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House Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

1:30 p.m.

The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tempore.

The roll was called by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, who announced that a quorum was present.

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

e/d/s = entered during session

Rep. Bill Caul, from the 99th District, offered the following invocation:

“Dear Lord,

We thank You today for the blessings You have bestowed on all the people of Michigan. Please help us to remember that it is Your will we serve.

As Representatives of our districts, we have been given an awesome responsibility, Lord. Please grant us all the courage and wisdom to fulfill our duties with the utmost respect for those we serve. Also, let us remember Your wishes, to love each other as You have loved us.

We ask for Your guidance today and everyday, Lord, in Your name we pray. Amen.”

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Rep. Tobocman moved that Rep. Meisner be excused from today’s session.  
The motion prevailed.

### **Motions and Resolutions**

Reps. Miller, Constan, Bieda, Meadows, Hopgood, Lindberg, Farrah, Gonzales, Bauer, Brown, Byrnes, Condino, Hammel, Hammon, Johnson, Kathleen Law, LeBlanc, Leland, Lemmons, Mayes, Polidori, Sak, Alma Smith, Vagnozzi and Wojno offered the following resolution:

#### **House Resolution No. 21.**

A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact the Employee Free Choice Act.

Whereas, In 1935, the United States established, by law, that workers must be free to form unions. The freedom to form or join a union is internationally recognized as a fundamental human right; and

Whereas, Union membership provides workers better wages and benefits, and protection from discrimination and unsafe workplaces. Unions benefit communities by strengthening tax bases, promoting equal treatment, and enhancing civic participation; and

Whereas, Even though on paper America’s workers have the freedom to choose for themselves whether to have a union, in reality, workers across the nation are routinely denied that right. More than 40 million United States workers say they would join a union now if they had the opportunity; and

Whereas, When the right of workers to form a union is violated, wages fall, race and gender pay gaps widen, workplace discrimination increases, and job safety standards disappear; and

Whereas, Many thousands of workers in our country are routinely threatened, coerced, or fired each year because they try to form a union. Most violations of workers’ freedom to choose a union occur behind closed doors, and each year millions of dollars are spent to frustrate workers’ efforts to form unions; and

Whereas, A worker’s fundamental right to choose a union is a public issue that requires a public policy solution, including legislative remedies; and

Whereas, The Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 800) has been introduced in the United States Congress in order to restore workers’ freedom to join a union; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to enact the Employee Free Choice Act, which would authorize the National Labor Relations Board to certify a union as the bargaining representative when a majority of employees voluntarily sign authorizations designating that union to represent them; provide for first contract mediation and arbitration; and establish meaningful penalties for violations of a worker’s freedom to choose a union; and be it further

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

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Labor.

Reps. Meltzer, Ball, Bauer, Bieda, Brown, Byrnes, Byrum, Condino, Dean, Espinoza, Farrah, Gonzales, Hammel, Hammon, Hansen, Hopgood, Johnson, Rick Jones, Kathleen Law, LeBlanc, Leland, Lemmons, Mayes, Miller, Nitz,

Palmer, Palsrok, Polidori, Proos, Rocca, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Alma Smith, Stahl, Vagnozzi, Walker, Warren and Wojno offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 22.**

A resolution designating the first week in June 2007 as National River Cleanup Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The state of Michigan is home to more than 36,000 miles of rivers, tributaries and streams; and

Whereas, These waters provide an important and irreplaceable natural habitat for millions of freshwater plants and creatures; and

Whereas, These waters provide many citizens of Michigan with the clean drinking water that is essential to our daily lives; and

Whereas, These waters provide recreational opportunities that are both fun and educational; and

Whereas, It is our duty as global citizens to defend Earth's natural resources and preserve them for our children and grandchildren; and

Whereas, National River Cleanup Week will provide an opportunity for the citizens of Michigan to contribute their part in defending these precious resources; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body hereby designate the first week in June 2007 as National River Cleanup Week in the state of Michigan.

Pending the reference of the resolution to a committee,

Rep. Tobocman moved that Rule 71 be suspended and the resolution be considered at this time.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Meltzer, Ball, Bieda, Brown, Byrnes, Dean, Espinoza, Garfield, Gonzales, Hammel, Hammon, Hansen, Hopgood, Johnson, Kathleen Law, Leland, Lemmons, Mayes, McDowell, Miller, Palmer, Palsrok, Polidori, Proos, Rocca, Sheltroun, Stahl, Vagnozzi and Wojno offered the following resolution:

**House Resolution No. 23.**

A resolution to urge the Congress and the President of the United States to increase efforts to ensure that the People's Republic of China adheres to monetary policies consistent with international agreements and the principles of free and fair trade.

Whereas, As the emergence of the global market has grown in significance, trade and monetary policies of individual countries become evermore important to the world's economy. In acknowledgment of this trend, the nations of the world have established numerous trade agreements. These are designed to foster stability and growth across the globe; and

Whereas, For many years, as economic changes in the People's Republic of China have stimulated great growth, the trade imbalance between the United States and the People's Republic of China has increased enormously and steadily. While there are many factors behind this, a contributing factor is the way the People's Republic of China exercises control over its currency in relation to the dollar. The value of its currency is, in effect, determined by artificial forces instead of being allowed to "float" in response to market forces; and

Whereas, The trade imbalance between the United States and the People's Republic of China is considered by most observers to be a serious threat not only to jobs in the United States, but also to economic stability worldwide. Clearly, more effective measures must be found to encourage the People's Republic to align its monetary policy with the standards set through international trade agreements; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress and the President of the United States to increase efforts to ensure that the People's Republic of China adheres to monetary policies consistent with international agreements and the principles of free and fair trade; and be it further

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

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

**Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment**

The Clerk announced that the following bills had been printed and placed upon the files of the members on Friday, February 16:

<b>House Bill Nos.</b>	<b>4276</b>	<b>4277</b>	<b>4278</b>	<b>4279</b>	<b>4280</b>
<b>Senate Bill Nos.</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>206</b>	

The Clerk announced that the following Senate bill had been received on Tuesday, February 20:  
**Senate Bill No. 14**

### Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Banking and Financial Services, by Rep. Coulouris, Chair, reported  
**Senate Bill No. 191, entitled**

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," by amending sections 725 and 729 (MCL 339.725 and 339.729), as amended by 2005 PA 278.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.  
 The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

#### Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Coulouris, Johnson, Clemente, Mayes, Moore, Robertson, Green and Calley  
 Nays: None

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Coulouris, Chair, of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Present: Reps. Coulouris, Johnson, Clemente, Mayes, Moore, Robertson, Green and Calley

Absent: Rep. Virgil Smith

Excused: Rep. Virgil Smith

The Committee on Government Operations, by Rep. Wojno, Chair, reported

**House Bill No. 4113, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 971 (MCL 380.971), as amended by 1995 PA 289.

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

#### Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk and Hune

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Government Operations, by Rep. Wojno, Chair, reported

**House Bill No. 4114, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 951, 952, 953, 953a, 954, 955, and 971 (MCL 380.951, 380.952, 380.953, 380.953a, 380.954, 380.955, and 380.971), section 951 as amended by 1990 PA 147, section 952 as amended by 1982 PA 370 and section 953a as added and section 971 as amended by 1995 PA 289, and by adding section 951a.

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

#### Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk and Hune

Nays: None

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

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Wojno, Chair, of the Committee on Government Operations, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Present: Reps. Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Constan, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk and Hune

Absent: Rep. David Law

Excused: Rep. David Law

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Sheltroun, Chair, of the Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Present: Reps. Sheltroun, Ebli, Brown, Hammon, Kathleen Law, Lindberg, Simpson, Casperson, Walker, Stakoe and Horn

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Present: Reps. Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, Knollenberg and Opsommer

Absent: Rep. Meisner

Excused: Rep. Meisner

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Present: Reps. Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Ball and Meekhof

Absent: Rep. Nitz

Excused: Rep. Nitz

**Messages from the Senate****Senate Bill No. 14, entitled**

A bill to amend 1855 PA 105, entitled "An act to regulate the disposition of the surplus funds in the state treasury; to provide for the deposit of surplus funds in certain financial institutions; to lend surplus funds pursuant to loan agreements secured by certain commercial, agricultural, or industrial real and personal property; to authorize the loan of surplus funds to certain municipalities; to authorize the participation in certain loan programs; to authorize an appropriation; and to prescribe the duties of certain state agencies," by amending section 2e (MCL 21.142e), as amended by 2004 PA 342.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

**Notices**

February 16, 2007

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor, State of Michigan  
2nd Floor Romney Building  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Granholm:

Pursuant to the authority vested in you by Article V, Section 20 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan and language contained in P. A. 431 of 1984, as amended: I, Representative George Cushingberry Jr., Chair of the House Appropriations

Committee of the Michigan State Legislature, hereby certify that the official minutes of the Committee show that the majority of members of the Committee, elected and serving, are recorded as approving Executive Order No. 2007—1, dated February 14, 2007.

Sincerely,  
Representative George Cushingberry Jr., Chair  
House Appropriations Committee

### Messages from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received February 16, 2007 and read:

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2007 – 2

#### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the State of Michigan in the Governor;

WHEREAS, under Section 8 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 the Governor is responsible for the faithful execution of the laws;

WHEREAS, Section 14 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the Governor with the authority to grant executive clemency in the form of reprieves, commutations, and pardons;

WHEREAS, Section 24 of Article I of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 declares that crime victims have the right to information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused;

WHEREAS, executive clemency in the form of a reprieve, commutation, or a pardon constitutes extra-judicial relief and should be granted sparingly, only after careful review and a thorough investigation;

WHEREAS, Chapter III of the Corrections Code of 1953, 1953 PA 232, MCL 791.231 to 791.246, creates a Parole Board within the Department of Corrections to, among other things, assist the Governor in considering applications for executive clemency;

WHEREAS, under Section 43 of the Corrections Code of 1953, 1953 PA 232, MCL 791.243, all applications for reprieves, commutations, and pardons must be filed with the Parole Board upon forms provided by the Parole Board, and must contain the information, records, and documents the Parole Board requires by rule;

WHEREAS, under Section 6 of the Corrections Code of 1953, 1953 PA 232, MCL 791.206, the Director of the Department of Corrections is authorized to promulgate administrative rules to provide for the manner in which applications for a reprieve, medical commutation, commutation, or a pardon may be made to the Governor;

WHEREAS, Section 44 of the Corrections Code of 1953, 1953 PA 232, MCL 791.244, establishes a procedure for the Parole Board to follow regarding applications for reprieves, commutations, or pardons;

WHEREAS, Section 44 of the Corrections Code of 1953, 1953 PA 232, MCL 791.244, requires the Parole Board to determine within 60 days whether an application for a reprieve, commutation, or pardon has merit prior to initiating an investigation or conducting a hearing regarding the application, and this determination of merit by the Parole Board requires the dedication of significant resources within a limited time period;

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Executive Clemency Advisory Council can assist the Parole Board in the review of applications requesting a reprieve, commutation, or a pardon and help alleviate time constraints and other burdens imposed upon the Parole Board relating to the review of applications for executive clemency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

#### **I. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Order:

A. "Department" means the Department of Corrections, a principal department of state government created by Executive Order 1991-12, MCL 791.302.

B. "Board" means the Parole Board established within the Department on October 1, 1992, by Section 31a of the Corrections Code of 1953, 1953 PA 232, MCL 791.231a.

C. "Council" means the Executive Clemency Advisory Council created within the Department by this Order.

#### **II. CREATION OF THE EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

A. The Executive Clemency Advisory Council is created as an advisory body within the Department. The Council shall exercise its prescribed powers, duties, and functions independently of the Director of the Department.

1. The Council shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Governor, and shall include individuals representing law enforcement, crime victims or their families, and the general public.

B. Members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

C. A vacancy on the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

### III. CHARGE TO THE COUNCIL

A. The Council shall act in an advisory capacity to the Parole Board. Upon the request of the Governor or the Parole Board, the Council may advise and assist the Parole Board in conducting the review of an application for a reprieve, commutation, or pardon for the purpose of determining whether the application has merit, as provided under Section 44 of the Corrections Code of 1953, 1953 PA 232, MCL 791.244. The Council may accept and consider written information provided by the sentencing judge, the prosecuting attorney of the county having original jurisdiction over the case, or their respective successors in office, each crime victim, and any other interested member of the public.

B. The Council shall provide other information, recommendations, or advice relating to applications for reprieves, commutations, and pardons, as requested by the Governor or the Parole Board.

### IV. OPERATION OF THE COUNCIL

A. The Council shall be staffed and assisted by personnel from the Department as directed by the Governor. Any budgeting, procurement, and related management functions of the Council shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department.

B. The Council shall adopt procedures consistent with Michigan law and this Order governing its organization and operations. The Council may adopt standards or procedures consistent with Michigan law to use in considering recommendations or other advice to the Parole Board regarding whether an application for a reprieve, commutation, or pardon has merit.

C. The Governor shall designate one of the members of the Council to serve as its Chairperson. The Council may select a Vice-Chairperson from among its members.

D. A majority of the members serving on the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the Council's business. The Council shall act and make recommendations to the Parole Board by a majority vote of its serving members.

E. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation. Members of the Council may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses according to relevant statutes and the rules and procedures of the Department of Management and Budget and the Civil Service Commission, subject to available funding.

F. Members of the Council shall refer all legal, legislative, and media contacts to the Department.

### V. MISCELLANEOUS

A. All departments, committees, commissioners, or officers of this state or of any political subdivision of this state shall give to the Council or to any member or representative of the Council, any necessary assistance required by the Council or any member or representative of the Council, in the performance of the duties of the Council so far as is compatible with its, his, or her duties. Free access shall also be given to any books, records, or documents in its, his, or her custody, relating to matters within the scope of inquiry, study, or review of the Council.

B. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Order.

[SEAL]

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seven.

Jennifer M. Granholm

Governor

By the Governor:

Terri L. Land

Secretary of State

The message was referred to the Clerk.

### Communications from State Officers

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

February 15, 2007

Enclosed is a copy of the Michigan Legislature's audited Schedule of Sources and Disposition of General Fund Authorizations with Supplemental Schedules for the years ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. This audit was performed by the public accounting firm, Yeo & Yeo, under a contract with my office.

This report includes independent auditor's report letters on the financial schedules and compliance with laws and regulations and internal controls of the Michigan Legislature.

The Independent Auditor's Report letter on the financial schedules contains a clean opinion on the financial schedules. The Report Letter on Compliance with Laws and Regulations and Internal Control reports that, with respect to the items tested, nothing came to the auditor's attention that caused the auditor to believe that the Michigan Legislature had

not complied, in all material respects, with those provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts tested for. In addition, the auditors reported no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operations that they considered to be material weaknesses.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me.

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

The communication was referred to the Clerk.

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

February 16, 2007

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or report summary:  
Financial audit, including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the  
Department of Community Health  
for the period October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2005

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

The communication was referred to the Clerk and the accompanying report referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

### Introduction of Bills

Rep. Gaffney introduced

**House Bill No. 4281, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 6 (MCL 380.6), as amended by 2003 PA 299.

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

Rep. Gaffney introduced

**House Bill No. 4282, entitled**

A bill to amend 1895 PA 3, entitled "The general law village act," by amending section 4 of chapter III (MCL 63.4), as added by 1998 PA 255.

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

Rep. Gaffney introduced

**House Bill No. 4283, entitled**

A bill to amend 1895 PA 215, entitled "The fourth class city act," by amending section 1 of chapter IV (MCL 84.1).

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

Reps. Ball and Shaffer introduced

**House Bill No. 4284, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 109 (MCL 400.109), as amended by 2006 PA 576.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families and Children's Services.

Reps. Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Calley, Bieda, Ward, Proos, Meisner, Coulouris, Angerer, Meadows, Condino, Polidori, Hopgood and Alma Smith introduced

**House Bill No. 4285, entitled**

A bill to regulate political activity; to regulate certain candidates for elective office and state officials; to require financial statements and reports; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and agencies; to impose fees; to prescribe penalties and civil sanctions; and to provide remedies.

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



Reps. Cheeks, Young, Accavitti, Farrah, Robert Jones, Sak, Kathleen Law, Leland, Gonzales, Johnson and Jackson introduced

**House Bill No. 4286, entitled**

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 1a, 59, 78b, 78c, 78f, 78g, 78i, and 78k (MCL 211.1a, 211.59, 211.78b, 211.78c, 211.78f, 211.78g, 211.78i, and 211.78k), section 59 as amended by 2006 PA 626, sections 78b, 78c, 78f, and 78g as amended by 2003 PA 263, and sections 78i and 78k as amended by 2006 PA 611.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs.

Reps. Cheeks, Alma Smith, Accavitti, Farrah, Robert Jones, Sak, Kathleen Law, Leland, Gonzales, Young, Dean and Johnson introduced

**House Bill No. 4287, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 2111 (MCL 500.2111), as amended by 2002 PA 492.

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

Reps. Cheeks, Alma Smith, Clack, Accavitti, Farrah, Robert Jones, Sak, Kathleen Law, Hopgood, LeBlanc, Leland, Gonzales and Johnson introduced

**House Bill No. 4288, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1290.

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

Reps. Constan, Polidori, Miller, Vagnozzi and Johnson introduced

**House Bill No. 4289, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 319, 322, 625, 625k, 625l, and 904 (MCL 257.319, 257.322, 257.625, 257.625k, 257.625l, and 257.904), sections 319 and 904 as amended by 2004 PA 362, section 322 as amended by 2001 PA 159, section 625 as amended by 2006 PA 564, and sections 625k and 625l as amended by 2003 PA 61, and by adding sections 20b and 323f.

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

Reps. Hammel, Robertson, Hammon, Clack, Meadows, Johnson, Garfield, Hoogendyk, Dean, Amos, Meekhof and Opsommer introduced

**House Bill No. 4290, entitled**

A bill to amend 1851 PA 156, entitled "An act to define the powers and duties of the county boards of commissioners of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local, administrative and legislative powers; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act," by amending section 11 (MCL 46.11), as amended by 2003 PA 94.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs.

Reps. Robertson, Hammel, Hammon, Clack, Meadows, Johnson, Garfield, Hoogendyk, Dean, Amos, Meekhof and Opsommer introduced

**House Bill No. 4291, entitled**

A bill to amend 1909 PA 283, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and add to the laws relating to the establishment, opening, discontinuing, vacating, closing, altering, improvement, maintenance, and use of the public highways and private roads; the condemnation of property and gravel therefor; the building, repairing and preservation of bridges; maintaining public access to waterways under certain conditions; setting and protecting shade trees, drainage, and cutting weeds and brush within this state; providing for the election or appointment and defining the powers, duties, and compensation of state, county, township, and district highway officials; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending section 6 of chapter IV (MCL 224.6), as amended by 2006 PA 598.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs.

Reps. Espinoza, Brown, Sheltroun, McDowell, Polidori, Gonzales, Byrum and Marleau introduced  
**House Bill No. 4292, entitled**

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

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

Reps. Miller, LeBlanc, Rick Jones, Hammel, Kathleen Law, Polidori, Meisner, Vagnozzi, Green, Bieda, Dean and Gonzales introduced

**House Bill No. 4293, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 539a and 539g (MCL 750.539a and 750.539g), section 539g as amended by 1993 PA 227, and by adding section 539l.

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

Reps. Agema, Marleau, Meekhof, Opsommer, Wenke, Booher, Dean, Moore, Meltzer, Stahl, Nitz, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Green, Brandenburg and Rick Jones introduced

**House Bill No. 4294, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 21513 (MCL 333.21513), as amended by 2002 PA 125.

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

Reps. Bieda, Kathleen Law, Miller, Gonzales, Byrnes, Meadows, Warren, Alma Smith and Leland introduced

**House Bill No. 4295, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3406s.

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

Reps. Kathleen Law, Bieda, Byrnes, Condino, Meadows, Warren, Alma Smith and Leland introduced

**House Bill No. 4296, entitled**

A bill to amend 1980 PA 350, entitled "The nonprofit health care corporation reform act," (MCL 550.1101 to 550.1704) by adding section 416e.

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

Reps. Kathleen Law, Hopgood, Gonzales, Young and Leland introduced

**House Bill No. 4297, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 466 (MCL 750.466), as amended by 2002 PA 672.

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

Reps. Kathleen Law, Hopgood, Gonzales, Young and Leland introduced

**House Bill No. 4298, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16w of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16w), as amended by 2006 PA 156.

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

Reps. Kathleen Law, Hopgood, Dean, Miller, Gonzales, Young and Leland introduced

**House Bill No. 4299, entitled**

A bill to amend 1911 PA 235, entitled "An act to provide for the payment and reimbursement by counties, in certain cases upon application therefor, of expenses incurred in the burial of the bodies of honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the United States, or their spouses, and to repeal certain acts or parts of acts," by amending section 1 (MCL 35.801), as amended by 2003 PA 290.

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

Reps. Sheltroun, Rick Jones, Hammon, Moore, Ball and Vagnozzi introduced

**House Bill No. 4300, entitled**

A bill to amend 1941 PA 205, entitled "An act to provide for the construction, establishment, opening, use, discontinuing, vacating, closing, altering, improvement, and maintenance of limited access highways and facilities ancillary to those highways; to permit the acquiring of property and property rights and the closing or other treatment of intersecting roads for these purposes; to provide for the borrowing of money and for the issuing of bonds or notes payable from special funds for the acquisition, construction or improvement of such highways; and to provide for the receipt and expenditure of funds generated from the facilities," by amending section 2 (MCL 252.52), as amended by 2002 PA 150.

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

Reps. Condino, Gaffney, Gillard, Virgil Smith, Meisner, Constan, Vagnozzi, Bieda, Kathleen Law, Gonzales, Leland, Simpson, Young and Tobocman introduced

**House Bill No. 4301, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 3135 (MCL 500.3135), as amended by 2002 PA 697.

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

Reps. Condino, Bieda and Gonzales introduced

**House Bill No. 4302, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending sections 2236, 2401, and 2601 (MCL 500.2236, 500.2401, and 500.2601), as amended by 2002 PA 664.

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

Reps. Hansen, Booher, Opsommer, Proos, Garfield, Huizenga, Casperson, Rick Jones, Stahl, Polidori, Stakoe, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Palsrok, Hune, Wenke, Caul, Nitz, Acciavatti, Pavlov, Green, Pastor, Nofs, LaJoy, Moolenaar, Amos, Hoogendyk, Vagnozzi, Clemente, Angerer, Meadows and Brandenburg introduced

**House Bill No. 4303, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 43537, 74117, and 83106 (MCL 324.43537, 324.74117, and 324.83106), section 43537 as amended by 1996 PA 585, section 74117 as amended by 2006 PA 477, and section 83106 as amended by 2004 PA 587.

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

Reps. LeBlanc, Miller, Hammel, Hammon, Corriveau, Clemente, Dean and Bauer introduced

**House Bill No. 4304, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 636 (MCL 257.636).

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

Reps. Elsenheimer, Walker, Emmons, Meltzer, Booher, Rick Jones, Sheltroun, Hansen, McDowell, Opsommer, Moore, Schuitmaker, Shaffer, Calley, Proos, Gillard, Byrnes, Huizenga, Wenke, Meekhof, Hoogendyk, Pearce, Stahl, Palsrok and Casperson introduced

**House Joint Resolution E, entitled**

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 11 of article IX, to require that all local school districts receive the same amount of total state and local per pupil revenue for school operating purposes.

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

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Rep. Alma Smith moved that the House adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 3:50 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Wednesday, February 21, at 1:30 p.m.

RICHARD J. BROWN  
Clerk of the House of Representatives