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10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry, Jr.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the Senate, who announced that a quorum was present.

Allen—present
Anderson—present
Barcia—present
Basham—present
Birkholz—excused
Bishop—present
Brater—present
Brown—present
Cassis—present
Cherry—present
Clark-Coleman—present
Clarke—present
Cropsey—present

Garcia—present
George—present
Gilbert—present
Gleason—present
Hardiman—present
Hunter—present
Jacobs—present
Jansen—present
Jelinek—present
Kahn—present
Kuipers—excused
McManus—present
Olshove—present

Pappageorge—present
Patterson—present
Prusi—present
Richardville—present
Sanborn—present
Schauer—present
Scott—excused
Stamas—present
Switalski—present
Thomas—present
Van Woerkom—present
Whitmer—present

Father Daniel Pajerski of Legionnaires of Christ Everest Academy of Clarkston offered the following invocation:

Almighty God, we thank You for bringing us to the beginning of a new day in the service of the people of the state of Michigan. Each new day brings with it both a firm hope and a grave responsibility: the hope that our actions will help secure and advance the common good of all citizens and the responsibility to be upright and selfless in our pursuit of truth and goodness.

As we serve, open our minds and hearts to look beyond the present moment. May we both value the achievements of those who have preceded us and prudently pave the way for those who will carry on the work we have started.

We look to You today to make our sacrifice fruitful, our hope unwavering, and our love enduring. May we always recognize that the authority and power invested in us is made perfect when put to the service of the human person. As we govern, may we always build upon the foundations of this great nation that You have blessed so abundantly.

Most especially, we ask You for a share in the same spirit which inspired our Founding Fathers to safeguard the inalienable rights that You, our Creator, have given us; chief among them life, liberty, and the pursuit of a happiness that we will ultimately find in You. Amen.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motions and Communications

Senators Garcia, Brater, Schauer, Brown, Clarke and Kahn entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Thomas moved that Senator Barcia be temporarily excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Thomas moved that Senator Scott be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Cropsey moved that Senators Birkholz and Kuipers be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Tuesday, May 8:
House Bill Nos. 4261 4588 4629

Messages from the House

Senate Bill No. 400, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 198, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of plant rehabilitation districts and industrial development districts in local governmental units; to provide for the exemption from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain facilities; to impose and provide for the disposition of an administrative fee; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to provide for the obtaining and transferring of an exemption certificate and to prescribe the contents of those certificates; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state tax commission and certain officers of local governmental units; and to provide penalties," by amending section 2 (MCL 207.552), as amended by 2005 PA 267.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1) and ordered that it be given immediate effect. Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, designated Senator Allen as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bill:

House Bill No. 4322, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 513 (MCL 436.1513), as amended by 2004 PA 141.

The bill was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with amendments, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 276, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 9f (MCL 211.9f), as amended by 2004 PA 79.

The following are the amendments recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 2, line 18, after "(4)" by inserting "SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (5),".
2. Amend page 2, following line 25, by inserting:

"(5) AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2007, AN EXEMPTION FOR AN EXISTING ELIGIBLE BUSINESS SHALL CONTINUE IN EFFECT FOR AN ACQUIRING ELIGIBLE BUSINESS UNDER SUBSECTION (4) ONLY IF THE CONTINUATION OF THE EXEMPTION IS APPROVED IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF AN ELIGIBLE LOCAL ASSESSING DISTRICT." and renumbering the remaining subsections.

The Senate agreed to the amendments recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as amended was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 134, entitled

A bill to authorize the state administrative board to convey certain parcels of state owned property in Ingham county and Wayne county; to prescribe conditions for the conveyances; to provide for certain powers and duties of certain state departments and agencies in relation to the conveyances; to provide for disposition of revenue derived from the conveyances; and to provide for the release of certain reversionary rights held by the state.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 8, line 20, after "within" by striking out "3" and inserting "7".
2. Amend page 9, line 15, after "property" by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting a period.

The Senate agreed to the substitute, as amended, recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

During the Committee of the Whole, Senator Barcia entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Senator Cropsey moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on its immediate passage:

House Bill No. 4322

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 105, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 8511 and 8513 (MCL 600.8511 and 600.8513), section 8511 as amended by 1999 PA 75 and section 8513 as added by 1984 PA 278.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 93

Yeas—35

Allen
Anderson

Clark-Coleman
Clarke

Jacobs
Jansen

Richardville
Sanborn

Barcia
Basham
Bishop
Brater
Brown
Cassis
Cherry

Cropsey
Garcia
George
Gilbert
Gleason
Hardiman
Hunter

Jelinek
Kahn
McManus
Olshove
Pappageorge
Patterson
Prusi

Schauer
Stamas
Switalski
Thomas
Van Woerkom
Whitmer

Nays—0

Excused—3

Birkholz

Kuipers

Scott

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Cropsey moved that the following bill be placed at the head of the Third Reading of Bills calendar:

House Bill No. 4322

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4322, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 513 (MCL 436.1513), as amended by 2004 PA 141.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 94

Yeas—35

Allen
Anderson
Barcia
Basham
Bishop
Brater
Brown
Cassis
Cherry

Clark-Coleman
Clarke
Cropsey
Garcia
George
Gilbert
Gleason
Hardiman
Hunter

Jacobs
Jansen
Jelinek
Kahn
McManus
Olshove
Pappageorge
Patterson
Prusi

Richardville
Sanborn
Schauer
Stamas
Switalski
Thomas
Van Woerkom
Whitmer

Nays—0

Excused—3

Birkholz

Kuipers

Scott

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect, The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the full title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows:

“An act to create a commission for the control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, and to prescribe its powers, duties, and limitations; to provide for powers and duties for certain state departments and agencies; to impose certain taxes for certain purposes; to provide for the control of the alcoholic liquor traffic within this state and to provide for the power to establish state liquor stores; to prohibit the use of certain devices for the dispensing of alcoholic vapor; to provide for the care and treatment of alcoholics; to provide for the incorporation of farmer cooperative wineries and the granting of certain rights and privileges to those cooperatives; to provide for the licensing and taxation of activities regulated under this act and the disposition of the money received under this act; to prescribe liability for retail licensees under certain circumstances and to require security for that liability; to provide procedures, defenses, and remedies regarding violations of this act; to provide for the enforcement and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act; to provide for allocation of certain funds for certain purposes; to provide for the confiscation and disposition of property seized under this act; to provide referenda under certain circumstances; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Brater introduced

Senate Bill No. 483, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 20129a (MCL 324.20129a), as amended by 2005 PA 42.

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

Senators Kuipers and Allen introduced

Senate Bill No. 484, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 80215 (MCL 324.80215), as added by 2000 PA 229.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

Senator Kuipers introduced

Senate Bill No. 485, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 1 of chapter IX (MCL 769.1), as amended by 1999 PA 87.

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

Senators Kuipers and George introduced

Senate Bill No. 486, entitled

A bill to amend 1971 PA 22, entitled “An act prescribing the age at which persons may donate their blood,” by amending section 1 (MCL 722.41), as amended by 1981 PA 228.

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

Senators Garcia and Basham introduced

Senate Bill No. 487, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 497, entitled “Construction lien act,” by amending sections 110 and 115 (MCL 570.1110 and 570.1115), as amended by 2006 PA 572.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform.

Senators Jacobs, Basham, Jelinek and Hunter introduced

Senate Bill No. 488, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1599 (MCL 380.1599) and adding section 1590.

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

Senators Jacobs, Basham, Jelinek and Hunter introduced

Senate Bill No. 489, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled "Probate code of 1939," by amending sections 2, 6, 6a, and 11 of chapter XIIIA (MCL 712A.2, 712A.6, 712A.6a, and 712A.11), section 2 as amended by 2001 PA 211, section 6 as amended by 2004 PA 221, section 6a as added by 1996 PA 252, and section 11 as amended by 1996 PA 409, and by adding sections 11a and 17e to chapter XIIIA.

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

Senators Jacobs, Basham, Jelinek and Hunter introduced

Senate Bill No. 490, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 303 and 319 (MCL 257.303 and 257.319), section 303 as amended by 2006 PA 298 and section 319 as amended by 2004 PA 362.

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

Senators McManus, Gilbert and Van Woerkom introduced

Senate Bill No. 491, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 722 (MCL 257.722), as amended by 2006 PA 658.

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

Senators Sanborn and Gilbert introduced

Senate Bill No. 492, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 724 (MCL 257.724), as amended by 2005 PA 179.

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

House Bill No. 4261, entitled

A bill relating to the promotion of convention business and tourism in this state and certain metropolitan areas of this state; to provide for tourism and convention marketing and promotion programs in certain metropolitan areas; to provide for imposition and collection of assessments on the owners of transient facilities to support tourism and convention marketing and promotion programs; to provide for the disbursement of the assessments; to establish the functions and duties of certain state departments and employees; and to prescribe penalties and remedies.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4588, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," by amending section 263 (MCL 18.1263), as amended by 2004 PA 589.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

House Bill No. 4629, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 198, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of plant rehabilitation districts and industrial development districts in local governmental units; to provide for the exemption from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain facilities; to impose and provide for the disposition of an administrative fee; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to provide for the obtaining and transferring of an exemption certificate

and to prescribe the contents of those certificates; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state tax commission and certain officers of local governmental units; and to provide penalties,” by amending section 3 (MCL 207.553), as amended by 1996 PA 1.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

Statements

Senators Sanborn, Whitmer, Switalski, Clarke, Cassis and Bishop asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Sanborn’s statement is as follows:

I’m not sure how many of you had an opportunity to read *MIRS* this morning and the fine work of our young friend Kyle sitting over there, but those of you who didn’t, read the first story in *MIRS* this morning about the 21st Century money, which was supposed to have lasted for another five months, but unfortunately, all that money has been spent. The reason—according to Treasurer Bob Kleine—is that, and I quote Treasurer Kleine, “We should allocate this money as quickly as possible because it’s at risk. The Legislature is looking for every dollar it can find anywhere.”

I would like to thank Treasurer Kleine for his help. I thank him because I recently met with a number of my school district superintendents. I told them that I would not be supporting any tax increases until the state learned how to be more responsible with the money that it has. I went so far as to mention to them the example of the irresponsible spending of the 21st Century Jobs Fund as a prime example of irresponsible spending. Now, I’m not sure my superintendents understood what I was talking about last week, but I’ll bet they’ll understand it now, thanks to Treasurer Kleine.

You see, at a time when the right hand of the administration is threatening to cut our schools in saying that there isn’t enough money to educate our children, the left hand is spending \$43 million that could have and should have been spent for more important programs like education. They spent that money on a loan enhancement program that will do nothing to help the average person in the state of Michigan.

Again, I say thank you to this administration for reaffirming what the average Michigander already believed, which is that this state does not respect taxpayers nor does it deserve one penny more of our tax dollars. I also want to thank the State Treasurer for getting me off the hook with my superintendents back home and the education community. Thank you, sir.

Senator Whitmer’s statement is as follows:

I want to again say good morning to my colleagues. After a great deal of harassment and bars that were set incredibly high, I’m proud to say that MSU made my first-bill brunch spectacular. While Michigan State boasts amazing, renowned colleges, and we all know of MSU’s national championship athletic programs, what you might not have known before today is that MSU has an extraordinary school of hospitality, as demonstrated here today and is demonstrated every day at the Kellogg Center in the State Room, world-class dining right here in mid-Michigan.

Obviously, I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the following people. I want to take a moment to thank them. They’re up here in the west Gallery: Joel Heberlein, the general manager of the Kellogg Center; Executive Chef Michael Clyne; Chef Gerhard Steiner; Sarah Campbell, Jordan Skole, Nora Gallagher-Moranic, Nick Aune, Jada Paisley, Melissa Bayne, Steve Webster, and Mary Mertz-Smith—from MSU. They have put together a fabulous and exceptional, yet typical for MSU, spread for us today.

I want to just acknowledge two more things. One, I’m sad that Charlie Thornhill is not here to enjoy this day with Sparty. Secondly, I want you all to know that I saw the Senator from the 4th District’s ice sculpture. I saw that ice sculpture and I raised him with a nationally-renowned mascot. So to my colleagues from the 6th, 13th, 27th, 28th, and 32nd Districts who have yet to put on your first-bill spread—good luck.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking MSU for putting together this wonderful brunch for us today.

Senator Switalski’s statement is as follows:

I know my friend and colleague across the other side of the aisle has never liked, nor never voted for, the 21st Century Jobs Fund. He has frequently criticized it. In fact, he was one of about six votes in this chamber who were against that program. I just want to remind the members of this chamber that bill passed with huge bipartisan support. I’ll never forget and often refer to the Journal to read the remarks of the prior Majority Leader, who was exceptionally eloquent in describing the hope and the great purpose of that bill.

Let’s recall that that is to invest in our economy and to diversify it and to invest in emerging technologies and new businesses that are going to provide jobs for the people in Michigan, which is what we desperately need. It’s a valuable program. I’m glad they’re spending the money. I’m glad we’re investing in our people and our economy.

I know he’s never agreed with that. I think it’s fine that he states that, but a clear bipartisan majority in this chamber supported it strongly.

Senator Clarke's statement is as follows:

I've been reflecting on how to resolve our budget crisis for a long time. The proposals that have been on the table scare a lot of people and make other people really angry. Those who criticize state spending and think that there is waste and fat in our budget definitely don't want taxes raised. Those who receive state money and spend it abhor the prospect of any further cuts in their spending.

Well, I think that maybe we have been wasteful and think also that cuts could be devastating. So what should we do? Here's what I would like to propose. To help balance the structural deficit in our budget over time, I feel that we should save money by being more efficient and allocate money where spending can be most effective.

Currently, the state Auditor General conducts audits of state agencies, colleges, and universities. The Auditor General reviews the operations of these agencies, and basically, in two ways the Auditor General will conduct a financial audit which will generally make sure that the financial records are accurate and that the financial statement reflects the financial documents. Most importantly, the Auditor General performs performance audits on state agencies to look at how well those agencies are performing; how well those agencies are spending money. I believe that in areas of where the Auditor General has the authority to conduct performance audits, government is generally efficient.

Most of our focus on the budget crisis has been on the General Fund, which is a little over \$8 billion. I believe that we can have a bigger impact on balancing our budget over time and better spending of taxpayers' dollars by focusing on where the big money is. The big money is state spending to school districts and local units of government, which this year totals over \$16.1 billion. We have the power to give out all this money, but do we really know how it's spent? We can't ask the Auditor General to audit a school district or a local unit of government that receives revenue sharing payments because by certain interpretations of the state Constitution, the Auditor General is barred from performing performance audits on schools and local units of government.

I don't believe that we should be giving money out for money's sake. We need to assure taxpayers that every dollar that they pay in taxes they are getting more than their dollars' worth in services. I would propose that we, this body—the Senate and the House—move to amend the state Constitution to give the state Auditor General the power to audit any school districts that we deem that we want audited and any local unit of government that we deem that we want audited.

The Legislature funds the schools. The Legislature funds revenue sharing. We should also have the right to know how that money is being spent so that we possibly can save money for the taxpayers and then better invest money so that we can get the job done most effectively for the taxpayers. Thirty-three other states have given their state Auditor General authority to audit school districts; so should we. That's the end of my statement on this issue.

Since the Senator from Highland Park is not here, I will stand in for her and, yes, demand that her bills be heard. We need insurance reform.

Senator Cassis' statement is as follows:

As chair of the Senate Finance Committee, I want everyone to know that I respect and appreciate Treasurer Kleine's efforts to work with both sides of the aisle. However, his comments yesterday to the State Administrative Board, and I need to quote them again, "We should allocate this money"—in other words, what is still in the 21st Century Jobs Fund. "We should allocate this money as quickly as possible because it's at risk. The Legislature is looking for any dollar it can find anywhere." This statement is blatantly irresponsible of a treasurer of the great state of Michigan.

My colleagues, if this is a continuing effort of the administration to raise taxes now before looking at appropriate savings, our taxpayers need to take heed and hold firmly onto their wallets. Those who are decrying lost revenue for schools, for Medicaid, for corrections also need to take note of the administration's double-talk.

Senator Bishop's statement is as follows:

I want to express my outrage at what we've heard today and at what we've read today. I, too, have read the news about the Treasurer's appearance before the Strategic Fund Board. I'm absolutely outraged. You've heard words like "irresponsible," "unacceptable"; I would go far beyond that. This man is a fiduciary in our state, a public servant who is required to look after the best interest of this economy and our state government. His appearance before the Strategic Fund Board urging them to spend money is probably the most blatantly irresponsible, actionable thing I've seen since I've been in government; knowing full well that the money he was speaking about was part of a discussion that we had with the administration and part of the negotiating that we were working on to resolve this state's budget crisis. This person knows full well that our state is in an economic death spiral. For him to go and to encourage this board to spend money that could very well be used to address issues like State Police, education, environment, and other things that we need to shore up in this state to save this state in the present shortfall that we have, is absolutely unacceptable.

All of us here are trying to solve this budget shortfall. We have a cash crisis. For anybody to step forward right now, especially the State Treasurer, and suggest that we need to spend the only money we have left in a pot, is completely beyond anybody's words of explanation.

I, as well as many of my members, have been engaged in a process of trying to show a way out of this '07 budget. The Governor has been traveling around the state talking about tax increases and how we can spend more money. All

of us are left to explain to our constituents why tax increases are the right decision here, while, at the same time, our administration in our government continues to grow and to spend. We cannot have a legitimate discussion about new revenues in this state until our state shows the kind of responsibility that is required of it; at a time when our citizens in our state needs us the most. This kind of activity is something that all of us stop and shake our heads at. It's one thing to ask citizens for more revenues in the way of taxes; it's entirely different to continue to spend at a rate that is out of control and to grow government at the rate that we are doing and then ask for even more money to cover that. We cannot afford it anymore. This system is broken, and we are in a complete state of denial, as is evident by the comments by the Treasurer yesterday.

I simply cannot negotiate with an organization or with anything that can't get the picture. We can't solve this economy by spending. We can't resolve the issues of this economy by spending. We can't resolve the issues of this economy by growing government. If our State Treasurer can't see that, how do we expect anybody to understand that? How do we send a message to the people of this state that we're not willing to make decisions that are necessary to shore up this government, to rightsize this government, and to stop its out of control growth?

I'm exasperated. I'm not sure how you can express all of these things in a brief statement. This is a continuation of many things that have happened over the past months. It's May 9th, we are a billion dollars in the hole, and we have the State Treasurer before the Strategic Fund Board asking them to spend. How stupid is that. Have we gotten to that point where we are just completely ignoring the problem and we're just going to go to the citizens of our state and expect them to bear the burden for this? They shouldn't have to bear the burden for incompetence and irresponsibility. I, for one, am not going to allow it to happen, and I know our members won't allow it either. I hope that everybody takes note of this. I voted for that 21st Century Jobs Fund as well, and this is not how I intended it to be used.

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Natural Resources submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 12:00 noon, Room 405, Capitol Building
Present: Senators McManus (C), Jelinek and Brater

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building
Present: Senators Brown (C), Garcia, Richardville, Pappageorge, Hunter, Olshove and Thomas

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Jelinek (C), Brown, Garcia, Switalski and Clark-Coleman

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building
Present: Senators Allen (C), Gilbert, Stamas, Clarke and Hunter

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Judiciary and Corrections submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Cropsy (C), Kahn and Brater

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions submitted the following:
 Meeting held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building
 Present: Senators Richardville (C), Sanborn, Stamas, Hunter, Clarke and Olshove
 Excused: Senator Cassis

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations -

Subcommittees -

Community Colleges - Friday, May 11, 9:00 a.m., Bay de Noc Community College, Joseph Heirman University Center, 2001 N. Lincoln Road, Escanaba; and Wednesday, May 16, 9:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Community Health Department - Thursday, May 17, 2:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

Environmental Quality Department - Thursday, May 10, 9:00 a.m., Room 405, Capitol Building, and 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building; Tuesday, May 15, 4:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (CANCELED); and Thursdays, May 24, 11:30 a.m. or later immediately following session and May 31, 1:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Higher Education - Friday, May 11, 2:00 p.m., Michigan Technological University, Advanced Technology Development Center, 1402 East Sharon Avenue, Houghton (373-2768)

Judiciary and Corrections - Wednesday, May 16, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

K-12, School Aid, Education - Tuesday, May 15, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Natural Resources Department - Tuesdays, May 15 (CANCELED) and May 29, 12:00 noon or later immediately following session, Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Education - Thursday, May 10, 2:30 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-6920)

Energy Policy and Public Utilities - Thursday, May 10, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-7350)

Finance - Thursday, May 10, 11:00 a.m. or later immediately following session, Room 110, Farnum Building (373-1758)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, May 22, 9:30 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Thomas requested the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, 1/5 of the members present voting therefor.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members voting therefor, as follows, the time being 10:51 a.m.:

Roll Call No. 95

Yeas—20

Allen
 Bishop
 Brown
 Cassis
 Cropsey

Garcia
 George
 Gilbert
 Hardiman
 Jansen

Jelinek
 Kahn
 McManus
 Pappageorge
 Patterson

Richardville
 Sanborn
 Stamas
 Switalski
 Van Woerkom

Nays—14

Anderson
Barcia
Basham
Brater

Cherry
Clark-Coleman
Clarke
Gleason

Jacobs
Olshove
Prusi

Schauer
Thomas
Whitmer

Excused—3

Birkholz

Kuipers

Scott

Not Voting—1

Hunter

In The Chair: President

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate

