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1:30 p.m.

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

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

Alexander—present	Foreman—present	McFall—present	Schuette—present
Andrews—present	Fox—present	McKinney—present	Scott—present
Aragona—present	Frisbie—present	Meerman—present	Skaggs—present
Arbit—excused	Glanville—present	Mentzer—present	Slagh—present
BeGole—present	Grant—present	Miller—present	Smit—present
Beson—present	Green, P.—present	Morgan—present	Snyder—present
Bierlein—present	Greene, J.—present	Mueller—present	St. Germaine—present
Bohnak—present	Hall—present	Myers-Phillips—present	Steckloff—present
Bollin—present	Harris—present	Neeley—present	Steele—present
Borton—present	Herzberg—present	Neyer—present	Tate—present
Breen—present	Hoadley—present	O’Neal—present	Thompson—present
Brixie—present	Hope—present	Outman—present	Tisdell—present
Bruck—present	Hoskins—present	Paiz—present	Tsernoglou—present
Byrnes—present	Jenkins-Arno—present	Paquette—excused	VanderWall—present
Carra—present	Johnsen—present	Pavlov—present	VanWoerkom—present
Carter, B.—present	Kelly—present	Pohutsky—present	Wegela—present
Carter, T.—present	Koleszar—present	Posthumus—present	Weiss—present
Cavitt—present	Kuhn—present	Prestin—present	Wendzel—present
Coffia—excused	Kunse—present	Price—present	Whitsett—excused
Conlin—present	Liberati—present	Puri—present	Wilson—present
DeBoer—present	Lightner—present	Rheingans—present	Witwer—present
DeBoyer—present	Linting—present	Rigas—present	Wooden—present
DeSana—present	Longjohn—present	Robinson—present	Woolford—present
Dievendorf—present	MacDonell—present	Rogers—present	Wortz—present
Edwards—present	Maddock—present	Roth—present	Wozniak—present
Fairbairn—present	Markkanen—present	Schmaltz—present	Xiong—present
Farhat—present	Martin—present	Schrivver—present	Young—present
Fitzgerald—present	Martus—present		

e/d/s = entered during session

Rep. Steve Carra, from the 36th District, offered the following invocation:

“Dear God,

Thank You for bringing us here today to do the good work of representing the great people of Michigan. Thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us, and for allowing us to gather in safety and peace. We thank You for the opportunities You have given each and every one of us. We thank You for the gift of free will that You have given to all people and for the choice to put our trust in You as our Lord and savior. Guide us in how we conduct ourselves and interact with one another.

Proverbs 8:11 says, ‘For wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.’

Lord, I pray that You will guide and direct our paths. Help us to practice humility and seek You above earthly gains. May our words and actions reflect the sincerity of seeking truth and wisdom. Move within us so that we can do our jobs well here today and afterwards. May we honor You in all that we do.

Thank you, Lord, in your Holy Name I pray, Amen.”

Rep. Fitzgerald moved that Reps. Arbit, Coffia and Whitsett be excused from today’s session. The motion prevailed.

Rep. Posthumus moved that Rep. Paquette be excused from today’s session. The motion prevailed.

Motions and Resolutions

Reps. Martus, Byrnes, Fitzgerald, Fox, Glanville, Hope, Koleszar, Longjohn, MacDonell, Morgan, Myers-Phillips, Rheingans, Rogers, Snyder, Wegela, Weiss, Witwer, Wooden and Young offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 13.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for President Jimmy Carter.

Whereas, With the passing of James Earl Carter, Jr. the thirty-ninth President of the United States, our state, and nation unites to salute the memory of a beloved leader and celebrate the life of an American who embodied the spirit of humanitarianism. President Carter left his mark on history as a leader who championed peaceful solutions, innovation, and a desire to instill competency and compassion in governance; and

Whereas, Throughout his life leading up to his tenure as President, Jimmy Carter’s actions exemplified a commitment to serving causes greater than himself. Born and raised in Plains, Georgia, Jimmy Carter spent his upbringing devoting time to his faith and famously farming peanuts. By 1946, the future President would graduate from the United States Naval Academy and marry his lifelong sweetheart Rosalynn Smith. Following his return to Georgia in 1962 after serving in the United States Navy, President Carter entered into state politics as a state senator and eventually was elected as the seventy-sixth Governor of Georgia in 1971. During his time as Governor, Carter used his gift of communication to emphasize efficiency in government, promote environmental policies, and break down racial barriers; and

Whereas, Jimmy Carter’s presidency reflected a continuation of the values that shaped his upbringing, embodying the spirit of what it means to be an American. He was nominated for the presidency at the 1976 Democratic National Convention, campaigning on the ideals of decency, equality, and freedom. During his tenure as President, Carter worked to combat inflation and unemployment and was able to claim an increase of nearly eight million jobs by the end of his term. President Carter was also a champion of environmental policy and education. He was responsible for doubling the size of the national park system through signing the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act as well as creating the Department of Education; and

Whereas, Perhaps what most defines President Carter’s spirit and character are the actions taken after his service as President. Immediately after his presidency, Carter served as a diplomatic envoy for the United States to a variety of countries. It was during this time he founded the Carter Center which remains in operation with the goal of alleviating human suffering worldwide. President Carter inspired untold millions

of people with his efforts to resolve global conflicts, promote freedom and democracy, and improve the general health and welfare of humanity worldwide. These efforts, collectively, led President Carter to win a Nobel Peace Prize in 2002. Where others viewed the world with cynicism and despair, President Carter inspired hope and envisioned a brighter future for humanity. For all of his efforts during the century he shared with us, we are forever thankful; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That that the members of this legislative body offer our highest expression of tribute to honor the memory of President Jimmy Carter, the thirty-ninth President of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Carter family as evidence of the lasting esteem that the people of Michigan will always hold for the memory of President Carter.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Bollin, Aragona, Meerman, Smit, VanderWall, Borton, Posthumus, DeBoyer, Harris, Hall, BeGole, Jenkins-Arno, Slagh, Fox, Lightner, and Morgan offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 14.

A resolution to provide for a procedure for the required disclosures related to enhancement grants under Rule 52 of the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, Rule 52 of the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives provides, “No appropriations bill containing enhancement grants shall be brought for a vote without proper disclosure of the sponsor and the intended recipient, and a description of the grant in a form and manner established by the House by resolution”; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the following procedure is adopted for the required disclosures related to enhancement grants under Rule 52 of the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for a legislatively directed spending item to be considered for inclusion in a bill or conference report passed by the House during a calendar year, all of the following must be made publicly available on the internet by April 1 of the same calendar year and for not less than 14 days prior to passage of a bill or conference report. For the 2025 calendar year, all of the following must be made publicly available on the internet by May 1, 2025, and for not less than 14 days prior to passage of a bill or conference report:

(a) The sponsoring legislator’s name, and if applicable, any co-sponsoring legislators.

(b) The name and location of the intended recipient and the impacted legislative district or, if there is not a specific intended recipient, the intended location of the project or activity, including legislative district and legislator.

(c) The purpose of the legislatively directed spending item and an explanation of how the legislatively directed spending item provides a public benefit and why the item is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds or to otherwise demonstrate that the item is not for a local or private purpose pursuant to Article IV, § 30 of the Michigan Constitution.

(d) The requested amount of state funding for the legislatively directed spending item and whether the legislatively directed spending item has previously received federal, state, local, or private funding. The type of funding previously received must be clearly specified.

(e) If the recipient of the legislatively directed spending item is a not-for-profit entity, verification of the following information:

(i) That the entity has been operating within the state for the previous 36 consecutive months.

(ii) That the entity has had a physical office within the state for the previous 12 consecutive months.

(iii) That the entity has a board of directors and a list of all officers and active directors on the entity’s board.

(iv) That the entity is not a for-profit entity.

(f) A certification that neither the sponsoring legislator nor the sponsoring legislator’s staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item.

(g) Information on the required project timing of the proposed legislatively directed spending item.

(2) The sponsoring legislator must provide a written statement containing the information required under subsection (1) on a form and in a manner determined by the House. The written statement must be provided to the Chair and Members of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, the House Fiscal Agency, and the House Business Office.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a legislator wishing to co-sponsor a legislatively directed spending item may, with the sponsoring legislator’s permission, add or remove their name as a

co-sponsor through April 1 of each calendar year. For the 2025 calendar year, legislators wishing to co-sponsor a legislatively directed spending item may, with the sponsoring legislator's permission, add or remove their name as a co-sponsor through May 1, 2025. Co-sponsorship of a legislatively directed spending item must be completed by submitting the following letters to the House Business Office:

(a) A signed letter from the sponsor of the legislatively directed spending item granting the legislator wishing to co-sponsor permission to co-sponsor.

(b) A letter from the legislator wishing to co-sponsor stating their intention to co-sponsor the legislatively directed spending item.

(4) The House must develop a webpage on the House of Representatives' official website where each fully completed written statement received under subsection (1) shall be conspicuously available to the public. After development of the webpage, each fully completed written statement shall be made available within three business days after the later of the creation of the webpage or the original receipt of the fully completed written statement.

(5) A for-profit business is not eligible to receive a legislatively directed spending item.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) "Immediate family" means an individual's parent, child, sibling, and spouse, and any individual residing in the same household as that individual.

(b) "Legislatively directed spending item" means an appropriation that authorizes or obligates a specific amount of money for a contract or other expenditure with a grant, loan, or other economic assistance or incentive to a specific person, organization, unit of local government, or project or activity in a unit of local government, other than through a formula-driven or competitive award process.

(c) "Staff" means an individual who either is currently or within the past two years has been employed by either house of the Michigan Legislature.

(d) "Legislator" means a duly elected individual serving in the Michigan House of Representatives.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Rep. Byrnes moved to substitute (H-1) the resolution as follows:

Substitute for House Resolution No. 14.

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(c) “Staff” means an individual who either is currently or within the past two years has been employed by either house of the Michigan Legislature.

(d) “Legislator” means a duly elected individual serving in the Michigan House of Representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution does not take effect unless the following bills of the 103rd Legislature are enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 1.

(b) Senate Bill No. 2.

The motion did not prevail and the substitute (H-1) was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Rep. Posthumus demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was supported.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted, a majority of the members present voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 6

Yeas—105

Alexander	Fox	McFall	Schuette
Andrews	Frisbie	McKinney	Scott
Aragona	Glanville	Meerman	Skaggs
BeGole	Grant	Mentzer	Slagh
Beson	Greene, J.	Miller	Smit
Bierlein	Hall	Morgan	Snyder
Bohnak	Harris	Mueller	St. Germaine
Bollin	Herzberg	Myers-Phillips	Steckloff

Borton	Hoadley	Neeley	Steele
Breen	Hope	Neyer	Tate
Brixie	Hoskins	O'Neal	Thompson
Bruck	Jenkins-Arno	Outman	Tisdell
Byrnes	Johnsen	Paiz	Tsernoglou
Carra	Kelly	Pavlov	VanderWall
Carter, B.	Koleszar	Pohutsky	VanWoerkom
Carter, T.	Kuhn	Posthumus	Wegela
Cavitt	Kunse	Prestin	Weiss
Conlin	Liberati	Price	Wendzel
DeBoer	Lightner	Puri	Wilson
DeBoyer	Linting	Rheingans	Witwer
DeSana	Longjohn	Rigas	Wooden
Dievendorf	MacDonell	Robinson	Woolford
Edwards	Maddock	Rogers	Wortz
Fairbairn	Markkanen	Roth	Wozniak
Farhat	Martin	Schmaltz	Xiong
Fitzgerald	Martus	Schrivier	Young
Foreman			

Nays—0

In The Chair: Smit

Reps. Koleszar, Byrnes, Fitzgerald, Glanville, Hope, Longjohn, Morgan, Rheingans, Snyder, Weiss and Wooden offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 15.

A resolution to condemn the sweeping presidential pardons for those involved in the attempted coup to overturn the 2020 presidential election at the United States Capitol.

Whereas, The peaceful transfer of power is a cornerstone of the United States of America. The fabric of our democracy, the stability of our county, and the continued progress of our nation require adherence to this principle; and

Whereas, On January 6, 2021, in what is usually a ceremonial affair, a joint session of Congress gathered to count the Electoral College votes and affirm the victory of President-elect Joe Biden was interrupted by a group of terrorists looking to take control of the United States Capitol Building. The insurrection contributed to the deaths of five people, including an officer of the United States Capitol Police. Moreover, dozens of law enforcement officers and others were injured, and the violence left a wake of damage and destruction in our hallowed Capitol; and

Whereas, At a political rally earlier that day, President Donald Trump, who has continually sought to invalidate our duly held election, encouraged attendees to march to the United States Capitol Building in protest of the Electoral College vote certification. The inflammatory speech included false claims of voter fraud in Michigan, with an eye toward unjustifiably challenging the clear and convincing decision of Michigan voters to award the state's electoral votes to President-elect Joe Biden. In this rally and throughout past rallies, President Donald Trump's harmful rhetoric and unsubstantiated, conspiratorial, and irregular allegations of election fraud had provided fuel for hate and violence; and

Whereas, Among this group of insurrectionists encouraged to march upon the United States Capitol Building by the sitting President of the United States were members of hate groups, those armed with zip ties and pepper spray, and those chanting for the execution of a sitting Vice President; and

Whereas, On January 20, 2025, on his first day back in office, President Donald Trump granted full, complete, and unconditional pardons or commutations to all individuals convicted of a criminal offense related to the violent attack on the United States Capitol. This includes at least twenty-six individuals arrested in or from Michigan; and

Whereas, Leaders across the country must unite to condemn the acts of the President of the United States, namely, releasing violent criminals back into our community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we condemn the sweeping presidential pardons for those involved in the attempted coup to overturn the 2020 presidential election at the United States Capitol; and be it further

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

The resolution was referred to Committee on Government Operations.

Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment

The Clerk announced that the following bills and joint resolution had been reproduced and made available electronically on Tuesday, January 28:

House Bill Nos. **4021 4022 4023 4024 4025 4026 4027 4028 4029 4030 4031 4032 4033**
 4034 4035
House Joint Resolution **A**

The Clerk announced that the following Senate bills had been received on Wednesday, January 29:

Senate Bill Nos. **1 2**

Messages from the Senate

Senate Bill 1, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 442, entitled "Freedom of information act," by amending section 2 (MCL 15.232), as amended by 2018 PA 68.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Bill 2, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 442, entitled "Freedom of information act," by amending sections 6, 10, and 13 (MCL 15.236, 15.240, and 15.243), section 6 as amended by 1996 PA 553, section 10 as amended by 2014 PA 563, and section 13 as amended by 2023 PA 64, and by adding section 14a.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Introduction of Bills

Reps. Rheingans, McKinney, Wooden, Morgan, Foreman, Miller, Byrnes, Rogers, Dievendorf, Price, Young, Glanville, Scott, Conlin and Neeley introduced

House Bill No. 4036, entitled

A bill to amend 2015 PA 45, entitled "Higher education authorization and distance education reciprocal exchange act," by repealing section 7 (MCL 390.1697).

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

Reps. Rogers, VanderWall, Wooden, Roth, MacDonell, Morgan, Rheingans, Wozniak, Glanville, Miller, Beson, Young, McFall, Foreman, Skaggs, Arbit, Conlin, Wilson, Brenda Carter, Andrews, Meerman, Schmaltz, BeGole, Phil Green, Neeley, Frisbie, Neyer, Prestin, Borton and Farhat introduced

House Bill No. 4037, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 2501 and 2505 (MCL 333.2501 and 333.2505), as added by 2006 PA 137, and by adding section 2508.

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

Reps. VanderWall, Rogers, Wooden, Roth, MacDonell, Morgan, Rheingans, Wozniak, Longjohn, Glanville, Miller, Beson, Young, McFall, Foreman, Skaggs, Arbit, Conlin, Wilson, Brenda Carter, Andrews, Meerman, Schmaltz, BeGole, Phil Green, Neeley, Frisbie, Neyer, Prestin, Borton and Farhat introduced

House Bill No. 4038, entitled

A bill to amend 2018 PA 175, entitled “Insurance provider assessment act,” by amending section 13 (MCL 550.1763).

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

Reps. Outman, Martin, Neyer, Rigas, Bohnak, Prestin, Frisbie, Pavlov, Kelly, Woolford, Borton, Alexander, Carra, Fox, Johnsen and Jaime Greene introduced

House Bill No. 4039, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 306, entitled “Administrative procedures act of 1969,” by amending section 39 (MCL 24.239), as amended by 2011 PA 239.

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

Reps. Posthumus, Johnsen, Borton, Kelly, Pavlov, Neyer, Slagh, Wozniak, Roth, Schmaltz, Schriver, Wortz, Kunse, Aragona, Woolford, Alexander, Jenkins-Arno, Cavitt, Beson, DeSana, Outman, Thompson, Fox, Martin, Steele, Kuhn, Rigas, Markkanen, Robinson, Bierlein, BeGole, Hoadley, St. Germaine, Prestin, Linting, Bohnak, Carra, VanderWall, DeBoer, DeBoyer, Wendzel, Smit, Bollin, Phil Green and Jaime Greene introduced

House Joint Resolution B, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 1 and 4 of article II, to require the verification of an elector’s United States citizenship and to modify voter identification requirements.

The joint resolution was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Election Integrity.

Rep. Wilson moved that the House adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 2:25 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Thursday, January 30, at 12:00 Noon.

SCOTT E. STARR
Clerk of the House of Representatives