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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, January 26, 2012.

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.

Anderson—present
Bieda—present
Booher—present
Brandenburg—present
Casperson—present
Caswell—present
Colbeck—present
Emmons—present
Gleason—present
Green—present
Gregory—present
Hansen—present
Hildenbrand—present

Hood—present
Hopgood—present
Hune—present
Hunter—present
Jansen—present
Johnson—present
Johnson—present
Kahn—present
Kahn—present
Marleau—present
Marleau—present
Moolenaar—present
Nofs—present

Pappageorge—present
Pavlov—present
Proos—present
Richardville—present
Robertson—present
Rocca—present
Schuitmaker—present
Smith—present
Walker—present
Warren—present
Whitmer—present
Young—present

Senator John M. Proos of the 21st District offered the following invocation:

Heavenly Father, we gather today in this Senate Chamber with humble and contrite hearts and in thanksgiving for the many blessings that You have bestowed upon each of us as individuals and this great state of Michigan.

Father, 175 years ago, with Your divine inspiration, You gave Your blessing upon the elected officials who agreed to make Michigan the next state in the Union that we now know as the United States of America. On this anniversary, we ask You to, once again, bless us with Your wisdom and understanding as we seek to do Your will. Guide us in our deliberations today and every day that we gather on behalf of Your people.

Lord, in Your Holy Bible in the Gospel of Luke 12:48 You remind us: "For everyone to whom much is given, of him shall much be required." Just as You gave Your leaders of our new state so very much over 175 years ago, give us a quiet heart filled with a humble spirit to give today more than is required, for we here in Michigan have truly been blessed with so very much.

Finally, Lord, we ask that You be with the men and women who serve our state and our nation in the armed forces. Keep them safe, and give their families comfort during their time of service which allows us to live in today's freedom.

In Your heavenly name we pray. Amen.

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

#### **Motions and Communications**

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

#### Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:04 a.m.

10:40 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

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

January 24, 2012

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Performance audit of the Office of Aeronautics, Michigan Department of Transportation.

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

The audit report was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, January 25: **House Bill Nos.** 4346 4653 4656 4804 5081 5082 5083

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Wednesday, January 25, and are available at the legislative website:

898 Senate Bill Nos. 899 903 904 900 901 902 905 906 907 908 House Bill Nos. 5264 5265 5266 5268 5269 5270 5271 5272 5273 5274 5275 5276 5277 5278 5279 5280 5281 5282

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

#### Resolutions

Senator Meekhof moved that consideration of the following resolutions be postponed for today: Senate Resolution No. 34
Senate Resolution No. 67
The motion prevailed.

The question was placed on the adoption of the following resolution consent calendar:

Senate Resolution No. 110 Senate Resolution No. 111

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senators Pavlov, Proos, Brandenburg, Booher, Hansen, Moolenaar, Walker, Robertson, Colbeck, Meekhof and Jansen offered the following resolution:

#### Senate Resolution No. 110.

A resolution commemorating January 22-28, 2012, as Michigan School Choice Week.

Whereas, All children in Michigan should have the right to the highest-quality schools possible; and

Whereas, Citizens across Michigan agree that improving the quality of education in Michigan and expanding access to highly-effective schools should be an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

Whereas, Michigan recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children in Michigan to be successful in a global economy; and

Whereas, Michigan has a multitude of high-quality public schools, public charter schools, and nonpublic schools; and Whereas, Michigan has many outstanding teaching professionals in public, private, and charter schools across the state who are committed to educating children; and

Whereas, The vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and

Whereas, Research in Michigan and across the nation demonstrates conclusively that providing children with multiple schooling options improve academic performance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate January 22-28, 2012, as Michigan School Choice Week in the state of Michigan, and we call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to National School Choice Week with our highest esteem.

Senators Emmons, Hildenbrand, Kowall and Marleau were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Hildenbrand, Colbeck, Proos, Nofs, Richardville, Emmons, Marleau, Booher, Jones, Green and Jansen offered the following resolution:

# Senate Resolution No. 111.

A resolution recognizing January 29 - February 5, 2012, as Catholic Schools Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, There are 58,782 students attending 236 Catholic elementary and high schools throughout our great state; and Whereas, The Constitution of Michigan states: "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged"; and

Whereas, Catholic schools provide young people with a strong foundation of values and academic skills needed to become responsible citizens of our state and nation; and

Whereas, The Catholic Church sees the parents as the primary educators and that parental supervision and involvement play a major role in the education of students; and

Whereas, Parents of Catholic school students pay tuition in addition to supporting public schools through their taxes; and Whereas, Catholic schools comply with the same health and safety regulations required of public schools, but without compensation from the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, The viability of Catholic schools should be encouraged so that declines in Catholic school enrollment, which necessitate increases in public expenditures in the School Aid Fund, can be avoided; and

Whereas, Catholic schools educate many students who are non-Catholic and many students who are economically disadvantaged; and

Whereas, With their traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a positive contribution to American society; and

Whereas, Community service is a value instilled in every Catholic school student; and

Whereas, January 29 - February 5, 2012, has been designated as Catholic Schools Week, with the theme "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." as denoted by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; and

Whereas, The common good of the state of Michigan is strengthened through the continued existence of Catholic schools; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize January 29 - February 5, 2012, as Catholic Schools Week in the state of Michigan, due to the great accomplishments and contributions of Catholic schools in and to our state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Catholic Conference with our highest esteem. Senators Bieda, Brandenburg, Gleason, Hopgood, Kowall and Meekhof were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Schuitmaker, Warren, Emmons and Whitmer offered the following resolution:

#### Senate Resolution No. 108.

A resolution to observe February 2012 as American Heart Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease is the nation's leading cause of death and costliest disease with direct and indirect costs estimated to be \$297.7 billion; and

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease accounts for 1 out of 3 deaths nationwide. Nearly 2,200 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an average of one death every 39 seconds. Nearly 33 percent of deaths due to cardiovascular disease occur before the age of 75 years; and

Whereas, An estimated 785,000 people in the United States will have a new coronary attack, an estimated 470,000 people nationwide will have a recurrent attack, and an additional 195,000 "silent" heart attacks will occur this year; and

Whereas, According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, in 2009, 27,459 Michiganians died from cardio-vascular disease; and

Whereas, The research is clear that there are preventive strategies, as well as community-based strategies, that can increase survival rates from cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20 percent, while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent through research, populationand community-level interventions, public health initiatives, and policy measures; and

Whereas, Efforts of the American Heart Association encourage citizens to help save lives by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, becoming trained in CPR, and fostering comprehensive automated external defibrillator (AED) programs in their communities; and

Whereas, The American Heart Association is celebrating February 2012 as American Heart Month and promoting education and awareness by motivating citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease, we hereby observe February 2012 as American Heart Month in the state of Michigan. We urge all citizens to support the critical importance of tools and skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac arrest. By incorporating these tools into aggressive programs, thousands of lives can be saved each year; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the American Heart Association Go Red For Women with our highest esteem.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Meekhof moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

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

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

Senators Schuitmaker, Warren, Emmons and Whitmer offered the following resolution:

# Senate Resolution No. 109.

A resolution recognizing February 3, 2012, as National Wear Red Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Currently, some 8 million women in the United States are living with heart disease, yet only 1 in 5 American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

Whereas, 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, and 26 percent of women die within a year of suffering a heart attack—compared with 19 percent of men. While 1 in 30 American women die from breast cancer each year, 1 in 3 die of cardiovascular disease; and

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease claims the lives of over 419,000 American females each year, almost one death per minute; and

Whereas, Only 43 percent of African-American women and 44 percent of Hispanic women know that heart disease is their chief health risk, compared with 60 percent of white women; and

Whereas, Nearly as many women die of heart disease, stroke, and all other cardiovascular diseases than the next three leading causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

Whereas, Only 16 percent of women surveyed in 2009 identified cardiovascular disease as the most critical health problem facing them; and

Whereas, In women, heart disease is too often a silent killer. Less than a third of women in a recent survey reported any early warning signs such as chest pain or discomfort before a heart attack, compared with most men. Common symptoms for women include pain of the jaw, arm, or back, but most reported a delay in seeking treatments after the symptoms began of, anywhere from 15 minutes to two weeks; and

Whereas, Women are less likely to call 9-1-1 for themselves when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than they are if someone else were having a heart attack; and

Whereas, Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness about heart disease—the leading cause of death for women—and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health; and

Whereas, All women are encouraged to learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart Association's My Life Check, Go Red For Women<sup>®</sup> Heart CheckUp, Go Red For Women<sup>®</sup> BetterU, and by talking to their health care provider. Making the right choices relating to proper nutrition, physical activity, and other healthy lifestyle choices are essential to living a heart healthy life; and

Whereas, The truth is our lives are in our hands. We can stop our No. 1 killer together by sharing the truth. We can be the difference between life and death; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, we hereby recognize February 3, 2012, as National Wear Red Day in the state of Michigan. We urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day and wearing the color red. By increasing awareness, speaking up about heart disease, and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, thousands of lives can be saved each year; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the American Heart Association Go Red For Women with our highest esteem.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Meekhof moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

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

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

# Third Reading of Bills

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

Senate Bill No. 698

Senate Bill No. 699

Senate Bill No. 700

Senate Bill No. 721

Senate Bill No. 722

Senate Bill No. 306

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

# Senate Bill No. 698, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 83, entitled "Of marriage and the solemnization thereof," by amending section 7 (MCL 551.7), as amended by 2008 PA 47.

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. 19 Yeas—38

Anderson Gregory Bieda Hansen Booher Hildenbrand Brandenburg Hood Casperson Hopgood Caswell Hune Colbeck Hunter **Emmons** Jansen Gleason Johnson Green Jones

Kahn Kowall Marleau Meekhof Moolenaar Nofs Pappageorge Pavlov Proos Richardville Robertson Rocca Schuitmaker Smith Walker Warren Whitmer Young Nays—0

Excused—0

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. 699, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 874 (MCL 600.874). 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. 20

#### Yeas-38

Anderson	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Bieda	Hansen	Kowall	Robertson
Booher	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca
Brandenburg	Hood	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Casperson	Hopgood	Moolenaar	Smith
Caswell	Hune	Nofs	Walker
Colbeck	Hunter	Pappageorge	Warren
Emmons	Jansen	Pavlov	Whitmer
Gleason	Johnson	Proos	Young
Green	Jones		

Nays—0

Excused—0

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. 700, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 8316 (MCL 600.8316). 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. 21 Yeas—38

Gregory Kahn Richardville Anderson Bieda Hansen Kowall Robertson Hildenbrand Booher Marleau Rocca Meekhof Brandenburg Hood Schuitmaker Casperson Hopgood Moolenaar Smith Caswell Hune Nofs Walker Colbeck Hunter Warren Pappageorge **Emmons** Jansen Pavlov Whitmer Gleason Johnson Proos Young Green Jones

Nays—0

Excused—0

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. 721, entitled

A bill to regulate the purchase and sale of certain plastic bulk merchandise containers; to require disclosures and record keeping by dealers of plastic bulk merchandise containers; and to provide for penalties and remedies.

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. 22 Yeas—38

Anderson Gregory Kahn Richardville Hansen Bieda Kowall Robertson Hildenbrand Marleau Booher Rocca Brandenburg Hood Meekhof Schuitmaker Casperson Hopgood Moolenaar Smith Caswell Hune Walker Nofs Colbeck Hunter Pappageorge Warren Pavlov **Emmons** Jansen Whitmer Gleason Johnson Proos Young Green Jones

Nays—0

Excused—0

# 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. 722, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 14h of chapter XVII (MCL 777.14h), as amended by 2010 PA 319.

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. 23

#### Yeas-38

Anderson	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Bieda	Hansen	Kowall	Robertson
Booher	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca
Brandenburg	Hood	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Casperson	Hopgood	Moolenaar	Smith
Caswell	Hune	Nofs	Walker
Colbeck	Hunter	Pappageorge	Warren
Emmons	Jansen	Pavlov	Whitmer
Gleason	Johnson	Proos	Young
Green	Jones		

Nays—0

Excused—0

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. 306, 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 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. 24 Yeas—38

Anderson	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Bieda	Hansen	Kowall	Robertson
Booher	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca

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Brandenburg Hood Meekhof Schuitmaker Moolenaar Smith Casperson Hopgood Nofs Walker Caswell Hune Colbeck Warren Hunter Pappageorge Whitmer Emmons Jansen Pavlov Gleason Johnson Proos Young Green Jones

Nays-0

Excused—0

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

**General Orders** 

Senator Meekhof 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 Hildenbrand 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:

# House Bill No. 4920, entitled

A bill to amend 1909 PA 279, entitled "The home rule city act," by amending sections 3 and 4i (MCL 117.3 and 117.4i), section 3 as amended by 2004 PA 541 and section 4i as amended by 1999 PA 55.

#### House Bill No. 4921, entitled

A bill to amend 1947 PA 359, entitled "The charter township act," by amending section 21 (MCL 42.21), as amended by 1999 PA 58.

# House Bill No. 4922, entitled

A bill to amend 1945 PA 246, entitled "An act to authorize township boards to adopt ordinances and regulations to secure the public health, safety and general welfare; to provide for the establishment of a township police department; to provide for policing of townships by certain law enforcement officers and agencies; to provide for the publication of ordinances; to prescribe powers and duties of township boards and certain local and state officers and agencies; to provide sanctions; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict with the act," by amending sections 1 and 4 (MCL 41.181 and 41.184), as amended by 1999 PA 257.

# House Bill No. 4923, entitled

A bill to amend 1895 PA 3, entitled "The general law village act," by amending sections 2 and 4 of chapter VI (MCL 66.2 and 66.4), section 2 as amended by 1999 PA 57 and section 4 as amended by 1999 PA 259.

# House Bill No. 4924, entitled

A bill to amend 1909 PA 278, entitled "The home rule village act," by amending sections 23 and 24 (MCL 78.23 and 78.24), section 23 as amended by 2003 PA 304 and section 24 as amended by 1999 PA 56.

#### Senate Bill No. 702, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 16174 (MCL 333.16174), as amended by 2006 PA 398.

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

#### Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 11:03 a.m.

11:17 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

#### **Resolutions**

Senators Schuitmaker and Nofs offered the following resolution:

#### Senate Resolution No. 112.

A resolution to memorialize Congress to oppose the Mobile Informational Call Act of 2011.

Whereas, The Mobile Informational Call Act of 2011 has been introduced in Congress as H.R. 3035. The intent of this bill is to undo the privacy protections currently found in the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (47 U.S.C. § 227), which restricts informational calls to cellular telephones without the owner's approval. Under H.R. 3035, businesses would be allowed to make prerecorded informational calls to cellular telephones without consent; and

Whereas, Reducing the restrictions currently in place would dramatically increase the calls cell phone users receive from telemarketers. Because cell phones are carried at work, school, and in social situations, telemarketers would have license to interrupt all sorts of business and personal situations. Individuals tend to be more accessible by cell phone, and it is common practice for cell phone users to answer rather than screen calls. Therefore, the number of unwanted solicitous calls intruding on daily activities will increase. Additionally, cell phone contracts often restrict minutes available to the consumer each month. Unwanted telemarketer calls will increase consumer costs when more minutes are used than allowed; and

Whereas, The Telephone Consumer Protection Act was passed by Congress to ensure privacy. The popularity and tremendous growth of a new technology does not warrant a reduction in consumer protection. Cell phone users are more accessible, but only to those people to whom they choose to be more accessible; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize Congress to oppose the Mobile Informational Call Act of 2011; 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, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations, Senator Meekhof 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 resolution,

Senator Meekhof moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Brandenburg, Colbeck, Emmons, Marleau, Meekhof and Proos were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

# **Introduction and Referral of Bills**

Senators Casperson, Johnson, Kowall and Warren introduced

#### Senate Bill No. 909, entitled

A bill to create a regional transit authority; to provide regional public transportation; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the authority and of certain state agencies and officials; to authorize the levy of a special assessment and to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes; to collect certain taxes; to make appropriations; to provide for the pledge of special assessment revenues and other funds for bond and note payments; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Senator Warren introduced

# Senate Bill No. 910, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 801 (MCL 257.801), as amended by 2011 PA 159, and by adding section 801k.

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

Senator Johnson introduced

# Senate Bill No. 911, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 801 (MCL 257.801), as amended by 2011 PA 159, and by adding section 801j.

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

Senators Johnson and Kowall introduced

#### Senate Bill No. 912, entitled

A bill to amend 2006 PA 110, entitled "Michigan zoning enabling act," by amending section 205 (MCL 125.3205), as amended by 2011 PA 113.

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

Senator Kowall introduced

# Senate Bill No. 913, entitled

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 247.651 to 247.675) by adding section 18j.

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

Senator Kowall introduced

# Senate Bill No. 914, entitled

A bill to amend 1966 PA 293, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of charter counties; to provide for the election of charter commissioners; to prescribe their powers and duties; to prohibit certain acts of a county board of commissioners after the approval of the election of a charter commission; to prescribe the mandatory and permissive provisions of a charter; to provide for the exercise by a charter county of certain powers whether or not authorized by its charter; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," (MCL 45.501 to 45.521) by adding section 14a.

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

# Senator Pavlov introduced Senate Bill No. 915, entitled

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 10b, 10c, 10e, and 10h (MCL 247.660b, 247.660c, 247.660e, and 247.660h), section 10b as amended by 1982 PA 438, section 10c as amended by 2010 PA 257, section 10e as amended by 2008 PA 487, and section 10h as amended by 2002 PA 498; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

# Senator Kowall introduced

# Senate Bill No. 916, entitled

A bill to amend 1951 PA 35, entitled "An act to authorize intergovernmental contracts between municipal corporations; to authorize any municipal corporation to contract with any person or any municipal corporation to furnish any lawful municipal service to property outside the corporate limits of the first municipal corporation for a consideration; to prescribe certain penalties; to authorize contracts between municipal corporations and with certain nonprofit public transportation corporations to form group self-insurance pools; and to prescribe conditions for the performance of those contracts," by amending section 1 (MCL 124.1), as amended by 1996 PA 289.

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

# Senator Kowall introduced

#### Senate Bill No. 917, entitled

A bill to amend 1963 PA 55, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of public authorities to acquire, own, and operate or cause to be operated mass transportation systems; to require the state to guarantee payment of certain claims against certain transportation authorities and to give the state a lien in satisfaction of payment; to prescribe the rights, powers, and duties of those public authorities; to provide for the issuance of bonds; to provide for the levy and collection of certain taxes; and to authorize contracts between those authorities and either public or private corporations to carry out the operation of those mass transportation systems," by amending section 4a (MCL 124.354a), as added by 1980 PA 410.

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

# Senator Kahn introduced

#### Senate Bill No. 918, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 403, entitled "Motor fuel tax act," by amending sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 14, 30, 32, 34, 39, 48, 63, 94, 122, 130, 143, 151, 152, 161, and 163 (MCL 207.1002, 207.1003, 207.1004, 207.1005, 207.1006, 207.1008, 207.1010, 207.1014, 207.1030, 207.1032, 207.1034, 207.1039, 207.1048, 207.1063, 207.1094, 207.1122, 207.1130, 207.1143, 207.1151, 207.1152, 207.1161, and 207.1163), sections 2, 5, and 122 as amended by 2002 PA 668, sections 3, 4, and 39 as amended by 2006 PA 277, section 8 as amended by 2006 PA 268, and sections 30 and 94 as amended by 2008 PA 26; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

#### Senator Kahn introduced

#### Senate Bill No. 919, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 801, 801e, 803, 803a, 803b, 803p, 809, and 810 (MCL 257.801, 257.801e, 257.803, 257.803a, 257.803b, 257.803p, 257.809, and 257.810), sections 801, 803b, and 809 as amended by 2011 PA 159, section 801e as amended by 1983 PA 91, section 803 as amended by 2002 PA 490, section 803a as amended and section 803p as added by 1996 PA 404, and section 810 as amended by 2003 PA 152. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### Senator Kahn introduced

#### Senate Bill No. 920, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 119, entitled "Motor carrier fuel tax act," by amending sections 2 and 6a (MCL 207.212 and 207.216a), section 2 as amended by 2006 PA 346 and section 6a as added by 1996 PA 584.

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

#### Senator Jansen introduced

# Senate Bill No. 921, entitled

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 1c, 10a, 10p, and 13 (MCL 247.651c, 247.660a, 247.660p, and 247.663), section 1c as amended by 2010 PA 28, section 10a as amended by 1992 PA 137, section 10p as added by 2010 PA 135, and section 13 as amended by 2010 PA 261; and to repeal acts and parts of acts. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

#### House Bill No. 4346, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," by amending section 6 (MCL 205.96), as amended by 2004 PA 172. 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 Finance.

#### House Bill No. 4653, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 744 (MCL 168.744), as amended by 1995 PA 261, and by adding section 744a.

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 Local Government and Elections.

#### House Bill No. 4656, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 931a.

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 Local Government and Elections.

#### House Bill No. 4804, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 6 (MCL 205.56), as amended by 2011 PA 71.

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 Finance.

#### House Bill No. 5081, entitled

A bill to amend 1962 PA 174, entitled "Uniform commercial code," by amending the heading for part 1 and sections 1101, 1102, 1103, 1106, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1206, 2202, 2A501, 2A518, 2A519, 2A527, 2A528, 3103, 4A105, 4A106, 4A204, 5103, and 8102 (MCL 440.1101, 440.1102, 440.1103, 440.1106, 440.1202, 440.1203, 440.1204, 440.1205, 440.1206, 440.2202, 440.2951, 440.2968, 440.2969, 440.2977, 440.2978, 440.3103, 440.4605, 440.4606, 440.4704, 440.5103, and 440.8102), sections 1206 and 8102 as amended by 1998 PA 278, sections 2A501, 2A518, 2A519, 2A527, and 2A528 as added by 1992 PA 101, section 3103 as amended by 1993 PA 130, sections 4A105, 4A106, and 4A204 as added by 1992 PA 100, and section 5103 as amended by 1998 PA 488, and by adding a heading for part 3 and sections 1108, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, and 1310; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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 Banking and Financial Institutions.

# House Bill No. 5082, entitled

A bill to amend 1962 PA 174, entitled "Uniform commercial code," by amending sections 1201, 2103, 2104, 2310, 2323, 2401, 2503, 2505, 2506, 2509, 2605, 2705, 2A103, 2A514, 2A526, 4104, 4210, 7101, 7102, 7103, 7104, 7105, 7201, 7202, 7203, 7204, 7205, 7206, 7207, 7208, 7209, 7210, 7301, 7302, 7303, 7304, 7305, 7307, 7308, 7309, 7401, 7402, 7403, 7404, 7501, 7502, 7503, 7504, 7505, 7506, 7507, 7508, 7509, 7601, 7602, 7603, 8103, 9102, 9203, 9207, 9208, 9301, 9310, 9312, 9313, 9314, 9317, 9338, and 9601 (MCL 440.1201, 440.2103, 440.2104, 440.2310, 440.2323, 440.2401, 440.2503, 440.2505, 440.2506, 440.2509, 440.2605, 440.2705, 440.2803, 440.2964, 440.2976, 440.4104, 440.4210, 440.7101, 440.7102, 440.7103, 440.7104, 440.7105, 440.7201, 440.7202, 440.7203, 440.7204, 440.7205, 440.7206, 440.7207, 440.7208, 440.7209, 440.7210, 440.7301, 440.7302, 440.7303, 440.7304, 440.7305, 440.7308, 440.7309, 440.7401, 440.7402, 440.7403, 440.7404, 440.7501, 440.7502, 440.7503, 440.7503, 440.7504, 440.7505, 440.7506, 440.7507, 440.7508, 440.7509, 440.7601, 440.7602, 440.7603, 440.8103, 440.9102, 440.9203, 440.9207, 440.9208, 440.9310, 440.9312, 440.9313, 440.9314, 440.9317, 440.9338, and 440.9601), sections 1201, 2103, 2A103, 4210, 7503, 8103, 9102, 9203, 9207, 9208, 9301, 9310, 9312, 9313, 9314, and 9317 as amended and sections 9338 and 9601 as added by 2000 PA 348, sections 2A514 and 2A526 as added by 1992 PA 101, and section 4104 as amended by 1998 PA 278, and by adding section 7106 and part 7.

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 Banking and Financial Institutions.

# House Bill No. 5083, entitled

A bill to amend 1962 PA 174, entitled "Uniform commercial code," by amending sections 9105, 9307, 9311, 9316, 9326, 9406, 9408, 9502, 9503, 9507, 9515, 9516, 9518, 9521, and 9607 (MCL 440.9105, 440.9307, 440.9311, 440.9316, 440.9326, 440.9406, 440.9408, 440.9502, 440.9503, 440.9507, 440.9515, 440.9516, 440.9518, 440.9521, and 440.9607), sections 9105, 9307, 9316, 9406, 9408, 9502, 9503, and 9507 as amended and sections 9326, 9518, and 9607 as added by 2000 PA 348, section 9311 as amended by 2005 PA 25, and sections 9515, 9516, and 9521 as amended by 2008 PA 383, and by adding part 8 to article 9; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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 Banking and Financial Institutions.

#### **Statements**

Senators Proos, Gregory and Bieda asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Proos' statement is as follows:

As we move to statements here, I take up the mantle of former State Senator Tom George to talk a little bit about Michigan history and Michigan history that we celebrate today. In fact, it is Michigan's birthday, the 175th anniversary of the founding of this great state into the Union of the United States of America. After more than 30 years as a territory, Michigan was admitted into the Union as the twenty-sixth state on this day, January 26, 1837.

Michigan tried to earn statehood in 1835, but a dispute over the city of Toledo caused a two-year delay, when President Andrew Jackson signed the bill that admitted Michigan into the Union after a compromise was reached that allowed Ohio to keep Toledo in exchange for the western two-thirds of the Upper Peninsula. I know that Senator Casperson, the great Senator from the Upper Peninsula, would agree that it has been our great fortune in the state of Michigan to have had that deal come to fruition, where the Upper Peninsula became a part of the state of Michigan.

While state leaders were unhappy with that deal at the time, I think we are all very grateful today. We emerged from that dispute with a great Michigan spirit. Out of that struggle, we became stronger. Michiganders facing challenges came up with new innovation, self-determination, and hard work that today turned into a positive and is repeated throughout history in our great state.

Our state has moved from an agrarian society to a diverse, global, and economic power with renowned agriculture, manufacturing industries, high-tech, and tourism sectors that continue to grow and lead our state. The story of how we made that change is long and inspirational. It is one that we are all very proud of. In 175 years since earning statehood, Michigan continues to be a world leader.

I encourage all Michigan families, students, and those who to come to the Capitol to celebrate this great state of Michigan by learning more about the rich history and learning more about this great state. I am here today because I believe Michigan's best days are ahead, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, as I know you do believe also. The history that we stand upon today, this anniversary, this birthday of the founding of the state of Michigan gives us all the charge to continue to work together, to try to make a difference for all of those who will be in history books in the future.

United, I am confident that when future leaders are in this chamber, this great chamber in the state, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the state of Michigan that they will look back and say, "In this moment, we stood together, working together to transform our state," just as they did 175 years ago, for indeed they met the challenge. Happy birthday to the state of Michigan, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

Senator Gregory's statement is as follows:

I also would like to offer my happy birthday wishes to the state of Michigan. As we move forward, I just have a statement about higher education.

In the State of the Union address on Tuesday night, President Barack Obama talked about the need to increase access to colleges and reduce the costs associated with higher education. He pointed out that Americans today owe more in tuition debt than credit card debt. The President also stated that higher education is an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford and called on states to do their part by making higher education a higher priority in their budgets.

The President is bringing his push to prioritize higher education directly to Michigan residents with a visit to Ann Arbor tomorrow morning. I couldn't agree more with the President's message, and Michigan has an opportunity to not only be a part of the conversation on higher education, but lead it.

Colleagues, as our nation begins to realize the direct correlation between an educated workforce and economic prosperity and take action on it, we in Michigan are poised to be a leader. In the next few weeks, the Senate Democrats will introduce legislation for our Michigan 2020 Plan to offer free college tuition to all Michigan high school graduates at no additional cost to taxpayers. We have already done the legwork and crunched the numbers. The Michigan 2020 Plan can be funded entirely by eliminating ineffective tax loopholes for special interests and cutting costs within the thousands of contracts the state currently administers.

These are areas where state spending can and should be reduced, and we can hopefully all agree that higher education should be a higher priority for state revenues than special interest earmarks. Research shows that it will be more of a boom for our economy and job creation than tax credits. This proposal is supported by numerous studies, leading economists, and business leaders. By implementing this innovative initiative together, we can change Michigan's economic landscape for the better forever.

As Congress wrangles over interest rates on student loans, we have the power to eliminate the need for student loans altogether and take debt completely out of the college equation. Just as President Obama called on Congress to work together in a bipartisan way to prioritize higher education and reduce student debt, colleagues, I ask you to do the same. A college education should not be a political issue, and there's absolutely no need for us to make it one.

As I'm sure many of you know personally, one of the most daunting challenges facing nearly all Michigan families today is being able to afford sending their kids to college. For our young people, their biggest concern is getting a college degree without having a mountain of debt hanging over their heads for the rest of their lives. What will your legacy be? We have the power to change Michigan's economic landscape for the better forever.

I urge all of you to summon the mettle to support the Michigan 2020 Plan to offer free college tuition to all Michigan students when it comes before this body; not because the President wants you to, not because I want you to, but because the families and students of Michigan want and need you to.

Senator Bieda's statement is as follows:

One hundred and seventy-five years ago, on January 26, 1837, Michigan became a state. Thus, Michigan celebrates its dodrans bicentennial today.

After under British and French rule in the late 1700s, the Michigan region was set aside as part of the Northwest Territory. In 1805, the territory of Michigan itself was created, and General William Hull served as its first governor.

By 1835, Michigan had drafted a Constitution that Congress found acceptable. After the vote, all seemed smooth for Michigan's admission into the Union, except for one problem: a territory dispute with the state of Ohio. Eventually, Congress proposed the compromise that gave the Toledo strip to Ohio and the western four-fifths of the Upper Peninsula to our state. Anyone who has ever been to the Upper Peninsula will quickly concede that Michigan got the better part of the bargain.

After the delegates accepted the proposal from Congress on January 26, 1837, Michigan became the twenty-sixth state with Stevens T. Mason as its first governor. The population of our state began at 32,000 people in 1830 and eventually jumped to 212,267 in 1840, three years after Michigan was granted statehood. Today, that population is near 10 million.

In addition, our state founders wanted to locate the state capital in a centralized place. After some debate, Lansing Township was selected as the site for the state capital. The town, which was originally named Michigan, was renamed Lansing and became the centralized location for government.

One hundred and seventy-five years later, we are all here together honoring this moment. This is an important event in our state's history, and I'm honored to be sharing it with you today. I'm optimistic about our state, our history, and our future. May God continue to bless Michigan, and may God bless America.

# **Committee Reports**

The Committee on Finance reported

# Senate Bill No. 634, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 51 (MCL 211.51), as amended by 2009 PA 189.

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, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

# Senate Bill No. 907, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7dd (MCL 211.7dd), as amended by 2010 PA 17.

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.

Jack M. Brandenburg Chairperson

# To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Brandenburg, Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson and Bieda

Nays: Senator Warren

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

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 12:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building Present: Senators Brandenburg (C), Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Corrections submitted the following: Meeting held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building Present: Senators Proos (C), Walker and Anderson

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Human Services submitted the following: Meeting held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building Present: Senators Caswell (C), Jansen, Proos and Gregory

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 12:00 noon, Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood and Young

# COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Economic Development submitted the following: Meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Kowall (C), Hildenbrand, Nofs, Emmons and Hansen

Excused: Senators Hunter and Smith

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Appropriations submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building Present: Senators Kahn (C), Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood and Hopgood

Excused: Senator Johnson

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Local Government and Elections submitted the following: Meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building Present: Senators Robertson (C), Meekhof, Brandenburg and Young

# **Scheduled Meetings**

# **Appropriations** -

Subcommittee -

Human Services Department - Tuesday, January 31, 2:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-2768)

Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes - Monday, February 6, 10:00 a.m., University Center of Gaylord, Room U-111/112, 80 Livingston Boulevard, Gaylord (373-5323)

Senator Pavlov moved that the Senate adjourn. The motion prevailed, the time being 11:33 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI Secretary of the Senate