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House Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, June 9, 2011.

12:00 Noon.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

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

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LaFontaine—present Lane—present	

Lipton—present				
Liss—present				
Lori—present				
Lund—present				
Lyons—present				
MacGregor—present				
MacMaster—present				
McBroom—present				
McCann—present				
McMillin—present				
Meadows—present				
Melton—present				
Moss—present				
Muxlow—present				
Nathan—present				
Nesbitt—present				
O'Brien—present				
Oakes—present				
Olson—present				
Olumba—present				
Opsommer—present				
Ouimet—present				
Outman—present				
Pettalia—present				
Poleski—present				
Potvin—present				
Price—present				
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rendon present					
Rogers—present					
Rutledge—present					
Santana—present					
Schmidt, R.—present					
Schmidt, W.—present					
Scott—present					
Segal—present					
Shaughnessy—present					
Shirkey—present					
Slavens—present					
Smiley—present					
Somerville—present					
Stallworth—present					
Stamas—present					
Stanley—present					
Stapleton—present					
Switalski—present					
Talabi—present					
Tlaib—present					
Townsend—present					
Tyler—present					
Walsh—present					
Womack—present					
Yonker—present					
Zorn—present					
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Pscholka—present Rendon—present Rep. Chuck Moss, from the 40th District, offered the following invocation:

"Thank You Lord, for this day that reminds us that our weather is in Your keeping.

Thank You for the blessings of Summer, that we appreciate all the more after a long, hard winter.

Thank You for reminding us that for too many, food, warmth and shelter and employment are scarce blessings.

Thank You for the opportunity today for service, commitment, and the chance to make our Great state an even greater place.

On a day as cold as the last few were hot, back in 1961, John F. Kennedy concluded his inaugural address with these words:

With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth Gods work must truly be our own.

Amen."

Rep. Lund moved that Rep. Genetski be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Segal moved that Reps. Hammel and Haugh be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Motions and Resolutions

Reps. Cotter, Horn, Huuki, Knollenberg, LeBlanc and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 100.

A resolution to memorialize Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to increase the flexibility of states to administer the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Whereas, Through the various programs offered, including the School Lunch Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program, and a host of other nutritional support endeavors, the federal government provides access to food for children and low-income people. The operation of these programs affects the lives of families and individuals at the state and local levels, therefore, state government should have more latitude and authority to tailor programs to meet the needs of individual communities. Because the quality of food available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs is an important part of improving the health of low-income Americans of all ages, states need authority that extends beyond the waiver process to ensure that assistance is provided to those most in need; and

Whereas, While many strides have been made to increase the quality of food that is made available through the Nutrition Assistance Program, more needs to be done. With obesity rising to the forefront of public health concerns, especially among our young people, it is essential that we increase our efforts to improve the quality of food by promoting better nutrition choices among program recipients and increasing healthy food options in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs; and

Whereas, SNAP statutes, regulations, and waivers offer states numerous policy options for the purpose of streamlining operations. However, states are restricted from having a voice that enables significant control over the distribution of SNAP funding where it may be most needed. It is essential that the Nutrition Assistance Program increase its efforts to ensure access to nutritious foods that will help address the burgeoning incidences of obesity and nutrition-related chronic disease in this country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Assistance Program to increase the quality of food options through the Nutrition Assistance Programs and to offer states greater flexibility in the operation of SNAP, whether through block grants or the administration of the program; and be it further

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

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

Reps. Haveman, Horn, Huuki, Knollenberg, LeBlanc and Tyler offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 31.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to increase the flexibility of states to administer the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Whereas, Through the various programs offered, including the School Lunch Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program, and a host of other nutritional support endeavors, the federal government provides access to food for children and low-income people. The operation of these programs affects the lives of families and individuals at the state and local levels, therefore, state government should have more latitude and authority to tailor programs to meet the needs of individual communities. Because the quality of food available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs is an important part of improving the health of low-income Americans of all ages, states need authority that extends beyond the waiver process to ensure that assistance is provided to those most in need; and

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Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we urge Congress and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Assistance Program to increase the quality of food options through the Nutrition Assistance Programs and to offer states greater flexibility in the operation of SNAP, whether through block grants or the administration of the program; and be it further

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

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

The Speaker called the Speaker Pro Tempore to the Chair.

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4553, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," by amending sections 2203 and 2205 (MCL 339.2203 and 339.2205), as amended by 2008 PA 490.

The bill was read a second time.

Rep. MacMaster moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 4584, entitled

A bill to amend 2010 PA 370, entitled "Michigan professional employer organization regulatory act," by amending sections 7, 9, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, and 27 (MCL 338.3727, 338.3729, 338.3735, 338.3737, 338.3739, 338.3741, 338.3743, and 338.3747).

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-1) previously recommended by the Committee on Commerce,

The substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Opsommer moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 226, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," by amending section 7b (MCL 722.627b), as added by 1997 PA 167.

The bill was read a second time.

Rep. Stamas moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 228, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," by amending section 7 (MCL 722.627), as amended by 2008 PA 300.

The bill was read a second time.

Rep. Stamas moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 4666, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 36111 (MCL 324.36111), as amended by 2002 PA 75.

The bill was read a second time.

Rep. LaFontaine moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 5, line 25, after "WAS" by striking out the balance of the line through "JANUARY" on line 26 and inserting "APPROVED OR REJECTED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY UNDER SECTION 36104 ON OR AFTER JULY".

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. LaFontaine moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4625, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, entitled "An act relative to continuing tenure of office of certificated teachers in public educational institutions; to provide for probationary periods; to regulate discharges or demotions; to provide for resignations and leaves of absence; to create a state tenure commission and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violation of the provisions of this act," by amending sections 1, 2, 3, and 3a of article II, sections 1, 2, and 3 of article III, and section 4 of article IV (MCL 38.81, 38.82, 38.83, 38.83a, 38.91, 38.92, 38.93, and 38.104), sections 1 and 2 of article II and section 2 of article III as amended and section 3a of article II and section 3 of article III as added by 1993 PA 59, section 1 of article III as amended by 1996 PA 282, and section 4 of article IV as amended by 1993 PA 60, and by adding sections 3b and 3c to article II and section 1a to article III; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Roll Call No. 169 Yeas—70

Agema	Haveman	Lyons	Price
Bolger	Heise	MacGregor	Pscholka
Bumstead	Hooker	MacMaster	Rendon
Callton	Horn	McBroom	Rogers
Cavanagh	Hughes	McMillin	Rutledge

Cotter Huuki Melton Crawford Jackson Moss Jacobsen Daley Muxlow **Jenkins** Damrow Nesbitt O'Brien Denby Johnson Farrington Knollenberg Olson Kowall Forlini Opsommer Foster Kurtz Ouimet Franz LaFontaine Outman Gilbert Lane Pettalia Glardon LeBlanc Poleski Goike Lori Potvin Haines Lund

Schmidt, R.
Schmidt, W.
Scott
Shaughnessy
Shirkey
Somerville
Stamas
Stapleton
Tyler
Walsh
Yonker
Zorn

Nays-37

Ananich Dillon Lipton Slavens Barnett Durhal Liss Smiley Bauer Geiss McCann Stallworth Bledsoe Hobbs Meadows Stanley Brown Hovey-Wright Nathan Switalski Brunner Howze Oakes Talabi Irwin Byrum Olumba Tlaib Clemente Kandrevas Santana Townsend Constan Lindberg Segal Womack Darany

In The Chair: Walsh

The question being on agreeing to the title of the bill,

Rep. Stamas moved to amend the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, entitled "An act relative to continuing tenure of office of certificated teachers in public educational institutions; to provide for probationary periods; to regulate discharges or demotions; to provide for resignations and leaves of absence; to create a state tenure commission and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violation of the provisions of this act," by amending sections 1, 2, 3, and 3a of article II, sections 1, 2, and 3 of article III, and section 4 of article IV (MCL 38.81, 38.82, 38.83, 38.83a, 38.91, 38.92, 38.93, and 38.104), sections 1 and 2 of article II and section 2 of article III as amended and section 3a of article II and section 3 of article III as added by 1993 PA 59, section 1 of article III as amended by 1996 PA 282, and section 4 of article IV as amended by 1993 PA 60, and by adding sections 3b and 3c to article II, section 1a to article III, and section 1b to article IV; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The motion prevailed.

The House agreed to the title as amended.

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

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

Rep. Geiss, 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:

Today's debate is based on rhetoric, not data or facts. Other speakers have talked about this package of bills without the data to support their points.

We have not just talked about reform, we worked in the last legislature on the Race to the Top package of bills. Part of this package of bills dealt with Teacher and Administrator Evaluation. The bills required the development of a system

to evaluate student academic growth using local assessments and statewide tests. All teachers and administrators must be reviewed annually and given timely feedback.

The legislation also required that districts use data to: evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and school administrators, determine eligibility for promotion or retention, grant tenure and use during dismissal to help determine the effectiveness of teachers.

My simple question during this tenure debate has been, where is the data? Have the laws passed in December of 2009, a year and a half ago, been promulgated by the Department of Education? We don't know. This was not covered during our debate and discussion.

How do we know what an ineffective teacher is? We are talking about ineffective teachers with no actual data, only horror stories that paint a misleading picture of the teaching profession as a whole.

Senate Bill 926 required that the Center for Educational Performance and Information to work with the Michigan Department of Education to create and implement a teacher identification system with the ability to match an individual teacher to the individual pupils that teacher has taught.

Again I ask, has this been implemented by the Department of Education? They have had 1 1/2 years to implement this. Have they done so? We do not know.

There is much we do not know because this information was never delved into during the committee process. Instead, stereotypes and innuendo were used to paint a negative view of our teachers in Michigan.

In closing, since we are discussing effectiveness and evaluations, let me give a 360 degree feedback on the committee process that developed these bills. Members should have been afforded equal opportunity to speak and discuss the merits of this legislation. Instead, during 5 months of Education committee hearings, those that espoused the views held by the majority were granted great latitude in their comments and follow-up questions. Those that did not, were quickly gaveled down or cut off without equal opportunity to participate in the debate.

This is not a bi-partisan process, and neither are these bills. I urge a no vote from my fellow members of the House."

Rep. Womack, 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 support tenure reform but this effort requires more discussion and input. The current language of the bill is too ambiguous. There is no definition of effective or ineffective."

Rep. Hovey-Wright, having reserved the right to explain her protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

There is no doubt that the tenure system in Michigan needs to be reformed. The process needs to be more efficient and less costly for the district. Unfortunately these bills don't' fix tenure and go too far with issues not directly related getting rid of bad teachers. They do not define 'ineffective' or 'effective', they remove 'reasonable and just cause' for dismissal, remove protections that are needed to prevent arbitrary and capricious dismissals and attack collective bargaining rights of our teacher unions. We need to go back to the drawing board."

Rep. Townsend, 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 rise in opposition to the package of bills, HB 4625-4628.

I am not voting against these bills because I don't support tenure reform or ending mandatory last-in-first-out policies. On the contrary, I support streamlining our tenure process and I voted yesterday in favor of the Brown substitute that would significantly reduce the time it takes to remove an ineffective teacher. I also believe we need to reform the last-in-first-out system in favor of an approach that focuses first and foremost on making sure that we have the highest quality teachers in the classroom.

Unfortunately, today we are being forced to vote on a package of bills that does not include a system of evaluating teacher and administrator performance. It's not enough to eliminate LIFO, we must enact an evaluation bill that provides clear and practical criteria for judging the performance of teachers and administrators. Sole reliance on seniority for determining which teachers to retain or call back is bad policy. But eliminating LIFO without an alternative is not good enough for your kids and the hardworking teachers and administrators that we entrust to educate them.

I am also voting against the tenure and LIFO bills because they are tie-barred to a bill, HB 4628, that destroys collective bargaining rights for teachers. Educators deserve the same rights as members of other unions, whether public or private. Collective bargaining is a basic civil right and these constant attempts to erode employee rights are bad policy. I offered an amendment on the floor of the House to strike the tie-bar to HB 4628 but it was gaveled down by the majority without even a vote. So long as this tie-bar exists I cannot in good conscience support the LIFO and tenure bills in this package.

When will we work to pass good public policy without the things that are added simply to score political points? Reform should be about getting sufficient resources in the classroom and fostering accountability for our teachers and administrators. This package of bills fails to meet that standard. I stand ready to work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to enact a package of bills that properly funds public education, streamlines the process for removing ineffective teachers, eliminates sole reliance on LIFO and establishes a basis for judging teacher and administrator effectiveness that focuses on student achievement.

Mr. Speaker, the bills we voted on today were all about partisan politics and disabling teacher unions. It is time to take the politics out of making education policy in Michigan and, instead, make decisions based on what is best for our kids and our state's future."

House Bill No. 4626, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, entitled "An act relative to continuing tenure of office of certificated teachers in public educational institutions; to provide for probationary periods; to regulate discharges or demotions; to provide for resignations and leaves of absence; to create a state tenure commission and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violation of the provisions of this act," by amending section 4 of article I and sections 1 and 3 of article IV (MCL 38.74, 38.101, and 38.103), section 4 of article I and section 3 of article IV as amended by 2005 PA 124 and section 1 of article IV as amended by 2005 PA 136.

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

Roll Call No. 170

No. 54]

Yeas-61

Agema Haveman MacGregor Bolger Heise MacMaster Bumstead Horn McBroom Hughes Cotter McMillin Huuki Crawford Melton Daley Jacobsen Moss Damrow Jenkins Muxlow Denby Johnson Nesbitt Farrington Knollenberg O'Brien Kowall Forlini Olson Foster Kurtz Opsommer Franz LaFontaine Ouimet Gilbert Lori Outman Glardon Pettalia Lund Goike Lyons Poleski Haines

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Shaughnessy
Shirkey
Somerville
Stamas
Tyler

Walsh

Zorn

Yonker

Nays-46

Ananich Dillon Durhal Barnett Geiss Bauer Hobbs Bledsoe Brown Hooker Hovey-Wright Brunner Byrum Howze Callton Irwin Cavanagh Jackson Clemente Kandrevas Constan Lane Darany LeBlanc

Lindberg
Lipton
Liss
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The motion prevailed.

The House agreed to the title as amended.

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

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

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How do we know what an ineffective teacher is? We are talking about ineffective teachers with no actual data, only horror stories that paint a misleading picture of the teaching profession as a whole.

Senate Bill 926 required that the Center for Educational Performance and Information to work with the Michigan Department of Education to create and implement a teacher identification system with the ability to match an individual teacher to the individual pupils that teacher has taught.

Again I ask, has this been implemented by the Department of Education? They have had 1 1/2 years to implement this. Have they done so? We do not know.

There is much we do not know because this information was never delved into during the committee process. Instead, stereotypes and innuendo were used to paint a negative view of our teachers in Michigan.

In closing, since we are discussing effectiveness and evaluations, let me give a 360 degree feedback on the committee process that developed these bills. Members should have been afforded equal opportunity to speak and discuss the merits of this legislation. Instead, during 5 months of Education committee hearings, those that espoused the views held by the majority were granted great latitude in their comments and follow-up questions. Those that did not, were quickly gaveled down or cut off without equal opportunity to participate in the debate.

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"Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

There is no doubt that the tenure system in Michigan needs to be reformed. The process needs to be more efficient and less costly for the district. Unfortunately these bills don't' fix tenure and go too far with issues not directly related getting rid of bad teachers. They do not define 'ineffective' or 'effective', they remove 'reasonable and just cause' for dismissal,

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House Bill No. 4627, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding sections 1247 and 1248.

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

Roll Call No. 171 Yeas—68

Haines Agema Bolger Haveman Bumstead Heise Callton Hooker Cavanagh Horn Cotter Hughes Crawford Huuki Daley Jackson Damrow Jacobsen Denby **Jenkins** Farrington Johnson Forlini Knollenberg Foster Kowall Franz Kurtz LaFontaine Gilbert Glardon Lori Goike Lund

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Price

Nays—39

Ananich Dillon Slavens Lindberg Barnett Durhal Lipton Smiley Bauer Geiss Liss Stallworth Bledsoe Hobbs McBroom Stanley Hovey-Wright Switalski Brown McCann Talabi Howze Meadows Brunner Irwin Nathan Tlaib Byrum Clemente Kandrevas Oakes Townsend Santana Womack Constan Lane Daranv LeBlanc Segal

In The Chair: Walsh

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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Unfortunately, today we are being forced to vote on a package of bills that does not include a system of evaluating teacher and administrator performance. It's not enough to eliminate LIFO, we must enact an evaluation bill that provides clear and practical criteria for judging the performance of teachers and administrators. Sole reliance on seniority for determining which teachers to retain or call back is bad policy. But eliminating LIFO without an alternative is not good enough for your kids and the hardworking teachers and administrators that we entrust to educate them.

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When will we work to pass good public policy without the things that are added simply to score political points? Reform should be about getting sufficient resources in the classroom and fostering accountability for our teachers and administrators. This package of bills fails to meet that standard. I stand ready to work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to enact a package of bills that properly funds public education, streamlines the process for removing ineffective teachers, eliminates sole reliance on LIFO and establishes a basis for judging teacher and administrator effectiveness that focuses on student achievement.

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House Bill No. 4628, entitled

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

Roll Call No. 172 Yeas—59

Haines Price Agema Lyons Pscholka Bolger Haveman MacGregor Bumstead Heise MacMaster Rendon Callton Horn McMillin Rogers Cotter Hughes Melton Schmidt, W. Crawford Huuki Moss Jacobsen Daley Nesbitt Jenkins O'Brien Damrow Denby Johnson Olson Farrington Opsommer Knollenberg Forlini Kowall Ouimet Foster Kurtz Outman Franz LaFontaine Pettalia Gilbert Lori Poleski Glardon Lund Potvin

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Nays-48

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In The Chair: Walsh

The question being on agreeing to the title of the bill,

Rep. Stamas moved to amend the title to read as follows:

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The motion prevailed.

The House agreed to the title as amended.

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

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

Rep. Geiss, 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:

Today's debate is based on rhetoric, not data or facts. Other speakers have talked about this package of bills without the data to support their points.

We have not just talked about reform, we worked in the last legislature on the Race to the Top package of bills. Part of this package of bills dealt with Teacher and Administrator Evaluation. The bills required the development of a system to evaluate student academic growth using local assessments and statewide tests. All teachers and administrators must be reviewed annually and given timely feedback.

The legislation also required that districts use data to: evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and school administrators, determine eligibility for promotion or retention, grant tenure and use during dismissal to help determine the effectiveness of teachers.

My simple question during this tenure debate has been, where is the data? Have the laws passed in December of 2009, a year and a half ago, been promulgated by the Department of Education? We don't know. This was not covered during our debate and discussion.

How do we know what an ineffective teacher is? We are talking about ineffective teachers with no actual data, only horror stories that paint a misleading picture of the teaching profession as a whole.

Senate Bill 926 required that the Center for Educational Performance and Information to work with the Michigan Department of Education to create and implement a teacher identification system with the ability to match an individual teacher to the individual pupils that teacher has taught.

Again I ask, has this been implemented by the Department of Education? They have had 1 1/2 years to implement this. Have they done so? We do not know.

There is much we do not know because this information was never delved into during the committee process. Instead, stereotypes and innuendo were used to paint a negative view of our teachers in Michigan.

In closing, since we are discussing effectiveness and evaluations, let me give a 360 degree feedback on the committee process that developed these bills. Members should have been afforded equal opportunity to speak and discuss the merits of this legislation. Instead, during 5 months of Education committee hearings, those that espoused the views held by the majority were granted great latitude in their comments and follow-up questions. Those that did not, were quickly gaveled down or cut off without equal opportunity to participate in the debate.

This is not a bi-partisan process, and neither are these bills. I urge a no vote from my fellow members of the House."

Rep. Hovey-Wright, having reserved the right to explain her protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

"Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

There is no doubt that the tenure system in Michigan needs to be reformed. The process needs to be more efficient and less costly for the district. Unfortunately these bills don't' fix tenure and go too far with issues not directly related getting rid of bad teachers. They do not define 'ineffective' or 'effective', they remove 'reasonable and just cause' for dismissal, remove protections that are needed to prevent arbitrary and capricious dismissals and attack collective bargaining rights of our teacher unions. We need to go back to the drawing board."

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

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By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment

The Clerk announced that the following bill had been printed and placed upon the files of the members on Wednesday, June 8:

House Bill No. 4715

Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs, by Rep. Ouimet, Chair, reported House Bill No. 4419, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 566, entitled "An act to encourage the faithful performance of official duties by certain public officers and public employees; to prescribe standards of conduct for certain public officers and public employees; to prohibit the holding of incompatible public offices; and to provide certain judicial remedies," by amending section 3 (MCL 15.183), as amended by 2009 PA 210.

With the recommendation that the following amendment be adopted and that the bill then pass.

1. Amend page 5, line 14, by striking out all of enacting section 1 and inserting:

"Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 215 of the 96th Legislature is enacted into law.".

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

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Ouimet, Pettalia, Crawford, Hughes, LaFontaine, Price, Shaughnessy, Rendon, Stanley, Constan, Townsend, Rutledge and Lane

Nays: None

The Committee on Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs, by Rep. Ouimet, Chair, reported Senate Bill No. 215, entitled

A bill to amend 1957 PA 185, entitled "An act to authorize the establishing of a department and board of public works in counties; to prescribe the powers and duties of any municipality subject to the provisions of this act; to authorize the incurring of contract obligations and the issuance and payment of bonds or notes; to provide for a pledge by a municipality of its full faith and credit and the levy of taxes without limitation as to rate or amount to the extent necessary; to validate obligations issued; and to prescribe a procedure for special assessments and condemnation," by amending section 2 (MCL 123.732), as amended by 1987 PA 214.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Ouimet, Pettalia, Crawford, Hughes, LaFontaine, Price, Shaughnessy, Rendon, Stanley, Constan, Townsend, Rutledge and Lane

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Ouimet, Chair, of the Committee on Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Thursday, June 9, 2011

Present: Reps. Ouimet, Pettalia, Crawford, Hughes, LaFontaine, Price, Shaughnessy, Rendon, Stanley, Constan, Townsend, Rutledge and Lane

Absent: Reps. Daley and Stapleton Excused: Reps. Daley and Stapleton

The Committee on Judiciary, by Rep. Walsh, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4703, entitled

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," by amending section 36 (MCL 791.236), as amended by 2008 PA 191.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Walsh, Heise, Gilbert, Horn, Scott, Damrow, Muxlow, Jacobsen, Pettalia, Somerville, Meadows, Constan, Oakes, Brown, Irwin and Cavanagh

Nays: None

The Committee on Judiciary, by Rep. Walsh, Chair, reported

Senate Bill No. 130, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 321a (MCL 257.321a), as amended by 2004 PA 362.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Walsh, Heise, Gilbert, Horn, Damrow, Muxlow, Jacobsen, Pettalia, Constan, Cavanagh and Olumba Nays: Reps. Meadows, Brown and Irwin

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Walsh, Chair, of the Committee on Judiciary, was received and read: Meeting held on: Thursday, June 9, 2011

Present: Reps. Walsh, Heise, Gilbert, Horn, Scott, Damrow, Muxlow, Jacobsen, Pettalia, Somerville, Meadows, Constan, Oakes, Brown, Irwin, Cavanagh and Olumba

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Lund, Chair, of the Committee on Insurance, was received and read: Meeting held on: Thursday, June 9, 2011

Present: Reps. Lund, Shaughnessy, Opsommer, Denby, Callton, Glardon, Johnson, LaFontaine, Lyons, O'Brien, Yonker, Kandrevas, Roy Schmidt, Segal, Hovey-Wright, Howze and Geiss

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Haines, Chair, of the Committee on Health Policy, was received and read: Meeting held on: Thursday, June 9, 2011

Present: Reps. Haines, Callton, Opsommer, Kurtz, Wayne Schmidt, Scott, Shirkey, Hooker, Huuki, Muxlow, Yonker, Liss, Stallworth, Darany, Segal, Womack and Hovey-Wright

Messages from the Senate

House Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

A concurrent resolution to urge the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take immediate actions to prevent the Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes and to develop long-term strategies to address this problem.

(For text of resolution, see House Journal No. 15, p. 180.)

The Senate has adopted the concurrent resolution and named Senators Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Caswell, Hansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Rocca, Schuitmaker and Walker as co-sponsors.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Clerk for record.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

A concurrent resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to make every effort to expedite and fund the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basin Interbasin Study and to ensure Asian carp do not invade the Great Lakes.

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The concurrent resolution was referred to the Clerk for record.

Introduction of Bills

Rep. Olumba introduced

House Bill No. 4716, entitled

A bill to amend 1909 PA 279, entitled "The home rule city act," by amending section 36a (MCL 117.36a), as amended by 2011 PA 36.

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

Reps. Liss, Lipton, Hobbs, Bledsoe and McMillin introduced

House Bill No. 4717, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 22216. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

Reps. Kowall, MacMaster, Denby, Liss, Hovey-Wright, Goike, Muxlow, Haines, Yonker, Crawford, Huuki, Rogers, Hughes, LaFontaine, Bumstead, Outman, Brunner, Bauer, Slavens, Haveman, Kurtz, Damrow, Cotter and Wayne Schmidt introduced

House Bill No. 4718, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 16626. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

Reps. Agema, Meadows, Yonker, Hooker, Pscholka, Shirkey, Somerville, Cotter, Farrington, Callton, Jenkins, Forlini, Lori, McMillin, Genetski, MacGregor, Knollenberg, Johnson, Bumstead, Hughes, Heise, Kowall, Tyler, Damrow, MacMaster, Daley, LaFontaine, Nesbitt, Price, Haines and Horn introduced

House Bill No. 4719, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 14k. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

Reps. Forlini, Bumstead, Hooker, Heise, Kowall, Nesbitt, MacMaster, Johnson, Tyler, Price, Haines, Horn, Cotter and Farrington introduced

House Bill No. 4720, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 14k. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

Reps. Bumstead, Forlini, Hooker, Heise, Kowall, Nesbitt, MacMaster, Johnson, Tyler, Price, Haines, Horn, Cotter and Farrington introduced

House Bill No. 4721, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending sections 10a and 10b (MCL 400.10a and 400.10b), as added by 1996 PA 190, and by adding section 10c.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

Reps. Hooker, Bumstead, Forlini, Heise, Kowall, Nesbitt, MacMaster, Johnson, Tyler, Haines, Price, Horn, Cotter and Farrington introduced

House Bill No. 4722, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 57v. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

Reps. Genetski, Bumstead, Forlini, Hooker, Heise, Kowall, Nesbitt, MacMaster, Johnson, Tyler, Haines, Price, Horn, Cotter and Farrington introduced

House Bill No. 4723, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 10c. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

Reps. Genetski, MacGregor, Outman, O'Brien, McBroom, Agema, Bumstead, Forlini, Hooker, Heise, Kowall, Nesbitt, MacMaster, Johnson, Tyler, Price, Haines, Horn and Cotter introduced

House Bill No. 4724, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 14k. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

Rep. McMillin introduced

House Bill No. 4725, entitled

A bill to amend 1985 PA 87, entitled "William Van Regenmorter crime victim's rights act," by amending section 80 (MCL 780.830), as added by 1988 PA 21, and by adding sections 19b and 48b.

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

Reps. Pscholka, Heise, Yonker, Lyons, O'Brien, McBroom, Daley, Genetski, Pettalia, Denby, Jenkins, Bumstead, Farrington, Shaughnessy, Shirkey, Tyler, Nesbitt, Hughes and Lindberg introduced

House Bill No. 4726, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," by amending section 27 (MCL 421.27), as amended by 2011 PA 14.

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

Reps. Goike, Outman, Denby, LaFontaine, Shaughnessy, Shirkey, Callton, Cotter, Tyler, Huuki, Daley, Poleski, Pettalia, Franz, Genetski, Agema, Glardon, Foster, Kurtz, O'Brien, Lyons, Price, Zorn, Rendon, Jacobsen, MacGregor, Horn, Johnson, Hughes, Gilbert, Wayne Schmidt, Bumstead, Potvin, Hooker, Pscholka, Haveman, Townsend, Irwin, Ouimet, Dillon, Melton, Rutledge, Liss, Santana, Switalski, Meadows, Lindberg, Hovey-Wright, Tlaib, McMillin and Damrow introduced

House Bill No. 4727, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 90, entitled "Youth employment standards act," by amending section 4 (MCL 409.104), as amended by 2010 PA 221.

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

Reps. Santana, Ananich and Barnett introduced

House Bill No. 4728, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 648 (MCL 257.648). The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Reps. Genetski, McBroom, Franz, Wayne Schmidt, O'Brien, Agema, Nesbitt, Barnett, Lori, Pettalia, Tyler, MacGregor, Jacobsen and Heise introduced

House Bill No. 4729, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1278a (MCL 380.1278a), as amended by 2009 PA 205.

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

Reps. Genetski, Yonker, Callton, MacGregor, Opsommer, Rendon, Foster, Glardon, Olson, Agema, Wayne Schmidt, Daley, Damrow, Jenkins, Pscholka, Haveman, Kowall, Somerville, Huuki, Denby and Geiss introduced

House Bill No. 4730, entitled

A bill to amend 1964 PA 286, entitled "An act to provide for the organization, powers, and duties of the state transportation commission and the state transportation department; to provide for the appointment, powers, and duties of the state transportation director; to abolish the office of state highway commissioner and the commissioner's advisory board and to transfer their powers and duties; to provide for penalties and remedies; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 7a (MCL 247.807a), as amended by 1981 PA 122, and by adding section 7b.

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

Rep. Cotter introduced

House Bill No. 4731, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 321 (MCL 600.321), as amended by 2007 PA 64.

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

Reps. Stamas, Roy Schmidt, Denby, Heise, LeBlanc, Pettalia and Wayne Schmidt introduced

House Bill No. 4732, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 90, entitled "Youth employment standards act," by amending section 11 (MCL 409.111), as amended by 2000 PA 418.

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

Rep. Agema introduced

House Bill No. 4733, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 109h (MCL 400.109h), as added by 2004 PA 248.

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

Rep. Lori introduced

House Bill No. 4734, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 20161 (MCL 333.20161), as amended by 2008 PA 277.

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

Rep. Liss moved that the House adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:15 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Tuesday, June 14, at 1:30 p.m.

GARY L. RANDALL Clerk of the House of Representatives