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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, February 27, 2014.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Geoffrey M. Hansen.

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

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

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

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

Pastor Matt Zainea of Blythefield Hills Baptist Church of Rockford offered the following invocation:

Father, as these men and women prepare for a day of political activity, we want to pause a moment to thank You for Your goodness and greatness. In Your goodness, we see the glory of creation in the world around us, from the cosmos to the familiar landscapes of this state, to the communities in which we live.

We see Your goodness especially in the inherent dignity and value of every person no matter their place and current condition. We see something of You in the world around us, but it is in our own humanity that we sense Your divine hand on our lives. Through our humanity, we are able to create, build, govern, and embark upon endeavors collectively that give rise to our spirits. Help us today to do this in ways so that we enter into Your joy.

In Your greatness, we see a Father who cares for the brokenness of His children. As we soil ourselves with deceit, violence, debauchery, and oppression, You seek to bind up the brokenhearted and set free all entrapped by the chords of injustice and sin. You stop at nothing to offer us a way back. Even the giving of Yourself is not too great a price for You to pay for our restoration.

I ask You now to aid these good men and women as they seek to govern well under the umbrella of Your goodness and greatness. We are all tempted to favoritism, selfishness, and power. We buy into shortcuts and popular superstitions that lead us down a slow, steady path to ruin. In place of these tendencies, instill in this group a drive toward virtue, honesty, and a deeply-considered sense of justice that is anchored not in political rhetoric, but in a sense of human dignity and Your perfect character.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Hansen, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motions and Communications

Senators Richardville, Hood and Caswell entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Hopgood moved that Senator Hunter be temporarily excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Hopgood moved that Senators Anderson and Gregory be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

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

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

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, February 26:
House Bill Nos. 4638 4639 4640

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Wednesday, February 26, for his approval the following bills:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 263 at 2:32 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 463 at 2:34 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 553 at 2:36 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 557 at 2:38 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 558 at 2:40 p.m.

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, February 26, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

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| Senate Bill Nos. | 812 | 813 | 814 | 815 | 816 | 817 | 818 | 819 | 820 | 821 | 822 | 823 | 824 | 825 |
| | 826 | 827 | 828 | 829 | 830 | 831 | | | | | | | | |
| House Bill Nos. | 5353 | 5354 | 5355 | 5356 | 5357 | 5358 | 5359 | 5360 | 5361 | 5362 | | | | |

Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:05 a.m.

10:32 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Hunter, Nofs and Proos entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Messages from the House**Senate Bill No. 629, entitled**

A bill to amend 1948 (1st Ex Sess) PA 31, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of authorities to acquire, furnish, equip, own, improve, enlarge, operate, and maintain buildings, automobile parking lots or structures, transit-oriented developments, transit-oriented facilities, recreational facilities, stadiums, and the necessary site or sites therefor, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof, for the use of any county, city, village, or township, or for the use of any combination of 2 or more counties, cities, villages, or townships, or for the use of any school district and any city, village, or township wholly or partially within the district's boundaries, or for the use of any school district and any combination of 2 or more cities, villages, or townships wholly or partially within the district's boundaries, or for the use of any intermediate school district and any constituent school district or any city, village, or township, wholly or partially within the intermediate school district's boundaries; to provide for compensation of authority commissioners; to permit transfers of property to authorities; to authorize the execution of contracts, leases, and subleases pertaining to authority property and the use of authority property; to authorize incorporating units to impose taxes without limitation as to rate or amount and to pledge their full faith and credit for the payment of contract of lease obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued by an authority; to provide for the issuance of bonds by such authorities; to validate action taken and bonds issued; to provide other powers, rights, and duties of authorities and incorporating units, including those for the disposal of authority property; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending section 11 (MCL 123.961), as amended by 2008 PA 452.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1) and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,

Senator Meekhof moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,

The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 54**Yeas—35**

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

Nays—1

Caswell

Excused—2

Anderson

Gregory

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

Senate Bill No. 630, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 450, entitled "The tax increment finance authority act," by amending section 1 (MCL 125.1801), as amended by 2013 PA 61.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,

Senator Meekhof moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,

The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 55**Yeas—35**

Ananich

Hildenbrand

Kowall

Robertson

Bieda

Hood

Marleau

Rocca

Booher

Hopgood

Meekhof

Schuitmaker

Brandenburg

Hune

Moolenaar

Smith

Casperson

Hunter

Nofs

Walker

Colbeck

Jansen

Pappageorge

Warren

Emmons

Johnson

Pavlov

Whitmer

Green

Jones

Proos

Young

Hansen

Kahn

Richardville

Nays—1

Caswell

Excused—2

Anderson

Gregory

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.
The Senate agreed to the full title.
The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Third Reading of Bills

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

House Bill No. 4168

House Bill No. 4089

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4168, entitled

A bill to amend 1919 PA 339, entitled “Dog law of 1919,” by amending section 17 (MCL 287.277), as amended by 1998 PA 390.

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. 56

Yeas—36

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

Nays—0

Excused—2

Anderson

Gregory

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 relating to dogs and the protection of live stock and poultry from damage by dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs; regulating the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their destruction in certain cases; providing for the determination and payment of damages done by dogs to live stock and poultry; imposing powers and duties on certain state, county, city and township officers and employes, and to repeal Act No. 347 of the Public Acts of 1917, and providing penalties for the violation of this act.”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4089, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 1077.

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. 57

Yeas—36

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

Nays—0

Excused—2

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| Anderson | Gregory |
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

Senator Meekhof moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 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 consolidate prior acts naming certain Michigan highways; to provide for the naming of certain highways; to prescribe certain duties of the state transportation department; and to repeal acts and parts of acts and certain resolutions.”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

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

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, designated Senator Proos 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 with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 783, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 IL 1, entitled “Michigan medical marihuana act,” by amending section 7 (MCL 333.26427).

Substitute (S-3).

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
Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

February 20, 2014

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

Michigan Board of Medicine

Cynthia J. Pasky of 200 Riverfront Drive, #2415, Detroit, Michigan 48226, county of Wayne, representing the general public, succeeding herself, is reappointed for a term expiring December 31, 2017.

Terri L. Tahnoose of 6959 Alden Drive, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48324, county of Oakland, representing the general public, succeeding Cheryl Graham, is appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2017.

Renee S. Johnston of 635 Westfield Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48602, county of Saginaw, representing the general public, succeeding Vivian Leung, is appointed for a term expiring December 31, 2017.

February 26, 2014

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

Budget Director - Office of State Budget Director

John Roberts of 1612 Old Mill Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, county of Ingham, is appointed for a term commencing March 1, 2014, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

February 26, 2014

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

Director - Department of Technology, Management and Budget

David Behen of 7514 Warwick Drive, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197, county of Washtenaw, is appointed for a term commencing March 1, 2014, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

Sincerely,
Rick Snyder
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Hunter moved that Senator Ananich be excused from the balance of today's session.
The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Kahn, Pappageorge, Brandenburg, Marleau and Hune introduced
Senate Bill No. 832, entitled

A bill to repeal 1913 PA 88, entitled "An act empowering the board of supervisors of any of the several counties of the state of Michigan to levy a special tax, or by appropriating from the general fund for the purpose of advertising the agricultural advantages of the state or for displaying the products and industries of any county in the state at domestic or foreign expositions, for the purpose of encouraging immigration and increasing trade in the products of the state, and advertising the state and any portion thereof for tourists and resorters, and to permit the boards of supervisors out of any sum so raised, or out of the general fund, to contribute all or any portion of the same to any development board or bureau to be by said board or bureau expended for the purposes herein named;" (MCL 46.161).

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

Senators Hansen, Pavlov, Nofs, Booher, Robertson, Brandenburg, Jones, Pappageorge, Marleau, Colbeck, Casperson and Proos introduced

Senate Bill No. 833, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 11b of chapter XVII (MCL 777.11b), as amended by 2012 PA 124.

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

Senators Pavlov, Jones, Nofs, Booher, Robertson, Brandenburg, Pappageorge, Marleau, Casperson and Proos introduced **Senate Bill No. 834, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled “An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,” by amending section 2b (MCL 28.422b), as amended by 2001 PA 199.

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

Senators Colbeck, Jones, Nofs, Schuitmaker, Brandenburg, Marleau, Jansen, Pappageorge, Green and Proos introduced **Senate Bill No. 835, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” (MCL 206.1 to 206.713) by adding section 260. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Schuitmaker, Colbeck, Hansen, Nofs, Brandenburg, Marleau, Jansen, Pappageorge, Green and Proos introduced **Senate Bill No. 836, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” (MCL 206.1 to 206.713) by adding section 261. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Kahn introduced

Senate Bill No. 837, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for various state departments and agencies; the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2015; to provide anticipated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016; to provide a nonbinding schedule of programs; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Kahn introduced

Senate Bill No. 838, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 6, 8b, 11, 11a, 11g, 11j, 11k, 11m, 12, 15, 17a, 18, 19, 20, 20d, 20f, 20g, 21f, 22a, 22b, 22d, 22f, 22g, 22i, 22j, 24, 24a, 24c, 25e, 26a, 26b, 26c, 31a, 31d, 31f, 32d, 32p, 39, 39a, 41, 51a, 51c, 51d, 53a, 54, 56, 61a, 62, 74, 81, 94a, 98, 99, 99h, 101, 102, 104, 104b, 107, 147, 147b, 147c, 152a, 161, 163, 168, 201, 201a, 202a, 206, 209, 210, 213, 222, 224, 225, 229, 229a, 230, 236, 236a, 236b, 236c, 241, 242, 245, 252, 256, 263, 263a, 264, 265, 265a, 267, 268, 269, 270, 272a, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 286, and 296 (MCL 388.1606, 388.1608b, 388.1611, 388.1611a, 388.1611g, 388.1611j, 388.1611k, 388.1611m, 388.1612, 388.1615, 388.1617a, 388.1618, 388.1619, 388.1620, 388.1620d, 388.1620f, 388.1620g, 388.1621f, 388.1622a, 388.1622b, 388.1622d, 388.1622f, 388.1622g, 388.1622i, 388.1622j, 388.1624, 388.1624a, 388.1624c, 388.1625e, 388.1626a, 388.1626b, 388.1626c, 388.1631a, 388.1631d, 388.1631f, 388.1632d, 388.1632p, 388.1639, 388.1639a, 388.1641, 388.1651a, 388.1651c, 388.1651d, 388.1653a, 388.1654, 388.1656, 388.1661a, 388.1662, 388.1674, 388.1681, 388.1694a, 388.1698, 388.1699, 388.1699h, 388.1701, 388.1702, 388.1704, 388.1704b, 388.1707, 388.1747, 388.1747b, 388.1747c, 388.1752a, 388.1761, 388.1763, 388.1768, 388.1801, 388.1801a, 388.1802a, 388.1806, 388.1809, 388.1810, 388.1813, 388.1822, 388.1824, 388.1825, 388.1829, 388.1829a, 388.1830, 388.1836, 388.1836a, 388.1836b, 388.1836c, 388.1841, 388.1842, 388.1845, 388.1852, 388.1856, 388.1863, 388.1863a, 388.1864, 388.1865, 388.1865a, 388.1867, 388.1868, 388.1869, 388.1870, 388.1872a, 388.1875, 388.1876, 388.1877, 388.1878, 388.1879, 388.1880, 388.1881, 388.1882, 388.1883, 388.1884, 388.1886, and 388.1896), sections 6, 20, 21f, 24c, 25e, 26a, 74, 104b, and 107 as amended by 2013 PA 130, section 8b as amended by 2007 PA 92, sections 11, 11g, 17a, and 22a as amended and section 20g as added by 2013 PA 97, sections 11a, 11j, 11k, 11m, 12, 15, 18, 19, 20d, 22b, 22d, 22f, 22g, 22i, 22j, 24, 24a, 26b, 26c, 31a, 31d, 31f, 32d, 32p, 39, 39a, 41, 51a, 51c, 51d, 53a, 54, 56, 61a, 62, 81, 94a, 98, 99, 101, 102, 104, 147, 147b, 147c, 152a, 201, 201a, 206, 209, 210, 224, 225, 229, 229a, 230, 236, 236a, 236b, 241, 245, 252, 263, 263a, 264, 265, 265a, 267, 268, 269, 270, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, and 282 as amended and sections 20f, 99h, 236c, and 272a as added by 2013 PA 60, section 161 as amended by 1990 PA 207, section 163 as amended by 2007 PA 137, section 168 as added by 1993 PA 175, sections 213, 222, 242, 256, 283, 284, and 286 as

amended and section 202a as added by 2012 PA 201, and section 296 as added by 2011 PA 62, and by adding sections 11r, 31b, 64b, 64c, 94, 95a, 102a, 207a, 207b, 230a, 298, 298a, 298b, and 298c; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

House Bill No. 4638, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 103, entitled “An act to prescribe certain conditions relative to the execution of instruments entitled to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds,” by amending section 1 (MCL 565.201), as amended by 2007 PA 56.

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

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

House Bill No. 4639, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 65, entitled “Of alienation by deed, and the proof and recording of conveyances, and the canceling of mortgages,” by amending section 28 (MCL 565.28), as amended by 2008 PA 358.

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

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

House Bill No. 4640, entitled

A bill to amend 1915 PA 123, entitled “An act to provide for the recording and use in evidence of affidavits affecting real property; and to provide a penalty for the making of false affidavits,” by amending section 1a (MCL 565.451a).

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

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

Statements

Senator Kahn asked and was granted unanimous consent to make a statement and moved that the statement be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kahn’s statement is as follows:

I rise today to speak about the supplemental bill that we have sent over to the other body, which they are considering. I want to make a few comments about the substitute that is before the floor. We are facing within the Department of Community Health a problem with the mental health agencies. They have an impending need for closing the CMHs. This will occur by March 15, so it is critical that we move forward to getting the differences between the House and the Senate resolved and this bill to the Governor’s desk for consideration.

Within the bill, besides that urgent and critical consideration, there are monies for infant mortality research and treatment. A hospital here in the state of Michigan, in Detroit, we have among the highest infant mortalities in the world. I would urge consideration for restoration of that funding by our brethren.

We have an unbalanced budget, Mr. President. The imbalance in that budget is reflected in short hand in the notion of the health insurance claim assessment—the HICA. Because of a federal match associated with the shortfall in general funds that the Department of Community Health has, that bulks up to over \$300 million worth of imbalance. We need to solve that problem now. It has been in the wings of being solved all the way back to last June when we passed the original budgets. The administration has had to limp along since with an unbalanced budget, as have the people of Michigan. Among the responsibilities that we have and the oath we take, one is to provide a balanced budget.

Michigan is a wonderful tourism state. Our beaches, parks, and waters are among our proudest possessions that the Almighty has bestowed upon us. Yet our beaches are littered with phragmites, and there is money in this bill for beach grooming. It needs to be restored.

The administration has asked for, in an attempt to remain consistent with the Governor’s State of the State message, monies for the Office of New Americans. The Senate did not include those, but the other body has, and I look forward to discussing that with them. We have refugees in the state of Michigan who come from the Middle East, and in particular, right now, from Syria. There are also still some from Iraq. Consistent with the idea of the Office of New Americans, we are working to help refugees learn English and learn to drive, and monies to that end were stripped from the bill too.

We have been talking for most of this winter about shortfalls in heating fuel for vulnerable Michiganders—\$4 million for propane was stripped from the bill. Federal funding for drug treatment courts was included, and I am pleased about that. I am not pleased that Military and Veterans Affairs found a loss of Veterans Affairs Agency funding, and honorary maintenance dollars were lost as well.

Mr. President, I would ask that my colleagues across the Rotunda would consider carefully what they are about to pass.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 821, entitled

A bill to create a metropolitan authority; to prescribe the powers, duties, and jurisdictions of the metropolitan authority; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officials; to levy, collect, and distribute a tax; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 822, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," by amending sections 3, 19, and 21 (MCL 205.93, 205.109, and 205.111), section 3 as amended by 2007 PA 103, section 19 as added by 2004 PA 172, and section 21 as amended by 2010 PA 37, and by adding sections 2c and 10a.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 823, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 9f and 9m (MCL 211.9f and 211.9m), section 9f as amended by 2012 PA 399 and section 9m as amended by 2013 PA 154.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 824, entitled

A bill to amend 2002 PA 48, entitled "Metropolitan extension telecommunications rights-of-way oversight act," by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 484.3102 and 484.3103).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 825, entitled

A bill to amend 2012 PA 408, entitled “ An act to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled “An act to provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of a specific excise tax on the storage, use, or consumption in this state of tangible personal property and certain services; to appropriate the proceeds of that tax; to prescribe penalties; and to make appropriations,” by amending sections 3, 19, and 21 (MCL 205.93, 205.109, and 205.111), section 3 as amended by 2007 PA 103, section 19 as added by 2004 PA 172, and section 21 as amended by 2010 PA 37, and by adding sections 2c and 10a,” by amending enacting sections 1 and 2.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 826, entitled

A bill to amend 2012 PA 401, entitled “An act to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled “An act to provide for the assessment of rights and interests, including leasehold interests, in property and the levy and collection of taxes on property, and for the collection of taxes levied; making those taxes a lien on the property taxed, establishing and continuing the lien, providing for the sale or forfeiture and conveyance of property delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the state and not redeemed or purchased; to provide for the establishment of a delinquent tax revolving fund and the borrowing of money by counties and the issuance of notes; to define and limit the jurisdiction of the courts in proceedings in connection with property delinquent for taxes; to limit the time within which actions may be brought; to prescribe certain limitations with respect to rates of taxation; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain officers, departments, agencies, and political subdivisions of this state; to provide for certain reimbursements of certain expenses incurred by units of local government; to provide penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 9m,” by amending enacting section 1.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 827, entitled

A bill to amend 2012 PA 402, entitled “An act to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled “An act to provide for the assessment of rights and interests, including leasehold interests, in property and the levy and collection of taxes on property, and for the collection of taxes levied; making those taxes a lien on the property taxed, establishing and continuing the lien, providing for the sale or forfeiture and conveyance of property delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the state and not redeemed or purchased; to provide for the establishment of a delinquent tax revolving fund and the borrowing of money by counties and the issuance of notes; to define and limit the jurisdiction of the courts in proceedings in connection with property delinquent for taxes; to limit the time within which actions may be brought; to prescribe certain limitations with respect to rates of taxation; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain officers, departments, agencies, and political subdivisions of this state; to provide for certain reimbursements of certain expenses incurred by units of local government; to provide penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 9o,” by amending enacting section 1.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 828, entitled

A bill to amend 2012 PA 403, entitled "An act to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of rights and interests, including leasehold interests, in property and the levy and collection of taxes on property, and for the collection of taxes levied; making those taxes a lien on the property taxed, establishing and continuing the lien, providing for the sale or forfeiture and conveyance of property delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the state and not redeemed or purchased; to provide for the establishment of a delinquent tax revolving fund and the borrowing of money by counties and the issuance of notes; to define and limit the jurisdiction of the courts in proceedings in connection with property delinquent for taxes; to limit the time within which actions may be brought; to prescribe certain limitations with respect to rates of taxation; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain officers, departments, agencies, and political subdivisions of this state; to provide for certain reimbursements of certain expenses incurred by units of local government; to provide penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 9n," by amending enacting section 1.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 829, entitled

A bill to levy a tax on certain personal property; to provide for the administration, collection, and distribution of the tax; to provide for an exemption from that tax; to impose certain duties on persons and certain state departments; to impose penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 830, entitled

A bill to levy a tax on certain personal property; to provide for the administration, collection, and distribution of the tax; to impose certain duties on persons and certain state departments; to impose penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Jack M. Brandenburg
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building
Present: Senators Brandenburg (C), Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos, Robertson, Bieda and Warren

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Walker (C), Caswell, Pappageorge and Hopgood

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 12:00 noon, Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower
Present: Senators Pavlov (C), Emmons, Colbeck, Hopgood and Young

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Appropriations submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 3:06 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Kahn (C), Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Schuitmaker, Walker, Hood, Hopgood and Johnson
Excused: Senators Anderson and Gregory

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Joint Subcommittee on Capital Outlay submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Booher (C), Schuitmaker, Jansen, Green, Moolenaar and Hood
Excused: Senator Anderson

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations -

Subcommittees -

Agriculture and Rural Development - Tuesdays, March 11, March 18 and March 25 (CANCELED), 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

Community Colleges and House Community Colleges Appropriations Subcommittee - Friday, March 7, 1:00 p.m., Monroe County Community College, La-Z-Boy Center, Quad Room, 1555 South Raisinville Road, Monroe (373-2768)

Corrections Department - Thursdays, March 6, March 13 and March 20, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Environmental Quality Department - Tuesday, March 11, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

General Government - Tuesdays, March 4, 2:00 p.m.; March 11, March 18 and March 25, 3:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Human Services Department - Tuesday, March 4, 2:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Judiciary - Thursdays, March 6 and March 13, 12:00 noon, Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

K-12, School Aid, Education - Wednesday, March 5, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Natural Resources Department - Tuesday, March 4, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

State Police and Military Affairs - Thursdays, March 6, March 13, March 27 and April 17, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Transportation and Transportation Committee - Tuesday, March 11, 12:30 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Legislative Council - Thursday, March 6, 9:30 a.m., House Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-0212)

Michigan Law Revision Commission - Wednesday, March 19, 12:00 noon, Room 426, Capitol Building (373-0212)

Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes - Thursday, March 6, 9:00 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-5314)

Transportation and Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee - Tuesday, March 11, 12:30 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-5314)

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:02 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate