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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, October 4, 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—excused
Hertel—present
Hildenbrand—present

Hood—present
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—excused
Zorn—present

Pastor Phillip Ferrell of Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church of Sumpter Township offered the following invocation: Father, we come now and thank You for this day which You have blessed us to see. Now, Father, as we're here with our State Senators, we pray that You will bless each one of them individually, bless their families, and bless us all collectively. Father, just bless this room and all the business they have to take care of today. Let it be done in harmony, and, Father, just let Your perfect will be done. Do in each of our lives what only You can do, and we give You the praise and all the glory, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

Senators Hopgood, Schmidt, Ananich and Knezek entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Kowall moved that Senators Nofs and Shirkey be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guest of Senator Schuitmaker admittance to the Senate floor.

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

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

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Jones, Pavlov, Conyers and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 607, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 520a, 520d, and 520e (MCL 750.520a, 750.520d, and 750.520e), section 520a as amended by 2014 PA 64 and sections 520d and 520e as amended by 2012 PA 372.

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

Senator Jones introduced

Senate Bill No. 608, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," (MCL 436.1101 to 436.2303) by adding section 916a.

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

Senators Hildenbrand and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 609, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 732a (MCL 257.732a), as amended by 2016 PA 32.

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

Senators Hertel and Hildenbrand introduced

Senate Bill No. 610, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," (MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 732c.

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

Senators Schmidt, Hertel and Hildenbrand introduced

Senate Bill No. 611, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 732b (MCL 257.732b), as added by 2014 PA 283.

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

Senators Emmons, Hertel and Hildenbrand introduced

Senate Bill No. 612, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 732a (MCL 257.732a), as amended by 2016 PA 32.

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

Senators Jones, Hertel and Hildenbrand introduced

Senate Bill No. 613, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 23, entitled “Enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act,” by amending section 4 (MCL 28.304).

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

Senators O’Brien, Hertel and Hildenbrand introduced

Senate Bill No. 614, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 304 (MCL 257.304), as amended by 2016 PA 32.

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

Senators Knezek and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 615, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 732a (MCL 257.732a), as amended by 2016 PA 32.

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

Senators Shirkey, Johnson and Nofs entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Resolutions

Senator Kowall moved that consideration of the following resolutions be postponed for today:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3

Senate Resolution No. 30

The motion prevailed.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 14.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to award a posthumous Medal of Honor to Sergeant Thomas Henry Sheppard for his actions during the Civil War.

Whereas, A most remarkable—and long overlooked—sustained act of patriotism and honor in U.S. military history is credited to Sgt. Thomas Henry Sheppard of Michigan’s Almont, Marlette, and Imlay City area, during his service as flag bearer for Company E, First Michigan Cavalry, in the Civil War; and

Whereas, These actions include riding with his oversize personal flag in multiple engagements with Confederate troops in Stonewall Jackson’s Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1862 and in the Battle of Gettysburg of 1863; and

Whereas, These actions also include secreting his flag on his person after being wounded in the Battle of Gettysburg, subsequently keeping his flag safely hidden by wrapping it around his body during 505 days as a prisoner of war in Andersonville and other Confederate camps, all the while risking severe punishment or even execution; and

Whereas, Sgt. Sheppard and his flag received wide recognition at multiple Civil War reunions and other events, as reported in newspaper accounts in the late 19th century; and

Whereas, The Sheppard flag, punctured by 72 bullet holes, has been authenticated as genuine after having been restored and preserved for permanent display at the Dearborn Historical Museum; and

Whereas, Sgt. Sheppard never received official recognition for his sustained act of patriotism and honor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to award a posthumous Medal of Honor to Sergeant Thomas Henry Sheppard for his actions during the Civil War; 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.

The House of Representatives has adopted the concurrent resolution.

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

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

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

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

The motion prevailed.

Senators Bieda, Booher, Green, Pavlov and Rocca were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 15.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to take action on immigration reform.

Whereas, Shortly after our Founding Fathers crafted the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and we became an independent, self-governing nation, immigration and naturalization policies were enacted to govern the stream of foreign nationals who sought out this great nation. Over the course of our country's history, the Congress and President of the United States have updated these policies in response to domestic and world events and economic evolution; and

Whereas, Michigan has continued to welcome more and more immigrant families to our state. In 1990, foreign-born residents in Michigan accounted for 3.8 percent of the population. By 2015, that figure had increased to 6.6 percent. According to 2014 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the state of Michigan ranks 15th nationally in the number of foreign-born residents; and

Whereas, Immigrants are indispensable to a healthy state economy, and their contributions are substantial. Immigrants account for approximately 7.2 percent of Michigan's workforce. One-third of Michigan's Fortune 500 companies were formed by immigrants or their children. These firms generate \$186.4 billion annually and employ 400,000 individuals around the world. Immigrants are also indispensable to Michigan's farming community, accounting for 58 percent of the economic impact of the state's farming sector; and

Whereas, Everyday Americans have become increasingly frustrated with the current immigration and naturalization system. Organizations and leaders from across the ideological spectrum—spanning from business groups to faith leaders and from educators to human service organizations—agree that a comprehensive approach is necessary to resolve the country's long-standing immigration and naturalization problems; and

Whereas, A 21st-century nation requires 21st-century immigration and naturalization policies. For too long, comprehensive immigration reform has been an unaddressed priority of both political parties and in many states, including the state of Michigan. The absence of such reform leaves in place a patchwork of policies that creates confusion, uncertainty, and fear within immigrant communities and for employers, universities, and congregations of various faiths. Moreover, our nation's imperfect immigration system dampens tourism and burdens our state and local governments with high enforcement and legal costs. Only a bipartisan solution to our nation's immigration woes will ensure that our nation's physical and economic well-being are secure; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to take action on immigration reform; 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.

The House of Representatives has adopted the concurrent resolution.

Pursuant to rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senators Booher and Rocca were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Messages from the House

Senator Kowall moved that consideration of the following bill be postponed for today:

Senate Bill No. 35

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 223, entitled

A bill to require the creation and maintenance of certain law enforcement officer personnel records; to prescribe the information that may be contained in the personnel records; to permit law enforcement officers to review the personnel records; and to provide for immunity from civil liability to law enforcement agencies in certain circumstances.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that the bill be given immediate effect.

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 356, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," (MCL 436.1101 to 436.2303) by adding section 502.

The House of Representatives has concurred in the Senate substitute (S-3) to the House substitute (H-1).

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:11 a.m.

10:37 a.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

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

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, designated Senator 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:

Senate Bill No. 552, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 81114 and 81116 (MCL 324.81114 and 324.81116), section 81114 as amended by 2015 PA 77 and section 81116 as amended by 2013 PA 75.

Senate Bill No. 553, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 24 (MCL 211.24), as amended by 2016 PA 25.

Senate Bill No. 554, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 284, entitled "Business corporation act," by amending section 913 (MCL 450.1913), as amended by 1989 PA 121.

Senate Bill No. 555, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 162, entitled "Nonprofit corporation act," by amending section 913 (MCL 450.2913), as amended by 2014 PA 557.

Senate Bill No. 556, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 1428 (MCL 600.1428), as added by 2013 PA 199.

Senate Bill No. 557, entitled

A bill to amend 1964 PA 105, entitled "An act to provide for reproduction of records of this state, political subdivisions of this state, and municipal courts of record; and to provide for the use of those reproductions as evidence," by amending section 1 (MCL 691.1101), as amended by 1992 PA 187.

Senate Bill No. 558, entitled

A bill to amend 1957 PA 29, entitled "An act to provide for the disposition of certain files and records in the probate courts of this state," by amending section 1 (MCL 720.551), as amended by 2015 PA 92.

Senate Bill No. 560, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 288, entitled "Legal defense fund act," by amending section 11 (MCL 15.531).

Senate Bill No. 561, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending section 16 (MCL 169.216), as amended by 2000 PA 50.

Senate Bill No. 563, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 63502 (MCL 324.63502), as amended by 2001 PA 78.

Senate Bill No. 564, entitled

A bill to amend 2016 PA 470, entitled "Michigan historical center act," by amending the title and sections 1, 2, 3, 7, and 8 (MCL 399.801, 399.802, 399.803, 399.807, and 399.808).

Senate Bill No. 565, entitled

A bill to amend 2016 PA 469, entitled "Michigan historical commission act," by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 399.832 and 399.833).

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. 559, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 491 (MCL 750.491).

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. 562, entitled

A bill to amend 1955 PA 10, entitled "Michigan historical markers act," by amending sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 (MCL 399.151, 399.152, 399.153, 399.154, 399.155, 399.156, 399.157, 399.158, 399.159, and 399.160), sections 1 and 2 as amended and sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 as added by 2002 PA 488.

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

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

House Bill No. 4580

House Bill No. 4654

House Bill No. 4655

Senate Bill No. 566

Senate Bill No. 567

Senate Bill No. 583

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4580, entitled

A bill to amend 1966 PA 346, entitled "State housing development authority act of 1966," by amending section 44 (MCL 125.1444), as amended by 2012 PA 326.

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. 355

Yeas—36

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

Nays—0

Excused—2

Hansen

Young

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

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

"An act to create a state housing development authority; to define the powers and duties of the authority; to establish a housing development revolving fund; to establish a land acquisition and development fund; to establish a rehabilitation fund; to establish a conversion condominium fund; to create certain other funds and provide for the expenditure of certain funds; to authorize the making and purchase of loans, deferred payment loans, and grants to qualified developers, sponsors, individuals, mortgage lenders, and municipalities; to establish and provide acceleration and foreclosure procedures; to

provide tax exemption; to authorize payments instead of taxes by nonprofit housing corporations, consumer housing cooperatives, limited dividend housing corporations, mobile home park corporations, and mobile home park associations; and to prescribe criminal penalties for violations of this act.”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4654, entitled

A bill to amend 2016 PA 407, entitled “Skilled trades regulation act,” by amending section 733 (MCL 339.5733).

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. 356

Yeas—36

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

Nays—0

Excused—2

Hansen	Young
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

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

“An act to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws of this state regarding the regulation of certain occupations in the skilled trades and to regulate persons and activities relative to those occupations; to create a board for each of those occupations; to establish the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities, including the boards created under this act; to provide for the promulgation of rules; to provide for fees; to provide for penalties and civil fines; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4655, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled “Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act,” by amending section 28a (MCL 125.1528a), as added by 2013 PA 70.

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. 357**Yeas—36**

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

Nays—0**Excused—2**

Hansen	Young
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

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

“An act to create a construction code commission and prescribe its functions; to authorize the director to promulgate rules with recommendations from each affected board relating to the construction, alteration, demolition, occupancy, and use of buildings and structures; to prescribe energy conservation standards for the construction of certain buildings; to provide for statewide approval of premanufactured units; to provide for the testing of new devices, materials, and techniques for the construction of buildings and structures; to define the classes of buildings and structures affected by the act; to provide for administration and enforcement of the act; to create a state construction code fund; to prohibit certain conduct; to establish penalties, remedies, and sanctions for violations of the act; to repeal acts and parts of acts; and to provide an appropriation.”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 566, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled “Use tax act,” by amending section 2b (MCL 205.92b), as amended by 2008 PA 439.

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. 358**Yeas—36**

Ananich	Gregory	Knezek	Proos
Bieda	Hertel	Knollenberg	Robertson
Booher	Hildenbrand	Kowall	Rocca
Brandenburg	Hood	MacGregor	Schmidt
Casperson	Hopgood	Marleau	Schuitmaker
Colbeck	Horn	Meekhof	Shirkey

Conyers
Emmons
Green

Hune
Johnson
Jones

Nofs
O'Brien
Pavlov

Stamas
Warren
Zorn

Nays—0

Excused—2

Hansen

Young

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. 567, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 1a (MCL 205.51a), as amended by 2008 PA 438.

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. 359

Yeas—36

Ananich
Bieda
Booher
Brandenburg
Casperson
Colbeck
Conyers
Emmons
Green

Gregory
Hertel
Hildenbrand
Hood
Hopgood
Horn
Hune
Johnson
Jones

Knezek
Knollenberg
Kowall
MacGregor
Marleau
Meekhof
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O'Brien
Pavlov

Proos
Robertson
Rocca
Schmidt
Schuitmaker
Shirkey
Stamas
Warren
Zorn

Nays—0

Excused—2

Hansen

Young

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. 583, entitled

A bill to prohibit local units of government from imposing an excise tax on the manufacture, distribution, or sale of food.
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. 360

Yeas—31

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

Nays—5

Gregory	Hopgood	Johnson	Warren
Hood			

Excused—2

Hansen	Young
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protests

Senators Warren and Hood, under their constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 583.

Senator Warren moved that the statement she made during the discussion of the bill be printed as her reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Warren’s statement, in which Senator Hood concurred, is as follows:

I rise to give my “no” vote explanation on Senate Bill No. 583. As a ranking member from my party, in fact, the only member from my party on the committee of jurisdiction that this came through—the Michigan Competitiveness Committee—I listened to the testimony on this bill, which as you heard read, would prohibit our local units of government from imposing excise taxes on essentially food, soda pop, and chewing gum.

Now this is public policy that will have absolutely zero immediate and practical impact—zero impact—because there is not a single municipality in our state that is actively doing this. What this policy will do is take one more tool out of the toolbox of our local units of government. If you listened to the testimony in committee, we didn’t spend any time talking about whether or not an excise tax on food, soda pop, and chewing gum is the right policy. Instead, we talked about the potential and really significant ramifications in the testimony of the sponsor that could come as a result if we pass this tax.

From a committee called Michigan Competitiveness, it would be fantastic if we spent a little more time talking about how to make our local communities stronger and more competitive. If you, like I, go home to your district and listen to your local mayors, city managers, township officials, and county commissioners, you are probably hearing that they are struggling with crumbling infrastructure, with unfunded OPEB liabilities and pension liabilities, and with just trying to meet the needs of their citizens every day. We should be working together, and colleagues, I implore you to work together to give our local communities the tools to strengthen municipal finance, because standing here to take one more tool away just puts them in an even tougher position.

I encourage my colleagues to vote “no” on this legislation with me.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Tuesday, October 3, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 604 605 606
House Bill Nos. 5052 5053 5054 5055

Committee Reports

The Committee on Education reported

House Bill No. 4181, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending section 1233 (MCL 380.1233), as amended by 2016 PA 192.

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.

Phillip J. Pavlov
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Pavlov, Knollenberg, Booher, Colbeck and Hopgood

Nays: None

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

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 12:00 noon, Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Knollenberg, Booher, Colbeck and Hopgood

The Committee on Judiciary reported

House Bill No. 4716, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled “Probate code of 1939,” by amending section 19b of chapter XHIA (MCL 712A.19b), as amended by 2012 PA 386.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Rick Jones
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca and Colbeck

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following:

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

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

Excused: Senator Bieda

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Government Operations submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Meekhof (C), Kowall, Ananich and Hood
Excused: Senator Hansen

Scheduled Meetings

Agriculture - Thursday, October 5, 8:30 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (373-5323)

Appropriations -**Subcommittee -**

K-12, School Aid, Education and House School Aid Appropriations Subcommittee - Wednesday, October 11, 8:00 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Economic Development and International Investment - Thursday, October 5, 1:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (373-5323)

Energy and Technology - Thursday, October 5, 12:30 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (373-5312)

Judiciary - Tuesday, October 10, 3:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (373-5323)

Outdoor Recreation and Tourism - Wednesday, October 11, 12:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (373-5314)

Oversight - Thursday, October 5, 8:30 a.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (373-5314)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, October 17, 10:00 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Transportation - Thursday, October 5, 8:30 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (373-5312)

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:01 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

JEFFREY F. COBB
Secretary of the Senate

