

Welcome to 2017 Capital Conference

League President Rosalynn Bliss, Mayor of
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CAPITAL CONFERENCE
March 21-22, 2017
Lansing Center, Lansing



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City and Village Officials Meet with Legislators

► First State Legislative Conference enthusiastically received



Above left: League Finance and Taxation Committee members and packed audience listen attentively to presentation at joint session with House and Senate Taxation Committees. Above right: Dr. Arthur Bromage (standing) addresses Joint Committee Hearing on Municipal Problems. Legislators seated around him are: Right to left: Representative DeForrest Strang, Representative Stanley M. Powell, Senator Robert J. Huber, Senator George W. Kuhn, Senator Anthony Stamm, Mayor Robert W. Page, Birmingham (League Legislative Committee), and Representative William Hayward.



1967 —

First legislative conference

League presidents Stewart Franke and Gordon Thomas, along with Director Robert Fryer, led the League into a new vigilance in the advocacy and reporting of municipal issues at the state level. The same year that the League hosted its first State Legislative Conference, left, a full-time staff person, William G. Davis, became the manager of the newly established State Affairs Division, which was headquartered in Lansing. The new division's mission was

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League President Gordon L. Thomas, East Lansing Mayor, and Lt. Gov. William Milliken at Capital Conference in 1967



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Press Conference in Lansing

SaveMIcity Around the State



Public Forum in Romulus



Town Hall in Flint

Learn More Tomorrow:

- Municipal Finance Reform Update General Session
- 1:45-3:15 p.m. Wednesday

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Additional Issues:

➤ OPEB Reform



Burton Mayor Paula Zelenko



The League's Anthony Minghine

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THE LEAGUE'S LEGISLATIVE BLOG

April 7, 2017 by Chris Hackbarth

Governor Appoints Task Force on Legacy Costs

Governor Snyder's office issued a release yesterday announcing his appointments to a municipal retirement benefits reform task force he alluded to during his recent State of the State address. The 23-member task force includes representation from MML, MTA and MAC, along with representatives from a number of labor groups, legislators from each caucus in the House and Senate, health care and retirement system experts, among others.

The Task Force on Responsible Retirement Reform for Local Government has been directed by the Governor to provide their recommendations later this spring. The League views the Governor's focus on this issue as a positive. We look forward to a fruitful and thoughtful partnership with all of the members of this task force. We are hopeful that as a group we will work toward sound fiscal policy that preserves benefits for our employees while at the same time allowing critical flexibility for communities.

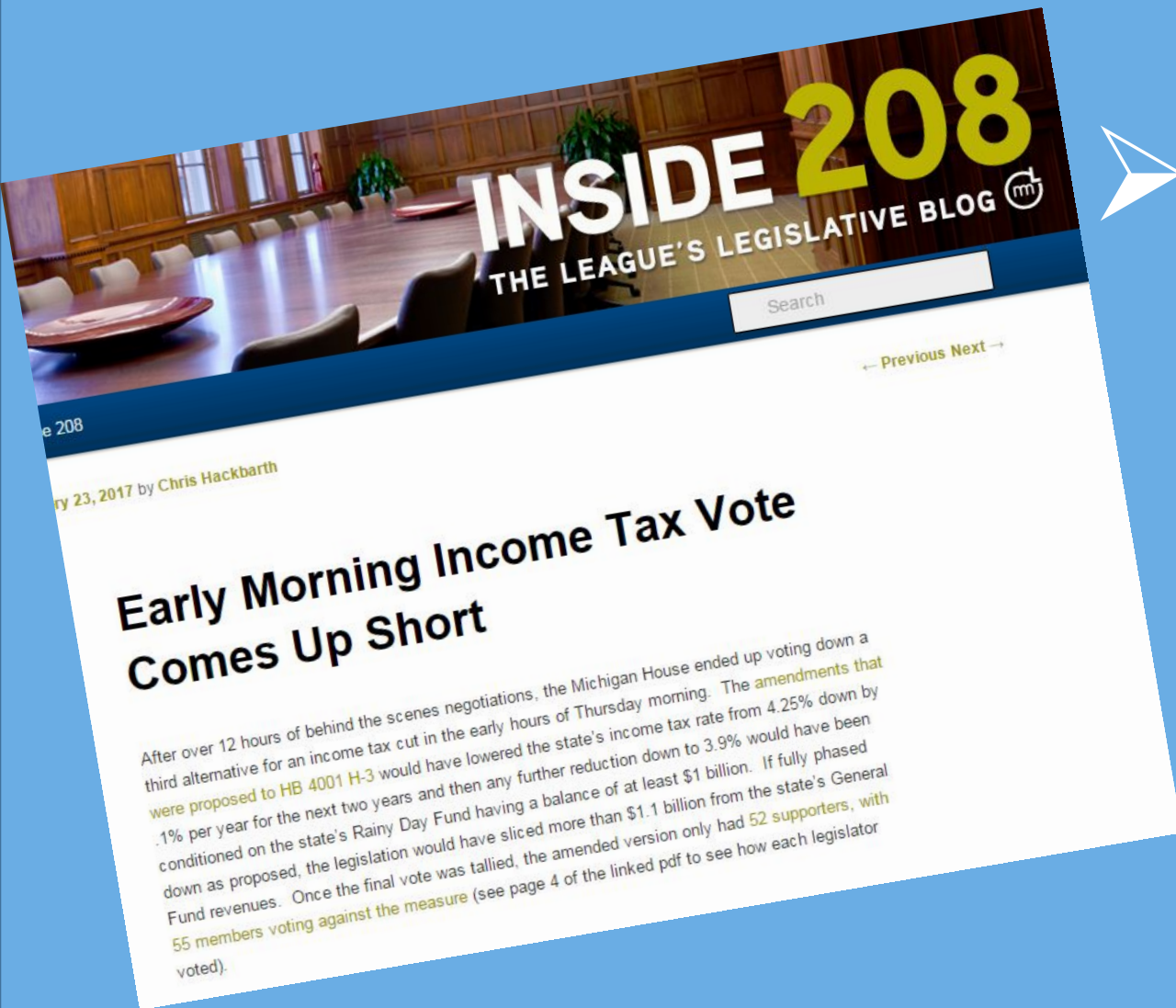
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Additional Issues:

- Legal Defense Fund: Prevailing wage case



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- Legislative Issues:
 - Income Tax
 - Recreational Authorities
 - MDOT Local Cost Sharing

Learn More from Our Lansing Team:

- Legislative Team Breaks it Down General Session Coming Up in a Bit
- Legislative Meet-Up: Meet with Lansing Team 4-5 p.m. Today in Room 101
- Lobbying 2.0 Breakout Session, 10:45-noon Wednesday in Room 203
- Lobbying 3.0 Breakout Session, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Wednesday in Room 203



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Infrastructure & Roads



Learn More at Tomorrow's Sessions:



10:45-Noon:

- The Future of Asset Management in Michigan; 10:45 a.m.-Noon, Room 103
- Wireless Antennas; Room 201

3:30-4:45:

Autonomous Vehicles, Room 103

League Membership Engagement

- We're expanding our membership engagement work!
- Learn more at the League's booth in the Expo Hall
- Expo Hall Networking Break Hours:
 - 9:45-Noon Wednesday
 - 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesday
 - 1-1:45 p.m. Wednesday



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League President and Lt. Gov. at Capital Conference - Then & Now: 1967-2017



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