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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

10:00 a.m.

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

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

Ananich—present
Bieda—present
Booher—present
Brandenburg—present
Casperson—present
Colbeck—present
Emmons—present
Green—present
Gregory—present
Hansen—present
Hertel—present
Hildenbrand—present
Hood—present

Hopgood—present
Horn—present
Hune—present
Johnson—present
Jones—present
Knezek—present
Knollenberg—present
Kowall—present
MacGregor—present
Marleau—present
Meekhof—present
Nofs—present
O'Brien—present

Pavlov—present
Proos—present
Robertson—present
Rocca—present
Schmidt—present
Schuitmaker—present
Shirkey—present
Smith—present
Stamas—present
Warren—present
Young—present
Zorn—present

Senator Goeffrey M. Hansen of the 34th District offered the following invocation:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us together this morning. As we take a moment to reflect on all that You have blessed us with, please hear our prayer.

While we continue to discuss the issues that are impacting our state, we ask that You bless us with the courage and patience to be effective leaders. May we remember to always put the best interests of the state of Michigan and our constituents before our own. Please guide us, Lord, as we move forward from here. Help us to debate with passion, knowledge, and respect for each other’s beliefs. Keep Your will in our hearts to show us what is best for this great state.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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

The President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, assumed the Chair.

Motions and Communications

The following communication was received and read:

Office of the Auditor General

June 10, 2015

Enclosed is a copy of the following Preliminary Survey Summary:
ProjectWise System, Michigan Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,
Dong Ringler
Auditor General

The preliminary survey summary was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The following communication was received:

Office of Senator Marty Knollenberg

June 4, 2015

I respectfully request that my co-sponsorship of Senate Bill 337 be removed. Thank you for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,
Marty Knollenberg
State Senator
13th District

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the following House bill was received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, June 11:

House Bill No. 4495

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Friday, June 12, for his approval the following bill:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 133 at 2:33 p.m.

The Secretary announced that the following bills and joint resolution were printed and filed on Thursday, June 11, and are available at the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill No. 391
House Bill No. 4706
House Joint Resolution R

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

Senate Bill Nos. 392 393 394 395 396 397 398
House Bill Nos. 4707 4708 4709 4710 4711 4712 4713 4714 4715
House Joint Resolution S

Senator Hood moved that Senators Bieda and Young be temporarily excused from today’s session.

The motion prevailed.

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

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

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

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

Recess

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

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

10:12 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator O'Brien introduced the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy and Director Lieutenant Colonel Jefferey Connell and honored the cadets of the graduating class of 2015.

During the recess, Senators Bieda and Young entered the Senate Chamber.

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

June 5, 2015

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

Certificate of Need Commission

Thomas Mittelbrun, III, of 2207 Breenen Lane, Lake Orion, Michigan 48362, county of Oakland, representing labor and Democrats, succeeding Charles Gayney, is appointed for a term expiring January 1, 2018.

June 5, 2015

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

Director - Michigan Department of Corrections

Heidi E. Washington of 843 Whitman Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, county of Ingham, is appointed for a term commencing July 1, 2015, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

June 8, 2015

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

Human Trafficking Commission

Deborah R. Monroe of 26354 Wolverine, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071, county of Oakland, representing survivors, is appointed for a term expiring March 1, 2017.

Valerie K. Bass of 549 Pinewood Drive, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198, county of Washtenaw, representing survivors, is appointed for a term expiring March 1, 2017.

June 11, 2015

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

Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission

Josh Bocks of 58215 Sunflower Circle, S., New Hudson, Michigan 48165, county of Oakland, representing individuals with experience, knowledge, or background in mixed martial arts, succeeding James Weber, is appointed for a term expiring June 5, 2016.

Bruce T. Hundley of 3056 E. Coon Lake Road, Howell, Michigan 48843, county of Livingston, representing the general public, succeeding Michael Martin, is appointed for a term expiring June 5, 2019.

June 12, 2015

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

Michigan Beef Industry Commission

Dale R. Oeschger of 2129 S. Bay Port Road, Bay Port, Michigan 48720, county of Huron, representing cattle feeders, succeeding himself, is reappointed for a term expiring May 31, 2018.

Jon Haindl of 147 N. Poupour Road, Cooks, Michigan 49817, county of Schoolcraft, representing cattle growers, succeeding Timothy Andrews, is appointed for a term expiring May 31, 2018.

Leonard Brown of 2951 West Cooper Road, Sandusky, Michigan 48471, county of Sanilac, representing dairy farmers, succeeding Daniel Javor, is appointed for a term expiring May 31, 2018.

June 12, 2015

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

Manufactured Housing Commission

Bryan W. Davis of 16239 Lexington Drive, Redford, Michigan 48240, county of Wayne, representing organized labor, succeeding Thomas Lutz, is appointed for a term expiring May 9, 2018.

June 12, 2015

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

Chair - Middle-Eastern American Affairs Commission

Manal B. Saab of 14025 Swanee Beach Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430, county of Genesee, is appointed for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

Middle-Eastern American Affairs Commission

Helen Habib of 30159 Mullane Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334, county of Oakland, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2017.

Susan Dabaja of 21 Turnberry Lane, Dearborn, Michigan 48120, county of Wayne, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2017.

Paul Sophiea of 610 S. Lafayette Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124, county of Wayne, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2017.

Sharif Hussein of 7490 Lonsdale Circle, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837, county of Eaton, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2017.

Wassim F. Abdallah of 1 Carbri Lane, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127, county of Wayne, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2017.

Manal B. Saab of 14025 Swanee Beach Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430, county of Genesee, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2018.

Michael J. Romaya of 6953 Merrick Court, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322, county of Oakland, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2018.

Mariam S. Bazzi of 950 Claremont Drive, Dearborn, Michigan 48124, county of Wayne, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2018.

Suzanne K. Sukkar of 5544 Amber Way, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197, county of Washtenaw, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2018.

Wendy R. Acho of 7328 Silver Leaf Lane, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322, county of Oakland, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2018.

Fey Beydoun of 7849 Hartwell Drive, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, county of Wayne, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2019.

Lina Harajli of 5 Parkside Court, Dearborn, Michigan 48124, county of Wayne, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2019.

Abe A. Munfakh of 9335 Saddlebrook Court, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, county of Wayne, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2019.

Haifi Fakhouri of 2794 Timverwyck Trail Drive, Troy, Michigan 48098, county of Oakland, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2019.

Bishr Al-Ujayli of 1627 Red Bud Lane, Troy, Michigan 48098, county of Oakland, is appointed for a term expiring April 19, 2019.

Sincerely,
Rick Snyder
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
General Orders

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

The motion prevailed, and the President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, designated Senator Zorn as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bills:

House Bill No. 4331, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 243, entitled "Emergency municipal loan act," by amending sections 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 (MCL 141.932, 141.933, 141.934, 141.936, and 141.937), as amended by 2012 PA 284.

House Bill No. 4332, entitled

A bill to amend 1855 PA 105, entitled "An act to regulate the disposition of the surplus funds in the state treasury; to provide for the deposit of surplus funds in certain financial institutions; to lend surplus funds pursuant to loan agreements secured by certain commercial, agricultural, or industrial real and personal property; to authorize the loan of surplus funds to certain municipalities; to authorize the participation in certain loan programs; to authorize an appropriation; and to prescribe the duties of certain state agencies," by amending section 1 (MCL 21.141), as amended by 2012 PA 287.

Senate Bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 182, entitled "State police retirement act of 1986," by amending section 40a (MCL 38.1640a), as amended by 1996 PA 201.

House Bill No. 4496, entitled

A bill to amend 2005 PA 92, entitled "School bond qualification, approval, and loan act," by amending section 3 (MCL 388.1923), as amended by 2012 PA 437.

House Bill No. 4497, entitled

A bill to amend 2005 PA 92, entitled "School bond qualification, approval, and loan act," by amending section 7 (MCL 388.1927), as amended by 2012 PA 437.

The bills were placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

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

Senate Bill No. 343, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 300, entitled "The public school employees retirement act of 1979," by amending sections 41 and 41a (MCL 38.1341 and 38.1341a), as amended by 2012 PA 300.

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. 22, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 182, entitled "State police retirement act of 1986," (MCL 38.1601 to 38.1648) by adding section 40c.

Substitute (S-1).

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Messages from the House

Senate Bill No. 217, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 7dd and 7jj (MCL 211.7dd and 211.7jj[1]), section 7dd as amended by 2013 PA 44 and section 7jj as amended by 2013 PA 42.

(This bill was returned from the House with a substitute on June 11, rules suspended and consideration postponed. See Senate Journal No. 56, p. 1246.)

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. 294

Yeas—38

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

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

Senate Bill No. 358

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 358, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1531 (MCL 380.1531), as amended by 2007 PA 32.

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. 295

Yeas—34

Ananich	Hildenbrand	MacGregor	Schmidt
Bieda	Hood	Marleau	Schuitmaker

Booher	Hopgood	Meekhof	Shirkey
Casperson	Horn	Nofs	Smith
Emmons	Johnson	O'Brien	Stamas
Green	Jones	Proos	Warren
Gregory	Knezek	Robertson	Young
Hansen	Knollenberg	Rocca	Zorn
Hertel	Kowall		

Nays—4

Brandenburg	Colbeck	Hune	Pavlov
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Excused—0**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Resolutions

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3

The motion prevailed.

Senators O'Brien, Knezek, Hertel, Casperson, Hansen, Gregory, Jones, Emmons, Knollenberg, Booher, Marleau, MacGregor, Warren, Schuitmaker and Bieda offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 72.

A resolution designating June 27, 2015, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day.

Whereas, The brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who proudly serve risk their lives to protect the freedoms of the United States and deserve the investment of every possible resource to ensure their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

Whereas, More than 2 million United States service members have deployed as part of overseas contingency operations since the events of September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, The military has sustained an operational tempo for a period of time unprecedented in the history of the United States, with many service members deploying multiple times to combat zones, placing them at high risk of post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI); and

Whereas, It is expected that 10,000 veterans will return to the state of Michigan every year for the next three to five years after spending a significant amount of time in combat environments, exposing thousands of soldiers to traumatic life-threatening events; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs reports that in fiscal year 2012, more than 500,000 veterans from all wars sought care at a Department of Veterans Affairs medical center and received treatment for PTSI; and

Whereas, PTSI significantly increases the risk of depression, suicide, drug- and alcohol-related disorders, and death; and

Whereas, The Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs have made significant advances in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of PTSI, including the symptoms of PTSI, and many challenges remain; and

Whereas, The establishment of a Michigan Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day will raise public awareness about issues related to PTSI; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body designate June 27, 2015, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and the Adjutant General to continue working to educate service members, veterans, the families of service members and veterans, and the public about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of post-traumatic stress injury; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the state of Michigan, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, and the Adjutant General.

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

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

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

The motion prevailed.

Senators Brandenburg and Zorn were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15.

A concurrent resolution to waive the legislative notice requirement for increases in rates of compensation for certain employees in the state classified service.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 50, p. 788.)

The House of Representatives has adopted the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Secretary for record.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Schmidt, Zorn and Horn introduced

Senate Bill No. 399, entitled

A bill to amend 1909 PA 283, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and add to the laws relating to the establishment, opening, discontinuing, vacating, closing, altering, improvement, maintenance, and use of the public highways and private roads; the condemnation of property and gravel therefor; the building, repairing and preservation of bridges; maintaining public access to waterways under certain conditions; setting and protecting shade trees, drainage, and cutting weeds and brush within this state; providing for the election or appointment and defining the powers, duties, and compensation of state, county, township, and district highway officials; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending section 19b of chapter IV (MCL 224.19b), as added by 1980 PA 212.

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

Senator Schmidt introduced

Senate Bill No. 400, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending the heading of part 121 and sections 12101, 12102, 12102a, 12103, 12105, 12107, 12109, 12111, 12112, 12113, 12114, 12115, 12116, and 12117 (MCL 324.12101, 324.12102, 324.12102a, 324.12103, 324.12105, 324.12107, 324.12109, 324.12111, 324.12112, 324.12113, 324.12114, 324.12115, 324.12116, and 324.12117), sections 12101, 12102, 12105, 12107, 12111, and 12113 as amended by 2008 PA 8, section 12102a as amended by 2008 PA 153, sections 12103, 12109, and 12112 as amended by 2014 PA 286, sections 12114 and 12116 as amended by 1998 PA 140, and section 12115 as amended by 2004 PA 587.

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

Senator Stamas introduced

Senate Bill No. 401, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 138, entitled "Hazardous materials transportation act," by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 29.472 and 29.473), section 2 as amended by 2013 PA 74.

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

Senator Schuitmaker introduced

Senate Bill No. 402, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 13c of chapter XVII (MCL 777.13c), as amended by 2006 PA 59.

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

Senators Knollenberg, Jones, Horn, Schuitmaker, Proos, Hertel and Marleau introduced
Senate Bill No. 403, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 287, entitled "An act to regulate pet shops, animal control shelters, and animal protection shelters; to establish uniform procedures and minimum requirements for adoption of dogs, cats, and ferrets; and to prescribe penalties and civil fines and to provide remedies," (MCL 287.331 to 287.340) by adding section 8b.

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

Senators Hune, Schmidt and Kowall introduced

Senate Bill No. 404, entitled

A bill to provide protection from civil liability for the owners of property used for motorcycle safety training.

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

House Bill No. 4495, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 34, entitled "Revised municipal finance act," by amending section 701 (MCL 141.2701), as amended by 2002 PA 500.

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.

Statements

Pursuant to rule 3.506, Senators Zorn and O'Brien submitted their reasons in writing for voting "no" on the passage of House Bill No. 4052 on June 11.

Senator Zorn's statement is as follows:

Although I support HB 4052 in its desire to prohibit local governments from adopting private business ordinances that would provide for local minimum wages and benefits, I voted no because it would also prohibit local governments from using prevailing wage rates on their own projects, if they choose to do so.

This action will further erode local government control.

Senator O'Brien's statement is as follows:

I rose today in opposition of House Bill 4052. It had been my hope that I could support efforts to provide certainty and standardization to our private sector employers. But, in my opinion, this bill goes too far.

Recently, I voted to repeal Michigan's prevailing wage policy. It is proper for the state to set its own contractual standards. But, in House Bill 4052, the state is trying to dictate local government contractual standards. This goes too far.

As a Michigan Senator, I consider many factors when voting. In this case, I deliberated over a few key issues: whose role is it to determine minimum wage and various benefits for all people; whose role is it to determine local government's contractual guidelines; and who is best suited to determine local priorities.

These are the conclusions I have reached: 1. It is proper for the State of Michigan to enact and regulate minimum wage standards and employee benefits that impact the entire state. It is in Michigan's best interests to ensure one statewide system and not have a patchwork of various local requirements. This part of House Bill 4052 I support. 2. Local government is best suited to determine contractual standards for their own projects that are paid for with local taxpayer dollars. Local government should not be allowed to set policies upon business transactions that are not a part of a specific local government funded project nor projects that they are not a party to. Thus, the state should not be interfering in contracts of local governmental units except as provided by normal statewide employee laws. 3. Constant review should be made about who is best positioned to determine policies that impact our citizens. Certain issues will be best governed at the local level while other issues should be governed by the state. A continuous review will ensure that citizens are best served.

In conclusion, I cannot support this bill because it will repeal local government's ability to determine their own contractual standards. If this bill solely addressed minimum wage, sick time and any other benefits, I would support it. Thus, it is with mixed feelings that I must vote no.

Senators Knollenberg and Casperson asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Knollenberg's statement is as follows:

I would like to speak about the effects of the national movement to increase the minimum wage and recent legislation that would increase wages for tipped employees. Let me begin with a quote from former U.S. Congressman and Michigan

gubernatorial candidate David Bonior. He said this after the opening of his new restaurant in Washington, D.C., and I think you all remember him: “Small business people work hard. If you’re a small business guy, you’re out there and not protected as a government employee. They struggle every day. On a snow day, a government worker is off. A restaurant owner takes a financial hit from that snow day. It took us a ridiculous amount of time to get our permits. I understand regulations and the necessity for it, but we lost six months of business because of that.” This was from the *Washington Post* on April 26, 2014.

While I do respect people’s opinions on minimum wage and tipped wage, let’s talk about reality. Until you’ve been a business owner yourself; until you’ve determined a product or service to sell; until you’ve hired a C.P.A. and attorneys; until you’ve had to buy or lease property, then build your location; until you’ve paid for insurance; until you’ve met a payroll; until you’ve paid unemployment comp and workers’ comp; until you’ve granted paid vacation time off; until you’ve had to deal with the ups and downs of the economy; until you’ve risked everything to invest in your own American Dream, and the list goes on and on and on. If after all of that, you feel the need to increase the minimum wage or the tipped wage, only then will you know what it really takes to do it. Even then, you can still increase the wage without the government telling you to do it. By the way, when you increase these wages, you also increase the wage on everybody who is paid higher than these minimums. The ripple effect is huge.

Small business people do work hard, and it’s easy for politicians to act like Santa Claus and promote crippling wages when it’s not their money, and they have no responsibility beyond putting out sound bites. But in the real world, Santa Claus isn’t real and nothing is free. I say, Madam President, let’s free the wage. I say a minimum wage has its place, but the market knows best, and any attempt to change what is currently in place is simply bad policy.

Senator Casperson’s statement is as follows:

I have a quote from Lewis Cass, the first Governor of Michigan: “The fate of republican government is inseparably bound up with the fate of the Christian religion, and a people who reject its holy faith will find themselves the slaves of their own evil passions and of arbitrary power.”

Committee Reports

The Committee on Transportation reported

Senate Bill No. 105, entitled

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled “An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 10 (MCL 247.660), as amended by 2014 PA 473, and by adding section 11g.

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

Thomas A. Casperson
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Casperson, Horn, Pavlov and Marleau

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 Transportation submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Casperson (C), Horn, Pavlov, Marleau and Hopgood

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

House Bill No. 4203, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 327, entitled "An act to provide for the organization, regulation and classification of corporations; to provide their rights, powers and immunities; to prescribe the conditions on which corporations may exercise their powers; to provide for the inclusion of certain existing corporations within the provisions of this act; to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which foreign corporations may be admitted to do business within this state; to require certain annual reports to be filed by corporations; to prescribe penalties for the violations of the provisions of this act; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts relating to corporations," by amending section 157 (MCL 450.157).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judith K. Emmons
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Pavlov, Jones and Casperson

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

House Bill No. 4204, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 55 (MCL 400.55), as amended by 1998 PA 516.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judith K. Emmons
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Pavlov, Jones and Casperson

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

House Bill No. 4205, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending the heading of part 58 and sections 5801, 5805, 5815, 5817, 5821, 5823, 5825, 5828, 5831, 5835, 5841, 5843, 5847, 5863, 5871, 5874, and 5879 (MCL 333.5801, 333.5805, 333.5815, 333.5817, 333.5821, 333.5823, 333.5825, 333.5828, 333.5831, 333.5835, 333.5841, 333.5843, 333.5847, 333.5863, 333.5871, 333.5874, and 333.5879), section 5805 as amended by 1988 PA 236 and section 5817 as amended by 1998 PA 88; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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.

Judith K. Emmons
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Pavlov, Jones, Casperson and Johnson

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services reported

House Bill No. 4457, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 203, entitled "Foster care and adoption services act," by amending section 8 (MCL 722.958), as amended by 2002 PA 646.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judith K. Emmons
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Emmons, Pavlov, Jones, Casperson and Johnson

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Families, Seniors and Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at 3:15 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Emmons (C), Pavlov, Jones, Casperson and Johnson

The Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security reported

Senate Bill No. 298, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 50a and 502c (MCL 750.50a and 750.502c), section 50a as added by 1994 PA 42 and section 502c as amended by 1998 PA 38.

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.

Margaret E. O'Brien
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators O'Brien, Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck and Knezek

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security reported

Senate Bill No. 299, entitled

A bill to amend 1970 PA 207, entitled "An act to exempt certain dogs from license fees," by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 287.291), the title as amended by 1981 PA 74 and section 1 as amended by 2000 PA 4.

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.

Margaret E. O'Brien
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators O'Brien, Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck and Knezek

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 Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security submitted the following:

Joint meeting held on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., Room 519, South Tower, House Office Building

Present: Senators O'Brien (C), Emmons, Zorn, Colbeck and Knezek

The Committee on Economic Development and International Investment reported

House Bill No. 4226, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 281, entitled "The local development financing act," by amending section 12b (MCL 125.2162b), as added by 2008 PA 104.

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

Ken Horn
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Horn, Schmidt, Brandenburg, Stamas, Emmons, Warren and Bieda

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Economic Development and International Investment submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Horn (C), Schmidt, Brandenburg, Stamas, Emmons, Warren and Bieda

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Meekhof (C), Hildenbrand, MacGregor, Ananich and Gregory

Scheduled Meetings

Administrative Rules - Wednesday, June 17, 9:00 a.m., Room 426, Capitol Building (373-5773) (CANCELED)

Appropriations - Wednesday, June 17, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-1801)

Commerce - Wednesday, June 17, 8:00 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-5312)

Criminal Justice Policy Commission - Wednesday, July 1, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-0212)

Economic Development and International Investment - Thursday, June 18, 1:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-5312)

Elections and Government Reform - Tuesday, June 30, 9:00 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-1721)

Finance - Tuesday, June 23, 8:30 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-5312) (CANCELED)

Insurance - Wednesday, June 17, 2:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-5312)

Transportation - Thursday, June 18, 8:30 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-5323)

Senator Kowall moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:35 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

JEFFREY F. COBB
Secretary of the Senate

