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1:30 p.m.

The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tempore.

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

Accavitti—present	Dillon—present	Lahti—present	Pearce—present
Acciavatti—present	Donigan—present	LaJoy—present	Polidori—present
Agema—present	Ebli—present	Law, David—present	Proos—present
Amos—present	Elsenheimer—present	Law, Kathleen—present	Robertson—present
Angerer—present	Emmons—present	LeBlanc—present	Rocca—present
Ball—present	Espinoza—present	Leland—present	Sak—present
Bauer—present	Farrah—present	Lemmons—present	Schuitmaker—present
Bennett—present	Gaffney—present	Lindberg—present	Scott—present
Bieda—present	Garfield—present	Marleau—present	Shaffer—present
Booher—present	Gillard—present	Mayes—present	Sheen—present
Brandenburg—present	Gonzales—present	McDowell—present	Sheltrown—present
Brown—present	Green—present	Meadows—present	Simpson—present
Byrnes—present	Griffin—present	Meekhof—present	Smith, Alma—present
Byrum—present	Hammel—present	Meisner—present	Smith, Virgil—present
Calley—present	Hammon—present	Melton—present	Spade—present
Casperson—present	Hansen—present	Meltzer—present	Stahl—present
Caswell—present	Hildenbrand—present	Miller—present	Stakoe—present
Caul—present	Hood—present	Moolenaar—present	Steil—present
Cheeks—present	Hoogendyk—present	Moore—present	Tobocman—present
Clack—excused	Hopgood—present	Moss—present	Vagnozzi—present
Clemente—present	Horn—present	Nitz—excused	Valentine—present
Condino—present	Huizenga—present	Nofs—present	Walker—present
Constan—present	Hune—present	Opsommer—present	Ward—present
Corriveau—present	Jackson—present	Palmer—present	Warren—present
Coulouris—present	Johnson—present	Palsrok—present	Wenke—present
Cushingberry—present	Jones, Rick—present	Pastor—present	Wojno—present
Dean—present	Jones, Robert—present	Pavlov—present	Young—present
DeRoche—present	Knollenberg—present		

e/d/s = entered during session

Rep. Kate Ebli, from the 56th District, offered the following invocation:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful for they shall be shown mercy. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.”

Rep. Hansen moved that Rep. Nitz be excused from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

Rep. Tobocman moved that Rep. Clack be excused from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

Rep. Tobocman moved that Rep. Dillon be excused temporarily from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

Third Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 176, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending section 20161 (MCL 333.20161), as amended by 2005 PA 187.

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

Roll Call No. 32

Yeas—107

Accavitti	Donigan	Lahti	Polidori
Acciavatti	Ebli	LaJoy	Proos
Agema	Elsenheimer	Law, David	Robertson
Amos	Emmons	Law, Kathleen	Rocca
Angerer	Espinoza	LeBlanc	Sak
Ball	Farrah	Leland	Schuitmaker
Bauer	Gaffney	Lemmons	Scott
Bennett	Garfield	Lindberg	Shaffer
Bieda	Gillard	Marleau	Sheen
Booher	Gonzales	Mayer	Sheltrown
Brandenburg	Green	McDowell	Simpson
Brown	Griffin	Meadows	Smith, Alma
Byrnes	Hammel	Meekhof	Smith, Virgil
Byrum	Hammon	Meisner	Spade
Calley	Hansen	Melton	Stahl
Casperson	Hildenbrand	Meltzer	Stakoe
Caswell	Hood	Miller	Steil
Caul	Hoogendyk	Moolenaar	Tobocman
Cheeks	Hopgood	Moore	Vagnozzi
Clemente	Horn	Moss	Valentine
Condino	Huizenga	Nofs	Walker
Constan	Hune	Opsommer	Ward
Corriveau	Jackson	Palmer	Warren
Coulouris	Johnson	Palsrok	Wenke
Cushingberry	Jones, Rick	Pastor	Wojno
Dean	Jones, Robert	Pavlov	Young
DeRoche	Knollenberg	Pearce	

Nays—0

In The Chair: Sak

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

“An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates,”

The House agreed to the full title.

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

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

The Speaker Pro Tempore called Associate Speaker Pro Tempore Byrnes to the Chair.

House Bill No. 4239, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled “Michigan campaign finance act,” by amending section 47 (MCL 169.247), as amended by 2001 PA 250, and by adding section 48.

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

Roll Call No. 33**Yeas—107**

Accavitti	Donigan	Lahti	Polidori
Acciavatti	Ebli	LaJoy	Proos
Agema	Elsenheimer	Law, David	Robertson
Amos	Emmons	Law, Kathleen	Rocca
Angerer	Espinoza	LeBlanc	Sak
Ball	Farrar	Leland	Schuitmaker
Bauer	Gaffney	Lemmons	Scott
Bennett	Garfield	Lindberg	Shaffer
Bieda	Gillard	Marleau	Sheen
Booher	Gonzales	Mayer	Sheltrown
Brandenburg	Green	McDowell	Simpson
Brown	Griffin	Meadows	Smith, Alma
Byrnes	Hammel	Meekhof	Smith, Virgil
Byrum	Hammon	Meisner	Spade
Calley	Hansen	Melton	Stahl
Casperson	Hildenbrand	Meltzer	Stakoe
Caswell	Hood	Miller	Steil

Caul	Hoogendyk	Moolenaar	Tobocman
Cheeks	Hopgood	Moore	Vagnozzi
Clemente	Horn	Moss	Valentine
Condino	Huizenga	Nofs	Walker
Constan	Hune	Opsommer	Ward
Corriveau	Jackson	Palmer	Warren
Coulouris	Johnson	Palsrok	Wenke
Cushingberry	Jones, Rick	Pastor	Wojno
Dean	Jones, Robert	Pavlov	Young
DeRoche	Knollenberg	Pearce	

Nays—0

In The Chair: Byrnes

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

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

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

Reps. Lindberg, Virgil Smith, Pastor, Hopgood, Bieda, Acciavatti, Vagnozzi, Accavitti, Stakoe, Nofs, Wenke, Ward, Steil, Agema, Stahl, Sheen, Moolenaar, Palsrok, Gillard, Angerer, Ball, Griffin, Booher, Caul, Cheeks, Clemente, Cushingberry, Donigan, Elsenheimer, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hansen, Hildenbrand, Rick Jones, David Law, Leland, Lemmons, Mayes, McDowell, Pearce, Polidori, Proos, Rocca, Schuitmaker, Sheltroun, Alma Smith, Spade, Bauer, Meadows, Byrum, Calley, Constan, Corriveau, Coulouris, DeRoche, Hammel, Hammon, Horn, Jackson, Johnson, Robert Jones, Knollenberg, Meekhof, Melton, Meltzer, Moss, Valentine, Warren, Lahti and Simpson were named co-sponsors of the bill.

The Speaker Pro Tempore resumed the Chair.

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4208, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 204, entitled "Deaf persons' interpreters act," by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (MCL 393.502, 393.503, 393.504, 393.505, 393.506, 393.507, and 393.508), section 8 as amended by 1988 PA 435, and by adding sections 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 8a, and 8b.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-2) previously recommended by the Committee on Regulatory Reform,

The substitute (H-2) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Spade moved to substitute (H-3) the bill.

The motion prevailed and the substitute (H-3) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Motions and Resolutions

Rep. DeRoche moved that the Committee on Tax Policy be discharged from further consideration of **House Bill No. 4368**.

(For first notice see House Journal No. 23, p. 269.)

The question being on the motion made by Rep. DeRoche,
Rep. DeRoche demanded the yeas and nays.
The demand was supported.
The question being on the motion made by Rep. DeRoche,

Rep. Tobocman moved that consideration of the motion be postponed for the day.
The motion prevailed.

Reps. Clack, Vagnozzi, Alma Smith, Constan, Rick Jones, Melton, Dean, Bauer, Simpson, Hammon, Meisner, Meadows, Spade, Mayes, Coulouris, Farrah, Johnson, Robert Jones, Leland, Gonzales, Polidori, Young, Donigan, Brown, Espinoza, Wojno, Valentine, Condino, Hood, Byrnes, Byrum, Corriveau, Bieda, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Nofs, Gaffney, Caswell, Sheen, Hune, Gillard, Virgil Smith, Hopgood, Kathleen Law, Miller and Scott offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 40.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to invest in Head Start and quality child care.

Whereas, Head Start and high-quality child care prepare children for school and life success by narrowing the educational achievement gap between lower- and upper-income kids, increasing high school graduation rates, and reducing crime.

Whereas, Studies show that at-risk children who attend Head Start and high-quality child care are better prepared for school. For example, Head Start narrows the literacy skills gap by nearly half between children in poverty and all children. The research is clear that quality early childhood education programs work to prevent crime. In Ypsilanti, Michigan, three- and four-year-olds from low-income families who were randomly assigned to a group that did not receive preschool preparation were five times more likely to have become chronic lawbreakers by age 27 than those who were assigned to the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation's Perry Preschool program; and

Whereas, Currently, only about half of eligible low-income children can attend Head Start due to state and federal funding limitations, and even fewer infants and toddlers. Less than five percent of eligible children three years old and younger are able to participate in Early Head Start. Moreover, only one in seven eligible children in working, low-income families receives help paying for quality child care through the Child Care and Development Block Grant. The combination of state and federal money for preschool has helped Michigan reach two of three at-risk four-year-olds and one of five at-risk three-year-olds; and

Whereas, Real dollar funding levels for Head Start and child care have been cut for the last several years, falling far behind the rising costs that programs face. Instead of reaching more eligible kids with comprehensive health, nutrition, and early education services, Head Start programs have been forced to shorten program hours, cut back staff, reduce parent coaching, and reduce transportation and other services that help families participate; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to increase discretionary funding in the federal budget for 2008 by \$750 million in additional funding over current levels for Head Start and \$720 million in additional funding over current levels for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). This request does not address the unmet need in Head Start and CCDBG, but simply restores services to children to the Fiscal Year 2002 level. This is a crucial first step toward meeting the need to provide quality early childhood education and care for at-risk children. Investing in Head Start and quality child care now will improve education outcomes for our nation's at-risk children and will save lives and money down the road; 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 resolution was referred to the Committee on Education.

Reps. Calley, Accavitti, Ball, Bieda, Booher, Brandenburg, Brown, Byrum, Casperson, Condino, Constan, Cushingberry, Dean, Elsenheimer, Emmons, Farrah, Garfield, Gillard, Gonzales, Green, Hammel, Hammon, Hansen, Hopgood, Horn, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, LaJoy, LeBlanc, Lemmons, Marleau, Mayes, McDowell, Miller, Nofs, Opsommer, Palmer, Palsrok, Pastor, Pearce, Polidori, Proos, Robertson, Rocca, Scott, Spade, Stahl, Steil, Tobocman, Vagnozzi and Wojno offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 41.

A resolution to commemorate March 11–17, 2007, as Girl Scouts Make the World a Better Place Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Monday, March 12, 2007, marks the 95th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and

Whereas, Throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting has helped build millions of girls and women of courage, confidence, and character; and

Whereas, Through the dedication, time, and talent of volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout organization thrives for girls in so many settings; and

Whereas, Through Girl Scouting's unique leadership development program, girls define leadership by making the world a better place and by discovering, connecting, and taking action in their communities; and

Whereas, Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing girls' awareness of the opportunities available to them today in math, science, sports, technology, health, and fields that can expand their horizons; and

Whereas, More than 3.7 million Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 95 years of this American tradition, with nearly 50 million women who grew up participating in Girl Scouting and exemplify the impact of this amazing movement; and

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this body commemorate the week of March 11–17, 2007, as Girl Scouts Make the World a Better Place Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the resolution be transmitted to the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Pending the reference of the resolution to a committee,

Rep. Tobocman moved that Rule 71 be suspended and the resolution be considered at this time.

The motion prevailed, 3/5 of the members present voting therefor.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. McDowell, Lahti, Lindberg, Gillard, Espinoza, Garfield, Sheltroun, Stahl, Walker, Clemente, Spade and Gonzales offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 42.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to fund expansion of the Soo Locks.

Whereas, The Soo Locks provide a vital link between Lake Superior and the other Great Lakes. About 8,000 ships carrying more than 80 million tons of iron ore, coal, wheat, and other cargo pass through the Soo Locks each year. The locks are of the utmost importance to Michigan and play a critical role in our national defense, with 70 percent of the raw materials used by United States steel manufacturers moving through the locks; and

Whereas, Expansion of the Soo Locks is needed to avoid a crippling disruption of shipping. Currently, only one lock is large enough to accommodate the large freighters that carry the majority of cargo on the Great Lakes. If the Poe Lock were to become unusable for any reason, two-thirds of the cargo would not be able to pass through the locks; and

Whereas, The United States Congress first authorized an expansion of the Soo Locks in 1986, but has not provided funding for construction of a new lock despite nearly \$13 million spent on planning and design; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to fund expansion of the Soo Locks; and be it further

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

The resolution was referred to the Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life.

Reps. Lemmons, Brandenburg, Cushingberry and Vagnozzi offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 43.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to fully respect the sovereignty of Venezuela.

Whereas, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Frias has won three landslide presidential elections since 1998, including winning over 60 percent of the popular vote in December 2006. These electoral victories signaled the end of a 500-year-old colonial caste system in which an oligarchy of the socially, politically, and economically advantaged exploited the majority population; and

Whereas, President Chavez Frias' proposal to rewrite the nation's constitution was approved by 92 percent of the electorate in 1999. This awe-inspiring political victory was followed by another national election in which pro-Chavez Frias candidates garnered 95 percent of the seats in the Constituent Assembly. President Chavez Frias' overwhelming popularity was demonstrated again in July 2000, when 68 percent of the electorate approved the new constitution; and

Whereas, All democratic countries must abjure any state-sponsored activities to destabilize Venezuela's economy and/or national sovereignty. Further, all public and private American-based entities are conjoined for the sake of international social order and domestic tranquility to vigorously oppose the unconscionable low-intensity war that is being waged against the people and national sovereignty of Venezuela since the inception of the Chavez Frias administration; and

Whereas, The full influence of the United States Congress must be brought to bear to constrain the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank from instituting policies that endanger Venezuelan sovereignty; and

Whereas, The immense popular support for President Chavez Frias gives his legitimately elected government the mandate to implement sweeping economic and social changes. This vast support was validated by The Carter Center, the Organization of American States, and other international organizations that have overseen seven Venezuelan national elections, and have given qualified certification to Venezuela's National Electoral Council, which administers elections; and

Whereas, President Chavez Frias is the embodiment of the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of Venezuela's historically disenfranchised majority, who desperately yearn for equitable land distribution and social and economic justice. Moreover, President Chavez Frias is spearheading governmental efforts to institute free and universal health care and education; and

Whereas, In 2004, the Chavez Frias administration spent more than \$4 billion in social programs. This commitment to social justice has endeared this visionary leader to the traditionally neglected populace. Further, the government operates *Mision Mercal*, a chain of government-run supermarkets that provide high quality food to the general public at half the usual cost. This program is so successful that it is the second largest government-operated business behind the oil industry; and

Whereas, Historically, President Chavez Frias is the rare champion of the people who fearlessly challenges the existing social and economic order to usher in an era of broad-based reforms that are unprecedented in character. Under President Chavez Frias, at least 100,000 landless peasant families have been uplifted to the class of property holders; and

Whereas, President Chavez Frias displays enormous personal integrity by forging mutually beneficial alliances with progressive nations such as Cuba to internationalize the social and economic justice movement. *Mision Barrio Adentro*, the universal health care initiative, is supported by more than 20,000 Cuban medics, involving more than 185 million consultations, and saving 25,000 lives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to fully respect the sovereignty of Venezuela; 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, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the United States of America.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Investigations.

Reps. Lemmons, Brandenburg and Cushingberry offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 44.

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to take steps to deport and extradite the mega-terrorist Luis Posada Carriles to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Whereas, In concert with America's pre-eminent leadership position in the global fight against terrorism, every reasonable effort should be made by all United States governmental entities to respect international law regarding extradition of convicted terrorists; and

Whereas, Abu Ghraib abuses, Guantanamo Bay military prison violations, and other recent maltreatments have seriously undermined America's stated commitment to combat terrorism. These almost routine excesses have drawn worldwide attention to the huge variance between America's official anti-terrorist position and the apparent utilization of torture and degradation by military police and prisoner interrogators; and

Whereas, To restore American credibility as the champion of human rights, the federal government must take the moral high ground in the Luis Posada Carriles extradition case by adhering to the United States-Venezuela extradition treaty; and

Whereas, Seventy-seven-year-old Posada Carriles was convicted of bombing a Cuban civilian airliner in 1976, killing all 74 people onboard. President Hugo Chavez Frias of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and President Fidel Castro of the Republic of Cuba have designated Posada Carriles the top terrorist in the Americas. In fact, Posada Carriles is a vehement anti-Castro militant, whom President Castro publicly accused of leading a plot to assassinate the Cuban leader in Panama in 2000. The Panamanians arrested Posada Carriles carrying 33 pounds of C-4 explosives. Further, Castro publicly accused Posada Carriles of masterminding a Cuban hotel and nightclub bombing that killed an Italian tourist in 1997. Posada Carriles, in addition, is believed to have actively participated in the murder and bombing of scores of leftists in South and Central America for the past 40 years; and

Whereas, Posada Carriles has a longstanding relationship with the United States Central Intelligence Agency. A host of Federal Bureau of Investigation documents confirm that this icon of terror is a prolific murderer. Posada Carriles has also earned the dubious title of narco-terrorist for the large amount of cocaine that he has imported into the United States; and

Whereas, At a June 17, 2005, meeting, Ricardo Gutierrez, Vice President of the Venezuelan National Assembly, and United States Representatives Dan Burton (R-Indiana), William Delahunt (D-Massachusetts), and Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), all agreed that the United States should extradite Posada Carriles to Venezuela; and

Whereas, Posada Carriles was an active participant in the Iran-Contra arms-for-hostages deal in the mid-1980s. He also had ties with the Fascist junta of Chilean President Augusto Pinochet. Clearly, granting this monster asylum in the United States is a blatant violation of this country's zero tolerance for terrorism policy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the United States Congress to take steps to deport and extradite the mega-terrorist Luis Posada Carriles to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; 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, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the United States of America.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Investigations.

Reps. Lemmons, Brandenburg and Cushingberry offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 45.

A resolution to memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States and the Justice Department to free the "Cuban Five."

Whereas, Five Cubans are in American prison cells for activities these individuals undertook to monitor Cuban-American individuals and groups seeking to disrupt life in Cuba. These five prisoners were falsely accused and convicted of espionage, and they were sentenced to four life sentences and 75 years; and

Whereas, The five individuals known as the Cuban Five, Gerardo Hernandez, Ramon Labanino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando Gonzalez, and Rene Gonzalez, were working to combat illegal activities of Miami-based anti-Cuba organizations and individuals. The Cuban Five were arrested in 1998 and placed in solitary confinement prior to their conviction in June 2001 and their sentencing in December 2001. In August 2005, an appellate court overturned their conviction and ordered a new trial outside of Miami. This action was reversed in October, and the Cuban Five remain imprisoned; and

Whereas, The Cuban people have suffered in many ways over the past four and one-half decades from illegal actions taken against their country. The Cuban Five are in prison as victims of the continued political maneuvering against their country. Many people are upset that these political victims have been targeted instead of those who have taken actions against the Cuban people; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States and the Justice Department to free the "Cuban Five," Gerardo Hernandez, Ramon Labanino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando Gonzalez, and Rene Gonzalez; and be it further

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

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Investigations.

Reps. Espinoza, Brown, Hammon, Ebli, Valentine, Garfield, Wojno, Byrnes, Rick Jones, Gonzales, Green, Polidori, Constan, McDowell, Palsrok, Accavitti, Ball, Bieda, Brandenburg, Byrum, Casperson, Condino, Cushingberry, Elsenheimer, Farrah, Gillard, Hammel, Hansen, Hopgood, Horn, Kathleen Law, LeBlanc, Lemmons, Marleau, Mayes, Miller, Nofs, Pastor, Pearce, Proos, Rocca, Spade, Stahl, Steil, Tobocman, Vagnozzi and Alma Smith offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 46.

A resolution honoring the 65th anniversary of the Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Whereas, It is the pleasure of the Michigan House of Representatives to commemorate and honor the 65th anniversary of the Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and pause to recognize and appreciate their efforts to protect the citizens of the state of Michigan and the entire country; and

Whereas, The Civil Air Patrol is a non-profit corporation established shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor as an auxiliary to the United States Air Force and were charged with patrolling the coasts of the United States. By the war's conclusion, the Civil Air Patrol had found 173 submarines, attacked 57, hit ten and sank two. In the wake of the most recent attacks on our nation on September 11, 2001, the Civil Air Patrol was once again called upon to protect the interests and lives of the people of the state of Michigan and the nation; and

Whereas, The Civil Air Patrol possesses the world's largest all volunteer chaplaincy to assist the US Air Force active-duty and reserve chaplains, particularly in wartime. They also assist in national relief organizations in times of disaster ministering to victims' families and emergency workers and teach strong moral values to their cadets while preaching the understanding of religious pluralism and committing themselves to the basic freedom of religion; and

Whereas, The Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol currently has 1,200 cadets and senior members serving our state in a variety of ways. Whether by teaching aerospace and sharing the joy of flight with Michigan teachers and students, taking to the skies or on the ground assisting in search and rescue efforts, or merely providing an outlet for America's

youth to learn leadership skills; the Civil Air Patrol provides a useful and much needed service to Michiganders; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body honor the 65th anniversary of the Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol as evidence of our high esteem.

Pending the reference of the resolution to a committee,

Rep. Tobocman moved that Rule 71 be suspended and the resolution be considered at this time.

The motion prevailed, 3/5 of the members present voting therefor.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment

The Clerk announced that the following bills had been printed and placed upon the files of the members on Friday, March 9:

House Bill Nos.	4422	4423	4424	4425	4426	4427	4428	4429	4430	4431	4432	4433	4434	4435
	4436	4437	4438	4439	4440	4441	4442							

The Clerk announced that the following Senate bills had been received on Tuesday, March 13:

Senate Bill Nos.	183	266	273
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Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Labor, by Rep. Miller, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4216, entitled

A bill to amend 1965 PA 290, entitled "Boiler act of 1965," by amending the title and sections 2, 4, 4a, 12, 14, and 24 (MCL 408.752, 408.754, 408.754a, 408.762, 408.764, and 408.774), section 2 as amended by 2004 PA 103, section 4 as amended by 1980 PA 274, and section 4a as amended by 2004 PA 265, and by adding sections 13a, 13b, 13c, and 13d.

With the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Meadows, Bieda, Constan, Farrah, Hopgood, Lindberg, Wenke, LaJoy, Steil and Rick Jones

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Miller, Chair, of the Committee on Labor, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Present: Reps. Miller, Meadows, Bieda, Constan, Farrah, Hopgood, Lindberg, Wenke, LaJoy, Steil and Rick Jones

The Committee on Commerce, by Rep. Meisner, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4440, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 27a and 34d (MCL 211.27a and 211.34d), section 27a as amended by 2006 PA 446 and section 34d as amended by 2005 PA 12.

With the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson and Valentine
 Nays: Reps. Stakoe and Rick Jones

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Meisner, Chair, of the Committee on Commerce, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Present: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones and Knollenberg

Absent: Reps. Accavitti and Meltzer

Excused: Reps. Accavitti and Meltzer

The Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources, by Rep. Sheltroun, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4323, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 81129, 81131, and 81133 (MCL 324.81129, 324.81131, and 324.81133), section 81129 as amended by 2003 PA 111, section 81131 as added by 1995 PA 58, and section 81133 as amended by 1998 PA 86.

With the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Sheltroun, Ebli, Brown, Hammon, Kathleen Law, Lindberg, Simpson, Casperson, Walker, Stakoe and Horn

Nays: None

The Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources, by Rep. Sheltroun, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4407, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 40111b.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Sheltroun, Ebli, Brown, Hammon, Kathleen Law, Lindberg, Simpson, Casperson and Horn

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Sheltroun, Chair, of the Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Present: Reps. Sheltroun, Ebli, Brown, Hammon, Kathleen Law, Lindberg, Simpson, Casperson, Walker, Stakoe and Horn

The Committee on Ethics and Elections, by Rep. Corriveau, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4285, entitled

A bill to regulate political activity; to regulate certain candidates for elective office and state officials; to require financial statements and reports; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and agencies; to impose fees; to prescribe penalties and civil sanctions; and to provide remedies.

With the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan and Hammon

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Corriveau, Chair, of the Committee on Ethics and Elections, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Present: Reps. Corriveau, Clemente, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon, Pearce, Ward and Wenke

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Melton, Chair, of the Committee on Education, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Present: Reps. Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Corriveau, Dean, Hopgood, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Moolenaar, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, Knollenberg and Opsommer

Absent: Rep. Clack

Excused: Rep. Clack

Messages from the Senate

Senate Bill No. 183, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," by amending section 7 (MCL 722.627), as amended by 2006 PA 621.

The Senate has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families and Children's Services.

Senate Bill No. 266, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 254, entitled "The motor carrier act," by amending section 1 of article I, sections 5, 6, 7, and 10 of article II, section 6 of article III, and section 2 of article V (MCL 475.1, 476.5, 476.6, 476.7, 476.10, 477.6, and 479.2), section 1 of article I, sections 5 and 7 of article II, and section 6 of article III as amended by 1993 PA 352, sections 6 and 10 of article II as amended by 1982 PA 399, and section 2 of article V as amended by 1996 PA 76, and by adding section 7 to article V.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Bill No. 273, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled "Child protection law," by amending section 8 (MCL 722.628), as amended by 2006 PA 630.

The Senate has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Families and Children's Services.

Communications from State Officers

The following communications from the Auditor General were received and read:

March 8, 2007

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or report summary:
Performance audit of the Biennial Internal Control Evaluation Process,
Department of Community Health
March 2007

March 9, 2007

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or report summary:
Follow-up on the performance audit of the Office of Professional Preparation Services,
Department of Education
March 2007

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

The communications were referred to the Clerk and the accompanying reports referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Introduction of Bills

Reps. Miller, Bennett, Meadows, Meisner, Hopgood and Gonzales introduced

House Bill No. 4443, entitled

A bill to prohibit expenditures of state funds on activities that interfere with or discourage unionization; and to prescribe penalties.

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

Reps. Spade, Polidori, Meadows, Young, Dean, Gonzales and Hammon introduced

House Bill No. 4444, entitled

A bill to amend 1915 PA 31, entitled "Youth tobacco act," by amending section 1 (MCL 722.641), as amended by 2006 PA 236.

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

Reps. Stakoe, Amos and Polidori introduced

House Bill No. 4445, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 27a (MCL 211.27a), as amended by 2006 PA 446.

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

Rep. Stakoe introduced

House Bill No. 4446, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 625a (MCL 257.625a), as amended by 2003 PA 61.

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

Reps. Warren, Bauer, Melton, Coulouris, Meadows, Miller, Meisner, Angerer, Alma Smith, Vagnozzi, Mayes, Robert Jones, Leland, Tobocman, Valentine, Ebli, Gillard, Kathleen Law, Virgil Smith, Jackson, Condino, Bennett and Polidori introduced

House Bill No. 4447, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 509o (MCL 168.509o), as added by 1994 PA 441.

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

Reps. Warren, Bauer, Melton, Meadows, Miller, Meisner, Angerer, Alma Smith, Vagnozzi, Mayes, Robert Jones, Tobocman, Leland, Valentine, Ebli, Gillard, Kathleen Law, Virgil Smith, Jackson, Condino, Bennett and Polidori introduced

House Bill No. 4448, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 307 and 315 (MCL 257.307 and 257.315), section 307 as amended by 2006 PA 298 and section 315 as amended by 1999 PA 118.

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

Reps. Gaffney, Hune, Hildenbrand, Wojno, Marleau, Accavitti and Ward introduced

House Bill No. 4449, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 16244, 21513, and 21515 (MCL 333.16244, 333.21513, and 333.21515), section 16244 as amended by 1993 PA 87 and section 21513 as amended by 2002 PA 125.

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

Reps. Gaffney, Hune, Hildenbrand, Wojno, Marleau, Accavitti and Ward introduced

House Bill No. 4450, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 270, entitled "An act to provide for the release of certain information or data relating to health care research or education, health care entities, practitioners, or professions, or certain governmentally funded programs; to limit the liability with respect to the release of certain information or data; and to safeguard the confidential character of certain information or data," by amending sections 1 and 2 (MCL 331.531 and 331.532), section 1 as amended by 2005 PA 89 and section 2 as amended by 1993 PA 86.

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

Reps. Marleau, Vagnozzi, David Law, Moss, Amos, Stakoe, Knollenberg, DeRoche, Garfield, Gaffney, Cushingberry, Byrnes, Farrah, Pastor, Hildenbrand, Condino, Accavitti, Meisner, Gonzales, Mayes, Melton, Donigan, Agema, Calley, Green, Dean, Lemmons, LeBlanc, Casperson, Meekhof, Pavlov, Sak and Scott introduced

House Bill No. 4451, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 34, entitled "Revised municipal finance act," by amending section 103 (MCL 141.2103) and by adding sections 518 and 519.

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

Reps. Cheeks, Condino, Miller, Meadows, Byrnes, Scott, Virgil Smith, Espinoza, Leland, Wojno, Kathleen Law, Lemmons, Bennett, Valentine, Donigan, Young, Robert Jones, Johnson, Vagnozzi and Jackson introduced

House Bill No. 4452, entitled

A bill to amend 1964 PA 154, entitled "Minimum wage law of 1964," by amending section 7a (MCL 408.387a), as amended by 1997 PA 1, and by adding section 7b.

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

Reps. Caul, Meadows, Booher, Hansen, Moolenaar, Rick Jones, Moore, Gaffney, Hune, Nofs, Emmons and Miller introduced

House Bill No. 4453, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 6b of chapter V (MCL 765.6b), as amended by 1994 PA 335.

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

Reps. Hoogendyk, Steil, Agema, Palmer, Garfield, Knollenberg, Opsommer, Wenke, Sheen, Meltzer, Acciavatti, Meekhof and Amos introduced

House Bill No. 4454, entitled

A bill to prohibit employers from placing certain conditions on employment; to grant rights to employees; to impose duties and responsibilities on certain state and local officers; to make certain agreements unlawful; and to provide remedies and penalties.

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

Reps. Elsenheimer, Hoogendyk, Steil, Agema, Palmer, Garfield, Opsommer, Wenke, Sheen, Meltzer, Acciavatti and Meekhof introduced

House Bill No. 4455, entitled

A bill to amend 1947 PA 336, entitled "An act to prohibit strikes by certain public employees; to provide review from disciplinary action with respect thereto; to provide for the mediation of grievances and the holding of elections; to declare and protect the rights and privileges of public employees; and to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act," by amending section 10 (MCL 423.210).

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

Reps. Pearce, Rick Jones, Mayes, Farrah, Green, Meekhof, LaJoy and Ball introduced

House Bill No. 4456, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 394b.

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

Reps. Pearce, Rick Jones, Mayes, Farrah, Green, Meekhof, LaJoy and Ball introduced

House Bill No. 4457, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16s of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16s), as amended by 2005 PA 106.

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

Reps. Condino, Byrnes, Polidori, Cushingberry, Bieda, Meadows, Meisner, Leland, Gillard, Alma Smith, Vagnozzi, Accavitti, Hopgood, Ball, Dean and Young introduced

House Bill No. 4458, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 9723.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement.

Rep. Proos moved that the House adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 4:15 p.m.

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

RICHARD J. BROWN
Clerk of the House of Representatives