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10:30 a.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	Emmons—present	Leland—present	Robertson—present
Acciavatti—present	Espinoza—present	Lemmons, III—present	Rocca—present
Adamini—excused	Farhat—present	Lemmons, Jr.—present	Sak—present
Amos—present	Farrah—present	Lipsey—present	Schuitmaker—present
Anderson—present	Gaffney—present	Marleau—present	Shaffer—present
Angerer—present	Garfield—present	Mayes—present	Sheen—present
Ball—present	Gillard—present	McConico—present	Sheltrown—present
Baxter—present	Gleason—present	McDowell—present	Smith, Alma—present
Bennett—present	Gonzales—present	Meisner—present	Smith, Virgil—present
Bieda—present	Gosselin—present	Meyer—present	Spade—present
Booher—present	Green—present	Miller—present	Stahl—present
Brandenburg—present	Hansen—present	Moolenaar—present	Stakoe—present
Brown—present	Hildenbrand—present	Moore—present	Steil—present
Byrnes—present	Hood—present	Mortimer—present	Stewart—present
Byrum—present	Hoogendyk—present	Murphy—excused	Taub—present
Casperson—present	Hopgood—present	Newell—present	Tobocman—present
Caswell—present	Huizenga—present	Nitz—present	Vagnozzi—present
Caul—present	Hummel—present	Nofs—present	Van Regenmorter—present
Cheeks—present	Hune—present	Palmer—present	Vander Veen—present
Clack—present	Hunter—present	Palsrok—present	Walker—present
Clemente—present	Jones—present	Pastor—present	Ward—present
Condino—present	Kahn—present	Pavlov—present	Waters—present
Cushingberry—present	Kehrl—present	Pearce—present	Wenke—present
DeRoche—present	Kolb—present	Phillips—present	Whitmer—present
Dillon—present	Kooiman—present	Plakas—present	Williams—present
Donigan—present	LaJoy—present	Polidori—present	Wojno—present
Drolet—present	Law, David—present	Proos—present	Zelenko—present
Elsenheimer—present	Law, Kathleen—present		

e/d/s = entered during session

Rep. Marsha G. Cheeks, from the 6th District, offered the following invocation:

“Almighty, Merciful God, thank You Father for allowing us to do Your work. Please remind us consistently that we are here today and each and every day we come to serve You and Your children—that we are Yours. Help us to continue to recognize not only who we are, but whose we are—and we are Yours. You have taught us Father that to whom much is given much is required. Help us never to forget that we have been placed, not because we are worthy, but because You know what You have made of us, and who You have chosen to lead Your people. Help us to make the right decisions for all of the residents of the state of Michigan. Help us to leave a positive impact on the lives of children, of the working class, of seniors. And help us to recognize the importance of all of the work of our ancestors and those that have come before us. Give us the strength and the ability Father to continue to serve only You. These prayers and many, many others we ask in the name of Your son, Jesus. Amen.”

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The Speaker called the Speaker Pro Tempore to the Chair.

Rep. Hunter moved that Rep. Espinoza be excused temporarily from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4414, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled “Michigan employment security act,” by amending section 22 (MCL 421.22).

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 30

Yeas—107

Accavitti	Emmons	Leland	Rocca
Acciavatti	Farhat	Lemmons, III	Sak
Amos	Farrah	Lemmons, Jr.	Schuitmaker
Anderson	Gaffney	Lipsey	Shaffer
Angerer	Garfield	Marleau	Sheen
Ball	Gillard	Mayer	Sheltrown
Baxter	Gleason	McConico	Smith, Alma
Bennett	Gonzales	McDowell	Smith, Virgil
Bieda	Gosselin	Meisner	Spade
Booher	Green	Meyer	Stahl
Brandenburg	Hansen	Miller	Stakoe
Brown	Hildenbrand	Moolenaar	Steil
Byrnes	Hood	Moore	Stewart
Byrum	Hoogendyk	Mortimer	Taub
Casperson	Hopgood	Newell	Tobocman
Caswell	Huizenga	Nitz	Vagnozzi
Caul	Hummel	Nofs	Van Regenmorter
Cheeks	Hune	Palmer	Vander Veen
Clack	Hunter	Palsrok	Walker
Clemente	Jones	Pastor	Ward
Condino	Kahn	Pavlov	Waters
Cushingberry	Kehrl	Pearce	Wenke
DeRoche	Kolb	Phillips	Whitmer

Dillon	Kooiman	Plakas	Williams
Donigan	LaJoy	Polidori	Wojno
Drolet	Law, David	Proos	Zelenko
Elsenheimer	Law, Kathleen	Robertson	

Nays—0

In The Chair: Kooiman

The House agreed to the title of the bill.
 Rep. Hildenbrand moved that the bill be given immediate effect.
 The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Espinoza, under Rule 33, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I was absent from the Chamber when the vote was taken on Roll Call No. 30. Had I been present, I would have voted ‘yea’.”

Rep. Pastor moved that Rep. Wenke be excused temporarily from today’s session.
 The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 4415, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled “Michigan employment security act,” by amending section 26 (MCL 421.26), as amended by 1984 PA 172.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 31**Yeas—107**

Accavitti	Emmons	Law, Kathleen	Robertson
Acciavatti	Espinoza	Leland	Rocca
Amos	Farhat	Lemmons, III	Sak
Anderson	Farrah	Lemmons, Jr.	Schuitmaker
Angerer	Gaffney	Lipsev	Shaffer
Ball	Garfield	Marleau	Sheen
Baxter	Gillard	Mayes	Sheltrown
Bennett	Gleason	McConico	Smith, Alma
Bieda	Gonzales	McDowell	Smith, Virgil
Booher	Gosselin	Meisner	Spade
Brandenburg	Green	Meyer	Stahl
Brown	Hansen	Miller	Stakoe
Byrnes	Hildenbrand	Moolenaar	Steil
Byrum	Hood	Moore	Stewart
Casperson	Hoogendyk	Mortimer	Taub
Caswell	Hopgood	Newell	Tobocman
Caul	Huizenga	Nitz	Vagnozzi

Cheeks	Hummel	Nofs	Van Regenmorter
Clack	Hune	Palmer	Vander Veen
Clemente	Hunter	Palsrok	Walker
Condino	Jones	Pastor	Ward
Cushingberry	Kahn	Pavlov	Waters
DeRoche	Kehrl	Pearce	Whitmer
Dillon	Kolb	Phillips	Williams
Donigan	Kooiman	Plakas	Wojno
Drolet	LaJoy	Polidori	Zelenko
Elsenheimer	Law, David	Proos	

Nays—0

In The Chair: Kooiman

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

Rep. Hildenbrand moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

Senate Bill No. 171, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," (MCL 421.1 to 421.75) by adding section 22b.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 32**Yeas—105**

Accavitti	Emmons	Law, Kathleen	Robertson
Acciavatti	Espinoza	Leland	Rocca
Amos	Farhat	Lemmons, III	Sak
Anderson	Farrah	Lemmons, Jr.	Schuitmaker
Angerer	Gaffney	Marleau	Shaffer
Ball	Garfield	Mayes	Sheen
Baxter	Gillard	McConico	Sheltrown
Bennett	Gleason	McDowell	Smith, Alma
Bieda	Gonzales	Meisner	Spade
Booher	Gosselin	Meyer	Stahl
Brandenburg	Green	Miller	Stakoe
Brown	Hansen	Moolenaar	Steil
Byrnes	Hildenbrand	Moore	Stewart
Byrum	Hoogendyk	Mortimer	Taub
Casperson	Hopgood	Newell	Tobocman
Caswell	Huizenga	Nitz	Vagnozzi
Caul	Hummel	Nofs	Van Regenmorter
Cheeks	Hune	Palmer	Vander Veen
Clack	Hunter	Palsrok	Walker
Clemente	Jones	Pastor	Ward
Condino	Kahn	Pavlov	Waters
Cushingberry	Kehrl	Pearce	Wenke
DeRoche	Kolb	Phillips	Whitmer
Dillon	Kooiman	Plakas	Williams
Donigan	LaJoy	Polidori	Wojno
Drolet	Law, David	Proos	Zelenko
Elsenheimer			

Nays—3

Hood

Lipsey

Smith, Virgil

In The Chair: Kooiman

Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the full title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows:

“An act to protect the welfare of the people of this state through the establishment of an unemployment compensation fund, and to provide for the disbursement thereof; to create certain other funds; to create the Michigan employment security commission, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the protection of the people of this state from the hazards of unemployment; to levy and provide for contributions from employers; to provide for the collection of such contributions; to enter into reciprocal agreements and to cooperate with agencies of the United States and of other states charged with the administration of any unemployment insurance law; to furnish certain information to certain governmental agencies for use in administering public benefit and child support programs and investigating and prosecuting fraud; to provide for the payment of benefits; to provide for appeals from redeterminations, decisions and notices of assessments; and for referees and a board of review to hear and decide the issues arising from redeterminations, decisions and notices of assessment; to provide for the cooperation of this state and compliance with the provisions of the social security act and the Wagner-Peyser act passed by the Congress of the United States of America; to provide for the establishment and maintenance of free public employment offices; to provide for the transfer of funds; to make appropriations for carrying out the provisions of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act,”

The House agreed to the full title.

Rep. Hildenbrand moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Hood, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I voted ‘No’ on this bill because I believe it does not adequately deal with the problem of Professional Employer Organizations (PEO’s).

The Unemployment Insurance Agency has so far launched 63 investigations into possible SUTA Dumping by employers that have shifted significant numbers of employees. Of those 63 cases, 40 have involved PEOs.

The proposed amendment regarding PEOs would not have been burdensome for PEOs. It would not have required them to fill out even one additional form.

It would only have required PEOs to break out the reports they currently file by the account number of their client employer. They already do that in 14 other states.

As Carl Camden, CEO of Kelly Services, wrote in last Monday’s *Crain’s Detroit Business*,

‘To leave any known dumping technique untouched is an open invitation to continue ripping off Michigan workers and employers. It also sends exactly the wrong signal about our business climate. What kind of employers do we want? Those who play fast and loose? Or those who play by the rules?’

‘Failure to address a major source of the abuse is a slap in the face for ethical employers. It is time for the Legislature to move against all known forms of the tax dodge. Michigan employers and employees deserve nothing less.’”

Senate Bill No. 174, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled “Michigan employment security act,” by amending section 41 (MCL 421.41).

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 33**Yeas—108**

Accavitti	Emmons	Law, Kathleen	Robertson
Acciavatti	Espinoza	Leland	Rocca
Amos	Farhat	Lemmons, III	Sak
Anderson	Farrah	Lemmons, Jr.	Schuitmaker
Angerer	Gaffney	Lipsey	Shaffer
Ball	Garfield	Marleau	Sheen
Baxter	Gillard	Mayes	Sheltrown
Bennett	Gleason	McConico	Smith, Alma
Bieda	Gonzales	McDowell	Smith, Virgil
Booher	Gosselin	Meisner	Spade
Brandenburg	Green	Meyer	Stahl
Brown	Hansen	Miller	Stakoe
Byrnes	Hildenbrand	Moolenaar	Steil
Byrum	Hood	Moore	Stewart
Casperson	Hoogendyk	Mortimer	Taub
Caswell	Hopgood	Newell	Tobocman
Caul	Huizenga	Nitz	Vagnozzi
Cheeks	Hummel	Nofs	Van Regenmorter
Clack	Hune	Palmer	Vander Veen
Clemente	Hunter	Palsrok	Walker
Condino	Jones	Pastor	Ward
Cushingberry	Kahn	Pavlov	Waters
DeRoche	Kehrl	Pearce	Wenke
Dillon	Kolb	Phillips	Whitmer
Donigan	Kooiman	Plakas	Williams
Drolet	LaJoy	Polidori	Wojno
Elsenheimer	Law, David	Proos	Zelenko

Nays—0

In The Chair: Kooiman

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The House agreed to the full title.

Rep. Hildenbrand moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

House Bill No. 4237, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," by amending section 283 (MCL 18.1283).
Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 34**Yeas—58**

Acciavatti	Garfield	Meyer	Rocca
Amos	Gosselin	Moolenaar	Schuitmaker
Ball	Green	Moore	Shaffer
Baxter	Hansen	Mortimer	Sheen
Booher	Hildenbrand	Newell	Stahl
Brandenburg	Hoogendyk	Nitz	Stakoe
Casperson	Huizenga	Nofs	Steil
Caswell	Hummel	Palmer	Stewart
Caul	Hune	Palsrok	Taub
DeRoche	Jones	Pastor	Van Regenmorter
Drolet	Kahn	Pavlov	Vander Veen
Elsenheimer	Kooiman	Pearce	Walker
Emmons	LaJoy	Proos	Ward
Farhat	Law, David	Robertson	Wenke
Gaffney	Marleau		

Nays—50

Accavitti	Dillon	Leland	Sak
Anderson	Donigan	Lemmons, III	Sheltrown
Angerer	Espinoza	Lemmons, Jr.	Smith, Alma
Bennett	Farrah	Lipsey	Smith, Virgil
Bieda	Gillard	Mayes	Spade
Brown	Gleason	McConico	Tobocman
Byrnes	Gonzales	McDowell	Vagnozzi
Byrum	Hood	Meisner	Waters
Cheeks	Hopgood	Miller	Whitmer
Clack	Hunter	Phillips	Williams
Clemente	Kehrl	Plakas	Wojno
Condino	Kolb	Polidori	Zelenko
Cushingberry	Law, Kathleen		

In The Chair: Kooiman

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

Rep. Hildenbrand moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Miller, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

State government should always look for ways to be more efficient. However, it is my view that privatization of services is not the answer."

Rep. Gonzales, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I voted no on House Bill 4237 because it doesn't appear that it will in fact save the State any money. The state of Michigan already has an exceptional payroll system; in the late 90's the state invested heavily in implementing a coordinated payroll system that serves very well.

In fiscal year 2004, the cost of processing payroll warrants and EFT paper statements was estimated at about \$700,000. This amount is apparently so low that a representative from the company ADP (which is a for-profit provider of such services) argued that it was too low and therefore must be in error. They even offered to pay for their own 'independent' investigation of the 'true costs'.

Furthermore, the requirement that the State hire an outside firm to determine the 'true' costs of the payroll is likely to be problematic - not only does it leave the State holding the bag for the costs of the required cost estimate if no outside source can offer us a lower price, it also could be a problem if the company hired to assess these costs is connected in some way to a company seeking to be hired by the State to run the payroll system.

Finally, even if there were cost savings to be had, much of what the state must deal with could create problems if an outside vendor were given the job. The primary area where problems may arise is the ability of a vendor to respond to changes and complexities in collective bargaining agreements on a timely and cost-effective basis. Two recent examples were the concessions that were bargained last year (banked leave time, furlough days, and temporary layoff days) and the deferred retirement option plan that went into effect in June for certain State Police employees. In-house staff was able to implement these changes within a few weeks, with no additional out-of-pocket cost for the state. It is likely that a vendor would charge extra for these types of changes and would be unable to implement them as quickly.”

Rep. Anderson, having reserved the right to explain his protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I voted no on House Bill 4237 because it doesn't appear that it will in fact save the State any money. The State of Michigan already has an exceptional payroll system; in the late 90's the state invested heavily in implementing a coordinated payroll system that serves the payroll needs very well.

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Finally, even if there were cost savings to be had, much of what the state must deal with could create problems if an outside vendor were given the job. The primary area where problems may arise is the ability of a vendor to respond to changes and complexities in collective bargaining agreements on a timely and cost-effective basis. Two recent examples were the concessions that were bargained last year (banked leave time, furlough days, and temporary layoff days) and the deferred retirement option plan that went into effect in June for certain State Police employees. In-house staff was able to implement these changes within a few weeks, with no additional out-of-pocket cost for the state. It is likely that a vendor would charge extra for these types of changes and would be unable to implement them as quickly.

Another major concern I have is with the security issues that come with providing employees personal information to an outside contractor and the increased likelihood that such information might fall into the wrong hands. In a time when identity theft is exploding as a major crime, this is not the time to disseminate personal information, which could put more Michigan citizens at risk.”

Rep. Hildenbrand moved that House Committees be given leave to meet during the balance of today's session. The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Motions and Resolutions

Reps. Taub, Vagnozzi, Accavitti, Amos, Anderson, Ball, Baxter, Brandenburg, Byrum, Caswell, Caul, Cheeks, Clemente, Condino, Cushingberry, DeRoche, Dillon, Elsenheimer, Farrah, Gaffney, Garfield, Gleason, Gonzales, Gosselin, Hildenbrand, Hune, Jones, Kahn, Kehrl, Kolb, Kooiman, LaJoy, David Law, Lemmons, III, Lemmons, Jr.,

Lipsey, Marleau, McConico, Meisner, Meyer, Moore, Mortimer, Nitz, Nofs, Palmer, Pastor, Pearce, Phillips, Polidori, Proos, Robertson, Sak, Shaffer, Sheltrown, Alma Smith, Spade, Stahl, Stewart, Tobocman, Vander Veen, Ward, Waters, Zelenko, Hansen, Hopgood, Huizenga and Pavlov offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 34.

A resolution commemorating the life of Max Fisher.

Whereas, It is with a great deal of respect and admiration for his accomplishments that we join the family of Max Fisher in remembering his significant contributions to the people of the state of Michigan. Max was a man devoted to his family, his community, and the greater good of mankind; and

Whereas, Max Fisher, the son of Russian immigrants, was born in Pittsburgh on July 15, 1908, and moved to Salem, Ohio soon after. He attended Ohio State University on a football scholarship, where he played football until an injury sidelined him. Realizing the importance of education, he pressed on and graduated with a degree in business administration in 1930. Max was offered a job in Cleveland, but decided to go to Detroit, where his parents had just moved. He took a job with his father. Fisher, through his brilliance and keen instinct, expanded the operation into a multimillion dollar oil business. He later ventured into real estate transactions and enjoyed great success; and

Whereas, In the 1950's, Max Fisher discovered philanthropy, and philanthropy discovered him. As chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, Fisher proved to be a highly successful fundraiser which led to his appointment in 1957 as the first Jewish chairman of the United Foundation Torch Drive. By this time, Max had begun to look more deeply into his Jewish identity. His parents had told stories of persecution and practiced some religious customs, but Max had no strong sense of his heritage. That changed in 1954, when he made his first visit to Israel. Max Fisher spent much of his life raising money for Israel. He had also been credited for leading and reorganizing every major U.S. Jewish organization. Fisher had become the single symbol of American Jewry; and

Whereas, Max Fisher's love and commitment to Michigan, and the city of Detroit, is evident in the legacy he leaves. Max truly cared for Detroit and worked hard to make the city viable. His personal philosophy – patience and persistence – was evident in the many years he devoted to Detroit. After the 1967 riots, he took immediate action. As chairman alternately of New Detroit and Detroit Renaissance, he twisted arms to bring businesses back to Detroit. One of the deals involved nudging his good friend, Henry Ford II, and others to build the Renaissance Center, a phoenix in the post-riot years. He also worked tirelessly to secure city tax breaks and to build the Riverfront Apartments with Al Taubman. His most recent Detroit legacy is the \$60 million Max M. Fisher Music Center, the apex of the Detroit Symphony's Orchestra Place renewal project; and

Whereas, Max Fisher's reputation as a senior advisor to presidents, prime ministers, heads of state, worldwide Jewish leaders, CEOs, and other influential people is unmatched. Max understood power and customized it. In his biography, he said of power: "When you start to talk about it, that's when you don't have it." Max was a Republican, and his wealth and skill at behind-the-scenes diplomacy kept him connected to every Republican administration since Nixon. Former President Ronald Reagan once quipped: "Republican presidents inherit Max Fisher". Worldwide, it is difficult to find a single private individual who had a greater role on behalf of the State of Israel than Max Fisher. While he was a staunch Republican, Max understood the importance of compromise and respected different views. He always looked for the positive and this was never more evident in the friendships he had with Democrats and Republicans alike. When Rosa Parks was accosted, Max and Al Taubman arranged for her to have life-time free rent at the Riverfront Apartments; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the life of Max Fisher, and honor the contributions he made to Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to his wife, Marjorie, and his family, in honor of Max Fisher.

Pending the reference of the resolution to a committee,

Rep. Ward moved that Rule 77 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.

Introduction of Bills

Reps. Hunter and Tobocman introduced

House Bill No. 4480, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 8905a and 8905c (MCL 324.8905a and 324.8905c), section 8905a as amended by 2004 PA 494 and section 8905c as added by 1998 PA 15.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment.

Reps. Gaffney, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Vander Veen, Mortimer, Ball, Gleason, Wojno, Byrnes, Accavitti, Gonzales, Ward, Baxter, Palsrok, Pastor, Hummel, Kooiman, Hune, Nofs, Stahl, Marleau, Stakoe, Huizenga, Sheen, Emmons, Wenke, Farhat and Whitmer introduced

House Bill No. 4481, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 759a (MCL 168.759a), as amended by 1999 PA 216; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Reps. Nofs, Wenke, Baxter and Shaffer introduced

House Bill No. 4482, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 450, entitled "The tax increment finance authority act," by amending section 1 (MCL 125.1801), as amended by 1998 PA 499.

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

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation, by Rep. Casperson, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4186, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled "An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms and gas ejecting devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms and gas ejecting devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act," by amending section 5I (MCL 28.425I), as amended by 2002 PA 719.

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

The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Casperson, Chair, of the Committee on Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Thursday, March 10, 2005

Present: Reps. Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Stakoe, Chair, of the Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, March 9, 2005

Present: Reps. Stakoe, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan and Vagnozzi

Absent: Rep. Elsenheimer

Excused: Rep. Elsenheimer

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Palsrok, Chair, of the Committee on Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Thursday, March 10, 2005

Present: Reps. Palsrok, Pavlov, Palmer, LaJoy, Elsenheimer, Moore, Pearce, Gillard, Miller, Byrnes, Kathleen Law, Bennett and Donigan

Absent: Reps. Meyer and Ward

Excused: Reps. Meyer and Ward

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on: Thursday, March 10, 2005

Present: Reps. Hummel, Pastor, Acciavatti, Kooiman, Amos, Brandenburg, Caswell, Farhat, Moolenaar, Shaffer, Steil, Taub, Walker, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Kahn, Whitmer, Brown, Kolb, Sak, Cushingberry, Cheeks, Williams, Plakas, Alma Smith, Phillips and Gonzales

Absent: Rep. Stewart

Excused: Rep. Stewart

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 Thursday, March 10:

House Bill Nos. 4474 4475 4476 4477 4478 4479

Rep. Alma Smith moved that the House adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 12:15 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 15, at 1:00 p.m.

GARY L. RANDALL
Clerk of the House of Representatives

