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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

10:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called by the Secretary of the Senate, who announced that a quorum was present.

Ananich—present  
Bieda—present  
Booher—present  
Brandenburg—present  
Casperson—present  
Colbeck—present  
Conyers—present  
Emmons—present  
Green—present  
Gregory—present  
Hansen—present  
Hertel—present  
Hildenbrand—present

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

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

Reverend Rob Troutman of Reach Community Church of Saginaw offered the following invocation:

Our great Father in Heaven, I give You thanks and praise for the life that we have this day. Lord, life and breath, it is a gift from You, and I would pray that You would help us by the Spirit to be reminded of Your great grace upon us in that. O, but Lord, there is so much more than that. We are a people so fortunate. We have been blessed with the amazing privilege to be called citizens of this great country, the United States of America. Lord, with that comes such a privilege to experience freedom. Lord, the freedom that brings the hope to be able to have life and have life abundantly; to be able to pursue, Lord, the desires that we have, the happiness as the Founding Fathers said. So, Lord, as we stand here today, I thank You for the freedom that we have, and all that it brings to these people. I thank You for the opportunity for these men and for these women to be here, to govern, Lord, to look over the affairs of the people of this state of Michigan.

So, I would ask over them. I would ask what, Lord, really what you call us to. In Proverbs You tell us that “Righteousness exalts a nation,” and that’s what I would ask here today. I would ask, Lord, for You, by Your Spirit and in the hearts and minds of these men and these women, to stir in them those things, Lord: righteousness, right-thinking, and right-living before You. I would start, Lord, with helping each one of them understand their role afresh and anew as they open today, like You, Lord Jesus, a servant. That’s what they have been called to do, that’s what they have been elected to do is to serve. Paul says in Romans 13 that all authority has been established by You, O God, that none exist except for those instituted by You. The rulers, those people here who have been given this authority, that they are here to serve You, God, as Your servants, and to serve for the good of the people of this state. I would ask that You would help them in that.

Lord, it is a big task to do what they do. I do not even begin to understand, but You know. You are sovereign over the affairs of men. You govern and so You understand. I would ask as Proverbs 27 would talk about, just a heart of great concern and care would be given to each one. As is said, they are to know well the condition of the flock of the people who each one represents here, to know those people, and to give attention to them. I pray that You would continually stir their hearts to this task to serve well, but in order to serve well they must know their people and know their needs that are present. Lord Jesus, I think of You. You had great compassion when You saw the people. I pray that You would do this, that You would help give compassion.

1 Kings, I’m reminded of King Solomon, Lord, and I would ask this for each one who is here. King Solomon, a man given much responsibility and amazing wisdom said, “Give Your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern Your people.” He asked this so that he might discern between the good and the evil, because he understands who is able to govern this great people—what man, what women, even what group of people is capable of doing this in a way that fully honors You on their own. They need You, Father; I pray that You would help them. Wisdom is what is needed. James talks about wisdom; the one who feels they need wisdom, if they lack in a way, that if they would ask, You would be pleased to give it. You give generously to all who ask, and so, I pray that You would do that. But, not just the wisdom, Lord, then empower them by the Spirit; give them the ability to take this knowledge, knowledge that comes from you. Help them to apply it in a way that ultimately honors You and accomplishes Your purposes and plans. Give them joy as they do this.

We are men, we are women, Lord, we are people. In order to do all of this, it’s going to take unity. Our country right now needs unity in so many different ways, but especially as we stand here today. Unity between individuals, between parties, Lord, to be able to take all these things that would stir in them and bring it together to accomplish Your good. I think of Psalm 133, “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.” How would You do that? Would You do that, Holy Spirit, would You come and help and bring unity here? In order to do that, Lord, there is going to have to be some reconciliation.

Again, we are people, and people at this level are passionate about what they believe. Sometimes those passions can cause us to end up in situations where we have hurt feelings, and maybe it’s a struggle to be able to have good and profitable conversation. And so, reconciliation I pray You would help. I pray that we would start with those, Lord, who walk with You by faith. I pray that You would remind Your people that, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” Lord, help them understand. I pray that You would do that so that there would be healing, Lord, that there would be a strength that would be found here, not individual lives, but as they would come together corporately for the good of this state and our country.

I pray a blessing. I ask for blessings, Lord. Blessing, the favor of God, that’s what it means to be blessed by God. “Blessings are on the head of the righteous,” Proverbs tells us. I pray for blessings personally on each person present here; in their personal life, Lord, and in the life of their family. I pray that You would give them favor with one another, peace in their families, love and joy. I’d ask for each party, that they would amongst themselves have that blessing as they would seek You, to walk with You, and to honor You. Lord, congressionally, overall throughout our government, we would see this unity come together. We would see men and women be able to unite and further Your purposes and Your plans. Lord, be it here locally, regionally, Lord, and then nationally. Lord, really, ultimately, outside our country has been a light and a beacon since the founding. Would we, Lord, be able to globally—as people would see this country that has been fractured for some time—be united, Lord, work together, be reconciled? Lord, would that be a witness ultimately for You, our great God. Would it give You all the glory?

Please, hear these prayers, and please answer these prayers today, because we ask them in the great name of Your Son, Father. In Jesus' name, that You would have what we ask, the glory. And that Your people, here in this place and throughout this nation, would experience the great joy that comes with walking in obedience to their God. We pray this by the Spirit today. Amen.

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

### Motions and Communications

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

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

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

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of Senators O'Brien and Warren admittance to the Senate floor.

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

The following communication was received:  
Department of Attorney General

March 22, 2017

Pursuant to MCL 752.974(i), attached please find the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission's 2016 Report to the Governor and Legislature. I am pleased with the progress the Commission has made over the last year. Further, I am committed to continuing to work with the Commission to eradicate the horrible crime of human trafficking.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Bill Schuette  
Attorney General

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:  
Office of Senator Jim Marleau

March 27, 2017

I am respectfully requesting that you please remove my name from the co-sponsorship of Senator Rick Jones' Senate Bill 157.

Thank you again for removing my name from SB 157 co-sponsorship. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email Dave Jessup in my office. Our main line is 517-373-2417 and Dave Jessup can be contacted at [DJessup@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:DJessup@senate.michigan.gov).

Sincerely,  
Jim Marleau  
State Senator  
Serving Oakland

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the following House bill was received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, March 23:  
**House Bill No. 4167**

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Monday, March 27, for his approval the following bills:

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 69 at 12:37 p.m.**

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 213 at 12:39 p.m.**

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 34 at 12:41 p.m.**

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Thursday, March 23, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

|                         |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |  |
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| <b>Senate Bill Nos.</b> | <b>268</b>  | <b>269</b>  | <b>270</b>  | <b>271</b>  | <b>272</b>  | <b>273</b>  | <b>274</b>  |             |             |  |
| <b>House Bill Nos.</b>  | <b>4403</b> | <b>4404</b> | <b>4405</b> | <b>4406</b> | <b>4407</b> | <b>4408</b> | <b>4409</b> | <b>4410</b> | <b>4411</b> |  |

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**Resolutions**

Senators Jones, Bieda, Hertel and Rocca offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 29.**

A resolution to urge the United States Congress to continue funding for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams on the campus of Michigan State University.

Whereas, The Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) being constructed on the campus of Michigan State University will be the world's most powerful rare isotope beam facility upon completion in 2021. FRIB will enable scientists to make discoveries about the properties of rare isotopes used in various fundamental interactions and nuclear astrophysics; and

Whereas, The FRIB will more than double the research opportunities available in the field of nuclear physics. Its cutting-edge discoveries will provide applications for society in medicine, homeland security, and commercial innovation; and

Whereas, The FRIB will have a huge impact on Michigan. It will contribute an estimated \$4 billion in statewide economic activity over the course of its lifespan. It is expected to create over 1,000 jobs and strengthen and diversify the state's economy through investments in research and innovation; and

Whereas, It is critically important that federal funding continue to provide a solid foundation for cutting-edge scientific research at the FRIB. Through a cooperative agreement with Michigan State University, the Department of Energy has committed to fund FRIB's annual operation expenses through 2040, totaling about \$1.9 billion. Continuation of funding is essential to keeping FRIB construction on time and on budget. A world class scientific facility such as the FRIB will address the U.S. innovation deficit and provide opportunities to train the next generation of scientific and business leaders; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Congress to continue funding for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams on the campus of Michigan State University; 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 Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

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

The motion prevailed.

Senators Ananich, Booher, Brandenburg, Colbeck, Hansen, Hopgood, Horn, MacGregor, Nofs, Proos and Zorn were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Bieda, Knezek, Rocca, Conyers and Ananich offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 30.**

A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to continue the Meals on Wheels program.

Whereas, Meals on Wheels provide vital daily nutritional support to homebound low income seniors. Over 3 million seniors nationwide and 300,000 in Michigan were served by Meals on Wheels last year; and

Whereas, The federal budget proposal by President Trump would cut funding for the Meals on Wheels program. It would eliminate the Community Development Block Grant program which provides a portion of funding for local and state programs. While the elimination of the Community Development Block Grant could hurt many state Meals on Wheels programs, the most dramatic impact to the Meals on Wheels program may occur as a result of proposed cuts to the federal Department of Health and Human Services budget. Within that department, nutrition programs of the Older Americans Act provide support to Meals on Wheels chapters nationwide by covering approximately 30 percent of its costs; and

Whereas, The benefit of this food delivery program extends beyond providing low income seniors with essential daily nutrition. Studies have shown that homebound seniors who receive Meals on Wheels feel less loneliness and isolation. The daily deliveries by a Meals on Wheels volunteer also enable seniors to receive a well-being check and assistance in the event of an emergency; and

Whereas, Meals on Wheels is a cost-effective program that contributes to enabling seniors to stay in their homes, resulting in fewer nursing home admissions. Continuing this program benefits the lives of millions of senior and provides peace of mind to their families; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Congress of the United States to continue the Meals on Wheels program; 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 Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Kowall moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Booher, Brandenburg, Hopgood, Marleau, Nofs, Proos, Warren and Zorn were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Hune, Emmons and Robertson offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 31.**

A resolution to urge the United States Senate to confirm Judge Neil M. Gorsuch to the Supreme Court of the United States, and to urge Michigan's senators to forgo any effort to filibuster a vote on Judge Gorsuch's nomination.

Whereas, The passing of Antonin Scalia on February 13, 2016, created a vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States which has lasted for more than a year. Justice Scalia's passing was a significant loss for the Court, as he was one of the most influential justices of the last quarter century; and

Whereas, Justice Scalia's death has not only left a great void on the Court, but has also resulted in a number of 4-4 decisions which create uncertainty on legal issues of the utmost importance to the citizens of the United States; and

Whereas, President Trump pledged during his campaign to nominate judges to the Court who would follow the model of Justice Scalia, bringing a commitment to statutory text and the original meaning of the United States Constitution. The President followed through on his campaign pledge by nominating Judge Neil M. Gorsuch of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit to fill the vacancy on the Court left by Justice Scalia's passing; and

Whereas, Judge Gorsuch is an exceptionally qualified and experienced jurist, making him the epitome of a mainstream judge whose nomination to the Court should be easily confirmed by the U.S. Senate. In fact, he was previously confirmed by the U.S. Senate to the Court of Appeals without opposition and is exactly the type of well-respected legal mind the American people want on the Court; and

Whereas, Judge Gorsuch developed a distinguished judicial reputation during more than a decade of service on the Court of Appeals. He has a strong record of adhering to the United States Constitution and decides cases based on the law rather than personal policy preference. Additionally, Judge Gorsuch has an incredible academic résumé, having graduated from Columbia University with honors and Harvard Law School *cum laude*. He also served as a law clerk for Supreme Court Justices Byron White and Anthony Kennedy; and

Whereas, The U.S. Senate should move swiftly to confirm Judge Gorsuch as the next Supreme Court Justice and return the court to its full membership. Any attempt by a member of the U.S. Senate to derail Judge Gorsuch's nomination for political purposes would not serve the interest of the people of Michigan or the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Senate to confirm Judge Neil M. Gorsuch to the Supreme Court of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge Michigan's senators, Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, to forgo any effort to filibuster a vote on Judge Gorsuch's nomination; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate and the offices of Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations, Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Kowall moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Booher, Brandenburg, Colbeck, Hansen, Horn, MacGregor, Marleau, Nofs, Pavlov, Proos, Stamas and Zorn were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Warren offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 32.**

A resolution to recognize April 16-22, 2017, as Michigan Venture Capital and Angel Investment Week.

Whereas, The Michigan Venture Capital Association (MVCA), founded in 2002, is celebrating 15 years of increasing the amount of capital and talent available to venture and angel investors; and

Whereas, Venture capital and angel investors are funding Michigan's most innovative entrepreneurs and working closely with them to transform breakthrough ideas into new companies and industries that drive Michigan job creation and economic growth; and

Whereas, Entrepreneurs, powered by the capital, networks, and support of Michigan investors, are moving Michigan forward by building high-growth, high-potential businesses. There are currently 141 venture-backed companies in Michigan, a 48 percent increase in the last 5 years; and

Whereas, If Michigan is going to continue diversifying its economy, startup companies need access to early stage capital to grow and thrive in Michigan. People who start great companies endeavor to hire the best talent, build the best product/service, and partner with the best people to grow their companies; and

Whereas, This includes working with well-connected investors that can financially support and advise them. There are 36 venture firms in Michigan working with entrepreneurs and their teams to overcome obstacles, forge strategic partnerships, hire the best talent, and build better businesses; and

Whereas, MVCA members have taken hold of the momentum that's been growing since it formed 15 years ago, and are working hard to build on it, but more capital is needed to empower entrepreneurs; and

Whereas, There is currently about \$387 million reserved for follow-on investment for existing Michigan-based startup companies. It is estimated follow-on demand by existing Michigan portfolio companies over the next two years will approach \$661 million, reflecting the need for additional funds to help Michigan's many venture-backed companies succeed; and

Whereas, The challenge ahead is to make sure we can meet these growing demands. Together with our partners in state government, economic development organizations, higher education institutions and institutional investors, we are ready to continue our commitment to funding the brilliance and talent that resides in Michigan entrepreneurs and making Michigan the state where companies come to grow; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize April 16-22, 2017, as Michigan Venture Capital and Angel Investment Week.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations, Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Ananich, Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Conyers, Hansen, Hopgood and Proos were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Casperson offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 33.**

A resolution to recognize April 23-29, 2017, as Natural Gas Week.

Whereas, Michigan's first known commercial natural gas well began production in April 1928 in Muskegon County. Exploration began before that in the late 1800s in the Port Huron area. Today, approximately 13 percent of the natural gas we use is produced right here in Michigan, with over 99 percent of the remainder produced domestically in the United States. As recently as 2005 more than 20 percent of the gas consumed in Michigan was produced in Michigan; and

Whereas, The advancements in the abundance of natural gas across the United States has led to lower prices and significant cost savings for Michigan households and businesses; and

Whereas, Approximately 80 percent of Michigan households use natural gas for home heating to provide safety and warmth; and

Whereas, For our industrial and manufacturing sector, natural gas has helped revitalize industries and restore jobs domestically; and

Whereas, Natural gas is used to manufacture every day consumer products like cars, fertilizer, plastics, paper, and medicine; and

Whereas, Michigan ranks first in the nation as the state with the most natural gas storage at nearly 685 billion cubic feet. With nearly 15 percent of our nation's working gas storage, Michigan's gas storage serves as a natural epicenter for users to have backup supply, balancing and inventory management, and a physical hedging source for pricing stability; and

Whereas, The increased use of clean, affordable, and reliable natural gas for electricity generation has led to a market-based strategy to reduce overall emissions while at the same time providing a proven grid resource that has quick ramp and 24/7 capability to aid in the usage of alternative low-capacity rated renewable resources; and

Whereas, Natural gas can be used for efficient and cleaner combined heat and power systems that have the dual purpose of powering facilities and capturing what would otherwise be waste steam to provide additional power or heat; and

Whereas, The natural gas community supports roughly 28,000 jobs in the state (2010 data). In addition, natural gas adds to Michigan's economy through tax revenue, increased revenue to local businesses, and royalties to local homeowners; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 23-29, 2017, as Natural Gas Week. We recognize the contribution natural gas has made in fueling Michigan's economy forward and salute the importance of natural gas to Michigan's economy and the lives of all Michiganders; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Michigan Public Service Commission, and the President of the United States.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations, Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Conyers, Hansen, Horn, MacGregor, Marleau, Nofs, Proos and Zorn were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Casperson offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 34.**

A resolution recognizing June 10, 2017, as ORV Rider Recognition Day.

Whereas, Michigan is recognized as the trail state with 3,700 miles of designated off-road vehicle (ORV) trails; and

Whereas, Michigan has over 220,000 licensed riders using these trails; and

Whereas, June 10-11, 2017, is Michigan's ORV Free Riding Weekend; and

Whereas, It is recognized how important this recreational sport is to our tourist economy; and

Whereas, The users, local trail sponsors, and their many volunteer hours of our trail system should be recognized for their service; and

Whereas, This day will encourage safe riding while practicing "Tread Lightly!" riding; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize June 10, 2017, as ORV Rider Recognition Day; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize the importance of off-road recreation in the state of Michigan and the large economic impact it has, as well as increasing awareness for safety and environmentally friendly practices.

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

Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Ananich, Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Hansen, Marleau, Nofs, Proos, Stamas and Zorn were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators O'Brien and Kowall offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 35.**

A resolution commemorating March 29, 2017, as Vietnam Veterans Day.

Whereas, Vietnam Veterans Day commemorates the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and their families; and

Whereas, The Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961-1975, and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with the United States Armed Forces and South Vietnam; and

Whereas, The United States became involved by serving in an advisory role to the South Vietnamese in 1961; and

Whereas, In 1965, United States Armed Forces ground combat units arrived in Vietnam and by the end of that year there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam, with a peak of approximately 500,000 troops in 1969. Michigan residents joined with the rest of the nation, serving our country and our state with honor in Vietnam; and

Whereas, On January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed which required the release of all United States prisoners-of-war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam. By March 29, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and

Whereas, More than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members of the Armed Forces were wounded. More than 2,650 Michigan residents lost their lives in the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, It was not until 1982 that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, DC to commemorate those members of the United States Armed Forces who died or were declared missing-in-action in Vietnam; and

Whereas, Members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War were caught upon their return home in the crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, March 29th marks the anniversary of the day that combat and combat support units withdrew completely from South Vietnam; and

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Senate support the establishment of a Vietnam Veterans Day as an appropriate way to honor those members of the United States Armed Forces who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War and the 242,562 Vietnam veterans living in Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate March 29, 2017, as Vietnam Veterans Day; and be it further

Resolved, That all citizens of the state of Michigan are encouraged to honor our Vietnam veterans.  
Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,  
Senator Kowall moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Ananich, Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Conyers, Hansen, Hopgood, Horn, Knezek, Knollenberg, MacGregor, Marleau, Proos, Rocca, Stamas, Warren and Zorn were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators O'Brien and Kowall asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator O'Brien's statement is as follows:

Majority Floor Leader Kowall and I stand here today to offer a resolution recognizing tomorrow as Vietnam Veterans Day. We know that the war was fought from 1961 to 1975, more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives, and more than 300,000 members were wounded. In Michigan, more than 2,600 of our citizens gave their lives. Today in Michigan, we have over 242,000 Vietnam veterans who live here, and each day we're losing a number of them. It's our hope that we can honor those who fought so bravely for us. Standing here with us today are some constituents from back home: Elizabeth and Alice Kratz who are with the Ki-Ka-Ma-Sung Kalamazoo chapter of Children of the American Revolution, and Sondra and John Santos.

Senator Kowall's statement is as follows:

Michigan has had so many brave soldiers go overseas to fight in Vietnam. They're also fighting things right now that are very insidious, like Agent Orange which has finally been recognized by the federal government so that they're getting the treatment they so rightly deserve. When you see a Vietnam veteran wearing a cap, stop and thank them for their service because when they came home from Vietnam, they were treated terribly. They were just treated beyond terrible. They were called baby killers and they were called murderers. They weren't doing that. They were heroes who were called to serve and, without question, they did, and they did exactly what they were supposed to do. They went over there and fought for this country.

The President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, assumed the Chair.

### Recess

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:22 a.m.

10:55 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Brandenburg and Young entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Kowall moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

**Senate Bill No. 242**

**Senate Bill No. 243**

**Senate Bill No. 244**

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

### Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

March 23, 2017

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

**Acting State Fire Marshal**

Karen E. Towne of 5640 Babbitt Street, Haslett, Michigan 48840, county of Ingham, succeeding Julie L. Secontine, is appointed for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.



March 23, 2017

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

**Michigan Strategic Fund Board of Directors**

Roger A. Curtis of 8528 Slee Road, Onsted, Michigan 49265, county of Lenawee, representing a person in the position of Vice President or higher from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation or Michigan Talent and Economic Development Department, is appointed for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

March 23, 2017

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

**MiSTEM Advisory Council**

Edward Silver of 1677 North Dancer Road, Dexter, Michigan 48130, county of Washtenaw, succeeding Ralph C. Dershimer, is appointed for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

Sincerely,  
Rick Snyder  
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**General Orders**

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, designated Senator Hildenbrand as Chairperson.

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

**Senate Bill No. 188, entitled**

A bill to amend 2012 PA 580, entitled "Security alarm systems act," by amending section 2 (MCL 338.2182).

**Senate Bill No. 189, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 152, entitled "State license fee act," (MCL 338.2201 to 338.2277) by adding section 33.

**Senate Bill No. 191, entitled**

A bill to amend 1972 PA 222, entitled "An act to provide for an official personal identification card; to provide for its form, issuance and use; to regulate the use and disclosure of information obtained from the card; to prescribe the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to prescribe fees; to prescribe certain penalties for violations; and to provide an appropriation for certain purposes;" by amending section 8 (MCL 28.298), as amended by 2008 PA 32.

**Senate Bill No. 192, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 208c and 698 (MCL 257.208c and 257.698), section 208c as amended by 2008 PA 539 and section 698 as amended by 2016 PA 161.

**Senate Bill No. 243, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 711 (MCL 206.711), as amended by 2016 PA 158, and by adding section 51f.

**Senate Bill No. 244, entitled**

A bill to amend 1941 PA 122, entitled "An act to establish the revenue collection duties of the department of treasury; to prescribe its powers and duties as the revenue collection agency of this state; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the state treasurer; to establish the collection duties of certain other state departments for money or accounts owed to this state; to regulate the importation, stamping, and disposition of certain tobacco products; to provide for the transfer of powers and duties now vested in certain other state boards, commissions, departments, and offices; to prescribe certain duties of and require certain reports from the department of treasury; to provide procedures for the payment,

administration, audit, assessment, levy of interests or penalties on, and appeals of taxes and tax liability; to prescribe its powers and duties if an agreement to act as agent for a city to administer, collect, and enforce the city income tax act on behalf of a city is entered into with any city; to provide an appropriation; to abolish the state board of tax administration; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to declare the effect of this act," by amending section 28 (MCL 205.28), as amended by 2015 PA 10.

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

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:  
**Senate Bill No. 94, entitled**

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 1 (MCL 205.51), as amended by 2016 PA 515.

Substitute (S-2).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:  
**Senate Bill No. 95, entitled**

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," by amending section 2 (MCL 205.92), as amended by 2016 PA 516.

Substitute (S-2).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:  
**Senate Bill No. 186, entitled**

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," by amending sections 103 and 316 (MCL 339.103 and 339.316), section 103 as amended by 1994 PA 257 and section 316 as amended by 1998 PA 90, and by adding article 14A; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 11, line 9, after "CONDUCTED." by inserting "**THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE INDIVIDUAL'S WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AND THE SUBMISSION OF HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS TO, AND INCLUSION OF HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS IN, THE STATE AND FEDERAL DATABASE SYSTEMS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4).**".

2. Amend page 11, line 10, after "APPLICATION" by inserting "**AND WRITTEN CONSENT**".

3. Amend page 12, line 3, by striking out all of subsection (4) and inserting:

**"(4) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY CONCERNING FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE UNDER THIS SECTION:**

**(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL STORE AND RETAIN ALL FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED TO IT UNDER THIS SECTION IN AN AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM DATABASE THAT PROVIDES FOR AN AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATION WHEN A SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL ARREST FINGERPRINT CARD SUBMITTED INTO THE SYSTEM MATCHES A SET OF FINGERPRINTS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION. IF THERE IS A MATCH, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT.**

**(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL FORWARD ALL FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED TO IT UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR REGISTRATION OF THOSE FINGERPRINTS IN THE FBI RAP BACK SYSTEM. IF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE RECEIVES NOTIFICATION OF A MATCH FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL FORWARD THAT NOTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES NOT APPLY UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE FBI RAP BACK SYSTEM. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION:**

**(i) "FBI RAP BACK SYSTEM" MEANS THE RAP BACK SYSTEM MAINTAINED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.**

**(ii) "RAP BACK SYSTEM" MEANS A SYSTEM THAT WILL NOTIFY AUTHORIZED ENTITIES OF ANY SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL HISTORY REPORTED ON INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FINGERPRINTS ARE REGISTERED IN THE SYSTEM."**

The Senate agreed to the substitute as amended recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:  
**Senate Bill No. 187, entitled**

A bill to amend 1968 PA 330, entitled "Private security business and security alarm act," by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 25, 26, 29, 31, and 33 (MCL 338.1052, 338.1053, 338.1054, 338.1055, 338.1056, 338.1057, 338.1058, 338.1059, 338.1060, 338.1061, 338.1063, 338.1064, 338.1065, 338.1066, 338.1067, 338.1068, 338.1069, 338.1072, 338.1075, 338.1076, 338.1079, 338.1081, and 338.1083), the title and sections 3, 4, 7, 8, 14, 17, 19, 25, and 29 as amended by 2010 PA 68, section 2 as amended by 2012 PA 581, sections 6 and 9 as amended by 2014 PA 128, sections 10, 13, 18, and 31 as amended by 2002 PA 473, section 11 as amended by 2004 PA 270, and sections 22 and 33 as amended by 2000 PA 411, and by adding section 15a.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 29, line 2, after "CONDUCTED." by inserting "THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE INDIVIDUAL'S WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AND THE SUBMISSION OF HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS TO, AND INCLUSION OF HIS OR HER FINGERPRINTS IN, THE STATE AND FEDERAL DATABASE SYSTEMS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4)."

2. Amend page 29, line 3, after "APPLICATION" by inserting "AND WRITTEN CONSENT".

3. Amend page 29, line 25, by striking out all of subdivision (4) and inserting:

"(4) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY CONCERNING FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE UNDER THIS SECTION:

(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL STORE AND RETAIN ALL FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED TO IT UNDER THIS SECTION IN AN AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM DATABASE THAT PROVIDES FOR AN AUTOMATIC NOTIFICATION WHEN A SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL ARREST FINGERPRINT CARD SUBMITTED INTO THE SYSTEM MATCHES A SET OF FINGERPRINTS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION. IF THERE IS A MATCH, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL FORWARD ALL FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED TO IT UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR REGISTRATION OF THOSE FINGERPRINTS IN THE FBI RAP BACK SYSTEM. IF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE RECEIVES NOTIFICATION OF A MATCH FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL FORWARD THAT NOTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES NOT APPLY UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE FBI RAP BACK SYSTEM. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION:

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(ii) "RAP BACK SYSTEM" MEANS A SYSTEM THAT WILL NOTIFY AUTHORIZED ENTITIES OF ANY SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL HISTORY REPORTED ON INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FINGERPRINTS ARE REGISTERED IN THE SYSTEM."

The Senate agreed to the substitute as amended recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:  
**Senate Bill No. 190, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 80130a, 80315a, 81114a, and 82156a (MCL 324.80130a, 324.80315a, 324.81114a, and 324.82156a), section 80130a as amended by 2000 PA 194 and sections 80315a, 81114a, and 82156a as added by 1997 PA 102.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:  
**Senate Bill No. 242, entitled**

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," by amending section 9 (MCL 125.2009), as amended by 2014 PA 503, and by adding chapter 8D.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of  
**Third Reading of Bills**

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 168, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 6107 (MCL 500.6107), as added by 1992 PA 174.

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. 84**

**Yeas—37**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

Hood

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 159, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 722 (MCL 257.722), as amended by 2016 PA 72.

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. 85**

**Yeas—37**

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| Ananich     | Hansen      | Knollenberg | Robertson   |
| Bieda       | Hertel      | Kowall      | Rocca       |
| Booher      | Hildenbrand | MacGregor   | Schmidt     |
| Brandenburg | Hopgood     | Marleau     | Schuitmaker |
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Zorn

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

Hood

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**Introduction and Referral of Bills**

Senators Emmons, Hune, Schuitmaker, Warren and O'Brien introduced

**Senate Bill No. 275, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 451a (MCL 750.451a).

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

Senators Bieda, Jones, Knezek, O'Brien, Rocca and Conyers introduced

**Senate Bill No. 276, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 50 and 50b (MCL 750.50 and 750.50b), section 50 as amended by 2007 PA 152 and section 50b as amended by 2008 PA 339.

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

Senators Jones, Bieda, Knezek, O'Brien, Rocca and Conyers introduced

**Senate Bill No. 277, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending sections 16b, 34, 40, 46, and 49 of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16b, 777.34, 777.40, 777.46, and 777.49), section 16b as amended by 2008 PA 562, section 34 as added by 1998 PA 317, section 40 as amended by 2014 PA 350, section 46 as amended by 1999 PA 227, and section 49 as amended by 2002 PA 137.

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

Senators Proos, Jones, Casperson, Nofs, Rocca, Gregory, Zorn, Conyers and Marleau introduced

**Senate Bill No. 278, entitled**

A bill entering into the interstate library compact; and for related purposes.

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

Senators Stamas, Bieda, Horn, Jones, Rocca, Marleau, Hansen, Zorn and Schmidt introduced

**Senate Bill No. 279, entitled**

A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled "Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act," by amending section 3a (MCL 125.1503a), as amended by 2006 PA 192.

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

**House Bill No. 4167, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 719 (MCL 257.719), as amended by 2015 PA 208.

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 Transportation.

**Statements**

Senators Colbeck, Bieda and O’Brien asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Colbeck’s statement is as follows:

During his Farewell Address, President George Washington issued the following advice to the citizens of the United States of America:

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked: Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

Yet in today’s America, reason and experience are being ignored as religious principles are being systematically excluded from the public square.

A startling example of this purge occurred in my district less than a year ago. A young man by the name of Clay Martin routinely led the *Pledge of Allegiance* at Plymouth High School. In the wake of the mass shooting in Orlando by Omar Mateen in which 49 people were killed and 53 others were injured, Clay was moved to ask for a moment of silence—you see, we cannot even ask for prayer anymore. After the moment of silence, he simply said, “May God bless the United States and may God bless you all.” In the wake of this statement, Clay was told by his principal that he could no longer make references to God and would have to get any future announcements approved in advance. So much for the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion.

Sadly, this infringement upon our First Amendment rights is not limited to our schools. The muzzle on our rights has been extended to our churches as well. Last week, I introduced Senate Bill No. 269 to remove a disgraceful section of Michigan election law that criminally penalizes religious leaders for speaking on election-related topics, whether they do so inside or outside of the church. Under current law, pastors are guilty of a misdemeanor subject to a \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail for such actions. Religious leaders are the only people singled out under MCL 168.931 for speaking out on such topics, meaning that they can go to jail for saying things everyone else can say without any consequences whatsoever. This section of law violates our freedom of speech, our freedom of religion, and it even violates our freedom of assembly just for good measure.

The current law has been challenged in the past by Dr. Levon Yuille, pastor of the Bible Church in Ypsilanti. Pastor Yuille is also the National Director of the National Black Pro-Life Caucus. In 2012, the American Freedom Law Center filed a civil rights lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Detroit challenging this provision of Michigan’s election law and asking for an injunction. The Sixth Circuit Court denied the AFLC’s petition which requested a full court review.

The attempted purge of religious principles has also been extended to public bodies such as the one in which we meet on a regular basis. In May 2014, the Supreme Court ruled by a narrow 5-4 margin that it was still OK for legislative bodies to open their meetings in prayer. Thank you, Supreme Court; really appreciate that.

It is clear that if we do not defend our rights such as our First Amendment rights to freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of assembly, we will lose them. The first of these enshrined rights is our freedom of religion. We need to heed the sage words of our first President: “Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

May God bless the United States and may God bless you all.

Senator Bieda’s statement is as follows:

I’m standing here today with somebody that you may all know. Many of us served with former State Representative John Stewart who served in the lower chamber from 2001 to 2007 and he was a good colleague of many of us who served over

there. Representative Stewart was kind enough to bring to my attention two very important anniversaries from this last week. This past Sunday, former Governor Bill Milliken celebrated his 95th birthday and I think we all join in wishing him a very happy birthday on that occasion. The former Governor also wanted to use that occasion to highlight one of the major achievements of his administration, and that is the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. He had asked me to read a letter on behalf of him to the citizens of Michigan, and I'm going to read that right now into the record, and this letter is dated March 20, 2017.

To the citizens of Michigan:

The Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act was introduced in 1976 and became effective on March 31, 1977. This was a landmark piece of legislation for the people of Michigan which "prohibited discriminatory practices, policies, and customs in the exercise of those rights based upon religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, familial status, or marital status."

As Governor from 1969 to 1983, I look back on this landmark legislation as one of the most important pieces of legislation during my tenure. There have been nearly 20 amendments to this civil rights legislation, the last having occurred in 2009. It is my hope that, in the near future, serious consideration will be given to the LGBT people of Michigan, to be included in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

The State Bar of Michigan recognized the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act as the 37th Legal Milestone of Michigan, which was dedicated on August 28, 2012. This Act was named after Representatives Daisy Elliott, Democrat of Detroit, and Mel Larsen, Republican of Oxford, who co-sponsored this legislation. I send my very best to those of you who are honoring the 40th anniversary of this legislation.

Yours very truly,

William G. Milliken

I'd ask that that letter be included in today's Senate Journal along with the wishes of this body wishing former Governor Milliken a very happy birthday this Sunday for his 95th birthday and many more, and also in recognition of this Friday as the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act's 40th anniversary.

Senator O'Brien's statement is as follows:

I just wanted to take a moment to reflect. So often for so many of us, our lives are filled with many appointments and a lot of craziness, but my community last week lost 17-year-old Dante Latora who died in a car accident. He was attending the national wrestling championships in Virginia. Tonight is going to be his visitation and tomorrow is his funeral. He was to graduate in just a couple months. I just wanted to ask all my colleagues to take a moment to really reflect and appreciate the special people in their lives because you never know when a young life can be taken too early, too soon, and all those who knew Dante really loved him. My prayers are with his family, my heart goes out to them, and I hope everyone can just hold everyone a little bit closer to them who is something special.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Portage student, Dante Latora.

### Committee Reports

The Committee on Transportation reported

**Senate Bill No. 160, entitled**

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

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thomas A. Casperson  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Horn, Pavlov, Marleau and Conyers

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Transportation submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Horn, Pavlov, Marleau and Conyers

The Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security reported  
**Senate Bill No. 248, entitled**

A bill to create a commission to commemorate the centennial of World War I; to prescribe the powers and duties of the commission; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Margaret E. O'Brien  
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators O'Brien, Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck and Knezek

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security submitted the following:  
 Meeting held on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building  
 Present: Senators O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck and Knezek

The Committee on Economic Development and International Investment reported  
**Senate Bill No. 242, entitled**

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," by amending section 9 (MCL 125.2009), as amended by 2014 PA 503, and by adding chapter 8D.

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.

Kenneth B. Horn  
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Horn, Schmidt, Stamas, Emmons, MacGregor, Warren, Conyers and Bieda

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Economic Development and International Investment reported  
**Senate Bill No. 243, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 711 (MCL 206.711), as amended by 2016 PA 158, and by adding section 51f.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Kenneth B. Horn  
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Horn, Schmidt, Stamas, Emmons, MacGregor, Warren, Conyers and Bieda

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Economic Development and International Investment reported  
**Senate Bill No. 244, entitled**

A bill to amend 1941 PA 122, entitled "An act to establish the revenue collection duties of the department of treasury; to prescribe its powers and duties as the revenue collection agency of this state; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the state treasurer; to establish the collection duties of certain other state departments for money or accounts owed to this state; to regulate the importation, stamping, and disposition of certain tobacco products; to provide for the transfer of powers and duties now vested in certain other state boards, commissions, departments, and offices; to prescribe certain duties of and require certain reports from the department of treasury; to provide procedures for the payment, administration, audit, assessment, levy of interests or penalties on, and appeals of taxes and tax liability; to prescribe its powers and duties if an agreement to act as agent for a city to administer, collect, and enforce the city income tax act on behalf of a city is entered into with any city; to provide an appropriation; to abolish the state board of tax administration; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to declare the effect of this act," by amending section 28 (MCL 205.28), as amended by 2015 PA 10.



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

Kenneth B. Horn  
Chairperson

**To Report Out:**

Yeas: Senators Horn, Schmidt, Stamas, Emmons, MacGregor, Warren, Conyers and Bieda

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The Committee on Economic Development and International Investment submitted the following:  
Meeting held on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building  
Present: Senators Horn (C), Schmidt, Stamas, Emmons, MacGregor, Warren, Conyers and Bieda  
Excused: Senator Brandenburg

**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The Subcommittee on General Government submitted the following:  
Meeting held on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building  
Present: Senators Stamas (C), Nofs, Booher and Young

**Scheduled Meetings**

**Appropriations** - Wednesday, March 29, 2:00 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-5307)

**Subcommittees -**

**Higher Education** - Wednesday, March 29, 9:00 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (373-2768)

**K-12, School Aid, Education** - Wednesday, March 29, 8:30 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Licensing and Regulatory Affairs** - Thursday, March 30, 2:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (373-2768)

**Transportation** - Thursday, March 30, 9:00 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Families, Seniors and Human Services** - Wednesday, March 29, 2:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (373-1721)

**Outdoor Recreation and Tourism** - Wednesday, March 29, 12:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (373-5314)

**Regulatory Reform** - Wednesday, March 29, 1:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (373-5323)

**State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee** - Wednesday, March 29, 3:00 p.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

**Transportation** - Thursday, March 30, 8:30 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (373-5312)

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:25 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

JEFFREY F. COBB  
Secretary of the Senate

