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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

10:00 a.m.

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

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

Ananich—present
Bieda—present
Booher—present
Brandenburg—present
Casperson—present
Colbeck—present
Emmons—present
Green—present
Gregory—present
Hansen—present
Hertel—present
Hildenbrand—present
Hood—present

Hopgood—present
Horn—present
Hune—present
Johnson—present
Jones—present
Knezek—present
Knollenberg—present
Kowall—present
MacGregor—present
Marleau—present
Meekhof—present
Nofs—present
O'Brien—present

Pavlov—present
Proos—present
Robertson—present
Rocca—present
Schmidt—present
Schuitmaker—present
Shirkey—present
Smith—present
Stamas—present
Warren—present
Young—excused
Zorn—present

Reverend Shaun J. Overstreet-Gardner of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church of Detroit offered the following invocation:

O Heavenly Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. You are great, so wonderful, and You are so good. You are Elohim, our Creator, the Maker and Ruler of heaven and earth. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. You are light, power, purpose, and preeminent amazing grace. In all things and through all things, You are our shepherd.

You are God Most High. You are the Holy God of Israel. You are the exalted one. You are the God of all peace, shalom. You are the Lord God, high and lifted up. You are our healer, strong tower, and protector. You, O God, are our refuge, our hope, and our Redeemer. You are God and You are God all by Yourself and we bless You on this morning.

Lord, we confess that we have fallen short. We have failed at times, O God, to love You with all of our hearts, souls, and minds. We have fallen short in loving our neighbors as ourselves. We ask, O God, that You would forgive us our sins. The prophet Micah poses a question: Who is a God like You who pardons sin and forgives the transgressions of the remnant of His inheritance? You do not stay angry forever, but delight to show mercy. You admonish us in the book of Chronicles that reads: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land." We do repent today, Lord God. We do ask for Your forgiveness of sin, O Lord. Set our feet on a level path today, and be with us in a mighty way as only You can.

It is the people of God, O Lord, who made their way to the polls with a confidence and a hope that elected representatives before me today might embrace fully and completely the tenets of fairness and liberty and of justice to be the hallmark and fundamental principles to be pursued and practiced in all opportunities today. We ask, O Lord, that You would bless each man and each woman here today. Bless them here with peace, wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and insight. Bless them that they might be judicious in their dealings regarding Your people, O God. May they execute their considerable power with a passion and understanding of and for the people they represent. May they hold fast and dear the passionate proclamation of God in the book of Amos: "Let justice run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream."

O God, we seek Your face right now. May Your Holy Spirit prevail and tarry in this place that we might be inspired, motivated, and consecrated to move about in this sacred space with humility and honor. May everything we do and everything we say be pleasing to You, O God. May we be persuaded by Your Spirit to do good as we represent those whom You have put into our care.

Come into this place, O God; You are welcome here. Bless our families, dear God. Bless the United States of America, dear God. Bless the world, O Lord, as if it is Thy will. Fill us with all righteousness and love to one and to the other, that we might diligently serve You in bringing about the peace of God and the love of His Son Jesus Christ, to heal our land and bridge the differences that seek to divide us.

We thank You, O God, and we praise You, O God, and thank You for Your mighty presence here today. We will be careful to always give You the honor and glory that You so richly deserve.

It is in the name of Jesus that I offer this prayer. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

The following communications were received and read:

Office of the Auditor General

February 18, 2015

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Performance audit of the Marquette Branch Prison, Department of Corrections.

February 18, 2015

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Michigan Legislature's Combined Schedule of Sources and Disposition of General Fund Authorizations with Supplemental Schedules, from Plante Moran, for the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

February 20, 2015

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Performance audit of the Oversight of Health Professions, Bureau of Health Care Services, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

February 20, 2015

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:
Performance audit of the Monitoring of Warranties and Road and Bridge Construction Projects, Michigan Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,
Doug Ringler
Auditor General

The audit reports were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The following communications were received:
Department of State

Administrative Rules
Notices of Filing

January 8, 2015

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 #2014-051-LR (Secretary of State Filing #15-01-12) on this date at 3:15 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Part 1. General Provisions."

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 8, 2015

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 #2014-053-LR (Secretary of State Filing #15-01-13) on this date at 3:15 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Michigan Administrative Hearing System."

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 8, 2015

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 #2014-054-TB (Secretary of State Filing #15-01-14) on this date at 3:15 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Michigan Administrative Hearing System."

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 8, 2015

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 #2014-055-ED (Secretary of State Filing #15-01-15) on this date at 3:16 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Michigan Administrative Hearing System."

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 8, 2015

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 #2014-056-LR (Secretary of State Filing #15-01-16) on this date at 3:16 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "Due Process Procedures for Special Education Hearings."

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 Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Civil Service Commission

February 19, 2015

Enclosed is the Fiscal Analysis Report for the Civil Service Commission for fiscal year 2014.
This report is provided in accordance with Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,
Matthew Fedorchuk
Acting State Personnel Director

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that pursuant to Rule 2.109 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following expense reports have been filed with the Secretary of the Senate for the quarter from October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, and are available in the Secretary's office during business hours for public inspection:

Committee

Agriculture
Appropriations
Banking and Financial Institutions
Compliance and Accountability
Economic Development
Education
Energy and Technology
Families, Seniors and Human Services
Finance
Government Operations
Health Policy
Infrastructure Modernization
Insurance
Judiciary
Local Government and Elections
Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes
Outdoor Recreation and Tourism
Redistricting
Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing
Regulatory Reform
Transportation
Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security

Chairperson

Senator Joe Hune
Senator Roger Kahn
Senator Darwin Booher
Senator Arlan Meekhof
Senator Mike Kowall
Senator Phil Pavlov
Senator Mike Nofs
Senator Judy Emmons
Senator Jack Brandenburg
Senator Randy Richardville
Senator Jim Marleau
Senator Roger Kahn
Senator Joe Hune
Senator Rick Jones
Senator David Robertson
Senator Tom Casperson
Senator Goeff Hansen
Senator Joe Hune
Senator Mark Jansen
Senator Tory Rocca
Senator Tom Casperson
Senator John Moolenaar

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, February 19:
House Bill Nos. 4119 4120

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Thursday, February 19, for his approval the following bills:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 44 at 3:00 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 45 at 3:02 p.m.

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Thursday, February 19, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 149 150 151 152
House Bill Nos. 4217 4218 4219 4220 4221 4222

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Friday, February 20, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

House Bill Nos. 4223 4224

Senator Hood moved that Senator Young be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Recess

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:08 a.m.

10:57 a.m.

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

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received:

Date: February 19, 2015

Time: 3:34 p.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 44 (Public Act No. 1), being

An act to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "An act to reorganize, consolidate, and add to the election laws; to provide for election officials and prescribe their powers and duties; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, state agencies, and state and local officials and employees; to provide for the nomination and election of candidates for public office; to provide for the resignation, removal, and recall of certain public officers; to provide for the filling of vacancies in public office; to provide for and regulate primaries and elections; to provide for the purity of elections; to guard against the abuse of the elective franchise; to define violations of this act; to provide appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal certain acts and all other acts inconsistent with this act," by amending section 613a (MCL 168.613a), as amended by 2011 PA 163.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on February 20, 2015, at 10:58 a.m.)

Date: February 19, 2015

Time: 3:36 p.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 45 (Public Act No. 2), being

An act to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "An act to reorganize, consolidate, and add to the election laws; to provide for election officials and prescribe their powers and duties; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, state agencies, and state and local officials and employees; to provide for the nomination and election of candidates for public office; to provide for the resignation, removal, and recall of certain public officers; to provide for the filling of vacancies in public office; to provide for and regulate primaries and elections; to provide for the purity of elections; to guard against the abuse of the elective franchise; to define violations of this act; to provide appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal certain acts and all other acts inconsistent with this act," by amending section 641 (MCL 168.641), as amended by 2005 PA 71.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on February 20, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.)

Respectfully,
Rick Snyder
Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

February 11, 2015

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

State Construction Code Commission

William R. Benoit, Jr., of 3341 Stormy Creek Drive, S.E., Kentwood, Michigan 49512, county of Kent, representing municipal building inspectors, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 31, 2019.

Thomas E. Baldwin of 397 Arbor Ridge Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, county of Berrien, representing municipal building inspectors, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 31, 2019.

Matthew J. Reno of 10720 Dice Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48623, county of Saginaw, representing municipal building inspectors, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 31, 2019.

Frederick F. Butters of 21738 Fairway Drive, Southfield, Michigan 48034, county of Oakland, representing architects, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 31, 2019.

Roger E. Papineau of 1901 Beulah Highway, Beulah, Michigan 49617, county of Benzie, representing residential builders, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 31, 2019.

Donald V. Staley of 350 Sagamore Trail, Lowell, Michigan 49331, county of Kent, representing industrial management, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 31, 2019.

William E. Duffield of 6522 Knollwood Circle East, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322, county of Oakland, representing premanufactured buildings, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 31, 2019.

Joseph E. Sucher of 730 S. Oxford Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, county of Wayne, representing the general public, succeeding Jack Lewis, is appointed for a term expiring January 31, 2016.

James Cripps of 2216 West Main Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006, county of Kalamazoo, representing the field of building contracting, filling a vacancy, is appointed for a term expiring January 31, 2019.

February 13, 2015

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

Board of Barber Examiners

Micaela A. Reardon of 20808 Marter Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236, county of Wayne, representing the general public, succeeding James VanDyken, is appointed for a term expiring September 30, 2017.

February 13, 2015

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

State Historic Preservation Review Board

Kemba S. Braynon of 1709 Collegewood Drive, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48144, county of Washtenaw, representing historical architectural history, succeeding Lynn Evans, is appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

Sally L. Bund of 3215 W. Dobson Place, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, county of Washtenaw, representing historic restoration, succeeding Richard Harms, is appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

February 13, 2015

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

Michigan Indigent Defense Commission

John A. Shea of 13787 Waterloo Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48818, county of Washtenaw, representing members submitted by the Criminal Defense Attorneys Association of Michigan, succeeding Kimberly Thomas, is appointed for a term expiring April 1, 2016.

February 17, 2015

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

Chair - Advisory Council on Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing

Jill A. Gaus of 3123 Catalpa Drive, Jackson, Michigan 49203, county of Jackson, succeeding Melissa Whalen, is appointed for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

Advisory Council on Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing

Jill A. Gaus of 3123 Catalpa Drive, Jackson, Michigan 49203, county of Jackson, representing deaf or hard of hearing, succeeding Odessa Carter, is appointed for a term expiring January 18, 2018.

Elizabeth G. Bystrycki of 1191 108th Avenue, Otsego, Michigan 49078, county of Allegan, representing deaf or hard of hearing, succeeding Jamie Maes-Eischen, is appointed for a term expiring January 18, 2018.

Miriam Horwitz of 10054 Kingston Avenue, Huntington Woods, Michigan 48070, county of Wayne, representing individuals knowledgeable in the field of deafness, succeeding Laura Scott, is appointed for a term expiring January 18, 2018.

Jeannette Johnson of 4761 Countryside Drive, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525, county of Kent, representing deaf or hard of hearing, succeeding Brenda Neubeck, is appointed for a term expiring January 18, 2018.

February 17, 2015

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

Mental Health Diversion Council

Brian Calley of 10198 Butler Road, Portland, Michigan 48875, county of Ionia, representing the Lieutenant Governor, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 30, 2019.

Lynda M. Zeller of 2314 East Libbie Street, Lansing, Michigan 48917, county of Eaton, representing designee of the Department of Community Health, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 30, 2019.

Joanne R. Sheldon of 4430 N. Lake Road, Clarklake, Michigan 49234, county of Jackson, designee of the Department of Corrections, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 30, 2019.

Anthony M. Wickersham of 46292 Lookout Drive, Macomb, Michigan 48044, county of Macomb, representing county sheriffs, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 30, 2019.

February 17, 2015

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

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Board of Trustees

Brandi McBride of 3886 Sunbrook Court, Hudsonville, Michigan 49426, county of Ottawa, representing veterans, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring February 25, 2018.

John E. James of 31525 Franklin Fairway Street, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334, county of Oakland, representing veterans, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring February 25, 2018.

February 19, 2015

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

Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development

Robert Kennedy of 7710 S. Chapin Road, St. Charles, Michigan 48655, county of Saginaw, representing Republicans, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

Diane M. Hanson of 3595 26th Road, Cornell, Michigan 49818, county of Delta, representing Independents, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

Sincerely,
Rick Snyder
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

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

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

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with amendment, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 69, entitled

A bill to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled "Community college act of 1966," by amending sections 161, 162, and 163 (MCL 389.161, 389.162, and 389.163), as added by 2008 PA 359.

The following is the amendment recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 7, line 20, by striking out all of enacting section 1 and renumbering the remaining enacting section.

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

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

Senate Bill No. 70, entitled

A bill to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled "Community college act of 1966," by amending section 164 (MCL 389.164), as added by 2008 PA 359.

The following is the amendment recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 8, line 14, by striking out all of enacting section 1 and renumbering the remaining enacting section.

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

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
Senate Bill No. 71, entitled

A bill to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled "Community college act of 1966," by amending section 166 (MCL 389.166), as added by 2008 PA 359.

Substitute (S-1).

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

Resolutions

Senator Hood moved that Senator Warren be excused from the balance of today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 16.

A resolution to memorialize the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to refrain from regulating broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.

Whereas, Due in large part to the unregulated efforts of private enterprise over nearly the past 30 years, the development of the Internet has dramatically transformed the way Michigan citizens work, live, and learn. The deployment of efficient, fast, and reliable broadband networks across Michigan has created thousands of jobs and economic benefits for local economies. The Internet has also revolutionized and enhanced our ability to communicate near and far; and

Whereas, In order to encourage the growth and development of the Internet, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has historically followed a policy to refrain from regulating broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934. As a result, the United States has been at the forefront of technological, business, and social innovation on the Internet; and

Whereas, The FCC will meet on February 26, 2015, and vote on rules that would reclassify Internet service as a telecommunications, not information, service. This change and associated rules would allow the FCC to regulate Internet service more stringently, essentially like that of a public utility; and

Whereas, It is the judgment of this legislative body that using monopoly-era provisions of Title II of the Communications Act of 1934 to regulate the Internet will slow investment in Michigan's broadband Internet infrastructure and jeopardize future job growth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to refrain from regulating broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the commissioners of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,
Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Kowall moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Booher, Casperson, Colbeck, Hansen, Horn, Jones, Knollenberg, Pavlov, Proos and Schmidt were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Schmidt, Marleau, Proos, Nofs and Hansen introduced

Senate Bill No. 153, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 625a and 625c (MCL 257.625a and 257.625c), as amended by 2014 PA 315.

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

Senator Robertson introduced
Senate Bill No. 154, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 13p of chapter XVII (MCL 777.13p), as amended by 2010 PA 317.

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

Senators Gregory, Hood, Knezek, Hertel, Ananich, Hopgood, Bieda, Proos, Nofs, Johnson, Green, Jones, Zorn, Smith, Rocca, Warren, Young and Hildenbrand introduced

Senate Bill No. 155, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.713) by adding section 672.

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

Senators Bieda, Gregory, Hopgood, Knezek, Hertel, Johnson, Young, Ananich, Warren, Smith, Hood and Brandenburg introduced

Senate Bill No. 156, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2946 (MCL 600.2946), as amended by 1995 PA 249.

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

Senators Hertel, Hansen, Rocca, Hune and Young introduced

Senate Bill No. 157, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 1 (MCL 205.51), as amended by 2013 PA 160.

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

House Bill No. 4119, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 4012 (MCL 600.4012), as amended by 2012 PA 304.

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

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

House Bill No. 4120, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 390, entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of payment of wages and fringe benefits to employees; to prescribe rights and responsibilities of employers and employees, and the powers and duties of the department of labor; to require keeping of records; to provide for settlement of disputes regarding wages and fringe benefits; to prohibit certain practices by employers; to prescribe penalties and remedies; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 7 (MCL 408.477), as amended by 2012 PA 30.

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

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

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Licensing and Regulatory Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Knollenberg (C), Marleau and Young

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on General Government submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at 9:15 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Stamas (C), Nofs, Booher and Young

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Economic Development submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Horn (C), Schmidt, Brandenburg and Stamas

Excused: Senators Emmons, Smith and Bieda

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Higher Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, February, 19, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., Central Michigan University, Park Library, 250 West Preston Street, Mount Pleasant

Present: Senators Schuitmaker (C), MacGregor and Hertel

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations - Wednesday, February 25, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-1801)

Subcommittees -

Agriculture and Rural Development - Tuesdays, March 10, March 17, and March 24, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Capital Outlay - Wednesday, February 25, 4:00 p.m. or later immediately after committees are given leave by the House to meet, Room 352, Capitol Building (373-8080)

Community Colleges - Wednesday, March 25, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Community Colleges and House Community Colleges Appropriations Subcommittee - Thursday, February 26, 3:00 p.m., Lansing Community College, Arts and Sciences Building, Rooms 104-105-106, 419 N. Washington Square, Lansing (373-2768)

Community Health - Tuesday, March 3, 2:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

Community Health, Human Services, House Human Services and House Community Health Appropriations Subcommittees - Thursday, February 26, 2:00 p.m., House Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Corrections - Thursdays, February 26, 9:00 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building; March 5 and March 26, Room 405, Capitol Building; March 12 and March 19, Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

Environmental Quality - Tuesdays, March 3 (CANCELED), March 10, March 17 and March 24, 1:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-2768)

General Government - Thursdays, February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, and March 26, 8:30 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2768)

Higher Education - Monday, March 2, 1:30 p.m., Ferris State University, University Center, Room 203, 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids; and Wednesday, March 18, 9:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Human Services - Thursday, February 26, 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2768)

Judiciary - Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25, 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

K-12, School Aid, Education - Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25, 8:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Wednesday, February 25, 8:30 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-2768)

Natural Resources - Tuesdays, March 3 (CANCELED), March 10, March 17, and March 24, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-2768)

State Police and Military Affairs - Thursdays, February 26 (CANCELED), March 5 (CANCELED), March 12 (CANCELED), and March 26 (CANCELED), 1:00 p.m.; Tuesdays, March 3, March 10, and March 24, 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Transportation - Thursdays, February 26, 11:00 a.m.; March 5, 9:00 a.m.; March 12, March 19, and March 26, 8:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Commerce - Wednesday, February 25, 8:30 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-5312)

Families, Seniors and Human Services - Wednesday, February 25, 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-5323)

Legislative Council - Thursday, February 26, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-0212)

Transportation - Thursday, February 26, 8:30 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-5323)

Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security - Thursday, February 26, 2:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-5314)

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:07 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

JEFFREY F. COBB
Secretary of the Senate

