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House Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

12:00 Noon.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, the Representatives-elect to the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan for the years 2017 and 2018, assembled in Representative Hall in the Capitol at Lansing on the second Wednesday in January, the 11th of January, 2017 at 12:00 o'clock noon, and in accordance with law, were called to order by Gary L. Randall, Clerk of the preceding House.

Rep. Aaron Miller, from the 59th District, offered the following invocation:

“Our heavenly Father,

Thank You for this day that You have made. Thank You for the privilege of being in Your presence here in this place on this special day and in this special place that our forefathers designated as our seat of government.

I pray for our wonderful state of Michigan. Lord, You have doubly blessed this land and its people and we are blessed accordingly to be able to call it our home. We ask that You continue to bless the state of Michigan. Guard its people and enrich its natural resources which are already great.

I pray for each representative and senator in this 99th Legislature. I pray for each family member here today and for those at home and for those to come. Specifically, Lord, we seek Your blessing of safety, good health, and a sound mind over these few who will be laying down and amending statute for our great state and representing the constituencies therein. Keep Your guiding hand on our shoulders, do Your will in our daily lives, and remind us, bluntly when necessary, that this esteemed position is not about us. Keep us humble, oh God.

Lord, help us to pursue what You told us through Your servant, Solomon, in his book of proverbs: to understand that which is right and just and fair, every good path. What we earnestly want for the Michigan House of Representatives is laws and resolutions that are right and just and fair. Bless these two years and let them so pass in Your appointed time.

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness, we thank You for Your mercy, and we desire to glorify You in all that we do. Be with us and watch over us. We ask of You all these things in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Amen and amen.”

**Communications from State Officers**

November 28, 2016

The Honorable Gary Randall  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building, Room 70  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Mr. Randall:

Enclosed, please find a certified listing of the candidates elected to the office of State Representative at the November 8, 2016 general election. A copy of the official returns certified for the election is also provided for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,  
Christopher M. Thomas  
Director of Elections

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I, Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State and Custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, certify that the persons named on the attached listing were duly elected at the November 8, 2016 General Election to the Office of State Representative for a term commencing on January 1, 2017 and ending on January 1, 2019, as shown by the official returns certified for the election and placed on file in this office.

[SEAL]

In witness whereof, I have hereto attached my signature and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, at Lansing, on November 28, 2016.

Ruth Johnson  
Secretary of State

**State of Michigan**

General Election - November, 2016

Representatives Elect

State Legislature

House District	Party	Name	Address
1	DEM	Brian R. Banks	21456 Newcastle Rd, Harper Woods, MI 48225
2	DEM	Bettie Cook Scott	17160 Gravier Apt 6A, Detroit, MI 48224
3	DEM	Wendell L. Byrd	20651 Stratford Rd, Detroit, MI 48221
4	DEM	Rose Mary C. Robinson	4221 Avery, Detroit, MI 48208
5	DEM	Fred Durhal	4055 Leslie St, Detroit, MI 48238
6	DEM	Stephanie Chang	1348 Joliet Pl, Detroit, MI 48207
7	DEM	LaTanya Garrett	15355 Cherrylawn, Detroit, MI 48238
8	DEM	Sherry Gay-Dagnogo	15667 Glastonbury Ave, Detroit, MI 48223
9	DEM	Sylvia Santana	5700 Brace St, Detroit, MI 48228
10	DEM	Leslie Love	PO Box 47323, Oak Park, MI 48237
11	DEM	Jewell Jones	26050 Avondale, Inkster, MI 48141
12	DEM	Erika Geiss	24645 Muirfield Dr, Taylor, MI 48180

13	DEM	Frank Liberati	9068 Quandt Ave, Allen Park, MI 48101
14	DEM	Cara Clemente	2235 Fort Park, Lincoln Park, MI 48146
15	DEM	Abdullah Hammoud	254 Mohawk St, Dearborn, MI 48124
16	DEM	Robert L. Kosowski	450 N Bryar St, Westland, MI 48185
17	REP	Joseph Bellino, Jr.	1285 Hollywood Dr, Monroe, MI 48162
18	DEM	Kevin Hertel	22848 Poplar Beach Dr, Saint Clair Shores, MI 48081
19	REP	Laura Cox	PO Box 531392, Livonia, MI 48153
20	REP	Jeff Noble	45050 N Territorial Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170
21	DEM	Kristy Pagan	7420 Windsor Woods Dr Apt 2A, Canton, MI 48187
22	DEM	John Chirkun	31229 Merrily, Roseville, MI 48066
23	DEM	Darrin Camilleri	21544 Kings Pointe Blvd, Brownstown, MI 48183
24	REP	Steve Marino	37884 Lakeshore Dr, Harrison Township, MI 48045
25	DEM	Henry Yanez	14052 Bery Dr, Sterling Heights, MI 48312
26	DEM	Jim Ellison	1309 Mohawk Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067
27	DEM	Robert Wittenberg	26131 Harding St, Oak Park, MI 48237
28	DEM	Patrick Green	3929 Marlene Dr, Warren, MI 48092
29	DEM	Tim Greimel	2640 Greenstone Blvd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
30	REP	Diana Farrington	8830 Summers Ct, Utica, MI 48317
31	DEM	William J. Sowerby	37860 Saddle Ln, Clinton Township, MI 48036
32	REP	Pamela Hornberger	53611 Katarina, Chesterfield Township, MI 48051
33	REP	Jeff Yaroch	35545 Pound Rd, Richmond, MI 48062
34	DEM	Sheldon A. Neeley	2305 Begole St, Flint, MI 48504
35	DEM	Jeremy Moss	18405 Melrose Ave, Southfield, MI 48075
36	REP	Peter J. Lucido	14601 Breza, Shelby Township, MI 48315
37	DEM	Christine Greig	21031 Eastfarm Lane Ct, Northville, MI 48167
38	REP	Kathy S. Crawford	46275 W Eleven Mile Rd, Novi, MI 48374
39	REP	Klint Kesto	PO Box 1193, Walled Lake, MI 48390
40	REP	Michael D. McCready	1011 S Adams Rd, Birmingham, MI 48009
41	REP	Martin Howrylak	3035 Newport Ct, Troy, MI 48084
42	REP	Lana L. Theis	PO Box 461, Brighton, MI 48116
43	REP	Jim Tedder	4900 Lakeview Blvd, Clarkston, MI 48348
44	REP	Jim Runestad	2210 Teggerdine Rd, White Lake, MI 48386
45	REP	Michael Webber	2311 Walton Blvd #42, Rochester Hills, MI 48309
46	REP	John Reilly	2273 W Predmore, Oakland, MI 48363
47	REP	Hank Vaupel	PO Box 357, Fowlerville, MI 48836
48	DEM	Pam Faris	4116 Orme Cir, Clio, MI 48420
49	DEM	Phil Phelps	819 E Main St, Flushing, MI 48433
50	DEM	Tim Sneller	2253 McLaren St, Burton, MI 48529
51	REP	Joseph Graves	16316 Knobhill Dr, Linden, MI 48451
52	DEM	Donna Lasinski	4977 St Annes Ct, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
53	DEM	Yousef Rabhi	1255 Kensington Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
54	DEM	Ronnie D. Peterson	1146 Rue Willette, Ypsilanti, MI 48198
55	DEM	Adam F. Zemke	2860 Gladstone Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
56	REP	Jason M. Sheppard	PO Box 271, Lambertville, MI 48144
57	REP	Bronna Kahle	PO Box 681, Adrian, MI 49221
58	REP	Eric Leutheuser	PO Box 58, Hillsdale, MI 49242
59	REP	Aaron Miller	27788 Banker Street Rd, Sturgis, MI 49091
60	DEM	Jon Hoadley	2720 Parkview Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
61	REP	Brandt Iden	PO Box 20486, Kalamazoo, MI 49019
62	REP	John Bizon	114 Castle Ridge Dr, Battle Creek, MI 49015
63	REP	David C. Maturen	11911 Lee Mar Dr, Vicksburg, MI 49097
64	REP	Julie Alexander	5815 Hanover, Hanover, MI 49241
65	REP	Brett Roberts	3494 Sherman Rd, Charlotte, MI 48813
66	REP	Beth Griffin	PO Box 29, Paw Paw, MI 49079
67	DEM	Tom Cochran	418 Coppersmith Dr, Mason, MI 48854
68	DEM	Andy Schor	PO Box 13073, Lansing, MI 48901
69	DEM	Sam Singh	1837 Cricket Ln, East Lansing, MI 48823
70	REP	James A. Lower	PO Box 115, Cedar Lake, MI 48812
71	REP	Tom Barrett	PO Box 121, Charlotte, MI 48813

72	REP	Steven Johnson	PO Box 132, Wayland, MI 49348
73	REP	Chris Afendoulis	240 Edgehill Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
74	REP	Rob VerHeulen	4167 Imperial NW, Walker, MI 49534
75	DEM	David LaGrand	1551 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507
76	DEM	Winnie Brinks	2060 Osceola Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
77	REP	Tommy Brann	4335 56th St SW, Wyoming, MI 49418
78	REP	Dave Pagel	3221 E Shawnee Rd, Berrien Springs, MI 49103
79	REP	Kim LaSata	PO Box 495, Saint Joseph, MI 49085
80	REP	Mary Whiteford	PO Box 324, Allegan, MI 49010
81	REP	Dan Lauwers	12401 Speaker Rd, Brockway Township, MI 48097
82	REP	Gary Howell	4865 Fish Lake Rd, North Branch, MI 48461
83	REP	Shane Hernandez	1423 18th St, Port Huron, MI 48060
84	REP	Edward J. Canfield	933 E Main St, Sebewaing, MI 48759
85	REP	Ben Frederick	600 N Water St, Owosso, MI 48867
86	REP	Thomas A. Albert	PO Box 164, Lowell, MI 49331
87	REP	Julie Calley	10198 Butler Rd, Portland, MI 48875
88	REP	Roger Victory	5214 22nd Ave, Hudsonville, MI 49426
89	REP	Jim Lilly	PO Box 147, Macatawa, MI 49434
90	REP	Daniela Garcia	22 E 29th St, Holland, MI 49423
91	REP	Holly Hughes	8801 Lehman Rd, Montague, MI 49437
92	DEM	Terry J. Sabo	1188 N Robinhood Dr, Muskegon, MI 49445
93	REP	Tom Leonard	PO Box 261, Dewitt, MI 48820
94	REP	Tim Kelly	25 Benton Rd, Saginaw, MI 48602
95	DEM	Vanessa Guerra	2146 Gratiot Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602
96	DEM	Brian K. Elder	PO Box 66, Bay City, MI 48707
97	REP	Jason Wentworth	6810 E Beaverton Rd, Clare, MI 48617
98	REP	Gary Glenn	3800 E Monroe Rd, Midland, MI 48642
99	REP	Roger Hauck	PO Box 985, Mount Pleasant, MI 48804
100	REP	Scott A. VanSingel	12615 Catalpa, Grant, MI 49327
101	REP	Curt VanderWall	4906 Rasmussen Rd, Ludington, MI 49431
102	REP	Michele Hoitenga	226 Roberts St, Manton, MI 49663
103	REP	Daire L. Rendon	PO Box 809, Lake City, MI 49651
104	REP	Larry C. Inman	8971 Crockett, Williamsburg, MI 49690
105	REP	Triston S. Cole	241 E Eddy School Rd, Mancelona, MI 49659
106	REP	Sue Allor	PO Box 248, Wolverine, MI 49799
107	REP	Lee Chatfield	2481 US 31 N, Levering, MI 49755
108	REP	Beau Matthew LaFave	W8025 Millie Hill Estates Dr, Iron Mountain, MI 49801
109	DEM	John Kivela	1005 Cleveland Ave, Marquette, MI 49855
110	DEM	Scott Dianda	25607 Wedge St, Calumet, MI 49913

The roll of the House was called by the Assistant Clerk, who announced that all of the Representatives-elect were present except Reps. Garrett and Crawford.

### Oath of Office

The Representatives-elect appeared at the Clerk's desk and took and subscribed the constitutional oath of office, which was administered by the Hon. Stephen J. Markman, Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

The Clerk announced that the first business in order was the selection of seats in accordance with the Statute.

The Statute having been read, the members in the order or their total length of service in the House selected seats as their names were called by the Clerk. Lee Chatfield, II and Michael Geiss drew numbers for the selection of seats for members as provided, by Statute, all seats being selected as follows:

1—Gary Howell	56—Christine Greig
2—Curt VanderWall	57—Sam Singh
3—Bronna Kahle	58—Jeremy Moss
4—Eric Leutheuser	59—William J. Sowerby

5—Tom Leonard	60—Cara Clemente
6—Dan Lauwers	61—Yousef Rabhi
7—Martin Howrylak	62—Vanessa Guerra
8—Larry C. Inman	63—Darrin Camilleri
9—Steve Marino	64—Pam Faris
10—John Bizon	65—Sheldon A. Neeley
11—Rob VerHeulen	66—Tim Sneller
12—Lee Chatfield	67—Jim Ellison
13—Laura Cox	68—David LaGrand
14—Edward J. Canfield	69—John Kivela
15—Jeff Noble	70—Phil Phelps
16—Holly Hughes	71—Andy Schor
17—Gary Glenn	72—Winnie Brinks
18—Lana L. Theis	73—Fred Durhal
19—Jim Tedder	74—Adam F. Zemke
20—Triston S. Cole	75—Tim Greimel
21—Hank Vaupel	76—Robert L. Kosowski
22—Jim Lilly	77—Jewell Jones
23—John Reilly	78—Bettie Cook Scott
24—Joseph Bellino, Jr.	79—Wendell L. Byrd
25—Tom Barrett	80—Sherry Gay-Dagnogo
26—Steven Johnson	81—Robert Wittenberg
27—Aaron Miller	82—Frank Liberati
28—Diana Farrington	83—Dave Pagel
29—Ben Frederick	84—Tommy Brann
30—Beau Matthew LaFave	85—Patrick Green
31—David C. Maturen	86—Henry Yanez
32—Beth Griffin	87—Terry J. Sabo
33—Mary Whiteford	88—Abdullah Hammoud
34—Daire L. Rendon	89—Brian R. Banks
35—Julie Alexander	90—Julie Calley
36—Pamela Hornberger	91—Kim LaSata
37—Roger Hauck	92—Kristy Pagan
38—Kathy S. Crawford	93—Jon Hoadley
39—Sue Allor	94—Kevin Hertel
40—Tim Kelly	95—Donna Lasinski
41—Chris Afendoulis	96—Brian K. Elder
42—Jason M. Sheppard	97—Joseph Graves
43—Scott A. VanSingel	98—Michael Webber
44—Peter J. Lucido	99—Stephanie Chang
45—Brett Roberts	100—LaTanya Garrett
46—Daniela Garcia	101—John Chirkun
47—Brandt Iden	102—Sylvia Santana
48—Michael D. McCready	103—Rose Mary C. Robinson
49—Roger Victory	104—Jim Runestad
50—Michele Hoitenga	105—Shane Hernandez
51—James A. Lower	106—Leslie Love
52—Jason Wentworth	107—Erika Geiss
53—Thomas A. Albert	108—Scott Dianda
54—Jeff Yaroch	109—Ronnie D. Peterson
55—Klint Kesto	110—Tom Cochran

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

#### **Motions and Resolutions**

Reps. Lauwers and Greig offered the following resolution:

#### **House Resolution No. 1.**

A resolution prescribing the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the following rules be adopted as the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives:

**STANDING RULES  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION  
ARTICLE IV, SECTION 16**

**CHAPTER I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Meetings, Officers and Quorum.**

Rule 1. (1) The House shall meet in regular session at the seat of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at twelve o'clock noon. In each odd-numbered year, it shall proceed with its organization, the election of a Speaker and a Clerk for the ensuing term of the Legislature. All elections shall be by roll call and shall require a majority of the Members voting to elect.

(2) A majority of the Members elected to and serving in the House shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and not less than 15 Members voting in favor thereof may compel the attendance of absent Members and prescribe penalties for non-attendance. (See Const 1963, Art 4 §§ 13 and 14)

**Admission to Floor—Defined.**

Rule 2. (1) No person shall be admitted on the floor of the House for a period of 30 minutes immediately preceding the time set for any call to order during any session of the House through adjournment, except as follows:

- (a) Representatives and Senators;
- (b) Former Legislators, unless otherwise restricted;
- (c) Sergeants at arms, pages, Clerk's staff, and legislative staff who are specifically designated and approved by the Majority Floor Leader to be working on the House floor during session;
- (d) Directors of Michigan Departments and the Governor's legislative liaisons may be admitted to the Thatcher or Document room and may have floor access with the permission of the Majority Floor Leader;
- (e) Immediate family of Representatives who have obtained and are wearing in plain sight appropriate identification passes, issued under guidelines developed by the Majority Floor Leader;
- (f) Media correspondents accredited by the Clerk of the House who are wearing in plain sight appropriate identification passes, issued under guidelines developed by the Clerk. Media correspondents shall not use the center aisle or be at the Members' desks during roll call votes; and
- (g) Such other persons as may be invited by the Speaker or Majority Floor Leader.

(2) No group or individual shall be allowed access to the floor when the House is not in session unless permission is granted by the Majority Floor Leader or Clerk. The Majority Floor Leader and Clerk shall issue guidelines to ensure that guests using the floor are responsible for costs incurred by the House. If permission is given to a Member to bring guests on the floor when the House is not in session, the Member shall accompany the guests.

(3) Only Members shall sit in Members' chairs.

(4) Any person who is a lobbyist or employed by a lobbyist shall not be admitted on the floor of the House at any time, except immediate family of a Representative if admitted under rule 2(1)(e) on the first session day of an odd-numbered year for a swearing-in ceremony or under rule 2(1)(d). A former Legislator or immediate family of Representatives shall not lobby on the floor, except if they are admitted under rule 2(1)(d). The words "floor of the House," when used in these rules, shall mean the space of the main floor of Representative Hall, together with adjacent rooms on the second floor of the Capitol under the jurisdiction of the Clerk, including the Democrat and Republican caucus rooms and the corridor behind the House rostrum.

(5) Guests may be introduced only by permission of the Presiding Officer. Guests shall not be introduced during a roll call vote. Guests are to use the center aisle only if being escorted by a Member or House staff.

(6) Use of the center aisle should be kept at a minimum.

(7) The Majority Floor Leader must grant approval for the distribution of items on the floor and items must pertain to that day's agenda. All printed material intended for distribution on the floor shall be clearly identified by the Member requesting the distribution.

**Bar of the House.**

Rule 3. (1) Any Member, having answered attendance roll call at the opening of any session, or who enters after attendance roll call, shall be considered present until leave of absence is obtained from the House. Any Member having entered upon the floor of the House after the House has been called to order, shall be considered present if within the bar of the House.

(2) The words "within the bar of the House," when used in these rules, shall mean the space occupied and used by the House or any legislative room or office under the jurisdiction of the Clerk.

(3) Cell phones on the floor shall not ring audibly.

(4) All persons within the bar of the House shall be in acceptable business attire.

## CHAPTER II OFFICERS SPEAKER

### **Definitions.**

Rule 4. Speaker is any Member elected as Speaker under Rule 1 of these rules.

### **Duties as Presiding Officer.**

Rule 5. The Speaker, or the designee of the Speaker, shall take the Chair each day at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned or recessed. The Presiding Officer shall call the House to order and lead the Members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and, except in the absence of a quorum, shall proceed to business in the manner prescribed by these rules. In the absence of the Speaker, or the designee of the Speaker, the Clerk or Assistant Clerk may call the House to order.

Rule 6. (1) The Presiding Officer shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order, rising for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House. When two or more Members rise at once, the Presiding Officer shall name the Member who is first to speak.

(2) Only the Presiding Officer shall lead the House in observing a moment of silence.

### **Duties of Speaker as Chief Administrator.**

Rule 7. (1) Payment to all persons, authorized under paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) to expend House funds for transportation, lodging, meals, registration fees and related items, shall be made in accordance with expenditure regulations as predetermined and prepublished to Members by the Speaker. The regulations shall set forth the guidelines for amounts, methods of payment and time of payment for such items. The Speaker may revise the regulations upon 15-day notice to all Members.

(2) The Speaker may authorize persons to make expenditures from the general funds of the House for administrative purposes. The Speaker may enter into contracts for the purchase and payment of benefits affecting employees, Members of the House, retirees and their successors in interest.

(3) Regular standing committees of the House shall be allotted such funds as the Speaker may authorize. The Speaker may restrict selected expenditures to a lesser number of Members, alternates or substitute Members, than the number of Members of the standing committee. The funds may be expended for items specified in paragraph (1) and for contractual services, publications and supplies. All expenditures under this paragraph shall be approved by the committee Chair and the Speaker and for items specified in paragraph (1) shall be in accordance with the regulations and guidelines provided for by paragraph (1).

(4) Additional committees may be authorized by resolution. The resolutions shall set the maximum budget of such committees. Members, alternates and substitute Members of such additional committees shall be appointed by the Speaker unless otherwise specified in the resolution. The Speaker may restrict selected expenditures to a lesser number of Members, alternates or substitute Members than the number of Members specified in the resolution. Budgeted funds may be expended for items specified in paragraph (1), for contractual services, publications, supplies and any other items specified in the resolution. Payments for contractual services may be authorized by the committee Chair and the Speaker. All expenditures under this paragraph for items specified in paragraph (1) shall be in accordance with the regulations and guidelines provided for by paragraph (1).

### **Appointments by the Speaker.**

Rule 8. The Speaker shall appoint all committees, except where the House shall otherwise order. If the Speaker makes permanent or temporary additions to or removals from any standing or special committee, the names and the appointments or removals shall take effect when the Clerk and Minority Leader are notified by letter and shall appear in the next House Journal.

### **Appointment of Employees by Speaker.**

Rule 9. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the Speaker, or the Speaker's designee, shall appoint all employees of the House. Unless otherwise provided by law, the compensation for all employees and officers of the House shall be fixed by the Speaker, or the Speaker's designee. All employees of the House shall maintain a status as non-tenured, at-will employees. All employees of the House work at the pleasure of the Speaker, or the Speaker's designee, shall be subject to the Speaker's, or the Speaker's designee's, orders, and may be transferred to a different position, demoted, suspended, or summarily removed by the Speaker, or the Speaker's designee.

### **Naming of Acting Speaker.**

Rule 10. The Speaker, may, by filing a written notice with the Clerk, appoint any Member to perform the duties of the Presiding Officer, but not for a longer time than one day without leave of the House. Such notice shall be spread upon the House Journal.

**Voting.**

Rule 11. The Speaker and Presiding Officer may vote on all elections and on all questions.

**Putting the Question.**

Rule 12. (1) The Presiding Officer shall pose all questions to the Members. If in doubt the Presiding Officer may order a division of the House. A division of the House may be had on the demand of ten Members. A vote taken by division is not printed in the House Journal. A roll call of the House may be demanded by one-fifth of the Members present (see Const 1963, Art 4 § 18) on any pending question and in such case the record of the votes and names of the voting Members shall be entered in the House Journal.

(2) When a division of the House is ordered, the voting board shall be used, and the Clerk shall announce the vote and the Presiding Officer shall declare the result. On a tie vote the question shall be deemed as lost. A majority of those voting shall decide any question unless otherwise provided.

**Recognition During Roll Call.**

Rule 13. (1) After a question has been stated by the Presiding Officer, and the calling of the roll has been started by the Clerk, the Presiding Officer shall not recognize a Member for any purpose, until after the announcement of the vote by the Clerk except:

- (a) To raise a point of order;
- (b) To request an excuse for another Member;
- (c) To announce intent not to vote for reason of potential conflict of interest; and
- (d) To request that the board be cleared.

(2) The Clerk shall enter upon the House Journal the names of those voting “aye” and the names of those voting “nay”. Roll calls shall be consecutively numbered in the House Journal.

**SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE****Powers and Duties.**

Rule 14. (1) The Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, or an Associate Speaker Pro Tempore shall preside over the House, unless the Speaker has designated another Member to preside.

(2) In the absence of a designated Presiding Officer, the Clerk shall preside and if a quorum is present may designate a temporary Presiding Officer of the same party as the Speaker.

**CLERK****Roll Call.**

Rule 15. The Clerk shall serve as parliamentarian of the House. The Clerk shall take the roll at the opening of each session of the House and announce whether or not a quorum is present. The Clerk shall enter upon the House Journal the names of the Members present for attendance roll call, the names of the Members specifically excused from session, and the names of the Members absent from session. The term “roll call” as used in these rules shall mean a record roll call.

**Conduct of Religious Exercises.**

Rule 16. The Clerk shall arrange for a Member to offer an invocation which will not exceed 2 minutes in length at the opening of each session of the House. This invocation shall be general in nature, may be delivered by the Member or a Member’s guest, and must be submitted to [jclerk@house.mi.gov](mailto:jclerk@house.mi.gov) electronically 1 day in advance. For special occasions, the Clerk may arrange for religious services as needed.

**Publication and Correction of House Journal.**

Rule 17. (1) The Clerk shall make up and complete the House Journal, supervise its daily publication, and make corrections. The Clerk is authorized to correct totals that may have been affected by amendments made to appropriations bills.

(2) The House Journal is the only official record of the proceedings of the House.

(3) Written or verbal remarks made under the order of business of Comments and Recommendations shall not be printed in the House Journal except for remarks regarding departing Members. Departing Members remarks must be submitted electronically to [jclerk@house.mi.gov](mailto:jclerk@house.mi.gov) in order to be printed in the House Journal.

**House Calendar.**

Rule 18. The Clerk shall prepare and make available to each Member each session day a list of the business under each order of business.



**Printing, Announcement of Printing and Enrollment of Bills.**

Rule 19. The Clerk shall ensure the printing or reproduction of all bills, acts or documents ordered printed or reproduced by the House. The Clerk shall announce each day the numbers of all bills and letters of all joint resolutions which have been printed or reproduced and placed upon the files of the Members, and the numbers of House bills which have been enrolled and presented to the Governor.

**Responsibility for Care of Bills; Presentation of Enrolled Bills to Governor.**

Rule 20. The Clerk shall be responsible for the care and preservation of each bill introduced into the House, and for each bill received from the Senate up to the time of its return to that body. This responsibility shall only be relieved by a receipt from a person when the bill passes from his or her possession. The Clerk shall enroll a House bill while the House is not in session if that bill has passed both houses and no action is pending. The Clerk shall notify the House of such action on the next House legislative day. When a House bill has been finally passed by the two houses, the Clerk shall present to the Governor an enrolled copy thereof, taking a receipt showing the day, hour and minute at which such copy was deposited in the executive office.

**Appointment of Assistants.**

Rule 21. The Clerk shall, with the consent of the Speaker, appoint an Assistant Clerk and other assistants. All assistants of the Clerk and employees of the House assigned to the Clerk's office shall maintain a status as non-tenured, at-will employees. All assistants and employees of the House assigned to the Clerk's office work at the pleasure of the Clerk and Speaker, shall be subject to the orders of the Clerk and Speaker, and may be transferred to a different position, demoted, suspended, or summarily removed by the Clerk or Speaker.

**Accreditation of News Media.**

Rule 22. (1) The Clerk shall receive the applications of all members of the news media. Persons desiring to be accredited as official media correspondents at the two-year session shall file a written application with the Clerk. When issuing credentials, the Clerk shall instruct the media person as to conduct on the House floor.

(2) Members of the press corps shall comply with all House rules and guidelines, including acceptable business attire, and shall, while on the House floor during session, display credentials at all times.

**Responsibility for Care of House and Televising House Session.**

Rule 23. (1) The Clerk shall exercise supervisory care and control of the Hall of the House of Representatives and all House rooms and equipment assigned to the office of the Clerk. The Clerk shall, upon prior written authorization by the Speaker, provide for repairs and alterations in the House Chambers and the connected rooms and corridors and their furniture and equipment.

(2) The Clerk shall be responsible for televised coverage of House session and committee meetings.

(3) As directed by the Speaker, the Clerk shall enter into contractual agreements for rental of House facilities.

**Incapacity of Clerk.**

Rule 24. In case of the inability of the Clerk to perform the duties of that office, the Assistant Clerk shall be charged with the responsibility of the Clerk and shall perform the Clerk's duties. In case a vacancy exists in the office of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk shall assume the Clerkship and perform the duties of Clerk until a successor has been elected.

**Notices in Cases of Extra Sessions.**

Rule 25. Whenever the Legislature shall be called to meet in extraordinary session or in case of emergency, the Clerk shall notify Members and staff of the date and time of convening.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS****Definitions.**

Rule 26. The Sergeant at Arms shall be the chief police officer of the House and shall be appointed by the Speaker. Under the direction of the Speaker, the Clerk shall supervise and direct the work of the Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Sergeants at Arms, and may commission the Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Sergeants at Arms, who meet the certification requirements of this state, as law enforcement officers with the powers provided under the Legislative Sergeant at Arms Police Powers Act. (See MCL 4.381 - 4.382)

**Powers and Duties.**

Rule 27. The Sergeant at Arms shall have charge, under the direction of the Clerk, of the Assistant Sergeants at Arms, pages, and session interns, and control of all police, safety and security regulations. The Sergeant at Arms shall have

authority to serve subpoenas and warrants issued by the House or any duly authorized officer or committee, or cause the same to be done by one of the Assistant Sergeants at Arms, or a duly authorized agent. The Sergeant at Arms shall see that all visitors are seated and at no time are standing on the floor or balconies of the House. The Sergeant at Arms shall ensure that reasonable decorum is maintained in the lobby immediately in front of the entrance to Representative Hall to ensure access for Representatives and to ensure equal treatment for all citizens.

### CHAPTER III MEMBERS

#### **Conduct in Debate.**

Rule 28. When any Member is about to speak in debate or present any matter to the House, the Member shall rise and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confine remarks to the question under debate, and avoid personalities.

#### **Members Called to Order.**

Rule 29. If any Member in speaking transgresses the rules of the House, the Presiding Officer shall, or any Member may, call the transgressor to order, in which case the Member so called to order shall immediately sit down and shall not rise unless to explain or proceed in order.

### VOTING

#### **Voting by the Electronic Roll Call System.**

Rule 30. (1) When taking the roll call on any question, the electronic roll call system may be used, and shall have the same force and effect as a roll call taken as otherwise provided in these rules. The electronic roll call system shall only be used for legislative business officially before the House.

(2) When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring a roll call, and the vote is to be taken by the electronic roll call system, the Presiding Officer shall state the question to the Members. The Presiding Officer shall inform Members that the board is open to record their votes. When sufficient time has been allowed the Members to vote, the Presiding Officer shall direct the Clerk to close the board. Any Member can vote or change his or her vote after the board has been closed by rising and, when recognized by the Presiding Officer, announcing his or her vote before the result of the vote has been announced by the Clerk. After a sufficient time has passed to allow late voting, the Presiding Officer shall direct the Clerk to tally, display and announce the vote. The Clerk shall record the vote in the House Journal.

(3) No Member shall vote for another Member, nor shall any person not a Member cast a vote for a Member. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any Member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another Member may be punished in such manner as the House may determine. A person who votes or attempts to vote for a Member shall be barred from the floor of the House for the remainder of the session and may be further punished in such manner as the House may deem proper.

(4) Any vote shall be taken by the ayes and nays and entered upon the House Journal on request of one-fifth of the Members present. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 18)

#### **Vote Explanations.**

Rule 31. (1) A Member may dissent from and protest against any act, proceeding or resolution which the Member deems injurious to any person or the public, and have the reason for dissent, referred to as a “no vote explanation”, printed in the House Journal. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 18)

(2) If a Member desires to abstain from voting because of a potential conflict of interest, the Member may rise, announce his or her intent not to vote, and reserve the right to explain the abstention. The Member shall be granted the right to have the explanatory statement printed in the House Journal. To be printed in the House Journal, the abstention from voting explanation shall be submitted to the Clerk.

(3) No vote explanations or explanations of abstention from voting shall be in compliance with House Rules and shall not be substantively edited by the Clerk before publication in the House Journal. When the Clerk invokes this rule, the Member with the rejected no vote explanation will be told by the Clerk or Clerk’s staff of the specific rule violation and given the opportunity to resubmit the no vote explanation.

#### **Conduct.**

Rule 32. (1) No person shall pass between the Presiding Officer and a Member who has the floor.

(2) When so ordered by the Presiding Officer, the Members shall keep their seats until the Majority Floor Leader announces that no further voting will occur or the Presiding Officer announces that the House is adjourned. During such time, the Speaker or the Speaker’s designees may give a Member permission to temporarily leave his or her seat upon request.

**CHAPTER IV  
COMMITTEES  
STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Names and Number of Members.**

Rule 33. (1) All standing committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, except where the House shall otherwise order.

(2) The standing committees of the House and the number of Members shall be as follows:

- (a) Agriculture (12)
  - (b) Appropriations (29)
  - (c) Commerce and Trade (15)
  - (d) Communications and Technology (11)
  - (e) Education Reform (15)
  - (f) Elections and Ethics (9)
  - (g) Energy Policy (19)
  - (h) Families, Children, and Seniors (11)
  - (i) Financial Liability Reform (9)
  - (j) Financial Services (9)
  - (k) Government Operations (5)
  - (l) Health Policy (17)
  - (m) Insurance (17)
  - (n) Judiciary (10)
  - (o) Law and Justice (12)
  - (p) Local Government (11)
  - (q) Michigan Competitiveness (9)
  - (r) Military and Veterans Affairs (13)
  - (s) Natural Resources (9)
  - (t) Oversight (6)
  - (u) Regulatory Reform (16)
  - (v) Tax Policy (13)
  - (w) Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (5)
  - (x) Transportation and Infrastructure (14)
  - (y) Workforce and Talent Development (9)
- (3) Statutory Standing Committees:
- (a) Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (5)
  - (b) House Fiscal Agency Governing Committee (6)
  - (c) Legislative Council (6)
  - (d) Michigan Capitol Committee (4)
- (4) The House Journal shall report the roll call on all motions to report bills, resolutions and reorganization orders.

(See Const 1963, Art 4 § 17)

(5) Committees shall adopt a meeting schedule at the commencement of each term which shall be printed in the House Journal. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Members in writing to the Clerk. The Chair may cancel any scheduled meeting, except one called by a majority of the Members, by notice to the Members.

**Uniform Committee Rules.**

Rule 34. (1) The Clerk of the House shall assign committee clerks with the approval of the respective committee Chairs. Duties of committee clerks shall be prescribed by the Clerk.

(2) Special committees shall operate under the same rules as standing committees insofar as practical. Conference committees on House bills shall meet at a place assigned by the Clerk.

(3) All committees will operate under the following rules:

- (a) A quorum of a committee shall consist of a majority of the Members appointed and serving;
- (b) Members of standing committees may not check in for a committee meeting and leave their vote. Members of committees may only cast a vote if they are present at the meeting during the vote;
- (c) It shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members appointed to and serving on a committee in order to:
  - (i) Report a bill or resolution out of committee
  - (ii) Recommend an amendment to a bill or resolution
  - (iii) Reconsider a vote to report a bill or resolution from committee
- (d) Provided a quorum of a committee is present, it shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members voting in order to:
  - (i) Table a bill or resolution
  - (ii) Take a bill or resolution from the table

- (iii) Reconsider a vote, other than in subdivision (c)(iii)
- (e) It shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members voting in order to:
  - (i) Postpone action on a bill or resolution
  - (ii) Recess
  - (iii) Adjourn a meeting
- (f) The Chair of a standing committee shall determine the agenda for a committee meeting; and
- (g) The Chair of a standing committee may create subcommittees and shall designate what is to be considered by each subcommittee. The Chair of the standing committee shall designate a Chair of the subcommittee and shall appoint Members to each subcommittee.
- (4) The Speaker may designate additional Members to serve on any subcommittee of a standing committee as voting members who do not serve on the full committee.
- (5) Subcommittees shall follow the same rules as standing committees.
- (6) Meetings or public hearings of committees may be scheduled outside of Lansing with prior written approval of the Speaker. Subcommittees must have the prior written approval of the Chair of the standing committee and the Speaker in order to conduct a public hearing or meeting outside of Lansing.
- (7) All meetings or public hearings of committees or subcommittees shall comply with the following procedures in order to assure public access (See Const 1963, Art 4 §§ 16 and 17):
  - (a) All meetings or public hearings shall be open to the public and accessible;
  - (b) The right of any person to attend a meeting or public hearing includes the right to tape-record, videotape, and/or broadcast live;
  - (c) The right of any person to attend a meeting or public hearing may not be conditioned on prior approval of, or notice to, the committee or subcommittee;
  - (d) All decisions of a committee or subcommittee shall be made at a public meeting;
  - (e) The right of a person to attend a meeting or public hearing shall not be limited by a requirement that she or he register or otherwise provide her or his name or other identifying information;
  - (f) A person shall not be excluded from a meeting or public hearing of a committee or subcommittee except for a breach of the peace or in order to protect the health and safety of persons in attendance at the meeting;
  - (g) A conference committee shall give a 6-hour notice. A second conference committee shall give a 1-hour notice. Notice of a conference committee meeting shall include written notice to each member of the conference committee and the Majority and Minority Leaders of each House indicating the time and place of the meeting; (See Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.265)
  - (h) A rescheduled or a special meeting of a committee or subcommittee shall be posted at least 18 hours before the scheduled meeting time. No committee, subcommittee, or conference committee shall remain in session or stand in recess beyond the hour of 12:00 midnight; and
  - (i) Notice of committee or subcommittee meetings or public hearings shall include notice that individuals needing special services to fully participate in the meeting or public hearing may contact the committee or subcommittee Chair to request the necessary assistance.
- (8) Each committee shall have written minutes prepared of each meeting. The minutes shall include the date, time, place, Members present, Members absent, Members excused, and any decisions which were made. The minutes shall also include all roll call votes taken at the meeting. The proposed minutes of a meeting shall be available for inspection by the public within 8 working days of the meeting. Minutes shall be approved by the committee at the next meeting. Approved minutes shall be available for public inspection no later than 5 working days after approval.
- (9) Committees may excuse a Member from attending a committee meeting.
- (10) Committees shall not meet after a session of the House has been called to order without the consent of the House.
- (11) To the extent practical, special committees shall follow the same rules as standing committees of the House.
- (12) With approval of a majority of the Members appointed and serving on the committee, a committee may adopt additional rules provided they do not conflict with the Uniform Standing Committee Rules or with the Standing Rules of the House.
- (13) A motion for previous question is not in order.

#### **Chair of Committee.**

Rule 35. The first named Member of any committee shall be the Chair, and the second named Member shall be Vice-Chair. In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair the next named Member of the Majority party in attendance shall act as Chair. The Chair or any Member of the committee may place under oath or affirmation any person who appears to testify before the committee.

#### **Committee and Auditor General Reports.**

Rule 36. Upon receipt of Auditor General reports, the Oversight Committee shall review the reports and, if appropriate, refer the reports to the appropriate standing committee for consideration. Consideration by the standing committee shall not impede or preclude any Member from initiating any action in response to an Auditor General report.

**Subpoena Power.**

Rule 37. Except as provided by MCL 4.541, the right of a special or standing committee to subpoena shall be granted by resolution of the House in accordance with Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure - current edition. The vote on adoption of a subpoena power resolution shall be by record roll call vote. The votes of a majority of the Members elected and serving shall be required for adoption. The right to subpoena shall not be granted to subcommittees.

**Reports of Committees.**

Rule 38. (1) A committee may recommend amendments, a substitute, or referral to another committee, with or without recommendation as to passage or adoption. A substitute is an amendment that replaces all of the language in a bill or resolution.

(2) Substitutes reported by the committee shall include all adopted amendments and shall be prepared by the Legislative Service Bureau. A majority of the Members serving on a committee shall be necessary to report a bill or resolution out of the committee. A majority of the Members appointed to a committee and serving shall constitute a quorum. Minority reports shall not be permitted or received by the House. Bills or resolutions reported without recommendation as to passage or adoption shall lie on the table.

(3) All bills favorably reported back to the House shall be referred to second reading together with amendments recommended by the standing committee. All resolutions reported back to the House shall be referred to reports of standing committees together with amendments recommended by the standing committee. If more than one standing committee has considered a bill, the amendments recommended by each committee shall be considered in the chronological order of committee consideration and the report of the last committee to consider the bill shall contain the amendments recommended by the previous committees.

**Public Hearings.**

Rule 39. A committee may provide for a public hearing. Notice of such hearing, its subject, time and place, shall be given in writing to the Clerk of the House who shall announce the hearing, and publish it in the House Journal prior to the meeting. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 17)

## CHAPTER V TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

**Order of Business.**

Rule 40. (1) The order of business of the House shall be as follows, unless otherwise ordered by the House:

- (a) Motions and Resolutions;
- (b) Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment;
- (c) Reports of Select Committees;
- (d) Reports of Standing Committees;
- (e) Messages from the Senate;
- (f) Third Reading;
- (g) Second Reading;
- (h) Notices;
- (i) Messages from the Governor;
- (j) Comments and Recommendations;
- (k) Explanation of "No" Votes;
- (l) Communications from State Officers;
- (m) Introduction of Bills;
- (n) Announcements by the Clerk; and
- (o) Presentation of Petitions.

(2) Routine business on which no vote of the House is required may be disposed of on any day, with or without a quorum present. If a quorum is not present, any item of business becoming the subject of a floor motion shall be postponed to the next legislative day.

(3) The business of the House shall not be delayed or interrupted by speeches by nonmembers, presentations, awards, ceremonies or musical programs. Except for invocations and joint sessions of the House and Senate, nonmembers are not permitted to give speeches on the floor of the House or in the gallery.

## BILLS

**Introduction.**

Rule 41. (1) All bills to be introduced shall be approved as to form and numbering of sections by the Legislative Service Bureau and be signed by the Member introducing them. Ten copies of each shall be delivered to the office of the

Clerk by the sponsoring Member not later than 3 hours prior to calling the House to order, unless permitted by a simple majority vote of those voting. If the sponsoring Member is unable to deliver the ten copies to the office of the Clerk due to a family or medical exigency, then the leader of that Member's caucus may deliver the copies on his or her behalf. The Clerk shall number bills in the order of receiving, and present the same to the House at the next session of the House. All bills shall be introduced in printed form.

(2) Once a bill has been turned in to the Clerk's office for introduction, up to 3 hours prior to calling the House to order, a Member may add his or her signature as a co-sponsor only with the permission of the sponsor.

(3) No person may add or remove any signature, other than his or her own, from a bill being introduced.

(4) The Speaker shall refer all bills and joint resolutions to a standing committee no later than one House legislative day after being submitted to the Clerk.

(5) The Speaker may change the original referral of a bill or resolution by written communication submitted to the Clerk before the end of session on the next House legislative day following the day of the original referral. Notice of the referral shall be announced by the Clerk and printed in the Journal.

### **Order of Consideration.**

Rule 42. (1) The order to be taken by bills introduced in the House shall be as follows:

(a) Notice of introduction;

(b) Introduction, first reading of title, order printed or reproduced and reference to a standing committee designated by the Speaker;

(c) Report by the committee and placing on Second Reading;

(d) Consideration of Second Reading;

(e) Third Reading and vote on passage;

(f) Transmission to Senate if passed;

(g) Returned by the Senate, and, if not amended by the Senate, reference to the Clerk for enrollment printing; if amended by the Senate, laying over one day, and consideration under the same order of business (Messages from the Senate); and (if amendments are concurred in) reference to the Clerk for enrollment printing;

(h) Returned by the Governor with a line-item or a full veto, and such bill shall be taken immediately unless a quorum is not present, in which case it will lay over one day; and

(i) Report by Clerk of enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor. Senate bills shall, as far as possible, take the same course as House bills.

(2) All joint resolutions shall take the same course as bills and shall be identified by letter, i.e., "A", "B", "C", etc.

(3) Nothing in these rules shall prevent a majority of the Members elected to and serving in the House from discharging a committee from further consideration of any measure. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 16) A notice of one session day shall be given of a motion to discharge any such committee, the notice to be in writing and entered upon the House Journal. If a committee of the House is discharged from further consideration of a bill, the bill shall be placed on the order of Second Reading and if a committee of the House is discharged from further consideration of a resolution the resolution shall be placed on the order of Motions and Resolutions.

### **Reading.**

Rule 43. (1) Every bill shall be read three times in the House before its final passage. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 26) The first and second readings may be by its title only; the third reading may be by its title unless there is a motion to read the bill in full supported by 1/3 of Members voting.

(2) No bill shall be passed or become a law at any regular session until it has been printed or reproduced and in the possession of the House for at least five days. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 26)

(3) The Speaker or his or her designee may direct that a bill be printed or reproduced out of order.

### **Commitment and Amendment.**

Rule 44. No bill shall be referred to a committee until it has been read a first time. No bill shall be altered or amended on its passage through the House so as to change its original purpose as determined by its total content and not alone by its title. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 24)

### **Referral to Second Reading.**

Rule 45. All bills reported favorably by any committee of the House shall be referred to the order of Second Reading. Such bills shall be kept on file in the order of referral for consideration, and the file shall be called "Second Reading".

### **Second Reading.**

Rule 46. When the House is under the order of "Second Reading" it shall consider the bills in such order as may be determined by a majority of those voting.

**Second Reading Amendment.**

Rule 47. (1) Under the order of Second Reading, bills shall be read a second time by their title. Committee recommendations, including amendments and substitutes, shall be considered first. Amendments to committee substitutes or committee amendments shall not be considered until such committee substitutes or amendments have been adopted by the House. Amendments offered from the floor shall be submitted to the Clerk and shall be approved as to form by the Clerk before consideration.

(2) When a substitute is offered, amendments to the proposed substitute shall not be considered before the proposed substitute is adopted.

(3) A bill may be advanced to the order of Third Reading by a vote of a majority of the Members voting. Such motion shall take precedence following the motion to amend.

**Amendment; Vote.**

Rule 48. No bill shall be amended prior to its Second Reading. Bills which have been considered on Second Reading shall be advanced to the order of Third Reading, either by motion and concurrence of a majority of the Members voting or in the absence of objection. Bills shall be subject to all subsidiary motions on Third Reading. Amendments offered on Third Reading shall not be considered, nor printed in the House Journal, unless seconded by a majority of the Members voting. Amendments on Second or Third Reading shall require a majority of the Members elected and serving for adoption. This requirement shall apply to amendments in the first and second degree and no further degree shall be permitted.

**Third Reading.**

Rule 49. (1) Bills may not be considered for final passage without having been considered on Second Reading. Bills considered on Second Reading may be placed on Third Reading for immediate passage by motion and concurrence of a majority of the Members elected and serving.

(2) Bills failing of passage are subject to reconsideration and if reconsidered are subject to consideration on the order of Third Reading.

**Amendment; Co-sponsors.**

Rule 50. After an amendment has been turned into the Clerk, a Member may not add his or her name as a co-sponsor without the approval of the sponsor.

**Majority Vote on Bills.**

Rule 51. (1) No bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a majority of the Members elected to and serving in the House. On the final passage of bills, the votes and names of the Members voting thereon shall be entered in the House Journal. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 26)

(2) After a House bill has been passed, or upon final action on a House bill returned from the Senate, a Member may add his or her name as a co-sponsor to a bill with the approval of the sponsor.

**Extraordinary Vote Requirements.**

Rule 52. (1) Action by the House on any of the following matters shall require the vote of two-thirds of the Members elected and serving:

- (a) Expulsion of Member (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 16);
- (b) Immediate Effect (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 27);
- (c) Local or Special Act (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 29);
- (d) Private or Local Purpose Appropriation (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 30);
- (e) Overriding Veto or Line Item Veto (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 33);
- (f) Bank and Trust Company Laws (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 43);
- (g) Create Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (See Const 1963, Art 6 § 1);
- (h) Removal of Judges (See Const 1963, Art 6 § 25);
- (i) Long Term State Borrowing (See Const 1963, Art 9 § 15);
- (j) State Land Reserve Designation (See Const 1963, Art 10 § 5);
- (k) Rejection or Reduction of Civil Service Pay Increases (See Const 1963, Art 11 § 5);
- (l) Constitutional Amendment (See Const 1963, Art 12 § 1);
- (m) Exceed Revenue Limits (See Const 1963, Art 9 § 27); and
- (n) Mackinac Bridge Bonds Refunding (See Const 1963, Schedule § 14).

(2) Action by the House on any of the following matters shall require the vote of three-fourths of the Members elected and serving:

(a) Any law which increases the February 1, 1994, statutory limits on the maximum amount of ad valorem property taxes that may be levied for school district operating purposes (See Const 1963, Art 9 § 3); and

- (b) Amendment or Repeal of Initiated Law (See Const 1963, Art 2 § 9).

**Title; Object; Reference to Compiler's Sections.**

Rule 53. No bill shall embrace more than one object, which shall be expressed in its title. No bill shall be altered or amended on its passage through the House so as to change its original purpose as determined by its total content and not alone by its title. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 24) If the bill proposes any amendment to existing laws, the sections of which have been assigned compiler's section numbers in the last general compilation of public acts, the title shall contain also a reference to the compiler's sections.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS  
IN GENERAL**

**Stating Motions.**

Rule 54. When a motion is made, and when necessary under the rules, seconded, it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer may require that a motion be submitted in writing. The motion shall be entered upon the House Journal, together with the name of the Member making it, unless withdrawn upon request of the Member making it and by a majority vote of those voting, or ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. If in writing, the motion shall be read aloud by the Clerk before being debated.

**Procedural Motions.**

Rule 55. Except as otherwise provided in the rules, all procedural motions, including, for purposes of this rule, those for immediate effect, record roll call, and division, shall be made orally after recognition by the Presiding Officer.

**When in Possession; Withdrawal.**

Rule 56. After a motion has been stated by the Presiding Officer, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment upon request of the Member making it and by a majority vote of those voting.

**Precedence of Motions.**

Rule 57. (1) When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except:

- (a) To adjourn;
- (b) To take a recess;
- (c) To reconsider;
- (d) To lay on the table;
- (e) For the previous question;
- (f) To postpone to a day certain;
- (g) To commit;
- (h) To amend; and
- (i) To postpone indefinitely.

(2) Such motions shall take precedence in that order, and shall be decided by a majority vote of those Members voting, except the motion to postpone indefinitely and the motion to amend shall be decided by a majority vote of the Members elected and serving. When a recess is taken with a question pending, the consideration of the question shall be resumed upon reassembling unless otherwise determined. No motion to postpone to a day certain, or to commit, being decided shall be again allowed on the same day and at the same stage of the question. A motion to postpone indefinitely having been decided shall not be subject to reconsideration. When a bill is up for consideration at any stage of procedure, and a motion is made to postpone indefinitely, or to strike out all after the style clause, amendments shall be in order before taking a vote on any such motion.

**Always in Order; Not Debatable.**

Rule 58. (1) The following motions are not debatable:

- (a) Adjourn;
- (b) Call of the House;
- (c) Recess;
- (d) Previous Question;
- (e) Table or take from the table; and
- (f) Decision of Presiding Officer unless an appeal is taken.

(2) The following motions are debatable but do not open the main question to debate:

- (a) Commit;
- (b) Discharge a committee;
- (c) Postpone to a time certain; and
- (d) Suspension of the Rules.



**Order of Putting Questions.**

Rule 59. All questions shall be put in the order they were moved, except in the case of privileged questions which take precedence as follows:

- (a) Call of the House when quorum is not present;
- (b) Make or give notice of a motion to reconsider;
- (c) Adjourn;
- (d) Recess; and
- (e) Raise a question of privilege.

**Amendments to be Germane.**

Rule 60. No independent or new proposition or new question shall be introduced under color of an amendment. All amendments must be germane to the main question. When the question of germaneness is raised, the Presiding Officer shall rule on the question.

**Division of Question.**

Rule 61. Any Member may call for a division of the question, and if supported by a majority vote of the Members voting, the question shall be divided if its components are so distinct that if one is taken away a substantive proposition shall remain. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

**MOTIONS FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION****Method of Ordering.**

Rule 62. (1) The method of ordering the previous question shall be as follows: Any Member may move the previous question, and the motion shall apply to the pending question only. If the motion is seconded by at least ten Members, the Presiding Officer shall put the question of whether the main question shall be put. After the seconding of the motion for the previous question and prior to ordering the same, a Call of the House may be moved and ordered, but after ordering the previous question nothing shall be in order prior to the decision of the pending question, except:

- (a) Demands for the ayes and nays;
- (b) Points of order;
- (c) Appeals from the decision of the Presiding Officer; and
- (d) A motion to adjourn or to take a recess, which shall be decided without debate.

(2) The effect of the previous question shall be to put an end to all debate and bring the House to a direct vote upon the pending question. If the House shall refuse to order the pending question, the consideration on the subject shall be resumed.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER****Motions for Reconsideration.**

Rule 63. Any Member may move for a reconsideration of any question on the same or next succeeding legislative session day, if the bill or resolution is still in the possession of the House. Reconsideration of the vote by which a bill passed the House, or any proposition requiring a vote in excess of a majority of Members elected and serving, shall require a majority of the Members elected and serving. The motion to reconsider shall not be renewed the same day. A motion to reconsider any question shall not be subject to any subsidiary motion except to postpone for the day. The question of passing a bill the objections of the Governor notwithstanding shall not be reconsidered more than twice.

**Notice of Reconsideration.**

Rule 64. A notice of intention to move for a reconsideration of any bill that is still in the possession of the House may be given by any Member from the floor or in writing to the Clerk, with the support of 1/3 of the Members elected and serving, which shall be immediately announced by the Clerk, spread upon the House Journal, and the bill shall be retained by the Clerk of the House until after the time expires during which under Rule 63 the motion can be made, either by the Member serving such notice or by any other Member. Notice of intention shall not be in order on the day preceding a recess of one week or more or at a time which would prevent passage of the bill. No other Members may move for reconsideration on the same day that notice of intention to move for a reconsideration is given.

**MOTIONS FOR CALLS OF THE HOUSE****Ordering Calls of the House.**

Rule 65. Calls of the House may be ordered upon motion by a majority of the Members present but the total vote in favor of such Call shall not be less than fifteen in number. A motion for a Call of the House shall not be entertained after the previous question is ordered.

**Procedure.**

Rule 66. After a Call of the House is ordered, the doors shall be closed and the Members shall not be allowed to leave the floor of the House without permission of the Speaker or the Speaker's designees. The roll of the House shall be called by the Clerk. The Sergeant at Arms may be dispatched after the absentees. In such case a list of the absentees shall be furnished by the Clerk to the Sergeant at Arms, who shall deliver such absentees at the bar of the House with all possible speed. In case the Sergeant at Arms shall require assistance in addition to the regularly appointed Assistant Sergeants at Arms of the House, during an authorized Call of the House, the Speaker or Presiding Officer may, upon motion, deputize any person properly qualified, including any member of the Michigan State Police, as a special assistant Sergeant at Arms. The House may proceed to business under a Call of the House pending the arrival of any absentees.

**APPEALS****Form of Question.**

Rule 67. On all appeals from the decisions of the Presiding Officer, the question shall be decided by a majority vote of those voting, by a roll call vote. A tie vote sustains the judgment of the Presiding Officer.

**Tabling Appeals.**

Rule 68. An appeal may be laid on the table but shall not carry with it the subject matter before the House at the time such appeal is taken.

**Amendment or Suspension of Rules.**

Rule 69. (1) Any rule of the House may be amended by a majority vote of the Members elected and serving. No rule shall be amended unless the amendment is in writing and in possession of the House five days prior to its consideration. A rule may be suspended by a vote of three-fifths of the Members shown to be present by the House Journal entries.

(2) Suspension of the rules as applied to matters pertaining to order of business, schedule of legislative sessions and adjournment may be by a majority vote of the Members elected and serving.

**Practice.**

Rule 70. In all cases not provided by the Constitution, the House Rules, or the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, the authority shall be Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure - most current edition.

**House and Concurrent Resolutions.**

Rule 71. (1) The order to be taken by resolutions introduced in the House and received from the Senate shall be as follows:

(a) Every resolution, both House and Concurrent, shall be read to the House and shall either be referred by the Speaker to a committee or may be taken up immediately if agreed to by both the Speaker and Minority Leader.

(b) Reported by the committee and placed on reports of standing committees.

(c) Consideration on reports of standing committees unless discharged from further consideration under Rule 42(3) and placed on the order of Motions and Resolutions.

(d) Transmission to Senate if a concurrent resolution is adopted.

(e) Concurrent resolutions returned with amendment, may be taken up or remain on the order of Messages from the Senate.

(2) Commemorative resolutions must be received in the Clerk's office at least 1 day in advance.

(3) Resolutions of sorrow may be considered immediately upon presentation.

(4) The adoption of any concurrent resolution approving any intertransfer or transfer of any appropriation shall be by record roll call vote.

(5) Each Member shall be limited to introduction of four commemorative resolutions per calendar year. By written agreement, a Member may allow another Member to use that Member's yearly commemorative resolution allotment.

**CHAPTER VI  
PUBLIC ACCESS  
FINANCIAL RECORDS****Access to Financial Records.**

Rule 72. (1) The financial records of the House of Representatives shall be open for public inspection. Upon a written request which describes the financial record sufficiently to enable the House of Representatives to find the financial record, a person has a right to inspect, copy, or receive copies of that financial record of the House of Representatives. Documents shall be available for inspection during normal business hours.

(2) A copy of the House financial records shall be on file with the House Business Office, which shall have overall authority to administer the House financial records under the direction of the Speaker of the House.

(3) As used in this section, "financial record" means a budget, contract, purchase order, an expenditure authorization, voucher, check, warrant, lease, audit report, balance sheet, travel voucher, or allotment account.

(4) The following information contained in legislative financial records is exempt from disclosure under this rule:

(a) Information of a personal nature contained in financial records where the public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy. Such information would include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) An employee's social security account number, financial institution record, electronic transfer fund number, deferred compensation, savings bonds, W-2 and W-4 forms, and any court-enforced judgments.

(ii) An employee's health care benefit selection.

(iii) Telephone bill detail including the telephone number and name of individual called.

(iv) Unemployment Compensation and Workers' Disability Compensation records.

(b) Records and information specifically described and exempted from disclosure under statute or subject to attorney-client privilege;

(c) A bid or proposal by a person to enter into a contract or agreement, until the time for the public opening of bids or proposals, or if a public opening is not to be conducted, until the time for the receipt of bids or proposals has expired;

(d) Commercial or financial information or trade secrets voluntarily provided to the House of Representatives;

(e) Communications, notes, and electronic data within the House of Representatives or between the Legislature and other public bodies of an advisory nature;

(f) Internet - use records; and

(g) Any other document or record protected from public disclosure by agreement, contract, House rule, or law.

(5) The House of Representatives may charge a reasonable fee for providing a copy of a financial record. The fee shall be limited to actual mailing costs and to the actual incremental cost of duplication or publication including labor, the cost of search, examination, review, and the deletion of exempt from nonexempt information.

(6) The House of Representatives may also charge a reasonable fee for providing for the inspection of financial records. This fee may include the actual incremental cost of supervising the inspection including labor, the cost of search, examination, review, and the deletion of exempt from nonexempt information.

### **Televising of House Session.**

Rule 73. (1) Nothing in these rules shall prohibit the televising of sessions or committee meetings of the Michigan House of Representatives.

(2) The televised coverage of sessions and committee meetings of the Michigan House of Representatives by House television shall be made available for dissemination, pursuant to subsection (4).

(3) All televised coverage of House session and committee meetings shall be unedited.

(4) No portion of the coverage (either live or taped) authorized pursuant to subsection (2) may be utilized in any fashion for campaign or political purposes or to promote or oppose a ballot issue or the candidacy of any person for any elective office. Only accredited news organizations, educational institutions, and non-profit public affairs documentary programs may utilize any portion of the House television feed. No part of the House television feed may be used in any paid commercial advertisements.

## **CHAPTER VII**

### **Personal Privilege and Conduct.**

Rule 74. (1) Matters involving personal privilege are limited and include only the following:

(a) Anything tending to subject a Member to ridicule or contempt;

(b) Charges in news media accounts relating to a Member in his or her representative capacity only;

(c) News media accounts attributing to a Member's remarks he or she has not made;

(d) Accusation by another Member in debate of intentional misrepresentation;

(e) Assault on a Member for words spoken in debate; and

(f) Arrest of a Member except for treason, felony or breach of the peace.

(2) Sexual harassment of Members or House employees is prohibited and will not be tolerated by the House.

(3) A Member shall not use his or her position in any manner to solicit or obtain anything of value for himself or herself, House employees or any other Member which tends to influence the manner in which the Member performs his or her official duties.

(4) A Member shall not convert for personal, business and/or campaign use, unrelated to House business, any supplies, services, facilities, or staff provided by the State of Michigan. This includes, but is not limited to, telephones, telecopy machines, computers, postage, and copy machines.

(5) A Member shall not solicit or accept any type of campaign contribution in any House facility or building.

(6) A Member shall conduct himself or herself to justify the confidence placed in him or her by the people and shall, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her office.

(7) A Member shall not engage in any conduct that materially impairs the ability of the Member to perform the duties of his or her office or substantially impair the public confidence in the House.

(8) A Member shall adhere to these rules and all applicable laws. Any violation of law or these rules by a Member is subject to the House's plenary authority to reprimand, censure, or expel its Members. A reprimand, censure, or expulsion is in addition to any potential civil or criminal penalties otherwise provided by law.

#### **Expungement of Records and Petitions.**

Rule 75. (1) Any Member may dissent from and protest against any act, proceeding or resolution which he or she deems injurious to any person or the public and have the reason for such dissent entered in the House Journal. Any matter may be expunged from the record as not being privileged by order of the House by a majority of the Members elected and serving. When any matter is ordered expunged from the record, as above provided, no mention shall be made of the same, nor of the action of the House in ordering such expungement.

(2) No memorial, remonstrance or petition, except recount petitions, shall be printed in the House Journal without having been read to the House and ordered printed in the House Journal by a majority vote.

### **QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

#### **Oath of Office.**

Rule 76. Upon objection by any Representative or Representative-elect, no Representative-elect shall be given the oath of office or be permitted to be seated as a Member if he or she fails to meet any of the qualifications for office. (See, e.g., Const 1963, Art 4 § 7) Upon a finding by a majority vote of the Members elected and serving in the House that such Representative-elect fails to meet any of the qualifications for office, that person shall be declared to be not qualified for membership in the House, and the office shall be declared vacant. The question of a Member's qualifications shall be presented only by a Member.

### **CHAPTER VIII**

#### **Equally Divided House.**

Rule 77. If at any time during the Ninety-ninth legislative session, there are 55 Members duly elected and serving as Democrats as evidenced by the party he or she represented on the general or special election ballot from which he or she was elected to the Ninety-ninth legislative session, and 55 Members duly elected and serving as Republicans as evidenced by the party he or she represented on the general or special election ballot from which he or she was elected to the Ninety-ninth legislative session, then the House of Representatives shall proceed with the election of a Speaker and other officers provided for in Rule 1 by at least 56 votes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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The Clerk announced that the next business in order was the election of a Speaker.

Rep. Chatfield placed in nomination the name of Rep. Leonard.

Rep. Lauwers moved that Rule 17 be suspended.

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

Rep. Lauwers moved that the following remarks be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Chatfield:

“Thank you Mr. Clerk.

It is my honor and true privilege today to rise to nominate a natural born leader, a man of integrity, and someone who is more than a mere colleague – but is someone that I consider to be a very close friend - to the position of Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Our state and nation require in these times bold leadership – a leader that is willing to set aside partisan politics and self-ambition for the purpose of tackling the important issues facing our state and communities. Over the past couple years, I have personally witnessed this individual continually esteem others better than himself, and he has been someone that truly embodies the definition of servant leadership – a quality that is often lacking in politics yet is clearly depicted by this individual.

The position of Speaker necessitates an individual with a vision – someone who, after identifying a problem or opportunity for growth, can boldly lead despite criticism or personal attacks, and who possesses the capabilities of coalescing others around him to accomplish what’s best for the people of the great state of Michigan.

Mr. Clerk, this individual is not only the most driven and hardest working person that I have ever met, but he also possesses the necessary, tangible qualities for bold leadership and relationship building skills that are so desperately needed for the success of not only this position, but also of this chamber.

But most importantly, even more important than what’s been previously mentioned, is one’s personal integrity and character. We are told in the Scriptures that ‘when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice,’ and the personal conduct of this individual and moral integrity displayed by him day in and day out is one to be commended. It provides me with a strong sense of comfort and pride in knowing that he will be leading this chamber over the next two years.

In ending, it was said by a late President of the United States that ‘Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it on to our children in our bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same. Or one day, we will spend our sunset years telling our children, and our children’s children, what is was once like in the United States where men were free.’

Mr. Clerk, I can think of no individual that I would rather have fighting for the preservation of our God-given rights, the freedoms and future of our children and for the integrity of this institution than this gentleman. And for that reason, it is my high honor and true privilege to nominate to the position of Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives my colleague and my very good friend – Tom Leonard.”

Rep. Singh seconded the nomination of Rep. Leonard.

Rep. Singh:

“Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

On behalf of the members of the House Democratic Caucus and the millions of residents across our great state, I rise today to second the motion made by Representative Chatfield to nominate Representative Tom Leonard Speaker of the House.

We will undoubtedly have our differences over the next two years, but Representative Leonard and I share a commitment to this great institution, its history and its role in representing the interests of people throughout the state of Michigan.

At a time when many have lost faith in the ability of our government to solve some of our state and nation’s most significant problems, let today stand as an example that we can come together for the greater good.

There are many paths to this chamber can take over the next few years. My hope is that the path we take is bipartisanship.

The last working day of last Session ended with a bipartisan effort to overhaul our state’s energy policy. On the first day of this Session, we open on a bipartisan note.

It is my hope that this is the first of many demonstrations of collaboration, because the problems we face are significant and will require us to work together.

We must grow our economy, create the jobs our state needs and improve incomes for everyone.

We need to invest in Michigan’s infrastructure to protect the health and quality of life we enjoy as residents of the Great Lake state.

We must improve access to education and training, so that Michigan workers can compete in the global marketplace.

These are the challenges Michigan residents sent us here to tackle and I have confidence in our ability to do so in collaboration.

Representative Leonard, I look forward to working together on these challenges and the many more that lay ahead of us.

On a personal note, I want to thank the residents of the 93<sup>rd</sup> District for enabling you to serve as our Speaker.

More importantly, I would like to thank Janelle, baby Hannah and your family for sharing you and for the sacrifices they will make over the next 2 years as you lead this institution.

In the spirit of collaboration, I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting the nomination of Representative Tom Leonard the next Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives.”

The question being on the election of a Speaker,

The roll of the House was called by the Assistant Clerk and the members voted as follows:

**Roll Call No. 1**

**Yeas—108**

Afendoulis  
Albert  
Alexander

Frederick  
Garcia  
Gay-Dagnogo

Kesto  
Kivela  
Kosowski

Reilly  
Rendon  
Roberts

Allor	Geiss	LaFave	Robinson
Banks	Glenn	LaGrand	Runestad
Barrett	Graves	LaSata	Sabo
Bellino	Green	Lasinski	Santana
Bizon	Greig	Lauwers	Schor
Brann	Greimel	Leonard	Scott
Brinks	Griffin	Leutheuser	Sheppard
Byrd	Guerra	Liberati	Singh
Calley	Hammoud	Lilly	Sneller
Camilleri	Hauck	Love	Sowerby
Canfield	Hernandez	Lower	Tedder
Chang	Hertel	Lucido	Theis
Chatfield	Hoadley	Marino	VanderWall
Chirkun	Hoitenga	Maturen	VanSingel
Clemente	Hornberger	McCready	Vaupel
Cochran	Howell	Miller	VerHeulen
Cole	Howrylak	Moss	Victory
Cox	Hughes	Neeley	Webber
Dianda	Iden	Noble	Wentworth
Durhal	Inman	Pagan	Whiteford
Elder	Johnson	Pagel	Wittenberg
Ellison	Jones	Peterson	Yanez
Faris	Kahle	Phelps	Yaroch
Farrington	Kelly	Rabhi	Zemke

### Nays—0

The Clerk announced that Rep. Leonard, having received a majority vote of the members present and voting, was duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Speaker Leonard:

“Members, I truly cannot tell you what an honor and a blessing it is to stand before you today to be elected Speaker of this Chamber in this great state and it’s something I truly thank the Lord for. I want to congratulate each of you on earning the trust of your constituents in taking your Oath of Office today for we have all been given an immense responsibility. I want to take a moment and I want to thank those in the room that are most important, our friends and our family. Those that stood with us as we knocked thousands of doors, put tens of thousands of miles on our vehicles and stood beside us when we took very tough campaign positions oftentimes tough votes. Members, if you would be so kind, if you would please rise and join me now in thanking all of our family members that are with us today.

Rep. Chatfield, I want to thank you so much for nominating me to be Speaker of the House. Very few friends are as true and loyal as you are and I want to thank you for what you did for me today. Minority Leader Singh, I want to thank you for seconding my nomination. As you know, the two of us have worked very well together over the past four years being part of the Capitol Caucus. We’ve had a great relationship over the past couple months since both of us have been elected to lead our caucuses and I can think of nobody I would rather serve with more than you. I want to thank you for all that you’ve done and I’m confident that the two of us will work well together this term.

Of course we should all be able to work well together. Indeed we must work together on the challenges facing our great state. After all, we have all come to this Chamber for the same reason and though we come from different communities and different backgrounds, I believe we all want an even better Michigan than what we see here today. A Michigan that offers more opportunity and better schools for our students, a Michigan that offers more and good paying jobs for our hardworking citizens and a Michigan where investment is welcomed, risk is rewarded and big dreams can be realized. No matter our differences we should all find common ground, stand shoulder to shoulder and work alongside each other to move the state forward. And I want each of you to know that as Speaker of this House, I am committed to working with all 109 of you to solving our state’s most pressing problems in your districts.

Now I want to take a step back if I may and tell you all a brief story about myself, some of you have heard this. I tell you this story for two reasons. First I want everyone in this chamber to know how much I value civility in our political process. But, secondly, I want all of you over the next two years as your leader, to hold me accountable. As you may know, I graduated law school from Michigan State University about 10 years ago and about three or four weeks before I had graduated I received notice that I was the recipient of what was called the Ralph M. Freeman Scholarship. Now I wish I could stand here today and tell you it was because I was the top graduating student of the class, but that wasn’t the case. In fact I had no idea what this scholarship was for until I approached the dean a few days later and asked him

about it. I went into his office and I asked him, I said ‘Dean, what is this scholarship and how did I receive it?’ And he said, ‘Tom this is the one scholarship we give away each year to the graduating student who, over the past three years, has most exemplified the rules of professional conduct by treating every person in this building with dignity and respect.’ And I said, ‘How did I receive that?’ He said, ‘Well, your good friend Joe Calhoun nominated you.’

Now a bit about Joe Calhoun. Joe was probably one of the more liberal students that we graduated with. In fact, is my good friend Robert Wittenberg here? He may have been as liberal as you, Robert. After we graduated Joe spent some time in the Peace Corp. That night I walked down and I talked with Joe and I asked him, I said, ‘Joe, why did you do this?’ And he said, ‘Tom, let me tell you something about you.’ He said, ‘You are one of the most conservative people I’ve ever met, far more conservative than I and very seldom do you and I see eye to eye on any issue. But I can tell you this, you’ve never looked down about me, you never frowned on me, you’ve already respected me, you’ve always treated me with dignity and every time we disagree, even though I did not agree with your final decision or what you believed, you brought good reasoning to the table and it was always well thought out. And I can think of nobody more qualified to receive that scholarship than you.’

Friends, as we look back at the last election cycle that we had, it was probably one of the most uncivil in our nation’s history. All the way from the federal to the local level. I believe over the next two years, the citizens of our state not only want to see more civility in our political process, I believe they are going to demand it from us.

Now we have great reason to celebrate here today. Over the past six years, over \$20 billion of debt liability has been eliminated from our books. Nearly 500,000 private sector jobs have been created, unemployment is now lower than it’s been since some of us in this Chamber were elected to serve, were eligible to vote. And most importantly our families are now coming home. The families that left during the great recession that looked for better opportunity in Florida, in Illinois and Ohio and Indiana, are now coming back to Michigan.

However, good is never good enough for the hardworking citizens of this great state. We have a lot of work left up to us, whether it’s improving the lives of those who suffer from mental illness, fixing our broken teacher retirement system, working to reduce the highest auto insurance rates in the nation or improving the skilled trades that built this great state and this great nation, so that every man and woman can find a good paying job, we have a lot of work left up to us over the next two years. As we leave here today I’m going to ask all of you to work with me over the next two years to tackle our state’s most pressing problems. But most importantly, to demonstrate to the citizens of this state that we can do so in a dignified and respectful way that will bring civility back to the process. I’m going to ask that each of you in this chamber today over the next two years, hold me accountable as your Leader to upholding those values. Friends, again, thank you for the honor you have given me today. May God bless this Chamber over the next two years, but most importantly may this Chamber bless God. Thank you.”

Reps. Lauwers and Greig offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 2.**

A resolution to provide for Lee Roberson Chatfield to be Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives for the Ninety-ninth Legislature.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That Lee Roberson Chatfield is elected to the office of Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives for the Ninety-ninth Legislature:

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted, a majority of the members present voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 2**

**Yeas—108**

Afendoulis	Frederick	Kesto	Reilly
Albert	Garcia	Kivela	Rendon
Alexander	Gay-Dagnogo	Kosowski	Roberts
Allor	Geiss	LaFave	Robinson
Banks	Glenn	LaGrand	Runestad
Barrett	Graves	LaSata	Sabo
Bellino	Green	Lasinski	Santana
Bizon	Greig	Lauwers	Schor
Brann	Greimel	Leonard	Scott
Brinks	Griffin	Leutheuser	Sheppard
Byrd	Guerra	Liberati	Singh
Calley	Hammoud	Lilly	Sneller
Camilleri	Hauck	Love	Sowerby

Canfield	Hernandez	Lower	Tedder
Chang	Hertel	Lucido	Theis
Chatfield	Hoadley	Marino	VanderWall
Chirkun	Hoitenga	Maturen	VanSingel
Clemente	Hornberger	McCready	Vaupel
Cochran	Howell	Miller	VerHeulen
Cole	Howrylak	Moss	Victory
Cox	Hughes	Neeley	Webber
Dianda	Iden	Noble	Wentworth
Durhal	Inman	Pagan	Whiteford
Elder	Johnson	Pagel	Wittenberg
Ellison	Jones	Peterson	Yanez
Faris	Kahle	Phelps	Yaroach
Farrington	Kelly	Rabhi	Zemke

**Nays—0**

In The Chair: Leonard

Reps. Lauwers and Greig offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 3.**

A resolution to provide for the Clerk of the House of Representatives for the Ninety-ninth Legislature.

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That Gary L. Randall is elected to the office of Clerk of the House of Representatives for the Ninety-ninth Legislature.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted, a majority of the members present voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 3****Yeas—108**

Afendoulis	Frederick	Kesto	Reilly
Albert	Garcia	Kivela	Rendon
Alexander	Gay-Dagnogo	Kosowski	Roberts
Allor	Geiss	LaFave	Robinson
Banks	Glenn	LaGrand	Runestad
Barrett	Graves	LaSata	Sabo
Bellino	Green	Lasinski	Santana
Bizon	Greig	Lauwers	Schor
Brann	Greimel	Leonard	Scott
Brinks	Griffin	Leutheuser	Sheppard
Byrd	Guerra	Liberati	Singh
Calley	Hammoud	Lilly	Sneller
Camilleri	Hauck	Love	Sowerby
Canfield	Hernandez	Lower	Tedder
Chang	Hertel	Lucido	Theis
Chatfield	Hoadley	Marino	VanderWall
Chirkun	Hoitenga	Maturen	VanSingel
Clemente	Hornberger	McCready	Vaupel
Cochran	Howell	Miller	VerHeulen
Cole	Howrylak	Moss	Victory
Cox	Hughes	Neeley	Webber
Dianda	Iden	Noble	Wentworth
Durhal	Inman	Pagan	Whiteford
Elder	Johnson	Pagel	Wittenberg
Ellison	Jones	Peterson	Yanez



Faris  
Farrington

Kahle  
Kelly

Phelps  
Rabhi

Yaroch  
Zemke

**Nays—0**

In The Chair: Leonard

Reps. Lauwers and Greig offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 4.**

A resolution fixing the hour for daily sessions.

Resolved, That unless otherwise ordered, the daily sessions of the House of Representatives commence on Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and on Thursday at 12:00 noon.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Lauwers and Greig offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 5.**

A resolution directing the Clerk to notify the Governor that the House of Representatives has assembled and is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House is hereby directed to notify the Governor that the House of Representatives has convened pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Lauwers and Greig offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 6.**

A resolution directing the Clerk to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives has assembled and is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House is hereby directed to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives has convened pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

**Messages from the Senate**

January 11, 2017

The Honorable Tom Leonard  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Capitol Building  
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Mr. Speaker:

By direction of the Senate, I hereby notify you that a quorum of the Senate has assembled and is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Very respectfully,  
Jeffrey F. Cobb  
Secretary of the Senate

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.**

A concurrent resolution granting authority for adjournment for more than 2 days.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That each house hereby grants unto the other permission to adjourn for not more than 15 intervening calendar days at such times as each house shall determine at any time during the 2017 and 2018 regular sessions.

The Senate has adopted the concurrent resolution.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2.**

A concurrent resolution prescribing the Joint Convention Rules for the Legislature.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the following be and are hereby adopted as the Joint Convention Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives:

**JOINT CONVENTION RULES OF THE  
SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Held in Hall of House.**

Rule 1. Joint conventions shall be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, or such other location as may be agreed to by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the Senate. The President of the Senate or, in the absence of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House shall preside. Before the two houses shall meet in joint convention, a concurrent resolution shall be introduced in one house setting forth the date and hour at which the joint convention shall meet, which, if adopted, shall be transmitted to the other house for concurrence.

**Secretaries-Journals.**

Rule 2. The Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be the secretaries of the joint convention. The proceedings of the joint convention shall be published with the Journals of the House, and the final result, as announced by the President on the return of the Senate to its chamber, shall be entered on the Journals of the Senate.

**Rules of House to Govern.**

Rule 3. The rules of the House of Representatives, so far as the same may be applicable, shall govern the proceedings in joint convention.

**President pro tempore of Convention.**

Rule 4. Whenever the Speaker of the House presides, he or she shall be entitled to vote on all occasions, and in case of a tie, the question shall be declared lost.

**Power to Compel Attendance.**

Rule 5. Joint conventions shall have the power to compel the attendance of absent members in the mode and under the penalties prescribed in the rules of the house to which such members respectively belong, and for that purpose the Sergeant at Arms of each house shall attend.

**May Adjourn from Time to Time.**

Rule 6. Joint conventions may adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary, and it shall be the duty of the House of Representatives to prepare to receive the Senate, and of the Senate to proceed to the joint convention, at the time fixed by law or resolution, or to which the joint convention may have adjourned.

The Senate has adopted the concurrent resolution.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3.**

A concurrent resolution providing for a joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in joint convention in the Hall of the House of Representatives, Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. to receive the message of Governor Rick Snyder.

The Senate has adopted the concurrent resolution.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

**Communications from State Officers**

The following communications from the Secretary of State were received and read:

Notices of Filing  
Administrative Rules

January 6, 2017

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2015-088-LR (Secretary of State Filing #17-01-01) on this date at 3:47 P.M. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Board of Physical Therapy – General Rules".

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44 or 45a of the 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

January 6, 2017

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2016-019-LR (Secretary of State Filing #17-01-02) on this date at 3:47 P.M. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Accounting – General Rules".

These rules take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44 or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

January 6, 2017

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2015-087-LR (Secretary of State Filing #17-01-03) on this date at 3:49 P.M. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Podiatric Medicine and Surgery – General Rules".

These rules take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under sections 33, 44 or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

January 6, 2017

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2015-087-LR (Secretary of State Filing #17-01-04) on this date at 3:48 P.M. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Dentistry – General Rules".

These rules take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44 or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

January 6, 2017

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2016-028-LR (Secretary of State Filing #17-01-05) on this date at 3:48 P.M. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Workers' Compensation Health Care Services".

These rules become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

January 6, 2017

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and the State Office of Regulatory Reinvention filed Administrative Rule #2015-091-LR (Secretary of State Filing #17-01-06) on this date at 3:48 P.M. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Board of Nursing – General Rules".

These rules take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44 or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

Ruth Johnson

Secretary of State

Robin L. Houston, Departmental Supervisor  
Office of the Great Seal

The communications were referred to the Clerk.

### Introduction of Bills

Rep. Chatfield introduced

#### House Bill No. 4001, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 51 (MCL 206.51), as amended by 2016 PA 266.

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

Rep. VerHeulen introduced

#### House Bill No. 4002, entitled

A bill to set forth the methods for local governments and other governmental entities to provide public notices; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain public entities; and to prescribe the duties of certain private entities.

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4003, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled “An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,” by amending section 12a (MCL 28.432a), as amended by 2016 PA 301.

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4004, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled “An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,” by amending sections 12 and 15 (MCL 28.432 and 28.435), section 12 as amended by 2010 PA 209 and section 15 as added by 2000 PA 265.

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4005, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending sections 227 and 230 (MCL 750.227 and 750.230), section 227 as amended by 1986 PA 8; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4006, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 43510 (MCL 324.43510), as amended by 2013 PA 108.

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4007, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 61506b (MCL 324.61506b), as added by 1998 PA 303.

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4008, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 61506d; and to provide an appropriation for purposes incidental thereto.

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4009, 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,” by amending sections 3 and 11b (MCL 722.113 and 722.121b), section 3 as amended by 2006 PA 206 and section 11b as amended by 2010 PA 86.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4010, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 227a, 255, 328, and 907 (MCL 257.227a, 257.255, 257.328, and 257.907), section 227a as added by 1995 PA 287, section 255 as amended by 2003 PA 9, section 328 as amended by 2015 PA 135, and section 907 as amended by 2015 PA 126.

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4011, entitled**

A bill to provide for the official time followed in this state; and to provide for the elimination of daylight savings time in this state.

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4012, entitled**

A bill to amend 1966 PA 189, entitled "An act to provide procedures for making complaints for, obtaining, executing and returning search warrants; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 3 (MCL 780.653), as amended by 2014 PA 383.

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4013, entitled**

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

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4014, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.713) by adding section 254.

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

Rep. Lucido introduced

**House Bill No. 4015, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 59, entitled "Condominium act," by amending section 107 (MCL 559.207), as amended by 2000 PA 379, and by adding section 70; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Rep. Green introduced

**House Bill No. 4016, entitled**

A bill to create the Michigan infrastructure council; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.

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

### Announcements by the Clerk

January 10, 2017

Received from the Auditor General a copy of the:

- Performance audit report on the Bovine Tuberculosis Program, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, January 2017.
- Follow-up report on the performance audit of the Office of Economic Development (OED), Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), January 2017.

Gary L. Randall  
Clerk of the House

Rep. Zemke moved that the House adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 1:40 p.m.

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until Thursday, January 12, at 12:00 Noon.

GARY L. RANDALL  
Clerk of the House of Representatives