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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, March 13, 2014.

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  
Anderson—present  
Bieda—present  
Booher—present  
Brandenburg—present  
Casperson—present  
Caswell—present  
Colbeck—present  
Emmons—present  
Green—present  
Gregory—present  
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 Doug Bytwerk of First Baptist Church of Spring Lake offered the following invocation:

Our dear heavenly Father, we humbly evoke Your blessings on the people who faithfully serve in this chamber in the interests of the public's good. I ask You, Lord, to give these men and these women today, here and now, the wisdom to effectively lead our state and the courage to enact what they know to be right and truthful and good. I pray for protection in the face of opposition. We ask that You give them love for each other, for the people whom they represent, and most of all, for You, Lord.

Father, I am conscious, as I stand here today, that in this room, present are some people who have been hurt by withering criticism and, at times, discouraged by the absence of affirmation. Yet they choose to serve faithfully on our behalf year after year. Lord, we call down Your blessings on them right now. Be their refuge, their fortress, their stronghold, the affirmer of their hearts, and finally, give them a sense today of Your holy presence here; a firm understanding that You are present, and may that understanding give them a holy fear and respect of You.

Bless them all mightily today in this chamber. We ask all this not because any of us present here are worthy in any way, but we ask it in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

### Motions and Communications

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

Senator Young entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Meekhof moved that Senator Jansen be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

The following communications were received and read:

Office of the Auditor General

March 10, 2014

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Report on Internal Control, Compliance, and Other Matters for the *State of Michigan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*, State Budget Office, Department of Technology, Management, and Budget.

March 11, 2014

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Performance audit of the Families First of Michigan Program, Department of Human Services.

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

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

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, March 12:

**House Bill Nos. 4964 5282 5342**

The Secretary announced that the following bills and joint resolution were printed and filed on Wednesday, March 12, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

**Senate Bill Nos. 855 856 857 858 859 860 861 862 863 864 865**  
**House Bill Nos. 5399 5400 5401 5402 5403 5404 5405 5406 5407**  
**House Joint Resolution DD**

### Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:06 a.m.

10:40 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Jansen entered the Senate Chamber.

### Messages from the House

#### Senate Bill No. 329, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 605 (MCL 436.1605). 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. 95

#### Yeas—37

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

#### Nays—0

#### Excused—0

#### Not Voting—1

Hood

In The Chair: President

Senator Hunter moved that Senator Hood be temporarily excused from the balance of today’s session. The motion prevailed.

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.

Senator Hood entered the Senate Chamber.

**Senate Bill No. 504, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 925 (MCL 436.1925). 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. 96****Yeas—38**

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

**Nays—0****Excused—0****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.

**Senate Bill No. 505, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 609 (MCL 436.1609), as amended by 2010 PA 175.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-6) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-6), 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. 97****Yeas—37**

Ananich	Hansen	Kahn	Richardville
Anderson	Hildenbrand	Kowall	Robertson

Bieda	Hood	Marleau	Rocca
Booher	Hopgood	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Brandenburg	Hune	Moolenaar	Smith
Casperson	Hunter	Nofs	Walker
Caswell	Jansen	Pappageorge	Warren
Emmons	Johnson	Pavlov	Whitmer
Green	Jones	Proos	Young
Gregory			

**Nays—1**

Colbeck

**Excused—0****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.

**Senate Bill No. 506, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 409 (MCL 436.1409), as amended by 2000 PA 395.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-2) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-2), 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. 98****Yeas—38**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—0**

**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.

**Senate Bill No. 507, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 301 (MCL 436.1301).  
The House of Representatives has substituted (H-2) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-2), 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. 99**

**Yeas—38**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—0**

**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.

**Senate Bill No. 608, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies, capital outlay, and the judicial branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

(For Conference Report, see Senate Journal No. 26, p. 337.)

The House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference.

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

Senator Meekhof moved that rule 3.202 be suspended to permit immediate consideration of the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 650**

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

**Senate Bill No. 650, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 203 (MCL 436.1203), as amended by 2008 PA 474.

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.

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. 100****Yeas—38**

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

**Nays—0****Excused—0****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.

**Senate Bill No. 636, entitled**

A bill to amend 1991 PA 179, entitled "Michigan telecommunications act," by amending sections 103, 304, 310, 313, 317, 320, and 502 (MCL 484.2103, 484.2304, 484.2310, 484.2313, 484.2317, 484.2320, and 484.2502), sections 103, 304, 313, and 502 as amended by 2011 PA 58, section 310 as amended by 2009 PA 182, section 317 as amended by 2005 PA 235, and section 320 as added by 1995 PA 216.

Substitute (H-2).

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. 101**

**Yeas—33**

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

**Nays—5**

Anderson	Casperson	Hansen	Young
Brandenburg			

**Excused—0**

**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. 4811**

**House Bill No. 4740**

**Senate Bill No. 759**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4811, entitled**

A bill to amend 2004 PA 363, entitled "Military family relief fund act," by amending sections 2 and 4 (MCL 35.1212 and 35.1214).

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. 102****Yeas—38**

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

**Nays—0****Excused—0****Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,  
The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

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

“An act to establish the military family relief fund in the department of military and veterans affairs to provide assistance to families of certain members of the reserve components of the United States armed forces on active duty; to provide for the distribution of money from the fund; to prescribe the duties and powers of certain agencies and officials; and to provide for appropriations.”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4740, entitled**

A bill to amend 1929 PA 178, entitled “An act to provide for the establishment, operation and control of county medical care facilities by 2 or more counties of less than 1,000,000 population,” by amending section 2 (MCL 404.2).

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. 103****Yeas—38**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—0**

**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 title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 759, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 42501 (MCL 324.42501), as amended by 2004 PA 325.

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. 104**

**Yeas—38**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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 Walker as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President, Lieutenant Governor Calley, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bill:

**House Bill No. 5254, entitled**

A bill to amend 1929 PA 16, entitled "An act to regulate the business of carrying or transporting, buying, selling or dealing in crude oil or petroleum or its products, through pipe lines; to authorize the use of public highways and the condemnation of private property; to regulate the purchase and storage of crude oil or petroleum; to provide for the control and regulation of all corporations, associations and persons engaged in such business, by the Michigan public utilities commission; to define the powers and duties of the commission in relation thereto; and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions hereof," by amending section 2a (MCL 483.2a), as added by 1997 PA 125.

The bill was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**House Bill No. 4885, entitled**

A bill to amend 1929 PA 48, entitled "An act levying a specific tax to be known as the severance tax upon all producers engaged in the business of severing oil and gas from the soil; prescribing the method of collecting the tax; requiring all producers of such products or purchasers thereof to make reports; to provide penalties; to provide exemptions and refunds; to prescribe the disposition of the funds so collected; and to exempt those paying such specific tax from certain other taxes," by amending section 3 (MCL 205.303), as amended by 1996 PA 135, and by adding section 11a.

Substitute (S-1).

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

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**House Bill No. 5255, entitled**

A bill to amend 1929 PA 16, entitled "An act to regulate the business of carrying or transporting, buying, selling or dealing in crude oil or petroleum or its products, through pipe lines; to authorize the use of public highways and the condemnation of private property; to regulate the purchase and storage of crude oil or petroleum; to provide for the control and regulation of all corporations, associations and persons engaged in such business, by the Michigan public utilities commission; to define the powers and duties of the commission in relation thereto; and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions hereof," by amending section 2 (MCL 483.2).

Substitute (S-1).

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

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**House Bill No. 5274, entitled**

A bill to amend 1929 PA 16, entitled "An act to regulate the business of carrying or transporting, buying, selling or dealing in crude oil or petroleum or its products, through pipe lines; to authorize the use of public highways and the condemnation of private property; to regulate the purchase and storage of crude oil or petroleum; to provide for the control and regulation of all corporations, associations and persons engaged in such business, by the Michigan public utilities commission; to define the powers and duties of the commission in relation thereto; and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions hereof," by amending the title and sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 (MCL 483.1, 483.3, 483.4, and 483.5).

Substitute (S-1).

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

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 644, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1311g (MCL 380.1311g), as amended by 2008 PA 1.

Substitute (S-1).

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

### Resolutions

Senator Meekhof moved that consideration of the following resolution be postponed for today:

**Senate Resolution No. 34**

The motion prevailed.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 19.**

A concurrent resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to repeal section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Senators Moolenaar, Hansen, Casperson, Meekhof, Green and Booher offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 126.**

A resolution to recognize the multifaceted importance of trails in Michigan and to celebrate the individuals and organizations who develop, maintain, advocate for, and promote this important resource within our state.

Whereas, Michigan's wealth of trails provides an abundance of benefits and opportunities for citizens and visitors to enjoy Michigan's pure natural resources; and

Whereas, Michigan is a leader in the nation in number, diversity, and quality of designated trails, including:

- 6,407 miles of snowmobile trails;
- 2,712 miles of multiuse rail trails – the most in the nation;
- 3,627 miles of ORV trails;
- 590 miles of designated equestrian trails;
- 1,150 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail;
- 905 miles of volunteer-supported mountain biking trails, including one internationally-designated epic ride center in the Keweenaw area;
- More than 1,400 miles of state park and forest looped trails for hiking and other trail uses; and
- An extensive and growing network of water trails on our rivers and lakes, including the National Water Trail on Lake Michigan; and

Whereas, These trails excite the spirit of exploration, promote outdoor recreation, provide exercise opportunities for a healthier Michigan, allow for safe routes to school, foster economic development, and favorably impact property values; and

Whereas, Three of the top ten outdoor recreation activities in Michigan involve the use of trails; and

Whereas, There are 17 regional trail initiatives working throughout Michigan to connect individual trail ways to each other and to important destinations, creating more desirable trail opportunities for visitors and enhanced economic opportunities for small towns; and

Whereas, The backbone of trail development, funding, advocacy, maintenance, and promotion rests with dedicated groups of volunteers and the rich partnerships they have forged, without which, Michigan would not enjoy the quantity nor the quality of trails it enjoys; and

Whereas, These groups include more than 25 friends groups for multiuse Michigan rail trails that work tirelessly to build and maintain trails; develop trail programs for students, history buffs, birders, photographers, seniors, and many diverse groups; promote use of trails to their communities and statewide audiences for fitness, commuting, and family time; and fundraise for their trail's improvement; and

Whereas, Michigan snowmobilers have been in the forefront of trail acquisition and development to create a national destination that brings visitors and dollars to northern towns and businesses while promoting safety and responsibility; and

Whereas, Michigan mountain bikers have collectively volunteered more than 50,000 hours per year to build and maintain trails that provide a venue for fitness, events, and a destination for tourists across the state; and

Whereas, These are just a few of the many examples of how Michigan's ability to lay claim to the title of the Great Trails State rests on the broad and generous shoulders of citizens and organizations who have stepped forward to make Michigan trails a reality; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we recognize, respect, and celebrate the people and partnerships that make Michigan trails a Pure Michigan wonder; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Governor, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, National Park Service, National Recreational Trail Association, Department of Natural Resources, and Michigan Trails and Greenway Alliance.

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

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Meekhof moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Bieda, Brandenburg, Hildenbrand, Kowall, Proos and Pappageorge were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Casperson offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 127.**

A resolution to urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to forgo its recent proposal to tighten emission limits on wood stoves.

Whereas, Wood is the oldest heating method known to mankind, a mainstay of rural homes, and a renewable energy source. Many Americans cannot afford or do not want to depend on utility-provided heat. Instead, they use a less expensive and more traditional home heating method—locally harvested wood. Over 100,000 households in Michigan and nearly 2.5 million across the country depend upon wood stoves to provide heat and warmth. Many people who have a wood stove use it to supplement another fuel. During the recent propane shortage, households with a wood stove who could not find or afford propane were able to stay warm through the cold winter months; and

Whereas, The Environmental Protection Agency's new emission limits on wood stoves threaten the viability of this historic heating source and the way of life of many rural Americans. When completely effective, the regulations would require manufacturers to meet emission limits that are 80 percent lower than those currently in effect. The proposed standards will undoubtedly lead to higher production costs and either force manufacturers out of business or raise prices so high that many consumers could no longer afford wood stoves; and

Whereas, The regulations would destroy wood burning as a way of life, forcing many people to resort to other more expensive forms of heat. Additionally, if wood is no longer needed for fuel, segments of Michigan's timber industry, which contributes countless jobs and sizable economic activity, may be negatively impacted. Clearly, this is not an acceptable situation; wood must remain a viable heating option for rural Americans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to forgo its recent proposal to tighten emission limits on wood stoves; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

Senator Meekhof moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Meekhof moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Booher, Brandenburg, Green, Hansen, Hildenbrand, Kowall, Moolenaar, Pavlov, Proos and Pappageorge were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Casperson offered the following concurrent resolution:

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14.**

A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to forgo its recent proposal to tighten emission limits on wood stoves.

Whereas, Wood is the oldest heating method known to mankind, a mainstay of rural homes, and a renewable energy source. Many Americans cannot afford or do not want to depend on utility-provided heat. Instead, they use a less expensive and more traditional home heating method—locally harvested wood. Over 100,000 households in Michigan and nearly 2.5 million across the country depend upon wood stoves to provide heat and warmth. Many people who have a wood stove use it to supplement another fuel. During the recent propane shortage, households with a wood stove who could not find or afford propane were able to stay warm through the cold winter months; and

Whereas, The Environmental Protection Agency's new emission limits on wood stoves threaten the viability of this historic heating source and the way of life of many rural Americans. When completely effective, the regulations would require manufacturers to meet emission limits that are 80 percent lower than those currently in effect. The proposed standards will undoubtedly lead to higher production costs and either force manufacturers out of business or raise prices so high that many consumers could no longer afford wood stoves; and

Whereas, The regulations would destroy wood burning as a way of life, forcing many people to resort to other more expensive forms of heat. Additionally, if wood is no longer needed for fuel, segments of Michigan's timber industry, which contributes countless jobs and sizable economic activity, may be negatively impacted. Clearly, this is not an acceptable situation; wood must remain a viable heating option for rural Americans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency to forgo its recent proposal to tighten emission limits on wood stoves; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations, Senator Meekhof moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

Senator Meekhof moved that the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Booher, Brandenburg, Green, Hansen, Hildenbrand, Kowall, Moolenaar, Pavlov, Proos and Pappageorge were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

### Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Casperson introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 872, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 20101 (MCL 324.20101), as amended by 2013 PA 141, and by adding section 20101c.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes.

Senators Moolenaar, Hansen, Casperson, Meekhof, Green and Booher introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 873, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 72103, 72104, 72112, and 72114 (MCL 324.72103, 324.72104, 324.72112, and 324.72114), sections 72103, 72104, and 72112 as added by 1995 PA 58 and section 72114 as added by 2010 PA 45; 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 Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.

Senators Meekhof, Hansen, Moolenaar, Casperson, Kowall, Green and Booher introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 874, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 1301, 72107, 72108, and 72109 (MCL 324.1301, 324.72107, 324.72108, and 324.72109), section 1301 as amended by 2013 PA 87, sections 72107 and 72109 as added by 1995 PA 58, and section 72108 as amended by 2004 PA 325.

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

Senators Hildenbrand, Moolenaar, Hansen, Casperson, Meekhof, Kowall, Green and Booher introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 875, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 72101 and 72102 (MCL 324.72101 and 324.72102), as amended by 2010 PA 46.

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

Senators Hansen, Moolenaar, Casperson, Meekhof, Kowall, Green and Booher introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 876, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 72105, 72105a, and 72106 (MCL 324.72105, 324.72105a, and 324.72106), sections 72105 and 72106 as added by 1995 PA 58 and section 72105a as amended by 2010 PA 46.

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

Senators Casperson, Hansen, Moolenaar, Meekhof, Kowall, Green and Booher introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 877, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 72110, 72110a, and 72115 (MCL 324.72110, 324.72110a, and 324.72115), section 72110 as amended by 2013 PA 248, section 72110a as added by 2010 PA 46, and section 72115 as added by 2010 PA 45.

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

**House Bill No. 4964, entitled**

A bill to amend 1965 PA 314, entitled "Public employee retirement system investment act," (MCL 38.1132 to 38.1141) by amending the title, as amended by 1988 PA 343, and by adding section 19b.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing.

**House Bill No. 5282, entitled**

A bill to create the security act for nuclear energy; and to clarify the rights and duties of officers providing security at nuclear generating facilities.

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 Energy and Technology.

**House Bill No. 5342, entitled**

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," by amending section 4d (MCL 205.94d), as amended by 2008 PA 439.

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 Finance.

**Recess**

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess until 2:00 p.m.

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:27 a.m.

The Senate reconvened at the expiration of the recess and was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker.

Senator Meekhof moved that rule 2.106 be suspended to allow committees to meet during Senate session.

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

**Recess**

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:01 p.m.

2:23 p.m.

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

**Committee Reports**

The Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing reported

**House Bill No. 4642, entitled**

A bill to amend 1962 PA 150, entitled "An act relating to solicitations for employment; to prohibit recruitment of or advertising for employees to take the place of employees engaged in a labor dispute without stating that the employment offered is in place of employees involved in a labor dispute; to prohibit the importation of strikebreakers; and to provide penalties for violations of this act," (MCL 423.251 to 423.254) by amending the title; 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.

Mark C. Jansen  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jansen, Colbeck, Casperson and Kowall

Nays: Senator Young

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Jansen (C), Colbeck, Casperson, Kowall and Young

Excused: Senators Robertson and Warren

The Committee on Finance reported

**Senate Bill No. 758, entitled**

A bill to amend 1974 PA 263, entitled "An act to permit counties to impose and collect an excise tax on persons engaged in the business of providing rooms for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes to transient guests; to provide for the disposition of the revenues thereof; and to prescribe penalties," by amending section 4 (MCL 141.864).

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 and Warren

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

**Senate Bill No. 786, entitled**

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 7uu.

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 and Warren

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance reported

**Senate Bill No. 787, entitled**

A bill to provide for the exemption of certain property from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain property; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain local government officials; and to provide penalties.

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

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

Jack M. Brandenburg

Chairperson

## To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

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

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 12:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Brandenburg (C), Jansen, Pappageorge, Proos and Warren

Excused: Senators Robertson and Bieda



## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Conference Committee on Appropriations Supplemental (SB 608) submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 8:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building  
Present: Senators Kahn (C), Moolenaar and Anderson

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 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 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower  
Present: Senators Pappageorge (C), Meekhof, Marleau and Johnson  
Excused: Senator Hunter

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building  
Present: Senator Jansen (C)  
Excused: Senators Proos and Johnson

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Corrections submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building  
Present: Senators Proos (C), Walker and Anderson

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Judiciary submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 12:00 noon, Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building  
Present: Senators Proos (C), Schuitmaker and Johnson

**Scheduled Meetings****Appropriations -****Subcommittees -**

**Agriculture and Rural Development** - Tuesdays, March 18, 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower; and March 25, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Community Colleges** - Monday, March 17, 1:00 p.m., West Shore Community College, Administrative and Conference Building, 3000 N. Stiles Road, Scottville; and Wednesday, March 26, 9:00 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-2768)

**Corrections Department** - Thursdays, March 20 and March 27, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Environmental Quality Department** - Tuesday, March 18, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

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

**Higher Education** - Thursday, March 27, 11:30 a.m. or later immediately following session, Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Human Services Department** - Thursday, March 20, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-2768)

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

**Transportation** - Tuesday, March 18, 12:30 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Education** - Tuesday, March 18, 9:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-5314)

**Families, Seniors and Human Services** - Thursday, March 20, 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-5323)

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

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 2:24 p.m.

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Hansen, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

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Secretary of the Senate