

Senate Watch

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CONFERENCE REPORTS

[HB 4453](#) (Jackson)

Reform mortgage foreclosure process

- The conference report was adopted [RC 188: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

[HB 4454](#) (Coulouris)

Reform mortgage foreclosure process

- The conference report was adopted [RC 189: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

[HB 4455](#) (Johnson)

Reform mortgage foreclosure process

- The conference report was adopted [RC 190: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

THIRD READING

[SB 113](#) (McManus)

The bill would amend the Michigan Campaign Finance Act to require the Secretary of State to do the following:

-- Post on the internet, within 60 business days after receiving a rebuttal statement, or if no response or rebuttal were received, whether there could be reason to believe that a violation of the Act had occurred. -- Post on the internet any complaint, response, or rebuttal statement within five business days after determining that a violation could have occurred.

-- Commence a formal hearing or refer the matter to the Attorney General if, after 30 business days, a violation could not be corrected by informal methods.

The bill also would make it mandatory that the SOS impose a fine for an improper contribution or expenditure, and would increase the fine to triple the amount of the contribution or expenditure.

- SB 113 was passed [RC 191: 36 yes, 0 no, 1 excused]

GENERAL ORDERS

SB 49

(Kahn)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Department of State to offer an "I Believe" registration plate

- SB 49 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 59

(Jansen)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Increase the current limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates from eight to nine.
- Permit the Secretary of State (SOS) to create a fund-raising plate or collector plate recognizing **Habitat for Humanity**.
- Create the "Habitat for Humanity Fund" and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the Fund.
- Require the State Treasurer to disburse money from the Fund to Habitat for Humanity on a monthly basis.
- Require Habitat for Humanity to give the Department of Treasury an annual accounting of money received and used under the bill.

- SB 59 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 128

(Brown)

The bill, as introduced, would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to design, develop, and issue a fund-raising plate with the words "**In God We Trust**" inscribed on the plate.
- Require the SOS to transfer the donation money from the sale of the fund-raising plates to the State Treasurer, who would have to credit the money to the State's General Fund.
- Eliminate the limit on the number of State-sponsored fund-raising plates that may be developed.

- SB 128 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 135

(Pappageorge)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Remove the limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates.
- Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop and issue a fund-raising plate recognizing the **Michigan Humane Society**.
- Create the "Michigan Humane Society Fund" and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the Fund.
- Require money in the Fund to be disbursed on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Humane Society for pet sterilization.
- Require the Michigan Humane Society, beginning by February 1, 2011, to submit to the Department of Treasury a summary of the previous year's expenditures of money from the Fund.

- SB 135 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 199

(Kahn)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Remove the current limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates.
- Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to create a fund-raising plate recognizing **the Boy Scouts of America**.
- Create the "Boy Scouts of America Fund" and require donations from the sale of the plate to be deposited into the Fund.
- Require the State Treasurer to disburse money from the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Boy Scouts of America.
- Require the Boy Scouts of America, beginning by February 1, 2010, to submit to the Department of Treasury a summary of the previous year's expenditures of money from the Fund.

- SB 199 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 324

(Patterson)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Increase the limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates from eight to nine.
- Require the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop a fund-raising plate and collector plate recognizing **Ducks Unlimited**, and permit the SOS to issue those plates.
- Create the "Ducks Unlimited Fund" and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the Fund.
- Require the State Treasurer to disburse money in the Fund on a quarterly basis to the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., and provide that the money could be used only to protect, enhance, restore, manage, and acquire wetlands and associated uplands in the State. -- Require the Michigan Chapter of Ducks Unlimited to give the Department of Treasury an annual accounting of money received and used under the bill.

- SB 324 advanced to 3rd Reading

SB 571

(Gilbert)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Remove the current limit on State-sponsored fund-raising license plates.
- Provide for fund-raising plates or collector plates recognizing the **Detroit Red Wings, the Detroit Tigers, the Detroit Lions, and the Detroit Pistons.**
- Create the "Detroit Red Wings Fund", the "Detroit Tigers Fund", the "Detroit Lions Fund", and the "Detroit Pistons Fund", and require donations for those plates to be deposited into the respective Fund, to be distributed to the Detroit Red Wings Foundation, the Detroit Tigers Foundation, the Detroit Lions Charities, and the Pistons-Palace Foundation, respectively.
- Require each of those foundations, beginning February 1, 2011, to submit to the Secretary of State a summary of the previous year's expenditures of the money received under the bill.

- **SB 571 advanced to 3rd Reading**

HB 4224

(Ebli)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to permit a truck tractor to tow a log slasher and a saw unit if the length of the units did not exceed certain limits.

- **HB 4224 advanced to 3rd Reading**

HB 4781

(Sheltrown)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to include park model trailers in provisions regarding the transport of mobile homes.

- **HB 4781 advanced to 3rd Reading**

HB 4579

(Warren)

The bill (S-3) would amend Part 413 (Transgenic and Nonnative Species) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Authorize the Natural Resources Commission (NRC), after consulting with the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), by order to add to or delete from the list of prohibited or restricted species any species other than an insect.
- Authorize the Agriculture Commission, after consulting with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), by order to add to or delete from the list of prohibited or restricted species any insect species.
- Require the DNR or MDA, at least 30 days before a proposed order was issued, to post the order on the Department's website and submit a copy of it to the Legislature.
- Prescribe criteria for listing an organism as a prohibited or restricted species.
- Extend criminal penalties to the illegal possession or introduction of a prohibited or restricted species with intent to harm human health.
- Authorize the MDA to administer and enforce Part 413 with respect to insect species, and authorize the DNR to administer and enforce Part 413 regarding all other species.

- Authorize any peace officer to enforce the criminal provisions of Part 413.
- Replace references to the Invasive Species Advisory Council with references to the DNR.
- Delete a sunset date on annual reporting requirements.

- Committee substitute S-3 not adopted
- Van Woerkom substitute S-4 adopted
- HB 4579 advanced to 3rd Reading