House Bill No. 4832, entitled
A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2083) by adding section 18b.
The bill was read a second time.
Rep. Lightner moved that the bill be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.
The motion prevailed.

Pending the Second Reading of
House Bill No. 5175, entitled
A bill to amend 1921 PA 2, entitled “An act to promote the efficiency of the government of the state, to create a state administrative board, to define the powers and duties thereof, to provide for the transfer to said board of powers and duties now vested by law in other boards, commissions, departments and officers of the state, and for the abolishing of certain of the boards, commissions, departments and offices, whose powers and duties are hereby transferred,” by amending section 3 (MCL 17.3).
Rep. Cole moved that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations.
The motion prevailed.

Messages from the Governor

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

Executive Office, Lansing, December 18, 2019
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Representatives,
Today I am returning Enrolled House Bill 4120 to you without my approval. HB 4120 would have allowed certain county road commissions to enter into a 30-year installment contract instead of the current maximum of 15 years. That policy change would provide greater financial flexibility to counties when it comes to building and maintaining roads. Nevertheless, the bill deprives larger counties—those with over 100,000 in population—of access to this tool. I fail to see a reasonable justification for this disparity.
Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The question being on the passage of the bill, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, Rep. Cole moved that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
The motion prevailed.

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

Executive Office, Lansing, December 18, 2019
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Representatives,
Today I am returning Enrolled House Bill 4687 to you without my approval. The bills would have removed the Natural Resources Commission’s authority to regulate deer baiting and feeding, and instead would have allowed any person to engage in baiting and feeding during the open season for deer or elk, ignoring the will of Michigan voters, who overwhelmingly decided to give authority for wildlife management to the Natural Resources Commission.
I am fully committed to protecting wildlife, promoting public health, and maintaining a strong agricultural sector in Michigan. House Bill 4687 would have jeopardized all three of these goals because it would increase the risk of spreading disease among animals both in the wild and in the beef and dairy industries.
As a result of my veto today, the commission’s deer baiting ban will remain in place, curbing the spread of diseases like Chronic Wasting Disease.

Proposal G of 1996 was a referendum on Public Act 377 of 1996, which granted the Natural Resources Commission exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game, and to use principles of sound scientific management in making decisions regarding the taking of game. It passed overwhelmingly, with more than 68% of Michigan voters in support. The commission’s ban on baiting and feeding is based on strong scientific evidence, which demonstrates that baiting and feeding disrupt normal wildlife movement patterns, causing deer and elk to congregate and thereby increasing the likelihood of disease transmission. The authority to regulate baiting and feeding should therefore remain with the Natural Resources Commission, the body charged by the legislature and the voters with overseeing the method and manner of taking game species in Michigan.

In light of these considerations, I am vetoing House Bill 4687.

Respectfully,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The question being on the passage of the bill, the objections of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, Rep. Cole moved that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Cole 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 reproduced and made available electronically on Wednesday, January 8:

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Notices

December 20, 2019

Mr. Gary L. Randall, Clerk
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Pursuant to Public Act 549 of 2008, I am appointing Moses C. Bingham to the Flint Promise Zone Authority as of December 9, 2019, to complete the term that began on March 22, 2019 and ends on March 21, 2023.

Moses C. Bingham
1929 Gilmartin St.
Flint, MI.
(810)-813-7802
mobingham@yahoo.com

The Speaker’s previous appointment as of March 22, 2019, Bishop Urundi Knox, resigned the appointment in early December. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Lee Chatfield
Speaker
Michigan House of Representatives