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House Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, March 19, 2015.

12:00 Noon.

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.

Afendoulis—present	Franz—present	Kosowski—present	Potvin—present
Banks—present	Gamrat—present	LaFontaine—present	Price—present
Barrett—present	Garcia—present	Lane—excused	Pscholka—present
Bizon—present	Garrett—excused	Lauwers—present	Rendon—present
Brinks—present	Gay-Dagnogo—present	LaVoy—present	Roberts, B.—present
Brunner—present	Geiss—present	Leonard—present	Roberts, S.—present
Bumstead—present	Gardon—present	Leutheuser—present	Robinson—present
Byrd—present	Glenn—present	Liberati—present	Runestad—present
Callton—present	Goike—present	Love—present	Rutledge—present
Canfield—present	Graves—present	Lucido—present	Santana—present
Chang—present	Greig—present	Lyons—present	Schor—present
Chatfield—present	Greimel—present	Maturen—present	Sheppard—present
Chirkun—present	Guerra—present	McBroom—present	Singh—present
Clemente—present	Heise—present	McCready—present	Smiley—present
Cochran—present	Hoadley—present	Miller, A.—present	Somerville—present
Cole—present	Hooker—present	Miller, D.—present	Talabi—present
Cotter—present	Hovey-Wright—present	Moss—present	Tedder—present
Courser—present	Howrylak—present	Muxlow—present	Theis—present
Cox—present	Hughes—present	Neeley—present	Townsend—excused
Crawford—present	Iden—present	Nesbitt—present	Vaupel—present
Darany—present	Inman—present	Outman—present	VerHeulen—present
Dianda—present	Irwin—present	Pagan—present	Victory—present
Dillon—present	Jacobsen—present	Pagel—present	Webber—present
Driskell—present	Jenkins—present	Pettalia—present	Wittenberg—present
Durhal—present	Johnson—present	Phelps—present	Yanez—present
Faris—present	Kelly—present	Plawecki—present	Yonker—present
Farrington—present	Kesto—present	Poleski—present	Zemke—present
Forlini—present	Kivela—present		

e/d/s = entered during session

Rep. Ray A. Franz, from the 101st District, offered the following invocation:

“Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the opportunity to serve You and the citizens of this Great State. We ask that You give us all the strength of our principles and convictions – and the prudence and patience to recognize those characteristics in others. We ask for Your guidance to work with each other while respecting different ways to achieve the common goal of good governance.

Dear God – we thank You for this beautiful state – so beautiful, in fact, that we can see Your hand on our land from Your heavens above.

We thank You for all the hard working staff that often make us appear better and smarter than we are. We thank You for those in blue, brown, and red coats who protect and watch over us. We thank You for the dedicated men and women who rush to our aid when we are in physical need – and for our pastors, priests, and religious servants who answer our spiritual needs.

Finally, Father – we ask You to watch over and protect our men and women who wear the uniform of our country. They travel far from home to defeat evil – so that we do not face it here. Please watch over and protect their families waiting here at home. Grant them piece of mind and swift reunion with their loved ones. And hold a special place at Your side for all of our veterans.

All this we pray in Your Name and in the name of Your only begotten son – Jesus Christ!
Amen.”

Rep. Singh moved that Reps. Garrett, Lane and Townsend be excused from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

Motions and Resolutions

Reps. LaVoy, Chatfield, Sheppard, Derek Miller, Kivela, Dillon, Plawecki, Liberati, Brunner, Chang, Garrett, Lucido, Guerra, Poleski, Pscholka, Forlini, Graves, Canfield, Kelly, Jenkins, Maturen, Greimel, Vaupel, Townsend, Schor, Byrd, Webber, Talabi, Wittenberg, Kosowski, Phelps, Neeley, Dianda, Irwin, Robinson, Love, Clemente, Banks, Santana, Crawford, Faris, Howrylak, Hughes, Kesto and Singh offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 40.

A resolution to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the ending of the War of 1812.

Whereas, The War of 1812 was a defining event in the history and development of Michigan; and

Whereas, From June 1812 to July 1815, the Michigan Territory was on the front line of a conflict between the United States, Great Britain, and Native American tribes of the region; and

Whereas, The first land engagement of the War of 1812 on United States soil was the successful attack and capture of Fort Mackinac, Mackinac Island, by British and Native American forces on July 17, 1812. Two months later Fort Detroit fell to British troops as well. While American troops retook Detroit in 1813, they failed to re-capture Fort Mackinac as they were defeated during the Battle of Mackinac Island on August 4, 1814. British troops also scored a decisive victory in the battle of Frenchtown (Monroe) in 1813; and

Whereas, The “Peace of Christmas Eve,” the Treaty of Ghent ending the War of 1812 was signed in Belgium on December 24, 1814. The British government approved the document on December 27, 1814. After gaining the approval of the Senate and ratification by President Madison, the Treaty of Ghent took effect on February 16, 1815, marking the legal end of the War of 1812. The treaty mandated a postwar definition of the border between the United States and Canada, a task that was completed in the 1820s; and

Whereas, Rumors of peace reached Detroit by late February, However, official notification did not arrive until mid-March. Detroiters then planned a Grand Pacification Ball immediately following the end of Lent. On March 29, 1815, Detroiters gathered at Ben Woodworth’s Hotel to celebrate the end of the War of 1812. On March 28, 2015 the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 with the Detroit Historical Society will host a commemorative “Grand Pacification Ball” to celebrate the end of the war; and

Whereas, The final transfer of Michigan Territory to the United States occurred on July 18, 1815 when United States troops peacefully reoccupied Fort Mackinac. On July 18, 2015, the Mackinac Island State Park Commission will commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of this event with special programs at Fort Mackinac and the dedication of the Mackinac Island Peace Garden which honors 200 years of peace between the United States and Canada along the longest unguarded border in the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 200th anniversary of the ending of the War of 1812.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

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

Substitute for House Resolution No. 40.

A resolution to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the ending of the War of 1812.

Whereas, The War of 1812 was a defining event in the history and development of Michigan; and

Whereas, From June 1812 to July 1815, the Michigan Territory was on the front line of a conflict between the United States, Great Britain, and Native American tribes of the region; and

Whereas, The first land engagement of the War of 1812 on United States soil was the successful attack and capture of Fort Mackinac, Mackinac Island, by British and Native American forces on July 17, 1812. One month later Fort Detroit fell to British troops as well. While American troops retook Detroit in 1813, they failed to re-capture Fort Mackinac as they were defeated during the Battle of Mackinac Island on August 4, 1814. British troops also scored a decisive victory in the battle of Frenchtown (Monroe) in 1813; and

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Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 200th anniversary of the ending of the War of 1812.

The motion prevailed and the substitute (H-1) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Rep. Chatfield offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 41.

A resolution to declare March 20, 2015, as Snowplow Driver Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Removing snow and ice during the winter months from hundreds of thousands of miles of streets and highways in Michigan is a monumental job; and

Whereas, Michigan depends upon thousands of snowplow drivers who work long hours under severe weather conditions to ensure that the rest of us can travel to work, school, and other destinations; and

Whereas, Throughout Michigan’s enduring winter season, snowplow drivers use their years of knowledge and skill in a determined effort to make roadways safer for all motorists as well as maintain the movement of goods and services to support our state’s businesses and commerce; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 20, 2015, as Snowplow Driver Appreciation Day in the state of Michigan. We ask that all residents of Michigan join in showing appreciation for the hard work and valuable service performed by snowplow drivers.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Third Reading of Bills

Senate Bill No. 42, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending sections 7a, 18b, 25, 67a, 212, 259, 306, 307, 309, 310d, 310e, 312e, 312f, 319, 319b, 324, 732, 803b, and 904 (MCL 257.7a, 257.18b, 257.25, 257.67a, 257.212, 257.259, 257.306, 257.307, 257.309, 257.310d, 257.310e, 257.312e, 257.312f, 257.319, 257.319b, 257.324, 257.732,

257.803b, and 257.904), sections 7a and 212 as amended by 2002 PA 534, section 18b as added and section 67a as amended by 1988 PA 346, section 306 as amended by 2014 PA 120, section 307 as amended by 2012 PA 55, section 309 as amended by 2012 PA 355, section 310d as amended by 2004 PA 62, section 310e as amended by 2011 PA 124, sections 312e and 803b as amended by 2011 PA 159, section 312f as amended by 2012 PA 473, section 319 as amended by 2012 PA 306, section 319b as amended by 2012 PA 498, section 324 as amended by 2006 PA 298, section 732 as amended by 2012 PA 592, and section 904 as amended by 2008 PA 461, and by adding section 306a.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 40**Yeas—105**

Afendoulis	Franz	Kosowski	Potvin
Banks	Garcia	LaFontaine	Price
Barrett	Gay-Dagnogo	Lauwers	Pscholka
Bizon	Geiss	LaVoy	Rendon
Brinks	Gardon	Leonard	Roberts, B.
Brunner	Glenn	Leutheuser	Roberts, S.
Bumstead	Goike	Liberati	Robinson
Byrd	Graves	Love	Runestad
Callton	Greig	Lucido	Rutledge
Canfield	Greimel	Lyons	Santana
Chang	Guerra	Maturen	Schor
Chatfield	Heise	McBroom	Sheppard
Chirkun	Hoadley	McCready	Singh
Clemente	Hooker	Miller, A.	Smiley
Cochran	Hovey-Wright	Miller, D.	Somerville
Cole	Howrylak	Moss	Talabi
Cotter	Hughes	Muxlow	Tedder
Cox	Iden	Neeley	Theis
Crawford	Inman	Nesbitt	Vaupel
Darany	Irwin	Outman	VerHeulen
Dianda	Jacobsen	Pagan	Victory
Dillon	Jenkins	Pagel	Webber
Driskell	Johnson	Pettalia	Wittenberg
Durhal	Kelly	Phelps	Yanez
Faris	Kesto	Plawecki	Yonker
Farrington	Kivela	Poleski	Zemke
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Nays—2

Courser	Gamrat
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In The Chair: Leonard

The question being on agreeing to the title of the bill,

Rep. Yonker moved to amend the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation

and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of manufacturers, the manufacturers of automated technology, upfitters, owners, and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to regulate the introduction and use of certain evidence; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date,” by amending sections 7a, 18b, 25, 43a, 67a, 212, 259, 306, 307, 309, 310d, 310e, 312e, 312f, 319, 319b, 324, 625a, 732, 803b, and 904 (MCL 257.7a, 257.18b, 257.25, 257.43a, 257.67a, 257.212, 257.259, 257.306, 257.307, 257.309, 257.310d, 257.310e, 257.312e, 257.312f, 257.319, 257.319b, 257.324, 257.625a, 257.732, 257.803b, and 257.904), sections 7a and 212 as amended by 2002 PA 534, section 18b as added and section 67a as amended by 1988 PA 346, section 43a as added and section 625a as amended by 2014 PA 315, section 306 as amended by 2014 PA 120, section 307 as amended by 2012 PA 55, section 309 as amended by 2012 PA 355, section 310d as amended by 2004 PA 62, section 310e as amended by 2011 PA 124, sections 312e and 803b as amended by 2011 PA 159, section 312f as amended by 2012 PA 473, section 319 as amended by 2012 PA 306, section 319b as amended by 2012 PA 498, section 324 as amended by 2006 PA 298, section 732 as amended by 2012 PA 592, and section 904 as amended by 2008 PA 461, and by adding section 306a.

The motion prevailed.

The House agreed to the title as amended.

Rep. Yonker moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

Second Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4054, entitled

A bill to amend 1987 PA 96, entitled “The mobile home commission act,” by amending sections 2, 4, 16, 17, 43, and 48 (MCL 125.2302, 125.2304, 125.2316, 125.2317, 125.2343, and 125.2348), section 2 as amended by 2012 PA 588, sections 4, 16, and 17 as amended by 2006 PA 328, and section 43 as added by 1988 PA 337, and by adding sections 48b and 50.

Was read a second time, and the question being on the adoption of the proposed substitute (H-3) previously recommended by the Committee on Regulatory Reform,

The substitute (H-3) was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Rep. Schor moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker Pro Tempore called Associate Speaker Pro Tempore Franz to the Chair.

Introduction of Bills

Rep. Goike introduced

House Bill No. 4358, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 43537 (MCL 324.43537), as amended by 2013 PA 108.

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

Rep. Goike introduced

House Bill No. 4359, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 306, entitled “Administrative procedures act of 1969,” (MCL 24.201 to 24.328) by adding sections 9 and 10.

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

Reps. Faris, Darany, Brinks, Sarah Roberts, Moss, Schor, Greig and Kosowski introduced

House Bill No. 4360, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," (MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 811ii. The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Reps. Irwin, Faris, Liberati and Geiss introduced

House Bill No. 4361, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding sections 7521a and 7521b.

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

Reps. Sheppard, LaVoy, Glardon, Webber, Hughes and Iden introduced

House Bill No. 4362, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled "Worker's disability compensation act of 1969," by amending section 611 (MCL 418.611), as amended by 1993 PA 198.

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

Reps. Santana and Pscholka introduced

House Bill No. 4363, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 192, entitled "Forbes mechanical contractors act," by amending section 10 (MCL 338.980), as amended by 2012 PA 312.

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

Reps. Santana and Pscholka introduced

House Bill No. 4364, entitled

A bill to amend 2002 PA 733, entitled "State plumbing act," by amending section 31 (MCL 338.3541), as amended by 2012 PA 311.

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

Rep. Iden introduced

House Bill No. 4365, entitled

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled "Michigan business tax act," by amending section 419 (MCL 208.1419).

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

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

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of

Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment

The Clerk announced that the following bills had been printed and placed upon the files of the members on Thursday, March 19:

House Bill Nos.	4353	4354	4355	4356	4357		
Senate Bill Nos.	216	217	218	219	220	221	222

The Clerk announced that the following Senate bills had been received on Thursday, March 19:

Senate Bill Nos.	24	100	106	139
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Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, by Rep. Barrett, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4060, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," (MCL 388.1601 to 388.1896) by adding section 275b.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Rutledge and Faris

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Barrett, Chair, of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Thursday, March 19, 2015

Present: Reps. Barrett, Hughes, Hooker, Outman, Glenn, Rutledge and Faris

Absent: Reps. Courser and Talabi

Excused: Reps. Courser and Talabi

The Committee on Insurance, by Rep. Leonard, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4193, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 227 and 328 (MCL 257.227 and 257.328), section 227 as amended by 2011 PA 92 and section 328 as amended by 2004 PA 52.

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

The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Leonard, Theis, Franz, Goike, Glardon, LaFontaine, Lyons, Barrett, Runestad, Vaupel, Webber, Cochran, Banks, Clemente, Kosowski, Derek Miller and Wittenberg

Nays: None

The Committee on Insurance, by Rep. Leonard, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4224, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending sections 240 and 438 (MCL 500.240 and 500.438), section 240 as amended by 2000 PA 252 and section 438 as amended by 1994 PA 227.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Leonard, Theis, Franz, Goike, Glardon, LaFontaine, Lyons, Barrett, Runestad, Vaupel, Webber, Cochran, Banks, Clemente, Kosowski, Derek Miller and Wittenberg

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Leonard, Chair, of the Committee on Insurance, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Thursday, March 19, 2015

Present: Reps. Leonard, Theis, Franz, Goike, Glardon, LaFontaine, Lyons, Barrett, Runestad, Vaupel, Webber, Cochran, Banks, Clemente, Kosowski, Derek Miller and Wittenberg

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Price, Chair, of the Committee on Education, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Thursday, March 19, 2015

Present: Reps. Price, Garcia, Callton, Hooker, McBroom, Somerville, Yonker, Kelly, Chatfield, Courser, Tedder, Zemke, Santana, Brinks, Schor, Chang and Greig

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. McBroom, Chair, of the Committee on Oversight and Ethics, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Thursday, March 19, 2015

Present: Reps. McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson and Pagan

Messages from the Senate**Senate Bill No. 24, entitled**

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7cc (MCL 211.7cc), as amended by 2014 PA 40.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Bill No. 100, entitled

A bill to amend 1941 PA 122, entitled "An act to establish the revenue collection duties of the department of treasury; to prescribe its powers and duties as the revenue collection agency of this state; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the state treasurer; to establish the collection duties of certain other state departments for money or accounts owed to this state; to regulate the importation, stamping, and disposition of certain tobacco products; to provide for the transfer of powers and duties now vested in certain other state boards, commissions, departments, and offices; to prescribe certain duties of and require certain reports from the department of treasury; to provide procedures for the payment, administration, audit, assessment, levy of interests or penalties on, and appeals of taxes and tax liability; to prescribe its powers and duties if an agreement to act as agent for a city to administer, collect, and enforce the city income tax act on behalf of a city is entered into with any city; to provide an appropriation; to abolish the state board of tax administration; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to declare the effect of this act," by amending section 22 (MCL 205.22), as amended by 2007 PA 194.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Bill No. 106, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 4o (MCL 205.54o), as amended by 2004 PA 173.

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Bill No. 139, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1272b (MCL 380.1272b).

The Senate has passed the bill.

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

A concurrent resolution to urge the U.S. Congress to override the President of the United States' veto of the Keystone XL pipeline application legislation and to encourage members of the U.S. Congress who did not originally support the legislation to vote in favor of it.

Whereas, The United States relies—and will continue to rely for many years—on gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel, as well as renewable and alternative sources of energy. In order to fuel our economy, the United States will need more oil and natural gas while also requiring additional alternative energy sources; and

Whereas, The United States accounts for around 20 percent of world energy consumption and is the world's largest petroleum consumer. The United States consumes more than 18 million barrels of oil each day, and forecasts suggest this will not change for decades. Current crude oil imports amount to about 8 million barrels each day, approximately 45 percent of U.S. requirements. Even with new technology, oil discoveries, alternative fuels, and conservation efforts, the United States will remain dependent on imported energy for decades to come. A secure supply of crude oil is not only needed for Americans to continue to heat their homes, cook their food, and drive their vehicles, but to allow the U.S. economy to thrive and grow free from the potential threats and disruptions of crude oil supply from less secure parts of the world; and

Whereas, The growing production of conflict-free oil from Canada's oil sands and the Bakken Formation in Saskatchewan, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota can replace crude imported from countries that do not share American values. However, additional pipeline capacity to refineries in the U.S. Midwest and Gulf Coast is required; and

Whereas, Increasing energy imports from Canada makes sense for the United States. Canada is a trusted neighbor with a stable democratic government, strong environmental standards—equal to that of the United States—and some of the most stringent human rights and worker protection laws in the world; and

Whereas, Improvements in production technology have reduced the carbon footprint of Canadian oil sands development by 26 percent on a per-barrel basis since 1990. Oil sands production accounts for 6.9 percent of Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and 0.1 percent, or one-thousandth, of global GHG emissions. Total emissions from Canada's oil sands sector was 61 megatons in 2012, equivalent to about 0.9 percent of U.S. GHG emissions. Oil sands crude has similar carbon dioxide emissions to other heavy oils and is 9 percent more carbon-intensive than the average crude refined in the United States on a wells-to-wheels basis; and

Whereas, The 56 refineries in the Gulf Coast region provide a total refining capacity of approximately 9.2 million barrels per day (bpd), or half of U.S. refining capacity. In 2013, these refineries imported approximately 3.8 million bpd of crude oil from more than 30 countries, with the top three suppliers being Saudi Arabia (25 percent), Mexico (22 percent), and Venezuela (19 percent). Imports from Mexico and Venezuela are declining as production from these countries decreases and supply contracts expire. Once completed, TransCanada's Keystone XL and Gulf Coast Expansion projects could displace roughly 40 percent of the oil the United States currently imports from the Persian Gulf and Venezuela; and

Whereas, The Keystone XL pipeline project has been subject to the most thorough public consultation process of any proposed U.S. pipeline and the subject of multiple environmental impact statements and several U.S. Department of State studies. These analyses have concluded that it poses the least impact to the environment and is much safer than other modes of transporting crude oil; and

Whereas, Pipelines are the safest method for the transportation of petroleum products when compared to other methods of transportation. The Keystone XL pipeline will replace the equivalent of 200 ocean tankers per year. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 19 million tons, or the equivalent of taking almost 4 million cars off the road; and

Whereas, The original Keystone pipeline, which spans across the northern part of Missouri, supplies over 435,000 bpd of North American crude oil to American refineries in the Midwest. The Keystone XL pipeline will, when completed, have the capacity to carry over 800,000 bpd of North American crude oil to American refineries in the Gulf Coast region which will make its way back to Missouri in the form of gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel; and

Whereas, The Keystone XL project will create approximately 9,000 construction jobs. The Gulf Coast project is a \$2.3 billion project that will create approximately 4,000 construction jobs. Combined, they support yet another 7,000 manufacturing jobs. Seventy-five percent of the pipe used to build the Keystone XL application in the United States will come from North American mills, including half made by U.S. workers. Goods for the pipeline, valued at approximately \$800 million, have already been sourced from U.S. manufacturers; and

Whereas, The U.S. Congress recently passed legislation, the S.1 Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act, approving construction of the Keystone XL pipeline application. However, the President vetoed the bill on February 24, 2015; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we urge the U.S. Congress to override the President of the United States' veto of the Keystone XL pipeline application legislation and encourage members of the U.S. Congress who did not originally support the legislation to vote in favor of it so the necessary two-thirds majority is achieved in each chamber; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of the U.S. Congress and the President of the United States.

The Senate has adopted the concurrent resolution.

Reps. Hooker, LaVoy and Maturen were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Committee on Energy Policy.

Explanation of “No” Votes

Rep. Chirkun, having reserved the right to explain his protest against passage of **House Bill Nos. 4188, 4189 and 4190**, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

Today I voted against House Bills 4188, 4189 and 4190 because the bills would allow for religious discrimination in our state’s adoption laws. I believe we should do more to get children currently awaiting adoption into homes instead of placing bureaucratic hoops in their way. What we are doing today essentially places the best interest of the adoption agency against the best interest of children in foster care.”

Rep. Driskell, having reserved the right to explain her protest against passage of **House Bill Nos. 4188, 4189 and 4190**, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

Today I voted against House Bills 4188, 4189 and 4190 because the bills would allow for religious discrimination in our state’s adoption laws. While I believe that private agencies have the right to make their own decisions, our state’s tax dollars should not go towards agencies that make decisions in a discriminatory manner. How we spend tax dollars is a reflection of our values, and what we are doing today essentially places the best interest of the adoption agency against the best interest of children in foster care.”

Rep. Love, having reserved the right to explain her protest against passage of **House Bill Nos. 4188, 4189 and 4190**, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

Today I voted against House Bills 4188, 4189 and 4190 because the bills would allow for religious discrimination in our state’s adoption laws. I believe we should do more to get children currently awaiting adoption into safe loving homes; not more obstacles to a forever family. What we are doing today essentially places the best interest of the adoption agency against the best interest of children in foster care.”

Rep. Poleski moved that the House adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:50 p.m.

Associate Speaker Pro Tempore Franz declared the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m.

GARY L. RANDALL
Clerk of the House of Representatives