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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, May 23, 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—excused
Jansen—present
Johnson—excused
Jones—present
Kahn—present
Kowall—present
Marleau—present
Meekhof—present
Moolenaar—present
Nofs—present

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

Army Chaplain Colonel Galen H. Meyer (Ret.) offered the follow invocation:

In this Memorial Day service 2013, we lift our hearts in prayer to You, our omnipotent Creator and Heavenly Father, who imagined us, brought us into conscious being, and loves us more deeply than we can know. Hear our petitions this day, we pray; those we make together and those we express individually in the quietness of our hearts.

We remember with sorrow and respect the courageous men and women of our country who sacrificed their lives in opposition to tyranny and evil so that we might be free. Give them rest for their souls. We pray as well for those they left behind to mourn their absence—parents, spouses, children, siblings, extended family and friends. Bring comfort to them, we pray, and the peace that surpasses understanding. Hold them gently and securely in Your arms of grace.

We pray as well for all those men and women who suffer debilitating wounds from their service to our country. Be their great physician. Give them relief from pain and anxiety. Fill their hearts with renewed hope, courage, and vitality. Remember, too, their loved ones who care for them. Give them strength, patience, wisdom, and love day by day to carry on.

We also remember in prayer today the men and women in uniform who presently protect our country. Keep them vigilant, strong, and safe. Protect them from all evil, and watch over as well their families and loved ones who worry over them and also serve.

Finally, we pray for all of those called to positions of leadership in our state and country. Give them an extra measure of understanding and insight, and help them to weigh each issue that calls for their attention with calmness of mind. Equip them to make each decision wisely, so that we may be led in the paths of peace.

We make our prayers with assurance that He who created the ear hears us and, with conviction, that the God who is love will fulfill His promises, so that one day the old order of things will give way to the new heaven and the new earth; when He will wipe away every tear from our eyes; and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

Senators Marleau, Jansen, Richardville and Schuitmaker entered the Senate chamber.

The following communication was received and read:
Office of the Senate Majority Leader

May 22, 2013

Pursuant to Joint Rule 3, the Senate, having non-concurred in the House substitute (H-1) to Senate Bill 189, appoints the following members to sit on the conference committee:

Senator Mark Jansen, Chair

Senator Roger Kahn

Senator Bert Johnson

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Respectfully yours,
Randy Richardville
Senate Majority Leader

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, May 22:
House Bill Nos. 4089 4156 4204 4284 4289 4299 4310 4591 4592 4737

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, May 22, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

House Bill Nos. 4745 4746 4747 4748 4749 4750 4751 4752 4753 4754 4755 4756

Senator Meekhof moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of Senator Pappageorge 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 and Gallery. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Hopgood moved that Senator Young be temporarily excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

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

Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:06 a.m.

10:54 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Pappageorge presented the 19th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony in honor of the military personnel who served during wartime. The ceremony was accompanied by the VFW District 5 - Macomb and Oakland Counties, Department of Michigan Color Guard, Kalamazoo Pipe Band, Michigan Army National Guard, and VFW Post Commanders.

Senator Pappageorge introduced Representatives Kenneth Kurtz, Edward McBroom, Earl Poleski, Al Pscholka, and Mike Shirkey, who sang the "National Anthem."

Senator Pappageorge recognized a Gold Star mother, Andalora Smith, and her grandson Thomas Smith who presented a poem written by Specialist Thomas Smith while in Vietnam.

Senator Pappageorge introduced Staff Sergeant Travis Mills, United States Army and Wounded Warrior, who addressed the Senate.

Senator Anderson conducted a roll call of Michigan fallen soldiers since the 2012 Memorial Day Ceremony.

Senators Ananich, Bieda, Gregory, Hildenbrand, Hune, Jones, Marleau, Schuitmaker, and Walker acknowledged the casualties with memorial flags for the fallen soldiers who resided in their districts.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the fallen soldiers.

Staff Sergeant Laars C. Helenius, Michigan National Guard, played "Taps."

The Kalamazoo Pipe Band played "Amazing Grace."

During the recess, Senator Young entered the Senate Chamber.

The following communication was received and read:

Office of the Senate Majority Leader

May 22, 2013

I hereby appoint Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood to replace Senator Glenn Anderson on the conference committee for House Bill 4228.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Respectfully yours,
Randy Richardville
Senate Majority Leader

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Messages from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

May 21, 2013

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office:

Complete Streets Advisory Council

Karen A. Kafantaris of 13803 Oakview Drive, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837, county of Eaton, representing the American Association of Retired Persons, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring September 30, 2015.

Robert M. Bacigalupi of 627 Sixth Street, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, county of Grand Traverse, representing public transit users, succeeding Kelli Kavanaugh, is appointed for a term expiring September 30, 2015.

Angelynn A. Afendoulis of 2181 Cascade Lakes Circle, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, county of Kent, representing the State Transportation Commission, succeeding Linda Miller-Atkinson, is appointed for a term expiring September 30, 2015.

Sincerely,
Rick Snyder
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Messages from the House

Senate Bill No. 182, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 6, 11, 11a, 11g, 11j, 11k, 11m, 12, 15, 18, 18b, 19, 20, 20d, 22a, 22b, 22d, 22j, 24, 24a, 24c, 26a, 26b, 26c, 31a, 31d, 31f, 32d, 32p, 39a, 51a, 51b, 51c, 51d, 53a, 54, 56, 61a, 62, 74, 81, 94a, 95, 98, 99, 101, 102, 104, 107, 147, 147b, 147c, and 152a (MCL 388.1606, 388.1611, 388.1611a, 388.1611g, 388.1611j, 388.1611k, 388.1611m, 388.1612, 388.1615, 388.1618, 388.1618b, 388.1619, 388.1620, 388.1620d, 388.1622a, 388.1622b, 388.1622d, 388.1622j, 388.1624, 388.1624a, 388.1624c, 388.1626a, 388.1626b, 388.1626c, 388.1631a, 388.1631d, 388.1631f, 388.1632d, 388.1632p, 388.1639a, 388.1651a, 388.1651b, 388.1651c, 388.1651d, 388.1653a, 388.1654, 388.1656, 388.1661a, 388.1662, 388.1674, 388.1681, 388.1694a, 388.1695, 388.1698, 388.1699, 388.1701, 388.1702, 388.1704, 388.1707, 388.1747, 388.1747b, 388.1747c, and 388.1752a), sections 6, 11, and 26b as amended by 2012 PA 465, sections 11a, 11g, 11j, 11k, 11m, 12, 18, 19, 20, 20d, 22a, 22b, 22d, 24, 24a, 24c, 26a, 31a, 31d, 31f, 32d, 39a, 51a, 51c, 51d, 53a, 54, 56, 61a, 62, 74, 81, 94a, 98, 99, 102, 104, 107, 147, 147b, and 152a as amended and sections 22j, 26c, 32p, 95, and 147c as added by 2012 PA 201, section 15 as amended by 2012 PA 286, section 18b as amended by 2008 PA 268, section 51b as added by 1996 PA 300, and section 101 as amended by 2012 PA 516, and by adding sections 11s, 21f, 22c, 22k, 22m, 25e, and 32q; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Rogers, Potvin and Dillon as conferees to join with Sens. Walker, Kahn and Hopgood.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 184, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of transportation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. VerHeulen, Muxlow and Kandrevas as conferees to join with Sens. Pappageorge, Kahn and Anderson.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 185, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. McCready, Jenkins and McCann as conferees to join with Sens. Colbeck, Kahn and Gregory.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 187, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Jenkins, MacGregor and Roberts as conferees to join with Sens. Colbeck, Kahn and Gregory.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 188, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Bumstead, McCready and Brown as conferees to join with Sens. Green, Kahn and Hopgood.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 190, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of licensing and regulatory affairs and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; to provide for the expenditure of those appropriations; to provide for the imposition of certain fees; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies; to provide for reports to certain persons; and to prescribe powers and duties of certain state departments and certain state and local agencies and officers.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Forlini, Pscholka and Faris as conferees to join with Sens. Jansen, Kahn and Johnson.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 191, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the judiciary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Walsh, VerHeulen and Faris as conferees to join with Sens. Proos, Kahn and Johnson.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 192, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of human services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. MacGregor, McCready and Tlaib as conferees to join with Sens. Caswell, Kahn and Gregory.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 193, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 236, 236a, 236b, 241, 244, 245, 246, 252, 256, 258, 263a, 264, 265, 265a, 267, 268, 269, 270, 274, 275, 275a, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 289, 293a, and 296 (MCL 388.1836, 388.1836a, 388.1836b, 388.1841, 388.1844, 388.1845, 388.1846, 388.1852, 388.1856, 388.1858, 388.1863a, 388.1864, 388.1865, 388.1865a, 388.1867, 388.1868, 388.1869, 388.1870, 388.1874, 388.1875, 388.1875a, 388.1876, 388.1877, 388.1878, 388.1879, 388.1880, 388.1881, 388.1882, 388.1889, 388.1893a, and 388.1896), sections 236, 236a, 241, 244, 245, 252, 256, 258, 263a, 264, 265, 267, 268, 269, 270, 274, 275, 275a, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, and 289 as amended and sections 236b, 246, 265a, and 293a as added by 2012 PA 201 and section 296 as added by 2011 PA 62, and by adding section 262a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Pscholka, Walsh and Singh as conferees to join with Sens. Schuitmaker, Kahn and Hood.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 194, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the legislature, the executive, the department of attorney general, the department of state, the department of treasury, the department of technology, management, and budget, the department of civil rights, and certain state purposes related thereto for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies; and to declare the effect of this act.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Poleski, Kowall and Durhal as conferees to join with Sens. Pappageorge, Kahn and Johnson.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 195, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environmental quality for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Kowall, Forlini and Roberts as conferees to join with Sens. Green, Kahn and Hopgood.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 196, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Rogers, Lori and Singh as conferees to join with Sens. Walker, Kahn and Hopgood.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 197, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of corrections for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. MacMaster, Poleski and Kandrevas as conferees to join with Sens. Proos, Kahn and Anderson.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 198, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of community health for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Lori, VerHeulen and Tlaib as conferees to join with Sens. Moolenaar, Kahn and Gregory.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 199, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979;" by amending sections 201, 201a, 206, 208, 209, 210, 224, 225, 229, 229a, 230, and 296 (MCL 388.1801, 388.1801a, 388.1806, 388.1808, 388.1809, 388.1810, 388.1824, 388.1825, 388.1829, 388.1829a, 388.1830, and 388.1896), section 201 as amended by 2012 PA 465, sections 201a, 206, 208, 209, 210, 224, 225, 229, and 230 as amended and section 229a as added by 2012 PA 201, and section 296 as added by 2011 PA 62, and by adding section 229b; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Muxlow, MacMaster and Zemke as conferees to join with Sens. Booher, Kahn and Anderson.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 201, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of agriculture and rural development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Potvin, Jenkins and Brown as conferees to join with Sens. Green, Kahn and Hopgood.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee.

Senate Bill No. 165, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding part 204.

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. 335, entitled

A bill to amend 2011 PA 142, entitled "Health insurance claims assessment act," (MCL 550.1731 to 550.1741) by amending enacting section 2.

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,

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

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Green, Jones, Colbeck, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Marleau, Booher and Jansen introduced

Senate Joint Resolution V, entitled

A joint resolution to petition the congress of the United States to call a convention to propose amendments to the constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senators Moolenaar and Emmons introduced

Senate Bill No. 384, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 239, entitled "McCauley-Traxler-Law-Bowman-McNeely lottery act," by amending section 32 (MCL 432.32), as amended by 2012 PA 428.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services.

Senator Moolenaar introduced

Senate Bill No. 385, 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 promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; 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 sections 10, 11, and 11f (MCL 247.660, 247.661, and 247.661f), section 10 as amended by 2007 PA 210, section 11 as amended by 2002 PA 639, and section 11f as amended by 2008 PA 73.

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

Senators Jones, Colbeck, Bieda and Kowall introduced

Senate Bill No. 386, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 49, 50, and 50b (MCL 750.49, 750.50, and 750.50b), section 49 as amended by 2006 PA 129, section 50 as amended by 2007 PA 152, and section 50b as amended by 2008 PA 339.

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

Senator Schuitmaker introduced

Senate Bill No. 387, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled "Worker's disability compensation act of 1969," by amending section 161 (MCL 418.161), as amended by 2012 PA 83.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing.

Senator Hunter introduced

Senate Bill No. 388, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 78g (MCL 211.78g), as amended by 2003 PA 263.

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

Senators Emmons, Moolenaar, Gregory, Smith, Proos, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, Jones, Marleau, Jansen, Colbeck, Hopgood, Anderson, Brandenburg, Kowall and Pappageorge introduced

Senate Bill No. 389, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 181, entitled "An act to authorize the board of a school district to award high school diplomas to World War II veterans and Korean conflict veterans under certain circumstances; and to prescribe duties and responsibilities of certain state officers and officials," by amending section 1 (MCL 35.341), as amended by 2003 PA 203.

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

Senators Moolenaar, Booher, Bieda, Casperson, Emmons, Schuitmaker, Walker, Brandenburg, Hansen, Kowall and Pavlov introduced

Senate Bill No. 390, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 312a and 312b (MCL 257.312a and 257.312b), section 312b as amended by 2004 PA 362.

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

Senator Green introduced

Senate Bill No. 391, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 223 and 328 (MCL 257.223 and 257.328), section 223 as amended by 2007 PA 143 and section 328 as amended by 2004 PA 52.

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

Senator Hune introduced

Senate Bill No. 392, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending sections 3101a and 3102 (MCL 500.3101a and 500.3102), section 3101a as amended by 2011 PA 91 and section 3102 as amended by 1990 PA 79.

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

House Bill No. 4089, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 1077.

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 Transportation.

House Bill No. 4156, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 16184 and 16185 (MCL 333.16184 and 333.16185), as amended by 2012 PA 4.

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 Health Policy.

House Bill No. 4204, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding sections 2a and 76.

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 Transportation.

House Bill No. 4284, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 81131 and 81133 (MCL 324.81131 and 324.81133), section 81131 as amended by 2011 PA 107 and section 81133 as amended by 2012 PA 340.

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 Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes.

House Bill No. 4289, entitled

A bill to amend 1995 PA 29, entitled "Uniform unclaimed property act," by amending section 31 (MCL 567.251), as amended by 1997 PA 195.

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. 4299, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 81131 (MCL 324.81131), as amended by 2011 PA 107.

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 Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes.

House Bill No. 4310, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," by amending sections 1204 and 1205 (MCL 339.1204 and 339.1205), section 1204 as amended by 2003 PA 57 and section 1205 as amended by 1997 PA 97.

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 Regulatory Reform.

House Bill No. 4591, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 217, entitled "Electrical administrative act," by amending sections 6 and 7 (MCL 338.886 and 338.887), section 6 as amended by 1992 PA 130 and section 7 as amended by 2002 PA 205.

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 Energy and Technology.

House Bill No. 4592, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 192, entitled "Forbes mechanical contractors act," by amending sections 7 and 9 (MCL 338.977 and 338.979), section 7 as amended by 1998 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 Energy and Technology.

House Bill No. 4737, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled "Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act," (MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531) by adding section 28a.

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 Energy and Technology.

Statements

Senators Jansen, Caswell and Anderson asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jansen's statement is as follows:

In the east Gallery is our chaplain who prayed this morning, Chaplain Colonel Galen H. Meyer, U.S. Army (Ret.), and I want to give you a little bit of his background for a couple of reasons. No. 1, he spent 32 years of commissioned service as a military chaplain. He was first commissioned as a Navy chaplain in 1966 and assigned to the Marine Corps as a combat chaplain with the Marines in Vietnam in '67 and '68.

After eight years with the Navy, he transferred to the Army where he served as a chaplain another 24 years with the Army Reserves in Army hospitals around the country and also with the logistical command in Germany. From 1995 through 1996, he was mobilized again for the operation to bring peace to Bosnia.

He retired from the Army in 1998, and as a civilian, he was a teacher at a small little high school called South Christian. He did that for 35 years, where he taught folks like me, and he taught English and religion. I must brag about him. He was one of those teachers who when some of us weren't always the best students, he was a teacher who helped you learn in a way that nobody else did. For instance, in his class, he had a barber chair that was back from the '40s or '20s or '30s. He would do chapels every week, and in our era, he would talk about tread and retread and quite a few stories—relating to us as kids in high school.

He served three years as the editor of what's called "The Banner." If you're a Christian Reformed person, you know what that is. That's our weekly newspaper that tells us everything that is going on in the Christian Reformed Church. He is also a retired pastor from the Christian Reformed denomination. He is here today with his wife Thelma, and they are on their way to Ohio. He was gracious enough to squeeze us in today.

One last thing: They had a beautiful daughter who was also a teacher at South Christian, and she passed away this past January with cancer. Last night at our graduation for my son, they talked about her. They are just a fabulous family. They love our community, and we love them. I want to thank them and him and their family for their service to our community and to our country.

Senator Caswell's statement is as follows:

I just wanted to say a couple words today about a gentleman I have working in my office, Jeff Cassidy, who has been on six tours of duty overseas. It's a privilege and an honor to have him.

I've heard a lot of good things today—a lot of good words, all that were very much needed—but I would urge each of us in this chamber to remember that what has been given to us requires us not just to say the right things, but to live in our heart the right things. We can fool man with our lips, but we can't fool God with our heart. What these individuals, these servicemen and women, have done for us requires us to live our lives in a way from the heart that brings honor to them and all that they've done for us.

Senator Anderson's statement is as follows:

I would like to ask those members who are present with us to join me in welcoming two good friends of mine from Westland. Bill and Joy Acton are with me today. Bill is the commander of American Legion Post 251 in Westland, and Joy, his right arm, is very active with the auxiliary. She has supported him along the way, everything that he has done. They do everything together, and they just recently celebrated their 58th anniversary together.

If everyone would join me in saying hello to them and welcoming them to the Senate.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Local Government and Elections reported

House Bill No. 4307, entitled

A bill to amend 1966 PA 261, entitled "An act to provide for the apportionment of county boards of commissioners; to prescribe the size of the board; to provide for appeals; to prescribe the manner of election of the members of the county board of commissioners; to provide for compensation of members; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 12 (MCL 46.412), as amended by 1982 PA 504, and by adding section 13.

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 Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 3:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building
 Present: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg and Young

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 176, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled "Mental health code," by amending sections 609, 614, and 618 (MCL 330.1609, 330.1614, and 330.1618).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judith K. Emmons
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Rocca and Nofs
 Nays: None
 The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services submitted the following:
 Meeting held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building
 Present: Senators Emmons (C), Rocca and Nofs
 Excused: Senator Gregory

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Economic Development submitted the following:
 Meeting held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building
 Present: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons, Hansen and Ananich
 Excused: Senator Smith

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes submitted the following:
 Meeting held on Thursday, May 23, 2013, at 8:30 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building
 Present: Senators Casperson (C), Pavlov, Green, Kowall, Warren and Hood
 Excused: Senator Meekhof

Scheduled Meetings**Conference Committees -**

Agriculture and Rural Development (SB 201) - Tuesday, May 28, 8:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Community Health (SB 198) - Tuesday, May 28, 11:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Military and Veterans Affairs (SB 187) - Tuesday, May 28, 8:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

State Police (SB 185) - Tuesday, May 28, 8:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Transportation (SB 184) - Tuesday, May 28, 9:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, May 28, 9:30 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:12 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate