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12:00 Noon.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, the Representatives assembled in Representative Hall in the Capitol at Lansing on the second Wednesday in January, the 12th of January, 2000 at 12:00 o'clock Noon, and in accordance with law, were called to order by the Honorable Charles Perricone, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Tyrone Burrell, Director of the SONS Ministry Outreach Center in Port Huron, offered the following invocation:

“Dear Father, Lord God, we thank You for Your goodness, mercy, and grace. We thank You for bringing us into a new millennium, Lord. I ask for Your protection upon all of the members of this Legislature. We pray also for the Senate across the way, the Governor’s office and all of those who are in this administration. We thank You for safety and protection. We pray for protection over the course of this new year, Lord, in transportation and coming to and forth to this Capitol. We pray for protection on all of the members’ families, Lord, in the name of Jesus. Protect their wives, husbands, children and loved ones. We ask for Your wisdom to deal with all of the legislation that they will be tackling this year, Father. We ask that You surround all of these members with godly wisdom. We thank You because godliness exalts a nation, Father. Lord, we are thankful for being a part of the state of Michigan. We thank You for the history that we have here. We thank You for what You have for this state in the future, Lord. We pray Your anointing among all of these men and women, Lord, who have given a part of their lives and are dedicated to the service of this great state, Father. We thank You. We ask for courage, Lord, that these people will be people of integrity, Lord, and always look for Your direction and Your wisdom. We would like to acknowledge You in all of our ways, Lord, and ask that You would direct our path this year, Father. Bless those whom all of these servants are representing in their districts, Father. Let 2000 be a wonderful year of great accomplishment. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

By the direction of the Speaker, the Clerk called the roll of the House of Representatives and announced that a quorum was present.

District	Name	District	Name
1st	Andrew Richner	56th	Randy Richardville
2nd	LaMar Lemmons, III	57th	Doug Spade
3rd	Artina Tinsley Hardman	58th	Steven Vear
4th	Ed Vaughn—absent	59th	Cameron Brown
5th	Ken Daniels	60th	Edward LaForge
6th	Martha G. Scott	61st	Charles Perricone
7th	Hansen Clarke—absent	62nd	Mark Schauer
8th	Belda Garza	63rd	Jerry Vander Roest
9th	Kwame M. Kilpatrick	64th	Clark E. Bisbee
10th	Samuel Buzz Thomas, III	65th	Mickey Mortimer
11th	Irma Clark	66th	Judith L. Scranton
12th	Keith B. Stallworth	67th	Paul N. DeWeese—excused

13th	Triette E. Reeves	68th	Lingg Brewer
14th	Derrick Hale	69th	Lynne Martinez
15th	Gary Woronchak	70th	Laura L. Baird
16th	Bob Brown	71st	Susan Tabor
17th	Thomas Kelly	72nd	Mark C. Jansen
18th	Eileen DeHart	73rd	Doug Hart
19th	Laura M. Toy	74th	James L. Koetje
20th	Gerald H. Law	75th	William R. Byl
21st	Bruce Patterson	76th	Steven M. Pestka
22nd	Raymond E. Basham	77th	Joanne Voorhees
23rd	George W. Mans	78th	Ron Jelinek
24th	William J. O'Neil	79th	Charles LaSata
25th	Gloria Schermesser	80th	Mary Ann Middaugh
26th	William J. Callahan	81st	Lauren M. Hager
27th	Michael Switalski	82nd	Jud Gilbert
28th	Paul Wojno	83rd	Stephen R. Ehardt
29th	Jennifer Faunce	84th	Michael Green
30th	Sue Rocca	85th	Larry Julian
31st	Paul Gielegem	86th	Valde Garcia
32nd	Alan B. Sanborn	87th	Terry Geiger
33rd	Janet L. Kukuk	88th	Patricia Birkholz
34th	David Woodward	89th	Jon Jellema
35th	Gilda Z. Jacobs	90th	Wayne Kuipers
36th	Nancy L. Quarles	91st	Gerald VanWoerkom
37th	Andrew Raczkowski—excused	92nd	Julie Dennis
38th	Nancy C. Cassis	93rd	Larry L. DeVuyst—excused
39th	Marc Shulman	94th	Jim Howell
40th	Patricia Godchaux	95th	Michael Hanley
41st	John Pappageorge	96th	A.T. Frank
42nd	Robert M. Gosselin	97th	Joseph Rivet—excused
43rd	Hubert Price, Jr.	98th	Tony Stamas
44th	Michael Kowall	99th	Sandra Caul
45th	Michael D. Bishop	100th	Mike Pumford
46th	Ruth Johnson	101st	David C. Mead
47th	Rose Bogardus	102nd	Rick Johnson
48th	Vera B. Rison	103rd	Dale Sheltrown
49th	Jack Minore	104th	Jason Allen
50th	Deborah Cherry	105th	Ken Bradstreet
51st	Patricia A. Lockwood	106th	Andy Neumann
52nd	John Hansen	107th	Scott Shackleton—excused
53rd	Liz Brater	108th	Douglas R. Bovin
54th	Ruth Ann Jamnick	109th	Michael A. Prusi
55th	Gene DeRossett	110th	Paul Tesanovich—excused

e/d/s = entered during session

Rep. Julian moved that Reps. Raczkowski, DeWeese and DeVuyst be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Rep. Pappageorge moved that Rep. Shackleton be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Rep. Scott moved that Reps. Tesanovich and Rivet be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Messages from the Governor

The following line items veto message from the Governor was received and read:

Executive Office, Lansing, December 28, 1999

Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Ladies and Gentleman:

Today I have signed Enrolled House Bill 4297, a two year capital outlay appropriations bill covering Fiscal Years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001. However, I am returning it to you because of items of which I disapprove, pursuant to Article V, Section 19, of the Michigan Constitution. The specific items vetoed are contained within the attached copy of the bill, which has been filed with the Secretary of State.

The bill appropriates nearly \$203 million in Fiscal Year 2000 and nearly \$472 million in Fiscal Year 2001. Most of the increase between fiscal years is attributable to inclusion of \$277 million in rent payments for Fiscal Year 2001 to pay off prior bond issuances. Fiscal Year 2000 rent payments were approved in a Fiscal Year 1999 supplemental bill (Public Act 137 of 1999).

Funding was provided to undertake major special maintenance and remodeling projects at state agency facilities. These funds will address structural concerns, critical roofing and utility upgrades in existing state buildings.

The bill authorizes the use of Fiscal Year 1999 year-end balances to the Department of State Police for continued implementation of the public safety communications system project and to the Department of Community Health to begin construction of a new forensics center project in Ypsilanti.

Projects were approved for state building authority financing for the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor for its School of Natural Resources and Environment project and Mott Community College for a Regional Technology Center project.

The bill further provides funding for on-going projects at the Departments of Military Affairs, Natural Resources and Transportation, funded primarily with restricted state resources, including a significant appropriation for aeronautics projects across the state.

This bill includes \$5 million each for the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Grand Rapids Convention Center, fulfilling the Fiscal Year 1999 commitment to each of those facilities. Also included is \$403,000 for the National World War II Veterans Memorial.

Planning authorization is provided for capital outlay projects at various higher education institutions including Grand Valley State, Western Michigan University, Oakland University, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Western Michigan University/Lake Michigan College, Glen Oaks Community College, Gogebic Community College, Grand Rapids Community College, Henry Ford Community College, Macomb Community College, Washtenaw Community College, and Schoolcraft Community College. However, my action today includes vetoes of planning authorization for other higher education capital outlay projects.

Within Section 106 of the bill I am vetoing thirty \$100 line items which would authorize additional planning funds for community college and university projects. A significant number of these appropriations were for projects not yet even identified. I am not prepared to set a precedent of approving unspecified projects for planning. I also believe that once the State has authorized planning funds for a higher education institution, the State has made a commitment to that institution and potential donors to fund eligible projects that result from those plans. The approval of these planning funds and, ultimately, SBA financing would have placed the state \$500 million over the statutorily determined bond. The specific items vetoed are contained within the attached copy of the bill.

I considered a veto of the planning grant for the Western Michigan University Health and Human Services campus. The recent merger of two pharmaceutical companies in the West Michigan area, however, presents the potential for a partnership between this proposed new health campus and the private sector. Therefore, I have asked Michigan Economic Development Corporation Director, Doug Rothwell, to meet with Western Michigan University and the new pharmaceutical company to discuss the economic development potential of this proposed campus improvement. My future support for this project will be based on the outcome of these discussions.

Finally, I have vetoed boilerplate Section 1217 which calls for a public university study of the impact of billboards on tourism in the state. The Department of Transportation, however, will complete this study out of existing funds.

I commend the Legislature for their support of maintaining the infrastructure of our state through this capital outlay budget.

Sincerely,
John Engler
Governor

This bill was signed by the Governor December 28, 1999, at 3:00 p.m.

December 29, 1999

The Honorable Candice S. Miller
Secretary of State
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Madam:

Attached is a certified copy of Enrolled House Bill No. 4297 along with a copy of the veto message of the Governor. The official bill as approved by the Governor is open for your inspection in my office.

Yours truly,
Gary L. Randall
Clerk of the House of Representatives

This bill was filed with the Secretary of State December 29, 1999, at 11:10 a.m. and assigned Public Act No. 265, I.E.

The question being on the passage of the disapproved items, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding,

Rep. Middaugh moved that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.
The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of
Motions and Resolutions

Reps. Middaugh and Kilpatrick offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 76.

A concurrent resolution providing for a joint convention of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the House of Representatives and Senate meet in joint convention in the Hall of the House of Representatives, Wednesday, January 19, 2000, at 6:45 p.m., to receive the message of Governor John M. Engler.

Pending the reference of the concurrent resolution to a committee,

Rep. Middaugh moved that Rule 77 be suspended and the concurrent resolution be considered at this time.

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

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Rep. Middaugh moved that House Committees be given leave to meet during the balance of today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Rep. Middaugh moved that when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned until Wednesday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m.
The motion prevailed.

Reps. Wojno, Hansen, Green, Switalski, Schermesser, LaForge, Spade, Howell, Rocca, Pappageorge, Lemmons, Daniels, Allen, Cherry, Jellema, Voorhees, Van Woerkom, Julian, Koetje, Hanley, Jamnick, Thomas, Prusi, Neumann, Woodward, Jacobs, Minore, Brater, Scott, Martinez, Baird, Jansen, Callahan, Kelly, Dennis, Scranton, Schauer, Bovin, Bogardus, Hale, Vaughn, DeHart, DeRossett, Garcia, Faunce, LaSata, Vear, Birkholz, Toy and Richner offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 247.

A resolution recognizing Wolfe Middle School of Center Line upon being distinguished as a Michigan Blue Ribbon School.

Whereas, It is with great pleasure that we commend the students, teachers, staff, and parents of Wolfe Middle School upon its recognition as a Michigan Blue Ribbon School. To be recognized as a Michigan Blue Ribbon School, a school must demonstrate a strong commitment to educational excellence for all students. This recognition is a well-earned

milestone symbolic of innovation, planning, and the personal commitment of the many dedicated individuals at Wolfe Middle School who share the belief that education is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children; and

Whereas, Wolfe Middle School is a relatively small school which is placed with the enormous task of preparing students for the next millennium. The vision of Wolfe Middle School is that all programs be dedicated to preparing students academically, emotionally, and socially, helping them move from childhood to adolescence. The communities of Center Line and Warren, which Wolfe Middle School serves, are extraordinarily diverse. Teacher-mentors, a student assistance coordinator, one counselor per grade, many community volunteers, and special developmental classes provide substantial support for a diverse student population; and

Whereas, Surrounded by factories and businesses at the forefront of technology, Wolfe Middle School is acutely equipped to prepare students to be competitive in the highly technical workplace. Internet and computer access is provided to all students in the brand new Technology Education Lab, which also boasts a robotics lab, audio and video production studio, computer animation station, and a host of other technological innovations; and

Whereas, The staff at Wolfe Middle School includes a well-rounded mix of veteran teachers and newer teachers, some entering the teaching profession after working in another field. The teachers at Wolfe are committed professionals whose pride is evident throughout the bright, clean, and beautifully maintained building. Wolfe students, teachers, and administrators have received numerous awards. Principal of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Coach of the Year, several writing contest winners, speech contest winners, athletic award winners, and academic award winners in many disciplines clearly illustrate a community of high achievers; and

Whereas, Principal Sue Gripton, Superintendent Terry Follbaum, and all the good parents of Wolfe Middle School realize that a key part of achieving great results is by expecting great results, and students have proved this theory by accepting nothing less than their best. Clearly, the fortunate students at Wolfe Middle School are well along the path to quality education. We look forward to the continuation of this excellent record; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize Wolfe Middle School as they receive honors as a Michigan Blue Ribbon School; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the student, teachers, staff, and parents of Wolfe Middle School as evidence of our highest esteem.

Pending the reference of the resolution to a committee,

Rep. Middaugh moved that Rule 77 be suspended and the resolution be considered at this time.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Hardman, Hansen, Switalski, Schermesser, LaForge, Spade, Howell, Lemmons, Daniels, Allen, Cherry, Voorhees, Julian, Hanley, Jamnick, Thomas, Prusi, Neumann, Woodward, Jacobs, Minore, Brater, Scott, Martinez, Baird, Jansen, Quarles, Kelly, Dennis, Sheltroun, Scranton, Garza, Clark, Schauer, Bogardus, Hale, Vaughn, Kukuk, DeHart, DeRossett, Garcia, Faunce, Birkholz, Toy and Richner offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 248.

A resolution honoring Norman “Turkey” Stearnes and urging his entry into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Whereas, It is a privilege and with great respect to honor Norman “Turkey” Stearnes for his successful career in the Negro Leagues. After 20 years of baseball, Mr. Stearnes stands as an outstanding role model for all athletes of any sport. We commend him for his outstanding career and remarkable achievements; and

Whereas, Mr. Stearnes was born May 8, 1901, in Nashville, TN. Mr. Stearnes had offers to play professional baseball at an early age. He wouldn’t start playing professionally until after graduation. He was the first of his family to do so. Mr. Stearnes earned the nickname “Turkey” for the pot belly he had as a child and for the way he ran around the bases flapping his arms. Mr. Stearnes would run like the wind. In 1923, he began working for Briggs Manufacturing Company while playing for the Detroit Stars; and

Whereas, Baseball’s great calculator has always been the statistics that surround and define great achievement. Norman “Turkey” Stearnes numbers are better than most already in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Stearnes’ lifetime batting average of .364, career slugging percentage of .654, batting average of .474 in playoff games, coupled with his record for leading the league in doubles twice, triples three times, and home runs seven times. But for whatever reason, this remarkable record has not been sufficient enough for entry into the Baseball Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Mr. Stearnes garnered more votes—59,904—than any other player for the first Negro League All Star Game in 1933. Baseball historians now believe Stearnes was the best hitter in the Negro League, outscoring his better known counterparts, Josh Gibson and Buck Leonard; and

Whereas, In his 20 years of professional baseball, Mr. Stearnes not only compiled Hall of Fame statistics, but also demonstrated a rare love for America’s pastime. When asked by the Baseball Hall of Fame to fill out a form in 1971,

“Turkey” Stearnes could not lie. Among the questions was, “What do you consider your outstanding achievements in baseball?” Stearnes simply replied, “Hitting, fielding, running, and throwing.”; and

Whereas, Norman “Turkey” Stearnes retired from baseball in 1946, and in the same year, married Nettie. Mr. Stearnes worked in the foundry at Ford Rouge for the next 25 years where he was a loyal member of the UAW. Norman “Turkey” Stearnes was not only a great baseball player but he was loved by his family as well. According to his daughter, “We owe our successes and upbringing to him. He stood behind us in everything.” Mr. Stearnes love for the game continued as he rarely missed a Detroit Tiger game, preferring to sit in the bleachers with the fans who knew, respected, and loved the game; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body join in honoring Norman “Turkey” Stearnes and urge the Veteran Committee of the Baseball Hall of Fame to cast their vote in favor of his entry into the Hall of Fame; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the daughters of Norman “Turkey” Stearnes and to each member of the Veterans Committee of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Pending the reference of the resolution to a committee,

Rep. Middaugh moved that Rule 77 be suspended and the resolution be considered at this time.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Koetje, Green, Schermesser, LaForge, Spade, Howell, Pappageorge, Lemmons, Vander Roest, Allen, Jellema, Voorhees, Mead, Van Woerkom, Shulman, Julian, Jamnick, Prusi, Kuipers, Kowall, Neumann, Pestka, Jacobs, Baird, Jansen, Kelly, Hale, Kukuk, DeHart, Patterson, DeRossett, Garcia, Faunce, LaSata, Bishop, Vear, Birkholz, Toy and Richner offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 249.

A resolution honoring Kent County Circuit Court Judge Robert A. Benson.

Whereas, As the Honorable Judge Robert A. Benson will retire from the Kent County Circuit Court bench on January 31, 2000, we acknowledge his contributions to the legal profession, the citizens of Kent County, and the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, Judge Robert A. Benson was born in Grand Island, Nebraska. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from the University of Notre Dame in 1952. Before receiving his Juris Doctor, with highest distinction, from Wayne State University in 1961, Judge Benson served on active duty with the Marine Corps from September 1952 to February 1955. His tour was with the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Le Jeune. He was an infantry officer serving as platoon leader and Company Executive Officer for D Company 2nd BN 2nd Marines. He had a brief stint as S-4 for the 2/2 and ended his active duty in 2nd Shore Party BN. He served as Executive Officer of the former 10th Rifle Company in Grand Rapids for approximately two years after active duty. He attained the rank of Captain; and

Whereas, From 1961-1974, Judge Benson was a partner in the law firm of Roach, Twohey, Benson and Brady. His work consisted primarily of trial and appellate criminal law, family law, business law, real estate law, personal injury litigation, and appellate work; and

Whereas, From 1974-1980 he was with the law firm of Cholette, Perkins, and Buchanan. He specialized in civil litigation, representing insurance companies; and

Whereas, On October 13, 1980, Judge Benson was appointed by Governor Milliken to the Kent County Circuit Court bench. He was reelected to six-year terms in 1984, 1990, 1996 and was the Chief Judge from 1991 until 1993; and

Whereas, Judge Benson is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Vice President of the Michigan Judges Association. In 1972 and 1973 he was the Secretary of the Grand Rapids Bar Association and from 1973-1974, he was a member of the Michigan State Bar Committee on Civil Rights. He was a member for the Grand Rapids Bar Association Committee Civil Procedure and Practice for six years, and has been a member of the Rules Committee and the Executive Committee of the Michigan Judges Association; and

Whereas, Judge Benson is an adjunct professor at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School and from 1975-1976 was an adjunct instructor of Legal Research and Writing at Grand Valley State College. Judge Benson is also a lecturer for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education; and

Whereas, The Kent County Circuit Court will lose a man of integrity, wisdom, and intellect, and we take pride in knowing that this man of character will continue to share his blessings with us as a friend, husband, and father. The legacy he leaves from his tenure as a Circuit Court Judge is that he has righteously upheld the values and traditions we believe are necessary to fulfill a position of this nobility; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body join in honoring Judge Robert A. Benson for his commitment and dedication to the citizens of Kent County and the State of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Judge Robert A. Benson as a token of our admiration and respect.

Pending the reference of the resolution to a committee,

Rep. Middaugh moved that Rule 77 be suspended and the resolution be considered at this time.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Notices

Public Hearing

Committee on Agriculture and Resource Management

Date: Friday, January 21, 2000

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Monitor Sugar Plant, Bay City, Michigan

Rep. Green,
Chair

Agenda: Touring of Monitor Sugar Plant
and any/or all business properly before this committee.

Messages from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received January 6, 2000 and read:

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 2000 - 1

Office of Regulatory Reform Michigan Department of Management and Budget Executive Office of the Governor

Executive Reorganization

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization or in the assignment of functions among its units that he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Regulatory Reform was created in the Executive Office by Executive Order 1995-6 to review proposed rules, coordinate the processing of rules by state departments, and work with departments to streamline the rulemaking process; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 262 of the Public Acts of 1999, amended the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, being Sections 24.201 *et seq.* of the Michigan Compiled Laws, in part, by adding Section 34, being Section 24.234 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, which codified the authority of the Office of Regulatory Reform as a Type I agency within the Department of Management and Budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 262 of the Public Acts of 1999, the effective date of the creation of the Office of Regulatory Reform in the Department of Management and Budget will be April 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Regulatory Reform, both under Executive Order 1995-6 and Act No. 262 of the Public Acts of 1999, will review and process rules from all state departments; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Regulatory Reform's coordination and rule review functions must be performed independently of departments seeking to promulgate rules; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary in the interests of efficient administration and effectiveness of government to effect changes in the organization of the Executive Branch of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engler, Governor of the state of Michigan, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963 and the laws of the state of Michigan do hereby order the following:

All the authority, powers, duties, functions, grants and responsibilities of the Office of Regulatory Reform provided for in Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended by Act No. 262 of the Public Acts of 1999, being Sections 24.201 *et seq.* of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and Executive Order 1995-6, are hereby transferred to the Executive Office of the Governor by a Type I transfer, as defined by Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform shall provide executive direction and supervision for the implementation of the transfer.

The Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform shall administer the transferred powers, duties, functions and responsibilities in such ways as to promote effective administration and shall make internal organizational changes as may be administratively necessary to complete the realignment of the responsibilities prescribed by this Order.

The Department of Management and Budget shall determine and authorize the most efficient manner possible for handling financial transactions and records in the state's financial management system for the remainder of this fiscal year.

All records, personnel, property and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations and other funds used, held, employed, available or to be made available to the Office of Regulatory Reform for the activities, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities transferred by this Order are hereby transferred to the Director of the Office of Regulatory Reform.

All rules, orders, contracts and agreements related to the assigned functions that were lawfully adopted prior to the effective date of this Order shall continue to be effective until revised, amended or repealed.

Any suit, action or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against or before any entity affected by this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order. Any suit, action or other proceeding may be maintained by, against or before the appropriate successor of any entity affected by this Order.

In fulfillment of the requirement of Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the state of Michigan of 1963, the provisions of this Executive Order shall take effect April 1, 2000.

[SEAL]

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 6th day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand.

John Engler
Governor
By the Governor:
Candice S. Miller
Secretary of State

The message was referred to the Clerk.

Communications from State Officers

The following communication from the Northeast Michigan Consortium Workforce Development Board was received and read:

January 5, 2000

The Northeast Michigan Consortium Workforce Development Board has prepared the final Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Transitional Plan for the program year beginning July 1, 2000.

A copy of the Plan is available at Northeast Michigan Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765.

The communication was referred to the Clerk.

The following communication from the Department of Environmental Quality was received and read:

January 7, 2000

Attached please find the report to the Michigan Legislature, as required by Section 32714, Part 327, Great Lakes Preservation, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, assessing the state water use protection fund.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Mr. Flint Watt, Chief, Drinking Water and Radiological Protection Division, at 517-335-9218.

Sincerely,
Russell J. Harding
Director
517-373-7917

The communication was referred to the Clerk.

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

January 12, 2000

The Honorable Charles Perricone
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Mr. Speaker:

By direction of the Senate, I hereby notify you that a quorum of the Senate has assembled and is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Very respectfully,
Carol Morey Viventi, J.D.
Secretary of the Senate

Introduction of Bills

Rep. Martinez introduced
House Bill No. 5220, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1233c.

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

Reps. Minore, Switalski, Bogardus, Gielegem, Martinez, Jannick, Dennis, Hager and Lemmons introduced
House Bill No. 5221, entitled

A bill to amend the Initiated Law of 1996, entitled "Michigan gaming control and revenue act," by amending sections 4c and 14 (MCL 432.204c and 432.214), section 4c as added and section 14 as amended by 1997 PA 69.

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

Rep. Allen moved that the House adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 12:40 p.m.

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until Wednesday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m.

GARY L. RANDALL
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

