financial activities; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain public officers and state departments; to provide for the inspection of certain taxpayer records; to provide for interest and penalties; to provide exemptions, credits, and refunds; to provide for the disposition of funds; to provide for the interrelation of this act with other acts; and to make appropriations.

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

Reps. Sheen, Green, Rick Jones, Pearce, LaJoy, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Knollenberg, Palmer, Stahl, Shaffer, Sheltrown, Nofs, Moore, Moolenaar, Caul, Caswell, Gaffney, Hune, Hoogendyk, Calley, Hansen, Booher, Bieda, Condino, Stakoe and Huizenga introduced

House Bill No. 4547, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 438 (MCL 206.438), as added by 2004 PA 364.

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

Reps. Condino, Bieda, Alma Smith and Warren introduced

House Bill No. 4548, entitled

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," by amending sections 33e, 34, and 35 (MCL 791.233e, 791.234, and 791.235), section 33e as added by 1992 PA 181, section 34 as amended by 2006 PA 167, and section 35 as amended by 1998 PA 315.

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

Reps. Griffin, Simpson and Farrah introduced

House Bill No. 4549, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 513 (MCL 436.1513), as amended by 2004 PA 141.

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

Reps. Espinoza, Polidori, Byrum, Byrnes, Brown, LeBlanc, Kathleen Law, Wojno, Lemmons, Jackson, Young, Mayes, Ebli, Hammon, Hammel, Hopgood, Bieda and Rick Jones introduced

House Bill No. 4550, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16b of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16b), as amended by 2006 PA 518.

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

Reps. Espinoza, Polidori, Byrum, Byrnes, Brown, LeBlanc, Kathleen Law, Wojno, Lemmons, Jackson, Young, Mayes, Ebli, Gonzales, Hammel, Hammon, Hopgood, Bieda and Rick Jones introduced

House Bill No. 4551, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 50 and 50b (MCL 750.50 and 750.50b), section 50 as amended by 1998 PA 405 and section 50b as amended by 1996 PA 80.

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

Reps. Byrnes, Rocca, Alma Smith, Espinoza, Ebli, Hansen, LeBlanc, Rick Jones, Mayes, Gaffney, Wojno, Ball, Byrum, Polidori, Brown, Kathleen Law, Jackson, Lemmons, Young, Gonzales, Hammon, Hammel, Hopgood and Bieda introduced

House Bill No. 4552, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 50b (MCL 750.50b), as amended by 1996 PA 80.

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

Reps. Corriveau, Condino, Bieda, McDowell, Lahti, LeBlanc, Byrum, Ebli, Valentine, Brown, Gaffney and Simpson introduced

House Bill No. 4553, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 759 (MCL 168.759), as amended by 1995 PA 261.

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

Reps. Calley, Stakoe, Hildenbrand, Agema, Opsommer, Hammon and Rick Jones introduced

House Bill No. 4554, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 40113c.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources.

Reps. Rick Jones, Meadows, Shaffer, Gaffney, Green and Miller introduced

House Bill No. 4555, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 710e (MCL 257.710e), as amended by 1999 PA 29.

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

Rep. Mayes introduced

House Bill No. 4556, entitled

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 11f (MCL 247.661f), as added by 2006 PA 140.

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

Rep. LeBlanc introduced

House Bill No. 4557, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 438 (MCL 206.438), as added by 2004 PA 364.

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

Reps. Knollenberg, Calley, Palmer, Stakoe, Rick Jones and Garfield introduced

House Bill No. 4558, entitled

A bill to amend 1957 PA 261, entitled "Michigan legislative retirement system act," by amending section 79 (MCL 38.1079), as amended by 2006 PA 614.

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

Reps. Meisner, Hammon, Hammel, Donigan, Accavitti, Byrnes, Sheltrown, Lahti, Tobocman, Dean, Condino, Johnson, Clack, Leland, Robert Jones, Polidori, Young, Valentine, Kathleen Law, Vagnozzi, Cushingberry, Hopgood, Ebli, Lemmons, Miller, Gonzales, Clemente, Constan, Bauer and Jackson introduced

House Bill No. 4559, entitled

A bill to provide tuition reimbursement for certain entrepreneurship courses; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments.

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

Reps. Hammon, Hammel, Donigan, Accavitti, Byrnes, Sheltrown, Lahti, Tobocman, Dean, Virgil Smith, Condino, Johnson, Melton, Clack, Polidori, Leland, Robert Jones, Valentine, Young, Kathleen Law, Vagnozzi, Cushingberry, Hopgood, Ebli, Lemmons, Gonzales, Clemente, Constan, Bauer, Miller and Jackson introduced

House Bill No. 4560, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," by amending section 263 (MCL 18.1263), as amended by 2004 PA 589.

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

Reps. Simpson, Meisner, Hammon, Hammel, Donigan, Accavitti, Byrnes, Sheltrown, Lahti, Tobocman, Dean, Johnson, Condino, Virgil Smith, Leland, Clack, Robert Jones, Polidori, Young, Valentine, Kathleen Law, Vagnozzi, Cushingberry, Hopgood, Ebli, Lemmons, Gonzales, Clemente, Constan, Bauer, Miller and Jackson introduced

House Bill No. 4561, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for the Michigan strategic fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations.

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

Reps. Accavitti, Hopgood, Valentine, Farrah, Byrnes, Ebli, Wojno, Condino, Bieda, Lindberg, Brown, Espinoza, Gillard, Robert Jones, Donigan, Kathleen Law, Meisner and Sheltrown introduced

House Bill No. 4562, entitled

A bill to require certain providers of electric service to comply with a portfolio standard for renewable energy; to create energy diversity for the long-term security of our economy and environment; to promote the health of our citizens; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; and to provide for penalties.

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

Reps. Tobocman, Sak, Hopgood, LeBlanc, Warren, Alma Smith, Espinoza, Brown, Donigan, Kathleen Law and McDowell introduced

House Bill No. 4563, entitled

A bill to create the Michigan border development and protection authority; to prescribe the powers and duties of the authority; to provide for certain regulations at ports of entry; to provide for the issuance of bonds, notes, and other obligations; to provide for certain fees; and to provide for penalties.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life.

Reps. Calley and Sheen introduced

House Joint Resolution I, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 15 of article I, to allow the prohibition of bail for a person who is indicted for or arraigned on a warrant charging attempted murder.

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

Rep. Nofs moved that the House adjourn. The motion prevailed, the time being 2:20 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Thursday, April 5, at 12:00 Noon.

RICHARD J. BROWN Clerk of the House of Representatives