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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Brian N. Calley.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the Senate, who announced that a quorum was present.

Ananich—present
Anderson—present
Bieda—present
Booher—present
Brandenburg—present
Casperson—present
Caswell—present
Colbeck—present
Emmons—present
Green—present
Gregory—present
Hansen—present
Hildenbrand—present

Hood—present
Hopgood—present
Hune—present
Hunter—present
Jansen—present
Johnson—present
Jones—present
Kahn—present
Kawall—present
Marleau—present
Meekhof—present
Moolenaar—present
Nofs—present

Pappageorge—present
Pavlov—present
Proos—present
Richardville—present
Robertson—present
Rocca—present
Schuitmaker—present
Smith—present
Walker—present
Warren—present
Whitmer—present
Young—present

Most Reverend Earl Boyea of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing offered the following invocation:

Father in heaven, let us know the joy of being people for others. Let not self-concerns or self-focus be our aim. Rather, may the other—the poor, the immigrant, the parentless child, the homeless—let the other be the beneficiary of our gaze.

We look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, who was clearly one of us and yet, in may ways, a stranger in our midst. May He continue to teach our hearts so that we will go out of ourselves, be attentive to those in need, and desire, seek, and protect the good of others.

So, heavenly Father, give us in this Legislature a deep desire to change the world, to transmit true values, and to leave this earth somehow better than we have found it. Mostly, let us be fearlessly open to Your working in our midst.

We pray that You be glorified now and forever and ever. Amen

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motions and Communications

The following communication was received and read: Office of the Auditor General

December 5, 2013

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Performance audit of the Michigan Business One Stop System, Department of Technology, Management, and Budget. Sincerely,

Thomas H. McTavish, C.P.A.

Auditor General

The audit report was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, December 5: House Bill Nos. 4467 4571 4572 4677 4729 5058 5121 5122 5123 5124 5125

The Secretary announced that the following bills and joint resolution were printed and filed on Thursday, December 5, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 705 706 707 708 709 710 711 712 713 House Bill Nos. 5163 5164 5165 5166 5167 5168 5169 5170 5171 5172 5173 5174 5175 5176 House Joint Resolution AA

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Friday, December 6, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 714 715

House Bill Nos. 5177 5178 5179 5180 5181

Senator Hopgood moved that Senators Hunter, Johnson and Young be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Meekhof moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of Senator Nofs admittance to the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

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

Senator Meekhof moved that rule 3.901 be suspended to allow photographs to be taken from the Senate floor. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:05 a.m.

10:13 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

During the recess, Senator Nofs introduced the Battle Creek St. Philip Catholic Central High School Varsity Girls Volleyball Team, 2013 MHSAA Class D State Champions, and Coach Vicky Groat; and presented them with a Special Tribute. Coach Groat responded briefly.

During the recess, Senator Hunter entered the Senate Chamber.

Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:15 a.m.

11:29 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

During the recess, Senators Young and Johnson entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Kahn asked and was granted unanimous consent to make a statement and moved that the statement be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kahn's statement is as follows:

In our line of work, it is common for staff to move along in their lives, and I rise because I have that happening in my office today. Holly Fountain, my chief of staff, is leaving and will be going to work in the lobbying community. She will be missed, but she won't be completely gone. As a matter of fact, to Republicans and Democrats and staff, we're going to have an event for her at The Tavern tonight between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Majority Leader says you don't have to leave at 7:00 p.m.

For years, Holly has brought laughter and joy and her hard work and enthusiasm to our office. As chief of staff, she has truly been a leader in developing team work; a friendly, creative, productive office environment. Her knowledge of the legislative process developed during our first term and has been invaluable. I have no doubt that as she moves along and opens up a new chapter of her life, she will do well. A mutual friend of Holly's and mine, Nan Fletcher, suggested to both Holly and I that we might enjoy working together. Holly's prior background had been in the House, but she was then working in the nonprofit sector. She came here to help me with the Department of Community Health budget, and on her own time, she also helped me with fundraising.

We brought in three difficult budgets. One year the House was nearly \$200 million above us in their proposal, and that took months to resolve. Another big issue was a built-in \$100 million budget hole one year that we had to resolve. We must have had—and she must have hosted—over a hundred meetings on Department of Community Health issues that term. Members may appreciate that some districts are more difficult than others. We happen to be a difficult district for a Republican. With Holly's help, we were able to self-fund our re-election campaign. To my knowledge, that has never been done before in that district for a Republican or a Democrat.

Then this term began, and we had a different hole to fix. Our chief of staff had left for the House, and the next chief of staff left for a nonlegislative career. Holly filled that void. She hired new people, and we now have the finest office I have ever had in the private sector or the public. I want to say that in the private sector, we had over 200 employees.

Holly, my dear, I am grateful for your people skills, and they will be missed just as you and your legislative skills will be missed. But as people move along, it isn't just their participation in the work environment that we come to know. Holly's life has changed over this time. She loves dogs, and that love blossomed into three of them. She's sort of the woof-woof queen of my life. She also bought a house and remodeled it herself. I have to laugh as, just as she finished that task, she put her house up for sale, and she's going to be starting a new career in Detroit.

More important than houses are the people and friends she made here in the Senate and House and the administration and the advocacy community. For example, Rachel is her bff, I guess, as the young people say—whatever that stands for. Most importantly, she met the love of her life and is planning her wedding to Brian Tatman next year.

She is my friend. Holly is my friend. I'll miss her laugh and I'll miss her smile.

Senator Meekhof moved that rule 2.106 be suspended to allow committees to meet during Senate session. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Meekhof moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

Senate Bill No. 437 Senate Bill No. 574

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

Senator Meekhof moved that the Committee on Agriculture be discharged from further consideration of the following bill: **House Bill No. 4546, entitled**

A bill to amend 1970 PA 29, entitled "An act relating to potatoes; to create a potato commission; to prescribe its powers and duties and authority; to impose an assessment on the privilege of introducing potatoes into the channels of trade and commerce; to provide for the collection of the assessment; to provide for penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9a (MCL 290.421, 290.422, 290.423, 290.424, 290.428, and 290.429a), sections 1 and 3 as amended by 1980 PA 304, section 2 as amended by 2005 PA 59, and sections 4 and 8 as amended and section 9a as added by 1996 PA 99.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, and the bill was placed on the order of General Orders.

Senator Meekhof moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of General Orders, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

House Bill No. 4546

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

Messages from the House

Senator Meekhof moved that consideration of the following bill be postponed for today:

House Bill No. 4277

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 404, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 11504, 11523, 11523a, 11525, and 11525b (MCL 324.11504, 324.11523, 324.11523a, 324.11525, and 324.11525b), sections 11504 and 11523 as amended and section 11523a as added by 1996 PA 359, section 11525 as amended by 2003 PA 153, and section 11525b as added by 1996 PA 358; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-2) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-2), ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

Senate Bill No. 434, entitled

A bill to amend 2003 PA 215, entitled "Credit union act," (MCL 490.101 to 490.601) by adding section 413.

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

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

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

Senate Bill No. 556, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 57v (MCL 400.57v), as added by 2012 PA 197.

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

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

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

Senate Bill No. 373, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 17723. Substitute (H-1).

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,

The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 571

Yeas—38

Ananich	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Anderson	Hansen	Kowall	Robertson
Bieda	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca
Booher	Hood	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Moolenaar	Smith
Casperson	Hune	Nofs	Walker
Caswell	Hunter	Pappageorge	Warren
Colbeck	Jansen	Pavlov	Whitmer
Emmons	Johnson	Proos	Young
Green	Jones		

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, designated Senator Hansen as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, having assumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bills:

House Bill No. 4697, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding sections 1099 and 1099a.

Senate Bill No. 557, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled "Mental health code," (MCL 330.1001 to 330.2106) by adding section 207b.

House Bill No. 4889, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 45 of chapter XVII (MCL 777.45), as amended by 2002 PA 666.

House Bill No. 5138, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," (MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 811y.

House Bill No. 5156, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 6421 (MCL 600.6421), as amended by 2013 PA 164.

Senate Bill No. 437, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, entitled "Urban cooperation act of 1967," by amending sections 5, 7, and 9 (MCL 124.505, 124.507, and 124.509), section 5 as amended by 2011 PA 263 and section 7 as amended by 2002 PA 445.

House Bill No. 4546, entitled

A bill to amend 1970 PA 29, entitled "An act relating to potatoes; to create a potato commission; to prescribe its powers and duties and authority; to impose an assessment on the privilege of introducing potatoes into the channels of trade and commerce; to provide for the collection of the assessment; to provide for penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9a (MCL 290.421, 290.422, 290.423, 290.424, 290.428, and 290.429a), sections 1 and 3 as amended by 1980 PA 304, section 2 as amended by 2005 PA 59, and sections 4 and 8 as amended and section 9a as added by 1996 PA 99.

The bills were placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: **House Bill No. 4694, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding a chapter heading and sections 1090, 1091, 1092, and 1093.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: **House Bill No. 4695, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding sections 1097 and 1098.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: **House Bill No. 4696, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding sections 1094, 1095, and 1096.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: Senate Bill No. 536, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 7tt. Substitute (S-3).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: Senate Bill No. 120, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1168. Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: Senate Bill No. 121, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1167. Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: Senate Bill No. 423, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 1278 and 1279g (MCL 380.1278 and 380.1279g), section 1278 as amended by 2004 PA 596 and section 1279g as amended by 2008 PA 349, and by adding sections 1167 and 1259.

Substitute (S-3).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: Senate Bill No. 558, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled "Mental health code," (MCL 330.1001 to 330.2106) by adding section 207a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Substitute (S-3).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with amendment, the following bill:

House Bill No. 4782, entitled

A bill to amend 2010 PA 275, entitled "Next Michigan development act," by amending section 4 (MCL 125.2954). The following is the amendment recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 2, line 20, after "2" by striking out "CONTIGOUS" and inserting "CONTIGUOUS".

The Senate agreed to the amendment recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as amended was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill: Senate Bill No. 574, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 78 (MCL 211.78), as amended by 2008 PA 512.

Substitute (S-2).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

Resolutions

Senator Meekhof moved that consideration of the following resolution be postponed for today:

Senate Resolution No. 34

The motion prevailed.

Senators Emmons, Jansen, Booher, Meekhof, Nofs, Hansen, Hildenbrand, Moolenaar, Marleau, Hopgood, Colbeck, Casperson, Jones, Proos, Gregory, Whitmer, Warren, Walker, Robertson, Richardville, Green, Brandenburg, Schuitmaker, Pavlov, Pappageorge, Rocca, Hune, Kowall, Caswell and Kahn offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 105.

A resolution designating January 11, 2014, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Human trafficking is the fastest-growing crime in the world, second only to drug trafficking, according to the U.S. Department of State; and

Whereas, The best estimates indicate that approximately \$87 million per day is made off of sex-trafficking victims; and Whereas, Nine out of ten victims of sex trafficking in the United States are American middle school children, according to Shared Hope International; and

Whereas, In the state of Michigan, convicted sex-trafficking offenders are not required to register as sex offenders; and Whereas, According to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Michigan is the 13th-highest state for the number of sex-trafficking victims; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we join together in recognizing January 11, 2014, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body encourage all Michiganders to use this day as an opportunity to educate themselves about human trafficking and be aware of how prevalent it is in our state; and be it further

Resolved, That we stand in full support of the victims of human trafficking who have yet to escape or be found and liberated; and be it further

Resolved, That we offer the gravest concern for those who have had loved ones become victims to human trafficking; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend the individuals who have been victims of trafficking and have survived to overcome the atrocity; and be it further

Resolved, That we support all who have dedicated themselves to putting an end to human trafficking within Michigan.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Meekhof moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Meekhof moved that further consideration of the resolution be postponed for today.

The motion prevailed.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Jansen, Hunter, Colbeck, Green, Brandenburg, Moolenaar, Marleau, Booher and Pappageorge introduced Senate Bill No. 716, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by amending the title, as amended by 2003 PA 179, and by adding section 1299a.

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

Senator Warren introduced

Senate Bill No. 717, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled "An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 722.111 to 722.128) by amending the title, as amended by 1997 PA 165, and by adding section 16a.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

Senators Warren and Hopgood introduced

Senate Bill No. 718, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 20120a (MCL 324.20120a), as amended by 2012 PA 446; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes.

Senator Booher introduced

Senate Bill No. 719, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 19612 (MCL 324.19612), as amended by 2012 PA 446.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes.

House Bill No. 4467, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 125. The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4571, entitled

A bill to amend 1945 PA 327, entitled "Aeronautics code of the state of Michigan," by amending section 203 (MCL 259.203), as amended by 2008 PA 25.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

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

House Bill No. 4572, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," (MCL 205.51 to 205.78) by adding section 4ee.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

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

House Bill No. 4677, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 25 (MCL 205.75), as amended by 2012 PA 226.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4729, entitled

A bill to create an intrastate emergency management assistance agreement; to provide for the coordination of assistance during times of emergencies; and to specify the duties of certain state and local officials and agencies.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

House Bill No. 5058, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 78 (MCL 211.78), as amended by 2008 PA 512.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

House Bill No. 5121, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 517 (MCL 600.517), as amended by 2009 PA 228.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 5122, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 507 (MCL 600.507), as amended by 2009 PA 228.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 5123, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 518 and 8121 (MCL 600.518 and 600.8121), section 518 as amended by 2006 PA 99 and section 8121 as amended by 2012 PA 37.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 5124, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 504 (MCL 600.504), as amended by 2011 PA 300.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 5125, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 8130, 8134, and 8135 (MCL 600.8130, 600.8134, and 600.8135), section 8130 as amended by 1988 PA 135, section 8134 as amended by 2012 PA 16, and section 8135 as amended by 1982 PA 161.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

Statements

Senator Meekhof stated that had he been present on December 5 when the vote was taken on the reconsideration passage of the following bill, he would have voted "yea":

Senate Bill No. 636

Senator Johnson asked and was granted unanimous consent to make a statement and moved that the statement be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson's statement is as follows:

The world lost a great man this past Thursday night when Nelson Mandela passed away after a lengthy battle with a variety of health issues. In his death, we have lost one of the most influential and dedicated leaders the world has ever seen and probably will ever know.

When released from prison after serving 27 years, he didn't seek revenge for his imprisonment. Instead, he worked to unite the torn country of South Africa and was able to lead the country out of the decades it had suffered under apartheid. In a situation where most would seek noting but retribution and feel nothing but bitterness, he was a man of grace and goodness.

Mandela was South Africa's moral compass as she struggled to heal from the wounds of apartheid, and he received the Nobel Peace Prize for transitioning the country from a system of racial segregation to a multiparty democracy. Let his life and public service serve as an example to all of us, reminding ourselves that we must work together in order to accomplish great things. He will indeed be greatly missed and will forever be the archetype that all heads of state strive toward. We are all mourning the passage of this great man.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of former South African President and activist Nelson Mandela.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Local Government and Elections reported

Senate Bill No. 437, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, entitled "Urban cooperation act of 1967," by amending sections 5, 7, and 9 (MCL 124.505, 124.507, and 124.509), section 5 as amended by 2011 PA 263 and section 7 as amended by 2002 PA 445.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

David B. Robertson Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof and Brandenburg

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Local Government and Elections reported

Senate Bill No. 574, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 78 (MCL 211.78), as amended by 2008 PA 512.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

David B. Robertson Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof, Brandenburg and Young

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Local Government and Elections reported

House Bill No. 4208, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 59, entitled "Resort district rehabilitation act," by amending sections 2 and 6 (MCL 125.2202 and 125.2206).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

David B. Robertson Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Robertson, Meekhof and Brandenburg

Nays: Senator Young

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Local Government and Elections submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 8:30 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg and Young

The Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism reported

House Bill No. 5103, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 72110 (MCL 324.72110), as amended by 2010 PA 46.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Goeffrey M. Hansen Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar and Hopgood

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 12:30 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Hansen (C), Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar and Hopgood

Excused: Senator Young

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions reported

House Bill No. 4996, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 551, entitled "Uniform securities act (2002)," by amending sections 202 and 504 (MCL 451.2202 and 451.2504) and by adding section 202a.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Darwin L. Booher Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Booher, Marleau, Rocca and Ananich

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Booher (C), Marleau, Rocca and Ananich

Excused: Senators Nofs, Green and Smith

The Committee on Regulatory Reform reported

Senate Bill No. 273, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 18201, 18211, 18223, 18233, and 18237 (MCL 333.18201, 333.18211, 333.18223, 333.18233, and 333.18237), section 18211 as amended by 2006 PA 395, section 18223 as amended by 2010 PA 121, section 18233 as amended by 1994 PA 234, and section 18237 as amended by 1998 PA 496.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Tory Rocca Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Rocca, Jones, Hune, Meekhof, Pavlov, Johnson and Warren

Navs: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Regulatory Reform submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Rocca (C), Jones, Hune, Meekhof, Pavlov, Johnson and Warren

The Committee on Health Policy reported

House Bill No. 4125, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 162, entitled "An act to establish a state-supported school of osteopathic medicine; to establish and fix the membership of an advisory board for the school; and to provide for its assignment to an established 4-year state institution of higher education," by repealing sections 2, 3, and 4 (MCL 390.662, 390.663, and 390.664).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

James A. Marleau Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Marleau, Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Ananich

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Health Policy submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators Marleau (C), Robertson, Emmons, Hune, Jones, Schuitmaker, Warren and Ananich

Excused: Senator Johnson

Scheduled Meetings

Administrative Rules - Thursday, December 12, 8:30 a.m., Room 426, Capitol Building (373-5773)

Appropriations -

Subcommittee -

K-12, School Aid, Education and House School Aid Appropriations Subcommittee - Thursday, December 12, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Education - Wednesday, December 11, 12:00 noon, Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-5314)

Local Government and Elections - Wednesday, December 11, 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-5314)

Michigan Law Revision Commission - Wednesday, December 11, 12:00 noon, Room 424, Capitol Building (373-0212)

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:13 p.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI Secretary of the Senate