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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Margaret E. O'Brien.

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—excused
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—present
Zorn—present

Pastor Kenneth Wagener of St. Peter Lutheran Church and School of Macomb offered the following invocation:

Heavenly Father, God of all mercy, we give You our thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made. We praise You for our creation, for our preservation, and all the blessings of this life. Once more, we bless You for the privilege to live in this land we love and serve.

I thank You also for the members of this Senate who meet this very day to carry out their work together. Pour out Your blessing on each one, that they may serve with honor and integrity and commitment to the good of our state and communities. Guide them in their responsibilities. Guide them with Your grace and wisdom. Guide them by Your justice. Make them discerning in all their decisions. Make them steadfast in their work. Keep them patient in all they do.

We give thanks for the many blessings we receive from You, Heavenly Father, and especially for the gift of good government and the freedoms and rights we enjoy in this land. Bless and keep the men and women who serve so faithfully the citizens of our state.

Lord, we ask You to be present in our meetings and our labors, and bless all of our endeavors. Bless our schools, our teachers and support staffs, and all of our students. Thank You, Lord, for everything which broadens our knowledge and equips us more fully for the task of working and living. Teach us to know our own strengths, that we may fully use the gifts and talents which You have given.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator O'Brien, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motions and Communications

Senators Ananich and Gregory entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Kowall moved that Senators Schuitmaker, Nofs and Robertson be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall moved that Senator Meekhof be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

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

Senators Nofs and Robertson entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of Senator Hertel admittance to the Senate floor. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Tuesday, February 9:
House Bill Nos. 4353 4355

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Tuesday, February 9, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos.	753	754	755	756	757	758	759	760	761	762	763	764	765	766
	767	768	769	770	771	772	773	774	775					
House Bill Nos.	5315	5316	5317	5318	5319	5320	5321	5322	5323	5324	5325	5326	5327	5328
	5329	5330												

Recess

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:07 a.m.

10:36 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Messages from the House

Senate Bill No. 513, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 3a.

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

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

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

The Senate agreed to the full title.

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

Third Reading of Bills

Senator Kowall moved that the following bills be placed at the head of the Third Reading of Bills calendar:

Senate Bill No. 302

Senate Bill No. 292

Senate Bill No. 738

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 302, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” (MCL 436.1101 to 436.2303) by adding section 916a.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Knezek offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 2, line 7, by striking out all of subsection (2) and renumbering the remaining subsections.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Hood requested the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, 1/5 of the members present voting therefor.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 37

Yeas—11

Ananich	Hertel	Johnson	Warren
Bieda	Hood	Knezek	Young
Gregory	Hopgood	Smith	

Nays—26

Booher	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca
Brandenburg	Horn	Nofs	Schmidt
Casperson	Hune	O’Brien	Schuitmaker
Colbeck	Jones	Pavlov	Shirkey
Emmons	Knollenberg	Proos	Stamas
Green	Kowall	Robertson	Zorn
Hansen	MacGregor		

Excused—1

Meekhof

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

The question being on the passage of the bill,
The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 38**Yeas—27**

Booher	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Schmidt
Brandenburg	Horn	Nofs	Schuitmaker
Casperson	Hune	O'Brien	Shirkey
Colbeck	Jones	Pavlov	Smith
Emmons	Knollenberg	Proos	Stamas
Green	Kowall	Robertson	Zorn
Hansen	MacGregor	Rocca	

Nays—10

Ananich	Hertel	Johnson	Warren
Bieda	Hood	Knezek	Young
Gregory	Hopgood		

Excused—1

Meekhof

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protests

Senators Knezek, Hood, Warren, Hertel, Young, Johnson and Gregory, under their constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 302.

Senator Knezek's statement, in which Senator Hood concurred, is as follows:

I rise to give my "no" vote explanation on Senate Bill No. 302. In addition to the things that I have already pointed out about this so-called fact-finding that none of us have seen, I have no idea how a strip club leads to littering or blight or all these other things that were listed. I want to point out the fact that the justification for this legislation is to bring state law up to speed and up to code to comply with federal law. That was the impetus behind this bill today—how we can make state law comply with federal law.

Last week, this Legislature had the opportunity to do just that by removing an unconstitutional ban on oral and anal sex here in the state of Michigan, and we refused to do so. I simply want to point out the hypocrisy that we've seen here today, wanting to update the laws to bring them into federal compliance when just last week, we refused to do so to try and score a couple political points.

We heard what the people of the state of Michigan said this last week, how frustrated they were that we, the Legislature, faced with so many important issues decided to focus on what seems to be so many silly issues. This is another silly issue when we should be talking about what is going on in the Detroit Public Schools and what should be going on in the city of Flint. I offer this as my “no” vote explanation on Senate Bill No. 302.

Senator Warren’s statement, in which Senators Hertel, Young, Johnson and Gregory concurred, is as follows:

To underscore what my good colleague has said with the amendment he introduced, the point is that we need to be very cautious as we look at legislation going forward. Congress does findings, and you will see it in federal legislation. They do this because they have subpoena power, and they send people out to do true investigations. They can put forth findings on behalf of all the members of Congress.

I think it is very dangerous territory for us with no rules, regulations, or subpoena power to have findings in legislation. A very small number of us in this body were a part of the fact-finding mission, if it did, in fact, happen as the bill sponsor mentioned. To have this listed in state law as the findings that we all share is very troubling. When you read that section closely, you will see it includes a number of items mentioned by the Senator from the 5th District, like blight and litter. It lists things that are crimes, and if you are on a fact-finding mission from the Legislature and saw crimes such as prostitution or drug trafficking, I don’t understand why we wouldn’t have pushed for an investigation, having arrests or prosecutions moving forward.

I am very cautious about putting legislative findings in here, and I think until we have a set of Senate rules that we agree upon for how findings will take place and have subpoena power to have folks come in and be part of the process, then legislative findings should not be part of any bill we pass. This is why I voted “no” today.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Knezek’s statement is as follows:

This amendment seeks to strip out the language in this bill that speaks to so-called legislative findings behind what can and cannot happen as a result to some of these establishments in Michigan. I would like to state for the record that there have been no legislative findings. No one in this Legislature has participated in any fact-finding mission. I don’t know where the bill sponsor came up with his facts or how he came up with his facts.

I simply ask that we take the legislative findings provision out of this statute, because there have been none.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 292, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled “The management and budget act,” by amending section 367 (MCL 18.1367), as amended by 1999 PA 8.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 39

Yeas—37

Ananich	Hertel	Knollenberg	Rocca
Bieda	Hildenbrand	Kowall	Schmidt
Booher	Hood	MacGregor	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Marleau	Shirkey
Casperson	Horn	Nofs	Smith
Colbeck	Hune	O’Brien	Stamas
Emmons	Johnson	Pavlov	Warren
Green	Jones	Proos	Young
Gregory	Knezek	Robertson	Zorn
Hansen			

Nays—0

Excused—1

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 738, entitled

A bill to amend 1965 PA 314, entitled “Public employee retirement system investment act,” by amending section 13 (MCL 38.1133), as amended by 2014 PA 545.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 40**Yeas—37**

Ananich	Hertel	Knollenberg	Rocca
Bieda	Hildenbrand	Kowall	Schmidt
Booher	Hood	MacGregor	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Hopgood	Marleau	Shirkey
Casperson	Horn	Nofs	Smith
Colbeck	Hune	O’Brien	Stamas
Emmons	Johnson	Pavlov	Warren
Green	Jones	Proos	Young
Gregory	Knezek	Robertson	Zorn
Hansen			

Nays—0**Excused—1**

Meekhof

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

January 25, 2016

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

Lake Superior State University Board of Control

Thomas C. Bailey of 342 Foxwood Lane, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, county of Emmet, succeeding Patrick Egan, is appointed for a term expiring January 27, 2024.

Randy Pingatore of 911 McCandless Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, county of Chippewa, succeeding Scot A. Lindemann, is appointed for a term expiring January 27, 2024.

January 29, 2016

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

Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention/Arena Authority

Charles N. Secchia of 1034 Cambridge Drive, S.E., Suite 510, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506, county of Kent, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring February 29, 2020.

January 29, 2016

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

Human Trafficking Commission

Hassan Beydoun of 311363 Beachwalk Drive, Apt. 2204, Novi, Michigan 48377, county of Oakland, representing individuals recommended by the Speaker of the House, is appointed for a term expiring March 1, 2017.

January 29, 2016

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

Mental Health Diversion Council

Curtis J. Bell of 3711 N. 2nd Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009, county of Kalamazoo, representing the judiciary, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 30, 2020.

Ross Buitendorp of 909 Chippewa Drive, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506, county of Kent, representing the adult service agencies and/or providers for a local community mental health service program, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 30, 2020.

Larry Cameron of 18301 W. 13 Mile Road, Unit A6, Southfield, Michigan 48076, county of Oakland, representing the advocates of consumer representatives, succeeding Irva Faber, is appointed for a term expiring January 30, 2017.

Elizabeth J. Hardwick of 200 Pine Hill Lake Drive, Horton, Michigan 49246, county of Jackson, representing community prisoner or jail re-entry, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 30, 2020.

Milton L. Mack of 38715 Meadowlawn Drive, Wayne, Michigan 48184, county of Wayne, representing the State Court Administrative Office, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring January 30, 2020.

Carmen M. McIntyre of 2489 Parliament Drive, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48310, county of Macomb, representing the Medicaid-pre-paid inpatient health plan, succeeding Lori Ryland, is appointed for a term expiring January 30, 2020.

January 29, 2016

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

Michigan Economic Development Corporation Executive Committee

John B. O'Reilly of 22576 Beech Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124, county of Wayne, representing public agencies, succeeding Dayne Walling, is appointed for a term expiring April 5, 2016.

January 29, 2016

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

Michigan Strategic Fund Board of Directors

Shaun W. Wilson of 366 Hillcrest Avenue, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236, county of Wayne, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring February 28, 2020.

February 1, 2016

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

Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect

Doreen S. Allen of 1003 Knollwood Court, Midland, Michigan 48640, county of Midland, representing judges and attorneys, succeeding Linda Hallmark, is appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

February 1, 2016

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

Grape and Wine Industry Council

Michael S. Brenton of 6220 Columbia Street, Haslett, Michigan 48840, county of Ingham, representing the general public, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring February 1, 2019.

Steve Massie of 3920 Foxglove Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525, county of Kent, representing persons who operate a retail food establishment that holds a specially designated merchant license and sells Michigan wines, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring February 1, 2019.

Matthew Moersch of 10062 Burgoyne Road, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103, county of Berrien, representing wine makers, succeeding Walter Brys, is appointed for a term expiring February 1, 2019.

Joanna T. Simpson of 40 N. Manitou Trail, Lake Leelanau, Michigan 49653, county of Leelanau, representing wine grape growers, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring February 1, 2019.

February 1, 2016

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

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Board of Directors

Robert L. Williams of 1224 Ravina Avenue, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, county of Berrien, representing Veterans of Foreign Wars, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring February 25, 2019.

Barry A. Wood of 811 N. Kelly Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058, county of Barry, representing the American Legion, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring February 25, 2019.

February 2, 2016

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

Michigan Bean Commission

Greg Ackerman of 5486 Dixon Road, Vassar, Michigan 48768, county of Tuscola, representing District 3, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

James Roggenbuck of 8015 Helena Road, Harbor Beach, Michigan 48441, county of Huron, representing District 5, succeeding Allen Bischer, is appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

Neil French of 262 Markel Road, Munger, Michigan 48747, county of Bay, representing processors, shippers and handlers, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

Clinton Stoutenburg of 70 N. Stoutenburg Road, Sandusky, Michigan 48471, county of Sanilac, representing District 4, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

February 8, 2016

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

Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine

Renee L. Werth of 1618 Elmwood Road, Lansing, Michigan 48917, county of Eaton, representing the general public, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring December 31, 2019.

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 pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, designated Senator Pavlov as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator O'Brien, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bills:

House Bill No. 5070, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," by amending section 5 (MCL 408.1005), as amended by 2012 PA 447.

House Bill No. 5071, 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 1 (MCL 408.471).

House Bill No. 5072, entitled

A bill to amend 2014 PA 138, entitled "Workforce opportunity wage act," by amending section 2 (MCL 408.412).

House Bill No. 5073, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," by amending section 41 (MCL 421.41), as amended by 2005 PA 19.

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

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

Resolutions

Senator Kowall moved that consideration of the following resolutions be postponed for today:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3

Senate Resolution No. 76

Senate Resolution No. 75

Senate Resolution No. 12

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hood offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 141.

A resolution to commemorate February 2016 as Black History Month.

Whereas, The origins of Black History Month begin in 1915 after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. Since 1976, every President has adopted the month of February as Black History Month, an annual celebration of African-American achievements and role in U.S History; and

Whereas, We pay tribute to Dr. Carter G. Woodson for the study of black history and his promotion of achievements by African Americans and others of African descent. In 1926, he organized a national Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history that has evolved into a month-long celebration of black progress and power; and

Whereas, President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history”; and

Whereas, Due to the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Black History Month is a time to reflect on the burdens of racial prejudice and explore and understand the black identity and culture; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the injustices that African Americans have endured and commends the African-American community for overcoming those injustices and changing the course and nature of history. We honor the prominent leaders and activists who have paved the way for equality and justice for not only African Americans, but all Americans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate February 2016 as Black History Month, and we honor the contributions made in building pride and dignity in black people and educating Americans; and be it further

Resolved, That we join other organizations throughout the state of Michigan and this country, as we use this occasion to raise awareness of the hardships African Americans have endured and celebrate the milestones we have achieved for equality and justice for all; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Michigan chapters of the NAACP.

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 resolution was adopted.

Senators Ananich, Bieda, Booher, Hansen, Hertel, Hopgood, Jones, Knezek, Knollenberg, MacGregor, Marleau and Proos were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Hertel offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 142.

A resolution to commemorate February 7-14, 2016, as Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week and February 12, 2016, as Ruby Jane Day.

Whereas, Congenital heart disease is the No. 1 birth defect; and

Whereas, Nearly 1 in 100 newborns are born with congenital heart disease; and

Whereas, 40,000 infants are born in the United States each year with congenital heart disease; and

Whereas, There is an estimated 2-3 million people living with congenital heart disease (CHD); and

Whereas, 25 percent of children born with CHD need heart surgery or other interventions to survive; and

Whereas, 15 percent of babies born with CHD will not see their 18th birthday; and

Whereas, In 2009, direct hospital costs alone for children and adults with CHD was over \$2 billion; and

Whereas, Those affected with CHD have 3-4 times higher rates of ER visits than the general population; and

Whereas, Fewer than 10 percent of adults with CHD are receiving recommended care; and

Whereas, There is no cure for CHD; and

Whereas, Thanks to advances in medical research, however, more and more children are surviving; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate February 7-14, 2016, as Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week and February 12, 2016, as Ruby Jane Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge all citizens to show their support and help raise awareness in the fight against congenital heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing the color purple. By increasing awareness and speaking up about CHD, we can save thousands of babies every year.

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 resolution was adopted.

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.204 be suspended to name the entire membership of the Senate and the Lieutenant Governor as co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hertel's statement is as follows:

Senate Resolution No. 142 is a resolution to proclaim February 7-14 as Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week and February 12 as Ruby Jane Day in the state of Michigan. Congenital heart disease is the No. 1 birth defect in the United States. Nearly 1 in 100 newborns are born with congenital heart disease, and 40,000 infants are born in the U.S. each year with this disease. There is an estimated 2-3 million people living right now with congenital heart disease. Twenty-five percent of children born with CHD need heart surgery or other interventions to survive. There is no cure, but thanks to advances in medical research, however, more and more children are surviving and are thriving.

Ruby Jane Schupbach was born on October 23, 2015, the fourth child to David and Gail Schupbach. At one month old, Ruby had her first open heart surgery. Though the road ahead is uncertain, and there will be more surgeries, Ruby is strong and healthy. She is an inspiration to me and to the many who are lucky to know her. Ruby is our warrior, and it is only fitting that we honor Ruby and bring awareness to so many who are affected by congenital heart disease.

I encourage everyone to raise awareness for congenital heart disease, and honor Ruby Jane by wearing purple this Friday, February 12, Ruby Jane Day in the state of Michigan.

I also ask that my colleagues help me welcome Ruby and her brothers and sister, Katie, Nate and Aiden; along with their mother Gail to the Senate floor; and along with their dad David, who is a communications director for our caucus. I ask that my colleagues support this resolution, and welcome this family to the floor.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 776, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 472a (MCL 168.472a), as amended by 1999 PA 219.

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

Senator Hildenbrand introduced

Senate Bill No. 777, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Schuitmaker introduced

Senate Bill No. 778, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 7422, 17708, and 17757 (MCL 333.7422, 333.17708, and 333.17757), section 7422 as added by 2014 PA 313, section 17708 as amended by 2012 PA 209, and section 17757 as amended by 2014 PA 525, and by adding section 17744e.

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

Senator Shirkey introduced
Senate Bill No. 779, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 10e (MCL 211.10e), as added by 1986 PA 223.

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

House Bill No. 4353, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 287, entitled "An act to regulate pet shops, animal control shelters, and animal protection shelters; to establish uniform procedures and minimum requirements for adoption of dogs, cats, and ferrets; and to prescribe penalties and civil fines and to provide remedies," by amending section 1 (MCL 287.331), as amended by 1997 PA 7, and by adding section 8c.

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

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

House Bill No. 4355, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 287, entitled "An act to regulate pet shops, animal control shelters, and animal protection shelters; to establish uniform procedures and minimum requirements for adoption of dogs, cats, and ferrets; and to prescribe penalties and civil fines and to provide remedies," (MCL 287.331 to 287.340) by adding section 8b.

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

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

Committee Reports

The Committee on Local Government reported

Senate Resolution No. 121.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to address freeze emergencies and their consequences by enacting legislation to define freeze emergencies as major disasters eligible for federal disaster relief and emergency assistance.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 106 of 2015, p. 1918.)

With the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Dale W. Zorn
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Zorn, Proos, Brandenburg and Rocca

Nays: None

The resolution was placed on the order of Resolutions.

The Committee on Local Government reported

House Bill No. 4888, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 24 (MCL 211.24), as amended by 2012 PA 409.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Dale W. Zorn
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Zorn, Proos, Brandenburg and Rocca

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Local Government submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 12:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Zorn (C), Proos, Brandenburg, Rocca and Young

The Committee on Judiciary reported

Senate Bill No. 566, entitled

A bill to provide protection from civil liability for individuals who take certain actions to prevent harm to minors or animals.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Rick Jones
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck and Bieda

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Judiciary reported

Senate Bill No. 728, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 8123 (MCL 600.8123), as amended by 2014 PA 58.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Rick Jones
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck and Bieda

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Judiciary reported

House Bill No. 4868, entitled

A bill to amend 1945 PA 327, entitled "Aeronautics code of the state of Michigan," by amending section 9 (MCL 259.9), as amended by 2002 PA 35, and by adding section 98.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Rick Jones
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Judiciary reported

House Bill No. 5034, entitled

A bill to provide for fiduciary access to digital assets; and to provide for the powers and procedures of the court that has jurisdiction over these matters.

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

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

Rick Jones
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Colbeck and Bieda

Nays: None

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

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca, Colbeck and Bieda

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Government Operations submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 12:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators Hansen, Kowall, Ananich and Hood

Excused: Senator Meekhof (C)

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Health and Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Marleau (C), MacGregor, Proos, Shirkey, Gregory and Hertel

Excused: Senator Hansen

Scheduled Meetings

Agriculture - Thursday, February 11, 9:00 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-5323)

Appropriations -**Subcommittees -**

Agriculture and Rural Development - Tuesdays, February 23, March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 22, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Community Colleges - Tuesday, February 23, 9:15 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building; Friday, March 18, 1:00 p.m., Kirtland Community College, Rooms 251-252, Administration Building, 10775 N. Saint Helen Road, Roscommon; and Wednesday, March 23, 9:00 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2768)

General Government - Thursdays, February 18, February 25, and March 3, 8:30 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2768)

K-12, School Aid, Education - Wednesday, February 17, 8:30 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

K-12, School Aid, Education and Education - Tuesday, February 16, 8:30 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

State Police and Military Affairs - Tuesdays, February 23, March 1, March 8, and March 15, 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403; March 22, 8:30 a.m., Room 405; and May 3, 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Education and K-12, School Aid, Education Appropriations Subcommittee - Tuesday, February 16, 8:30 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-5314)

Finance - Tuesday, February 16, 2:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-5312)

Oversight - Thursday, February 11, 8:30 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-5314)

Transportation - Thursday, February 11, 8:30 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-5312)

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:09 a.m.

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator O'Brien, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

JEFFREY F. COBB
Secretary of the Senate

