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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, March 30, 2017.

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
Conyers—present
Emmons—present
Green—present
Gregory—present
Hansen—present
Hertel—present
Hildenbrand—present

Hood—excused
Hopgood—present
Horn—present
Hune—present
Johnson—present
Jones—present
Knezek—present
Knollenberg—present
Kowall—present
MacGregor—present
Marleau—excused
Meekhof—present
Nofs—present

O'Brien—present
Pavlov—present
Proos—present
Robertson—present
Rocca—present
Schmidt—present
Schuitmaker—present
Shirkey—present
Stamas—present
Warren—present
Young—present
Zorn—present

Senator Steven M. Bieda of the 9th District offered the following invocation:

Today we meet to serve our community, to use our resources wisely and well, to represent all members of our community fairly, and to make decisions that promote the common good. We recognize our responsibilities to the past and the future and to those of the citizens of the state that we serve. God bless America and God bless the state of Michigan. May He keep your families safe, may He keep our staff safe, and may He keep the people of this great state safe. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

Senator Stamas entered the Senate Chamber.

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

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

Senator Kowall moved that Senators Casperson, Meekhof and Schmidt be temporarily excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

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

The following communications were received and read:

Office of the Senate Majority Leader

March 29, 2017

I would like Senate Bill 284 re-referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

March 30, 2017

I would like Senate Bill 282 and Senate Bill 283 re-referred to the Senate Committee on Insurance.
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Arlan Meekhof
30th Senate District
Senate Majority Leader

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, March 29:
House Bill Nos. 4048 4131 4213

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, March 29, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 280 281 282 283 284 285 286
House Bill Nos. 4431 4432 4433 4434 4435

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

March 20, 2017

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

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Board of Directors

Charles F. Kosal of 1681 Ottawa Trail Court, Oxford, Michigan 48371, county of Oakland, representing veterans, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring February 25, 2020.

Shawn M. Wilson of 43556 Fleetwood Court, Canton, Michigan 48187, county of Wayne, representing disabled American veterans, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring February 25, 2020.

James Tighe of 543 Catalpa Drive, Birmingham, Michigan 48009, county of Oakland, representing veterans, succeeding John James, is appointed for a term expiring February 25, 2018.

March 27, 2017

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

Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Board of Directors

Lori E. Davis of 684 Kingsley Drive, Wixom, Michigan 48393, county of Oakland, representing an auto insurer doing business in the state, succeeding Bill Jamnik, is appointed for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

Michael E. Thompson of 598 Vanderveen Drive, Mason, Michigan 48854, county of Ingham, representing purchasers of auto insurance in this state, succeeding Russell E. Kohler, is appointed for a term expiring July 1, 2018.

Sincerely,
Rick Snyder
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senators Johnson and Meekhof entered the Senate Chamber.

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 Hopgood 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 without amendment, the following bills:

Senate Bill No. 150, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," by amending section 384 (MCL 18.1384), as amended by 1999 PA 8.

Senate Bill No. 160, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 25a and 31 (MCL 257.25a and 257.31), section 25a as added by 1984 PA 328.

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

During the Committee of the Whole, Senators Casperson and Schmidt entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 196, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 525, entitled "Fostering futures scholarship trust fund act," by amending section 9 (MCL 722.1029), as amended by 2014 PA 530.

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. 101

Yeas—36

Ananich
Bieda
Booher
Brandenburg

Gregory
Hansen
Hertel
Hildenbrand

Knezek
Knollenberg
Kowall
MacGregor

Robertson
Rocca
Schmidt
Schuitmaker

Casperson	Hopgood	Meekhof	Shirkey
Colbeck	Horn	Nofs	Stamas
Conyers	Hune	O'Brien	Warren
Emmons	Johnson	Pavlov	Young
Green	Jones	Proos	Zorn

Nays—0

Excused—2

Hood Marleau

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 197, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 435 (MCL 206.435), as amended by 2016 PA 184.

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. 102

Yeas—36

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

Nays—0

Excused—2

Hood Marleau

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Resolutions

Senator Conyers offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 38.

A resolution recognizing March 27-31, 2017, as Lewis College of Business Week.

Whereas, Historically Black Colleges and Universities week in the United States of America and specifically the legacy of Lewis College of Business located in Detroit, will be recognized on March 27-31, 2017, as HBCU week; and

Whereas, Lewis College of Business (LCB) was an institution of higher education in Detroit; and

Whereas, It was also the first historically black college in Michigan. Founded in 1928, it specialized in business-related topics; and

Whereas, LCB brought state-of-the-art, accredited, business education to its students and was an open admission, two-year college, presenting both academic and technical programs. Its certificates and associate degrees provided easy entry into the job market or gave transfer privileges to a senior institution; and

Whereas, The main function of LCB was to supply opportunities in higher education for qualified applicants. The college provided a business-related curriculum in Computer Information, Business Administration, and Office Information Systems; and

Whereas, The long-term objective of the college was to continue granting degrees. Although the academic program of the college focuses on technical business skills, the students learn the skills and attitudes to become world citizens; and

Whereas, During the past 70 years, over 2,500 students have graduated from LCB, and close to 27,000 students have attended this institution; and

Whereas, LCB has always impressed upon its students the value of continued growth through education. The acceptance of this counsel is evidenced by the alumni who have earned bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees. Unfortunately LCB had to close in 2013; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize Lewis College of Business and HBCU Week on March 27-31, 2017; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Dr. Marjorie Lewis Harris and her sister Phyllis Lewis Ponders, daughters of Violet T. Lewis, Founder of Lewis College of Business.

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 Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Gregory, Hansen, Hertel, Hopgood, Knezek, Nofs and Warren were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Proos offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 39.

A resolution recognizing April 2017 as Donate Life Month.

Whereas, More than 3,500 Michigan residents are currently waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant and many thousands more would benefit from tissue and corneal transplants; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has 4.5 million people on the Organ Donor Registry but over 40 percent of adults have not yet registered to save and heal others; and

Whereas, The need for organ, tissue, and eye donations grows daily and, nationwide, an average of 22 people die each day because a donated organ did not become available; and

Whereas, The people in Michigan most severely affected by chronic kidney disease include over 2,800 who are waiting for a kidney transplant, and a disproportionate number of them are ethnic minorities; and

Whereas, Chronic kidney disease is a major public health burden, particularly in multicultural communities; and

Whereas, It is more cost effective to transplant a donated kidney than to treat the symptoms of kidney failure for an extended period of time; and

Whereas, Organ, tissue, and eye donation can provide families that are tragically confronted by the death of a loved one, the comfort of knowing the gift of donated organs and tissues provides another person with renewed hope for a healthy life; and

Whereas, A single organ, tissue and eye donor can save and improve the lives of up to 75 people; and

Whereas, Giving the gift of life through organ, tissue, and eye donation to someone facing imminent death or living with blindness or a disability is the ultimate act of generosity and kindness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 2017 as Donate Life Month. We encourage all residents to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry and to share their decision with their families, friends and colleagues and encourage them to do the same.

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 Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Conyers, Gregory, Hansen, Hopgood, Jones, MacGregor, Nofs, O'Brien, Pavlov, Schuitmaker and Warren were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Casperson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 40.

A resolution commemorating April 2017 as Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Whereas, Distracted driving claims the lives of thousands of people each year and causes hundreds of thousands of injuries; and

Whereas, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 94 percent of car crashes are the result of driver error; and

Whereas, 2015 Michigan statistics report there were 297,023 crashes and 963 fatal crashes, a 10 percent increase from 2014; and

Whereas, 2015 Michigan statistics show distracted driving crashes nationwide have increased 10 percent over 2014, which is largest percentage increase in 50 years; and

Whereas, 2015 Michigan statistics report that 16-year-old crashes in Michigan increased 138 percent, and 15 years and younger crashes increased by 67 percent, and an increase for every driver 20 years old and under; and

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in the United States eight people are killed and 1,161 injured every day in crashes that are reported to involve distracted driving; and

Whereas, The improved health and well-being of Michigan citizens are a direct result of increased awareness about the dangers of distracted driving; and

Whereas, Local communities across the state and the Michigan Teen Safe Driving Coalition are committed to reducing the number of traffic deaths and injuries in the state of Michigan by educating motorists and bringing awareness to dangerous driving behaviors; and

Whereas, The campaign against distracted driving has also been immensely aided by law enforcement efforts in Michigan; and

Whereas, A month dedicated to programs and activities about distracted driving will greatly raise awareness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize April 2017 as Distracted Driving Awareness Month; and be it further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Kelsey Raffaele.

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 Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Conyers, Gregory, Hansen, Hertel, Hopgood, Nofs, O'Brien, Schuitmaker and Warren were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Emmons, Proos, Pavlov, Booher, Knezek, Green, Colbeck, Rocca, Robertson, Stamas, Schuitmaker, Nofs, Casperson, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Kowall, Brandenburg, Schmidt, Hune, Shirkey, Marleau, Jones, Horn, Zorn, O'Brien, MacGregor, Conyers, Young, Johnson, Bieda, Warren, Hopgood, Ananich, Knollenberg, Hansen, Gregory and Hertel offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 41.

A resolution to recognize April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

Whereas, On April 27, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., the Michigan Children's Trust Fund will host the ninth annual Michigan's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Day rally on the steps of the state's Capitol; and

Whereas, All children deserve to grow up in a caring, loving, and nurturing environment, yet children across Michigan and the nation are the victims of neglect or abuse; and

Whereas, Child abuse and maltreatment may constitute neglect, physical, sexual, or psychological abuse; and

Whereas, The deleterious effects of child abuse represent a clear threat to public health and place them at a higher risk to develop health and behavioral problems; and

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Children's Trust Fund, public health departments, and non-governmental organizations across Michigan are committed to programs and services that assure the physical, emotional, and social needs of children are being met and collectively work to prevent and eliminate neglect and abuse; and

Whereas, It is a responsibility of the state to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Continued investment in social support and outreach programs is associated with reducing the prevalence of child abuse; and

Whereas, If child abuse or neglect is suspected, contact local law enforcement or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at 855-444-3911; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we join together in recognizing April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, in that the action of one single caring individual can make a difference in helping to prevent and stop child abuse.

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 offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15.

A concurrent resolution prescribing the legislative schedule.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, March 30, 2017, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.; and be it further

Resolved, That when the House of Representatives adjourns on Thursday, March 30, 2017, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the concurrent 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 concurrent resolution was adopted.

Senators Booher, Brandenburg, Colbeck, Gregory, Hansen, MacGregor and Nofs were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

A concurrent resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to properly fund the Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Veterans' Appeals and to urge the Board to streamline its process so that appeals are decided in a more timely manner.

Whereas, Military veterans have a number of benefits available to them when honorably discharged from service. However, to receive disability benefits, veterans must apply and be approved by agents at local veterans affairs offices. If denied, the veteran has a right to appeal to the federal Board of Veterans' Appeals; and

Whereas, As of July 2016, more than 81,000 cases were pending before the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and veterans are waiting an average of five years for cases to be determined. The wait time for a case to be resolved is unacceptable to the men and women who have served our country, and action must be taken to ensure that they are able to access the benefits they have earned; and

Whereas, Additional funding and staff are necessary to properly address the backlog, as well as the estimated 57,000 new complaints received in 2016. Streamlining the complex appeals process is also required. Increased funding for the board was included in H.R. 2577 of 2015. However, the bill did not pass the U.S. Senate before the congressional session ended. Legislation is pending in the 115th Congress (H.R. 457) to require changes to the appeals process to address the backlog of appeals; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we urge the Congress of the United States to properly fund the Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Veterans' Appeals and to urge the Board to streamline its process so that appeals are decided in a more timely manner; and be it further

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

The House of Representatives has adopted the concurrent resolution.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the concurrent 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 concurrent resolution,

Senator Kowall moved that the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Colbeck, Gregory, Hansen, Hopgood, Jones and Nofs were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Warren, Young, Knezek, Gregory, Conyers and Hertel introduced

Senate Joint Resolution I, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 7 of article IX, to provide for a graduated state income tax.

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

Senators Schuitmaker, Knezek and Green introduced

Senate Bill No. 287, entitled

A bill to provide for the regulation of the management of pharmacy benefits; to require the licensing of pharmacy benefit managers; to provide for the regulation of certain other entities under certain circumstances; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to allow for the promulgation of rules.

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

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 288, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding sections 17039 and 17539.

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

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 289, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 109 (MCL 400.109), as amended by 2016 PA 551.

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

Senator Robertson introduced

Senate Bill No. 290, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 867 and 881 (MCL 168.867 and 168.881), as amended by 2014 PA 406.

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

Senator Hune introduced

Senate Bill No. 291, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 2110c.

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

Senator Jones introduced

Senate Bill No. 292, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 32517.

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

Senators Warren and Young introduced

Senate Bill No. 293, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 223 (MCL 750.223), as amended by 2012 PA 242, and by adding section 223a.

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

Senators Warren, Young, Bieda and Conyers introduced

Senate Bill No. 294, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 16m of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16m), as amended by 2014 PA 192.

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

Senators Warren, Knezek, Gregory, Conyers and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 295, entitled

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

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

Senators Warren, Knezek, Gregory, Conyers and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 296, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” by amending section 30 (MCL 206.30), as amended by 2015 PA 161.

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

Senators Horn, Jones, Casperson, Zorn and Nofs introduced

Senate Bill No. 297, entitled

A bill to amend 2016 PA 407, entitled “Skilled trades regulation act,” by amending sections 201, 701, and 731 (MCL 339.5201, 339.5701, and 339.5731).

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

House Bill No. 4048, entitled

A bill to amend 1885 PA 152, entitled “An act to authorize the establishment of facilities for former members of the armed forces of the United States in the state of Michigan; to create funds; and to provide for the promulgation of rules,” (MCL 36.1 to 36.12) by adding section 11a.

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 Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security.

House Bill No. 4131, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 350, entitled “Public employee retirement benefits forfeiture act,” by amending sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 (MCL 38.2702, 38.2703, 38.2704, and 38.2705), sections 2, 4, and 5 as amended by 1996 PA 467, and by adding section 4a.

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. 4213, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 703 (MCL 436.1703), as amended by 2016 PA 357.

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.

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Warren’s statement is as follows:

Good morning, colleagues. I rise today to share the sad news that last week alone, three Detroit-area children became victims of unintentional gun violence, where they or another minor accessed an unsecured firearm. A 14-year-old from

Orion Township was fatally shot by his best friend while his mother was downstairs. A 9-year-old boy was wounded by an unsecured firearm he found in his mother's purse. And another 14-year-old from Detroit was shot by his 10-year-old brother with his father's gun while they were playing and imitating a video game. These three children are three more victims who have been affected by the distressing national trend of accidental gun violence.

Unfortunately, they are not unique. More than 2 million children in the United States live in homes where guns are held and not securely stored. Last year there were 247 unintentional child shootings in our country, and Michigan, sadly, has one of the highest rates of unintentional child shooting with 18 incidents reported in our state last year alone, and seven already in this calendar year on March 30. Sixty-five percent of unintentional child gun deaths take place in a home or a vehicle that belongs to the victim's family, most often with guns that were legally owned but irresponsibly stored. More than two-thirds of these deaths could have been avoided if the gun owner had stored their guns responsibly.

For that reason, we must correct our laws to ensure that our children are protected from unsafe, unsecured firearms in their homes and the vehicles they are driven in. For this reason, you heard read-in today that I am introducing bills titled Child Access Prevention. My legislation is mindful of our Second Amendment rights. In fact, these bills specifically affirm that minors will be allowed to possess firearms during employment, ranching, farming, target practice, and hunting. What they do is require responsible gun ownership by compelling gun owners to securely lock and store their firearms in their homes, and by requiring sellers of firearms to inform buyers that they are required to safely store and lock their weapons.

Laws like these save children's lives. In one study of 12 states that have enacted child access prevention laws, after one year of those laws having been enacted, unintentional deaths among children under the age of 15 fell by 23 percent. Unintentional deaths avoided. Another study suggests an association between child access prevention laws and lower suicide rates, finding an 8.3 percent decrease in suicide deaths among 14- to 17-year-olds where these laws have gone into effect. Americans are tired of unintentional child gun deaths and injuries. A recent nationwide survey found that 67 percent of respondents supported laws to require owners to lockup firearms when not in use to prevent children and teenagers from accessing them.

Colleagues, I urge you to take a moment to remember the children who have recently been the victims of unintentional gun violence. Then take another moment to consider how we might take action to prevent these tragedies from occurring in our state again. Child access prevention laws work. It's time for Michigan to enact one to protect our children.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Judiciary reported

Senate Bill No. 245, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 231 and 237a (MCL 750.231 and 750.237a), section 231 as amended by 2006 PA 401 and section 237a as amended by 2015 PA 26; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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. 4063, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 43a.

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, Rocca, Colbeck and Bieda

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Judiciary reported

House Bill No. 4064, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16b of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16b), as amended by 2008 PA 562.

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, Rocca, Colbeck and Bieda

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Judiciary reported

House Bill No. 4137, entitled

A bill to amend 1985 PA 176, entitled "Child identification and protection act," by amending sections 2 and 4 (MCL 722.772 and 722.774).

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 Colbeck

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

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

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 45, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7b (MCL 211.7b), as amended by 2013 PA 161.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Brandenburg, Robertson, Knollenberg and Proos

Nays: Senator Warren

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 78, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7cc (MCL 211.7cc), as amended by 2016 PA 144.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Brandenburg, Robertson, Knollenberg, Casperson, Proos and Warren

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 2:30 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Brandenburg (C), Robertson, Knollenberg, Casperson, Proos, Bieda and Warren

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 180, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled “An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 5c, 5d, 5e, 5g, 5h, 5i, 5j, 5k, and 5l (MCL 722.115c, 722.115d, 722.115e, 722.115g, 722.115h, 722.115i, 722.115j, 722.115k, and 722.115l), sections 5c and 5d as amended by 2010 PA 379, section 5e as added by 2005 PA 133, section 5g as amended by 2007 PA 217, sections 5h, 5i, 5j, and 5k as added by 2007 PA 218, and section 5l as added by 2008 PA 15, and by adding sections 5n, 5o, 5p, 5q, 5r, and 5s.

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.

Judith K. Emmons

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Pavlov, Jones, Casperson and Johnson

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 181, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled “An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 1, 1a, 2, 2a, 2c, 2d, 2e, 3, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3e, 3f, 3g, 5, 5b, 6, 8a, 8b, 9, 10, 11, 11a, 12, 13, 14, 14a, 14b, 14c, 14d, 14e, 14f, 15, and 16 (MCL 722.111, 722.111a, 722.112, 722.112a, 722.112c, 722.112d, 722.112e, 722.113, 722.113a, 722.113b, 722.113c, 722.113e, 722.113f, 722.113g, 722.115, 722.115b, 722.116, 722.118a, 722.118b, 722.119, 722.120, 722.121, 722.121a, 722.122, 722.123, 722.124, 722.124a, 722.124b, 722.124c, 722.124d, 722.124e, 722.124f, 722.125, and 722.126), section 1 as amended by 2014 PA 65, section 1a as added by 1984 PA 139, sections 2 and 3 as amended by 2006 PA 206, sections 2a, 3c, and 3e as amended by 2007 PA 217, sections 2c, 2d, and 2e as added by 2004 PA 531, section 3a as amended and section 8b as added by 1997 PA 165, section 3b as added by 1993 PA 211, section 3f as added by 2008 PA 15, section 3g as added and section 11 as amended by 2010 PA 85, section 5 as amended by 2011 PA 228, section 5b as added by 1998 PA 519, section 8a as added by 1980 PA 32, section 9 as amended by 2010 PA 379, section 10 as amended by 2016 PA 495, section 12 as amended by 1980 PA 232, section 14a as amended by 1984 PA 396, sections 14b and 14c as added by 1994 PA 209, section 14d as amended by 1995 PA 107, sections 14e and 14f as added by 2015 PA 53, and section 15 as amended by 2016 PA 487, and by adding sections 3h and 11c; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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.

Judith K. Emmons

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Pavlov, Jones, Casperson and Johnson

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 182, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled “An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to

repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 7, 8, and 11b (MCL 722.117, 722.118, and 722.121b), section 8 as amended by 1980 PA 232 and section 11b as amended by 2010 PA 86, and by adding sections 4a, 5m, 7a, and 8c.

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.

Judith K. Emmons
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Pavlov, Jones, Casperson and Johnson

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 183, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 15g of chapter XVII (MCL 777.15g), as amended by 2014 PA 76.

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.

Judith K. Emmons
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Pavlov, Jones, Casperson and Johnson

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 Families, Seniors and Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Emmons (C), Pavlov, Jones, Casperson and Johnson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Regulatory Reform submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Rocca (C), Jones, Kowall, MacGregor, Hune, Warren, Hertel and Johnson

Excused: Senator Knollenberg

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Transportation submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Hansen (C), Knollenberg and Young

Scheduled Meetings

Criminal Justice Policy Commission - Wednesday, April 5, 9:00 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, Capitol Building (373-0212)

Judiciary - Tuesday, April 18, 3:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (373-5323)

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:30 a.m.

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15, the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

JEFFREY F. COBB
Secretary of the Senate