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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, January 17, 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—excused  
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

Senator Peter MacGregor of the 28th District offered the following invocation:

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to this place today with hearts of gratitude. We are humbled by Your grace and thankful for Your mercy. As we proceed with the business of today, we ask for Your guidance in our deliberations. Help us to be wise in our decisions. Help us make good decisions for those who have placed their trust and confidence in these leadership positions.

We ask these things in Your Son Jesus' name. Amen.

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

### Motions and Communications

Senator Kowall moved that Senators Casperson, Jones, Knollenberg, Nofs, O'Brien and Schuitmaker be temporarily excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kowall moved that Senator Brandenburg be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gregory moved that Senators Ananich, Bieda, Hertel, Hopgood, Johnson and Young be temporarily excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gregory moved that Senator Hood be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

### Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:04 a.m.

10:44 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 1.101, in the absence of the Presiding Officers, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary of the Senate.

During the recess, Senators Ananich, Nofs and Hertel entered the Senate Chamber.

The following communications were received and read:

Office of the Auditor General

January 10, 2017

Enclosed is a copy of the following reports:

- Performance audit report on the Bovine Tuberculosis Program, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Follow-up report on the performance audit of the Office of Economic Development (OED), Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

January 11, 2017

Enclosed is a copy of the following report:

- Follow-up report on the performance audit of the Collection of Delinquent Unemployment Taxes and Reimbursements, Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA), Talent Investment Agency, Department of Talent and Economic Development.

Sincerely,  
Doug Ringler  
Auditor General

The audit reports were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, January 11, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

**House Bill Nos. 4001 4002 4003 4004 4005 4006 4007 4008 4009 4010 4011 4012 4013 4014  
4015 4016**

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Thursday, January 12, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

**House Bill Nos. 4017 4018 4019 4020 4021 4022 4023 4024 4025 4026 4027 4028 4029 4030  
4031 4032 4033 4034 4035 4036 4037 4038 4039 4040**

### Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

December 23, 2016

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

**Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board**

Thomas C. Cameron of 41600 Rayburn Drive, Northville Township, Michigan 48168, county of Wayne, succeeding Jeffrey Sauter, is appointed for a term expiring December 4, 2018.

Jeffrie K. Cape of 5079 Langlewood Drive, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322, county of Oakland, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring December 4, 2019.

James A. Fink of 206 S. Washington Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197, county of Washtenaw, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring December 4, 2019.

Cris Sullivan of 4876 Doane Highway, Potterville, Michigan 48876, county of Eaton, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring December 4, 2019.

January 10, 2017

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

**Michigan State Waterways Commission**

Monique Polan of 8651 Newport Drive, White Lake, Michigan 48386, county of Oakland, representing owners/operators of a harbor/marina, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring September 18, 2019.

James R. Hansen of 5615 Portage Point, Escanaba, Michigan 49829, county of Delta, representing persons residing north of Townline 16 in the Upper Peninsula, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring September 18, 2019.

January 13, 2017

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

**Board of State Canvassers**

Colleen A. Pero of 10058 Oak Island Drive, Laingsburg, Michigan 48848, county of Shiawassee, a Republican, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term commencing February 1, 2017, and expiring January 31, 2021.

Jeannette Bradshaw of 1947 Kent Road, Ortonville, Michigan 48462, county of Oakland, a Democrat, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term commencing February 1, 2017, and expiring January 31, 2021.

Sincerely,  
Rick Snyder  
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

January 12, 2017

Due to an error on the letter dated December 23, 2016, and filed with your office on January 3, 2017, please be advised of the following correction appearing in **bold**:

**Michigan Civil Service Commission**

James P. Bolger of 201 Michigan Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, county of Kent, representing Republicans, succeeding Thomas Waldrop, is appointed for a term commencing January 1, **2017**, and expiring December 31, 2024.

Sincerely,  
Rick Snyder  
Governor

The appointment was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Young entered the Senate Chamber.

### Recess

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate recess until 6:00 p.m.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:45 a.m.

The Senate reconvened at the expiration of the recess and was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

During the recess, Senators Bieda, Casperson, Hopgood, Jones, Knollenberg, O'Brien, Schuitmaker and Johnson entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.901 be suspended to allow photographs to be taken from the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

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

Senator Kowall moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of all Senators admittance to the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

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

### Recess

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 6:01 p.m.

6:09 p.m.

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

### Joint Convention

The Sergeant at Arms announced a committee from the House of Representatives, Representatives Clemente, Sabo, Theis and Cole, who, through their chairperson, reported that the House was ready to meet with the Senate in Joint Convention.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, announced that the hour had arrived for the meeting of the two houses in Joint Convention.

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate recess for the purpose of proceeding to the Hall of the House of Representatives for the Joint Convention.

The motion prevailed, the time being 6:13 p.m.

(For proceedings in Joint Convention, see House Journal No. 3, p. 41.)

The Senate reconvened at the expiration of the recess at 8:12 p.m. and was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, announced that the Senate had attended the Joint Convention in the Hall of the House of Representatives and had received the State of the State message by Governor Snyder.

### Scheduled Meetings

#### Appropriations -

##### Subcommittees -

**Agriculture and Rural Development** - Tuesdays, February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14 and March 21, 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

**State Police and Military Affairs** - Tuesdays, January 24, February 14, February 21, March 7 and March 21, 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403; February 28 and March 14, Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors** - Thursday, January 26, 9:30 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 8:13 p.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

JEFFREY F. COBB  
Secretary of the Senate

