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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

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
Barcia—present
Basham—present
Bernero—present
Birkholz—present
Bishop—present
Brater—present
Brown—present
Cassis—present
Cherry—present
Clark-Coleman—present
Clarke—present
Cropsey—present

Emerson—present
Garcia—present
George—present
Gilbert—present
Goschka—present
Hammerstrom—present
Hardiman—present
Jacobs—present
Jelinek—present
Johnson—excused
Kuipers—present
Leland—present
McManus—present

Olshove—present
Patterson—present
Prusi—present
Sanborn—present
Schauer—present
Scott—present
Sikkema—present
Stamas—present
Switalski—present
Thomas—present
Toy—present
Van Woerkom—present

Senator Martha G. Scott of the 2nd District offered the following invocation:

O Heavenly Father, we thank You for this wonderful, beautiful day, Lord, a day that we've never seen before. And, Lord, we ask You to touch our leaders. Lord, guide them and give them the strength they need to make the right decisions for the majority of the people. Father God, I ask that You touch all of our leaders; touch our Governor, our Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and those in the House. Lord, bless everyone—our workers, those who work with us—our staffs.

Heavenly Father, as we go into what is probably just hours away, we ask You to bless the families of the soldiers who will be serving their country, Lord. We ask You to give them all the strength and courage that they need to make it through. And then, Father, we'll be dealing with the budget here that our Governor has given us. Lord, we ask You to touch all of us who will be making those decisions; that they make them, Lord, according to Your will and not theirs.

Heavenly Father, we know that You always said the poor will be with us. But we ask that we be mindful of the least of these. And, Heavenly Father, we just ask You to give all of us the understanding and the courage to give more love because that's what You are about. You ask us to do Your will, Lord, and we ask in Your name. We thank You, and we will always give You the praise. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

Senator Hammerstrom moved that Senators Cropsey and Garcia be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hammerstrom moved that Senator Johnson be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Schauer moved that Senators Leland and Thomas be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the rules be suspended and that the following appointment, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the order of Messages from the Governor for consideration today:

Director, Department of Management and Budget

Mitch Irwin, 844 Pebblebrook, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, county of Ingham, for a term commencing on January 30, 2003, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

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

Senators Leland, Thomas, Garcia and Cropsey entered the Senate Chamber.

The following communications were received:

Department of State

Administrative Rules
Notices of Filing

February 24, 2003

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Office of Regulatory Reform, Legal Division filed at 1:10 p.m. this date, administrative rule (03-02-05) for the Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Commission, entitled "*Aeronautics Commission General Rules*," effective 7 days hereafter.

March 5, 2003

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Office of Regulatory Reform, Legal Division filed at 10:14 a.m. this date, administrative rule (03-03-02) for the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, entitled "*Part 1. General Provisions*," effective 7 days hereafter.

March 5, 2003

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Office of Regulatory Reform, Legal Division filed at 10:16 a.m. this date, administrative rule (03-03-03) for the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Director's Office, entitled "*Construction Code - Part 10. Michigan Uniform Energy Code,*" effective March 1, 2003.

March 5, 2003

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Office of Regulatory Reform, Legal Division filed at 10:18 a.m. this date, administrative rule (03-03-04) for the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Director's Office, entitled "*Real Estate Appraiser,*" effective 7 days hereafter.

Sincerely,
Terri Lynn Land
Secretary of State
Elena L. Beasley, Manager
Office of the Great Seal

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Office of the State Budget

March 10, 2003

Transmitted under this cover is a schedule entitled "Statement of Revenue Subject to Constitutional Limitation - Legal Basis." The statement is submitted pursuant to Section 18.1350 of the Michigan Compiled Laws for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with Article 9, Section 26 of the Michigan Constitution for the fiscal year 2001-2002.

The statement has been reviewed by the Office of the Auditor General and a copy of the independent accountant's review is enclosed.

If you have questions regarding this report, please contact Mr. Michael J. Moody, Director, Office of Financial Management, at 373-1010.

Sincerely,
Mary A. Lannoye
State Budget Director

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Department of Consumer and Industry Services

March 13, 2003

Pursuant to Section 314 of P.A. 527 of 2002, we are enclosing a copy of the following report:

<u>Type of Report</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Report #</u>	<u>License #</u>
Special Investigation Report	Woodland Center	2003C0105021	CS470245817

This report was performed in compliance with the requirements of P.A. 116 of 1973 as amended, and the Administrative Rules for Child Caring Institutions. The report may also be viewed on our website under "Inside CIS" at the following address: <http://www.michigan.gov/cis/>. If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at 373-3892.

Sincerely,
Allan R. Pohl
Acting Director
Finance and Administrative Services

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Oakland Community College

March 14, 2003

Enclosed is our *Financial Statements and Required Supplementary Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2002, and Independent Auditors' Report.*

Sincerely,
Financial Services Department
Gail S. Pitts
Controller

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the following House bill was received in the Senate and filed on Tuesday, March 18:
House Bill No. 4140

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Tuesday, March 18, for her approval the following bill:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 195 at 3:39 p.m.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
General Orders

Senator Hammerstrom 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 Brown 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 with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 255, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 306, entitled "Administrative procedures act of 1969," by amending section 45a (MCL 24.245a), as added by 1999 PA 262.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted 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. 239, entitled

A bill to amend 1851 PA 156, entitled "An act to define the powers and duties of the county boards of commissioners of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local, administrative and legislative powers; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act," by amending section 11 (MCL 46.11), as amended by 1998 PA 97.

Substitute (S-1).

The following is the amendment to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 7, line 14, after "funds." by inserting "**The county shall establish an application process for proposals to receive a grant or loan under this subparagraph. The application process shall require adequate public notice that the funds are available, what the criteria is for awarding the funding, and a specific statement of the public purpose for which the funding is being made available. The awarding of a grant or loan under this subparagraph shall be made at a public hearing of the county board of commissioners. The grant or loan contract shall require a report to the county board of commissioners not less than annually regarding the activities of the recipient and the degree to which the recipient has met the stated public purpose of the funding.**".

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.

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

Senate Bill No. 240, entitled

A bill to amend 1913 PA 380, entitled "An act to regulate gifts of real and personal property to cities, villages, townships, and counties, and the use of the those gifts; and to validate all such gifts made before the enactment of this act," by amending the title and section 2 (MCL 123.872), the title as amended and section 2 as added by 1985 PA 9.

The following is the amendment recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 2, line 9, after "county." by inserting "**The county shall establish an application process for proposals to receive a grant or loan under this subparagraph. The application process shall require adequate public notice that the funds are available, what the criteria is for awarding the funding, and a specific statement of the public purpose for which the funding is being made available. The awarding of a grant or loan under this subparagraph shall be made at a public hearing of the county board of commissioners. The grant or loan contract shall require a report to the county board of commissioners not less than annually regarding the activities of the recipient and the degree to which the recipient has met the stated public purpose of the funding.**".

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Messages from the Governor

Director, Department of Management and Budget

Mitch Irwin, 844 Pebblebrook, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, county of Ingham, for a term commencing on January 30, 2003, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

The question being on advising and consenting to the said appointment to office,

The Senate advised and consented to the said appointment to office, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 42

Yeas—37

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Hardiman	Sanborn
Barcia	Clarke	Jacobs	Schauer
Basham	Cropsey	Jelinek	Scott
Bernero	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Birkholz	Garcia	Leland	Stamas
Bishop	George	McManus	Switalski
Brater	Gilbert	Olshove	Thomas
Brown	Goschka	Patterson	Toy
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Prusi	Van Woerkom
Cherry			

Nays—0

Excused—1

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

Senators Jacobs, McManus, Sikkema, Cropsey and Prusi asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jacobs' statement is as follows:

I am proud to stand before you today and announce my support for the nomination of Mitch Irwin as Director of the Department of Management and Budget.

Mr. Irwin served with distinction as a member of this chamber for nearly a dozen years. Governor Granholm has certainly made another excellent choice in selecting him to again serve the people of Michigan.

Mr. Irwin began his public service career by helping to create and lead one of Michigan's first successful economic development corporations. While in the Senate, he continued working with community and corporate leaders to encourage business expansion in our state. As an entrepreneur, he has worked on a wide range of successful economic development projects.

Throughout both his public and private careers, Mr. Irwin has had extensive experience in areas of real estate, finance, and government operations. He will be a catalyst for innovative programs that benefit the citizens of Michigan. I ask that my colleagues join me in supporting Mr. Irwin's nomination.

Senator McManus' statement is as follows:

I also would like to echo some of the same sentiments. I rise in support of the nomination of Mitch Irwin as Director of Management and Budget.

As a young person, I had the opportunity and pleasure to work and campaign for former State Senator Irwin. He will make a great director. Although we are of different parties, he has certainly earned my admiration through his bipartisan attitude, his sense of ethical obligation, his drive to work hard for his constituents, and his honesty.

Mitch Irwin worked on both sides of the aisle to serve the people of northern Michigan as a State Senator, and I'm sure he will look out for the people of this state with the same care and responsibility as its director of Management and Budget.

Senator Sikkema's statement is as follows:

I rise to also support this nomination and urge my colleagues in the Senate to confirm this appointment. I just want to make three quick comments. First of all, in terms of Mr. Irwin himself, it is somewhat of a different appointment in that in the past, particularly since the job of Budget Director and Director of the Department has been split off from each other, we generally get somebody who has served in the Department of Management and Budget or a similar capacity for some time. But I think the unique experience Mr. Irwin brings to this job is his experience in the private sector, and I think that's going to be extremely helpful as we go through difficult budget times because he does bring a sense of how the private sector has to cut costs. He brings that sense to state government, and I think that's going to be extremely helpful.

Also, as this body knows, one of the concerns that I've had that has been shared by other members of the Senate is the first executive order issued by the Governor which gives the Director of the Department of Management and Budget discretion as to who might or might not get state contracts under the issue of violation of state law. Now, although it is my preference that the Governor lay this process out through the administrative rules procedure, Mr. Irwin has committed to the committee that the guidelines for implementing this executive order will be in writing. There will be a draft set of guidelines that people not only in this chamber, but others can comment on, and at the end of the day, there will be an appellate process if someone feels aggrieved by the decision the director makes. I think that's fair. I think it's a process that would generally follow what I anticipate the rules doing. Like I said, my preference is to do it the way the federal government does it, which is through administrative rules, but given that commitment is there, I think that will be a fair and open process.

And then finally, the comment I want to make—because this is the last of the directors that the Governor has appointed that the Government Operations Committee has reviewed, I hope it has become abundantly clear to people that the advise and consent role that the Constitution gives this body is a role that we are going to fulfill in a nonpartisan, fair way. We are not going to shirk our responsibility. We're going to ask good questions, tough questions. We're going to fulfill our role the way the constitutional framers envisioned it, and that is to ensure that the people of Michigan get good high quality people in high government positions. And that is how I envision the Senate's role being in the advise and consent process. It's not going to end just because the department directors or the cabinet directors are in place. It's going to continue, but I hope we have set the right tone in this initial review of these appointments and how we are going to fulfill our constitutional role as the Michigan Senate.

So with that, I hope that the members will confirm this very good appointment.

Senator Cropsey's statement is as follows:

I had the privilege of serving with the new Director Irwin when he came to the Senate. I was elected to the Senate at that time, years ago. I just would like everyone to know that he did serve with honor and distinction when he was in the Senate. I'm very glad to see that he has made it through the process and would hope that everyone would vote for him.

Senator Prusi's statement is as follows:

I would like to echo the sentiments just expressed by my colleague and stand here to proudly support the confirmation of Mitch Irwin as Director of Management and Budget. His resume has been detailed by my colleague, but his extensive experience in economic development and real estate and finance certainly qualifies him, as well as his service here in this chamber. He also has a distinction that few of us share in that he is a native of the Upper Peninsula, and I am proud to support one of my fellow Yoopers for such an important post here in the state government.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Third Reading of Bills

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 105, entitled

A bill to amend 1990 PA 182, entitled "An act to require counties to redistribute certain payments received from the federal government; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending the title and sections 1 and 3 (MCL 141.1301 and 141.1303).

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. 43**Yeas—37**

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Hardiman	Sanborn
Barcia	Clarke	Jacobs	Schauer
Basham	Cropsey	Jelinek	Scott
Bernero	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Birkholz	Garcia	Leland	Stamas
Bishop	George	McManus	Switalski
Brater	Gilbert	Olshove	Thomas
Brown	Goschka	Patterson	Toy
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Prusi	Van Woerkom
Cherry			

Nays—0**Excused—1**

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 258, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 120a (MCL 750.120a), as amended by 2000 PA 450.

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. 44**Yeas—37**

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Hardiman	Sanborn
Barcia	Clarke	Jacobs	Schauer
Basham	Cropsey	Jelinek	Scott
Bernero	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Birkholz	Garcia	Leland	Stamas
Bishop	George	McManus	Switalski
Brater	Gilbert	Olshove	Thomas
Brown	Goschka	Patterson	Toy
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Prusi	Van Woerkom
Cherry			

Nays—0**Excused—1**

Johnson

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Resolutions

The question was placed on the adoption of the following resolution consent calendar:

Senate Resolution No. 41

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senator Thomas offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 41.

A resolution commemorating Saturday, June 7, 2003, as Childhood Cancer Survivors' Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Today, over 200,000 Americans are survivors of childhood cancer. Most children survive thanks to advances in early cancer detection, treatment, and research; and

Whereas, Children's Hospital of Michigan, the oldest and largest hospital caring for the children of Michigan, has an active productive cancer survivor population. This demonstrates that a cancer diagnosis is no longer an automatic death sentence; and

Whereas, In addition to Childhood Cancer Survivors' Day, communities all across America will be celebrating life on Sunday, June 1, 2003, as part of the world's largest cancer survivor event, the 16th annual National Cancer Survivors' Day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate Saturday, June 7, 2003, as Childhood Cancer Survivors' Day in the state of Michigan. We urge all citizens to join in this joyous celebration of life; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Children's Hospital of Michigan as evidence of our support for their endeavors.

Senators Kuipers, Toy, Brater, Scott, Cherry, Clark-Coleman, Jacobs, Jelinek, Hardiman, Van Woerkom, Schauer, Bernero, Switalski, Clarke, Cropsey, Birkholz, Olshove, Cassis and Goschka were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators George, Birkholz, Gilbert, Jelinek, Cassis and Allen offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Conservation Tax Incentives Act as proposed by President George W. Bush.

Whereas, A major challenge facing Michigan and the rest of the country is how to preserve our rapidly decreasing acreage of open land and wildlife habitat. Scientific studies have shown that diversity in plant and animal species is in decline and that the loss of open land is a significant factor; and

Whereas, In an effort to create an effective solution for the conservation of valuable land, President Bush has proposed legislation that would establish an effective means of encouraging conservation organizations to purchase particularly vulnerable acreage. This legislation, the Conservation Tax Incentives Act, offers an innovative approach by cutting by half the federal taxes on land or easements sold to public or private conservation entities for the purpose of conservation; and

Whereas, The Conservation Tax Incentives Act directly addresses several obstacles to other means of preserving parcels of land. Since most threatened habitat is privately owned, this legislation strongly encourages private purchases of land through financial incentives. The tax incentives would also be attractive to more landowners. Conservation organizations would be in a far more competitive position to acquire the highest priority sites. Clearly, this legislation would be an effective tool to protecting threatened habitat throughout our country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representative concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Conservation Tax Incentives Act as proposed by President George W. Bush; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Kuipers, Toy, Brater, Patterson, Hardiman, Van Woerkom and Goschka were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

Senators Van Woerkom, Cropsey, Garcia, Bernero, Gilbert, Allen, Kuipers, Goschka and Birkholz offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to fund fully the Great Lakes Legacy Act and to urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and other parties to make every effort to expedite cleanup efforts in Michigan's designated Areas of Concern.

Whereas, The United States-Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1972, as amended, provided for the designation of Areas of Concern in need of remedial actions to address documented pollution problems; and

Whereas, Fourteen Areas of Concern (AOC) have been designated in Michigan under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, each with a Remedial Action Plan that coordinates and focuses the efforts of multiple levels of government and other stakeholders; and

Whereas, Substantial progress has been made in characterizing the sources and causes of beneficial use impairments, identifying necessary remediation activities, and generating broad stakeholder involvement in and support for the Remedial Action Plan process; and

Whereas, Substantial resources are needed to remediate contaminated sediments, which are a persistent source of toxic pollution to the Great Lakes from each AOC and contribute to 11 of the 14 beneficial use impairments identified in the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement; and

Whereas, Congress has enacted the Great Lakes Legacy Act, authorizing \$270 million for monitoring, assessing, and cleaning up contaminated sediments in Great Lakes Areas of Concern; and

Whereas, Substantial funds under the Clean Michigan Initiative environmental bond program remain earmarked for cleanup efforts in Michigan's 14 Areas of Concern; and

Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency is reorienting its programs to expedite progress in restoring the Areas of Concern, has finalized guidelines for removing communities from the list of toxic hot spots and has committed to a new *Great Lakes Strategy* that calls for completing restoration and "delisting" of 10 Areas of Concern by 2010; and

Whereas, The Senate Great Lakes Conservation Task Force has called for a more aggressive state role in supporting Area of Concern cleanup efforts and greater use of federal resources toward this end; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to fund the Great Lakes Legacy Act at its authorized level of \$54 million in Fiscal Year 2004; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Department of Environmental Quality, in collaboration with local advisory councils in the Areas of Concern, to utilize funds remaining in the Clean Michigan Initiative to leverage funding under the Great Lakes Legacy Act to implement sediment cleanup projects in the state's Areas of Concern; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Quality to monitor and report on progress in achieving cleanup goals in the Areas of Concern, including the documentation needed to remove the affected communities from the list of Areas of Concern and to consult with and empower local advisory groups established to represent the Area of Concern communities in the development and implementation of cleanup plans; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA Region 5 office, the EPA Great Lakes National Program Office, the International Joint Commission, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Toy, Brater, Patterson, Jacobs, Jelinek, Hardiman, Switalski, Olshove and Cassis were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

Senators Van Woerkom, Birkholz, Hardiman, Sikkema, Hammerstrom, Patterson, Bishop, Garcia, George, Gilbert, Jelinek, Cassis and Allen offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 39.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Conservation Tax Incentives Act as proposed by President George W. Bush.

Whereas, A major challenge facing Michigan and the rest of the country is how to preserve our rapidly decreasing acreage of open land and wildlife habitat. Scientific studies have shown that diversity in plant and animal species is in decline and that the loss of open land is a significant factor; and

Whereas, In an effort to create an effective solution for the conservation of valuable land, President Bush has proposed legislation that would establish an effective means of encouraging conservation organizations to purchase particularly vulnerable acreage. This legislation, the Conservation Tax Incentives Act, offers an innovative approach by cutting by half the federal taxes on land or easements sold to public or private conservation entities for the purpose of conservation; and

Whereas, The Conservation Tax Incentives Act directly addresses several obstacles to other means of preserving parcels of land. Since most threatened habitat is privately owned, this legislation strongly encourages private purchases of land through financial incentives. The tax incentives would also be attractive to more landowners. Conservation organizations would be in a far more competitive position to acquire the highest priority sites. Clearly, this legislation would be an effective tool to protecting threatened habitat throughout our country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Conservation Tax Incentives Act as proposed by President George W. Bush; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations, Senator Hammerstrom moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Kuipers, Brater and Goschka were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Clarke, Clark-Coleman, Thomas, Scott and Leland offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 40.

A resolution in support of the efforts of the Detroit Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program.

Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) fiscal year 2003 cooperative agreement will provide approximately 40 awards averaging \$775,000 to Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs that successfully address the following components: (1) Childhood Lead Poisoning Elimination Plan; (2) screening plan to target resources to children at highest risk for lead poisoning; (3) jurisdictionwide lead surveillance program; (4) primary prevention activities targeting pregnant women and/or children at high risk for lead poisoning; (5) assurance plan for timely and appropriate case management of children with lead poisoning; (6) demonstration of strategic partnering with community organizations and other state/local agencies; and (7) evaluation of the programmatic impact on childhood lead poisoning within the program's jurisdiction; and

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Detroit is ranked fifth in the nation for childhood lead poisoning. One out of every 10 Detroit children are lead poisoned. In several areas of the city, this number is as high as 1 in 5. Thus, childhood lead poisoning in Detroit is at a crisis level; and

Whereas, Despite the risk of lead poisoning, in 2002, only 35 percent (32,540) of Detroit children under six were tested, and of those, 2,830 were identified as being lead poisoned. Therefore, approximately 60,825 children have not been tested, and potentially, 5,413 lead poisoned children in Detroit have not yet been identified; and

Whereas, The Detroit Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program's fiscal year 2003 grant application addresses the "Healthy People 2010" environmental health objective to eliminate elevated blood lead levels in children through a concerted effort of strategic partners including, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Wayne State University, the state Medicaid agency, Detroit Lead Partnership, the Michigan Legislature, and other community partners; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby support the efforts of the Detroit Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program's plan to eliminate childhood lead poisoning as a major public health problem by 2010, and concurrently, the submission of the CDC Cooperative Agreement Application for fiscal year 2003. The Michigan Senate supports strategic partnerships to engage in lead hazard reduction and the development of protective policy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Detroit Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program as a token of our support.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations, Senator Hammerstrom moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Toy, Brater, Cherry, Jacobs, Jelinek, Hardiman, Schauer, Bernero, Switalski, Olshove, Cassis and Goschka were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

Senators Clarke, Toy, Leland, Switalski, George and Garcia asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Clarke's statement is as follows:

If I could have a moment, I wanted to share with the members here two conversations I've had that really stuck out in my mind the last couple of days. One was 15 years ago nearly, 1987, and my godfather, whom I was very close to, was dying of cancer. His close friends—we were all together in the hospital, and it was really early in the morning, around 2:00 a.m.—one of the gentlemen there was a man who is now deceased named Arthur Thomas. And Arthur Thomas, I had found out, was in World War II on the front line. In the wee hours of the morning, I was really fascinated by it, and he described to me in general terms what the war was about, how it was for democracy, and the experiences he had being on the front line. But he described everything in the third person, and what I got was that, either he said it or by implication, is that if you're really in the war, you never talk about it, or at least his generation never spoke about it. But he made a comment—it really wasn't a sentence; it was actually a phrase—and he didn't even say it to me. He almost said it under his breath, about his experience on the shores of Europe. He mentioned that he was wading knee deep, knee deep, knee deep in a sea of blood and body parts. That's what he said. He didn't mean for me to hear that, and it was definitely something I tried to forget. And even now, it bothers me to think that a young boy, African American, who had to deal with all of the evils of segregation in this country, was there alone on this shore in Europe, knee deep in a sea of blood and body parts. He never complained about that.

I'm going to change to last Friday. I was talking to a guy, a successful businessman, Libyan American refugee from Libya, and he told me about the U.S. strike on Libya back in the '80s, which he fully supported. One of the bombs—they were bombing military installations in Libya, and the bombs were fairly accurate. One of the bombs just missed one of the installations by a couple of hundred yards, he matter of factly expressed to me. It landed instead on a home, the home of his childhood where five of his closest relatives were living. That bomb obliterated the building. Nothing was left except maybe a couple pieces of concrete. Five members of his closest family were vaporized. He didn't complain about it because he was in favor of our action.

The reason I'm mentioning this here right now—those of you who had to wear a uniform and went to combat—these are things we don't talk about. Those of us like me who can talk about war and peace behind the safety of a desk or a podium, these kinds of horrors are unimaginable to us. Obviously, if we go to war, we are going to pay a price. What I want to describe to you is what I feel the price is. But what's the price for? Is it in response to the attack on this country on 9-11? I don't think so. My concern is this: The military action we could be taking is less about fighting terrorism and more about purchasing cheap oil. Our sons and daughters, our relatives, don't need to face the risk of being slaughtered. Our families don't need to experience the pain and suffering over oil.

I'm offering this comment on the eve of proposed military action for one reason—because I still hold out hope for peace.

Senator Toy's statement is as follows:

I stand here today with the front page of *The Detroit News*. I draw your attention to it. This is just more proof that an oversight board for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

On all of your desks I have put a copy of the article, published this morning by Joel Kurth of *The Detroit News*. The article states that Detroit has a public relations budget of almost \$2 million and 37 employees who spend their time making videos for children and taking out radio and television advertisements to defend their water rates.

Chicago and Cleveland, cities comparable to Detroit, spend far less on public relations than the Detroit water authority does. Chicago has six employees and spends \$354,000 on public relations for 6 million customers. Cleveland, our neighbor down the road and a neighbor on a Great Lake, has only three employees and spends a mere \$200,000.

The day before we may be going to war, and we are even more vulnerable to terrorist attacks, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department should not be spending money to create “The Adventures of Sherlock H₂O and Dr. Waterloo.” We should be securing a natural resource that provides water to almost half of Michigan’s residents.

I want to know that we have a safe resource for all of southeast Michigan. We need Senate Bill No. 195 to be signed into law. Governor, sign the bill.

Senator Leland’s statement is as follows:

First of all, I want to apologize to the members of the Senate for my outburst a few moments ago. That was unnecessary—my apologies. But I was rather excited, and I just wanted to take a moment to tell you why. Every time a member from the other side of the aisle—the R side that is, R as in Republican—makes a comment that I find rather progressive, it does, in fact, warm my heart. The Senator from the Kalamazoo area, Dr. George from District 20, made some comments about the prison population, and he suggested with some facts that we have at least 20 percent of the prison population that is there because of a mental illness and other disabilities not related to actual crimes. I agree with the good doctor. I don’t want to sound like a broken record, but this is an area that I feel very strong about. We have far too many people in our Michigan corrections system. In fact, I think I’ve said this before that 18.7 percent of our General Fund budget—that’s 18.7 percent of our General Fund budget—is spent on corrections. We are the highest state in the country in terms of our budget in the General Fund regarding that department. The state of Minnesota spends 2.7 percent, and they are the lowest.

Several years ago, we began this—what I would call institutionalization of the mentally ill population—and began to sweep the streets, if you will, and for whatever reason, incarcerated them. I think those were some policies from our previous Governor. We took some people off of welfare who had nowhere to go, nothing to do, no skills, no jobs, and no training, and they would do what most of us would do in those situations and that is find a way to survive. Some of those resulted in, unfortunately, criminal activity and ended up in our correctional system.

Again, I want to congratulate the good doctor from the 20th District for recognizing the fact that too many of our people in Michigan prisons—we have about 50,000 people today—are there for the wrong reasons. It’s a new day, we have a new Governor, and I’m hoping that some of the policies that emanate from the front office the next four years will recognize the fact that we’ve got many of the wrong people locked up and will begin to release those folks and connect them back with our society. Those really are our friends, our family, and we’re all touched by the mentally ill. We all have members and friends of ours who are in prison for those reasons, and again, I just hope it’s a new day, and we’ll become a little more progressive in terms of who we lock up and for what reason we lock them up. Thank you again, Dr. George, for making those comments.

Senator Switalski’s statement is as follows:

I just want to respond to something my good friend, the Senator from Livonia, had spoken about and just point out that *The Detroit News*, a very conservative paper, has editorialized against the bill, and I think that should give true conservatives pause. I think water and sewer is really an interesting issue in that it stands traditional ideological divides on their heads. We have the Democrats defending the free market and private property rights and takings without compensation, and then we have some of my Republican friends who are arguing for increased government regulation and oversight and regionalism. So it’s unusual.

My good friend, the Senator from Livonia, does raise a good point today, and I admit that I, myself, am guilty of taking a tour of the purifying facility at 8 Mile and Groesbeck. I’m planning on having them come out and do a little presentation for some grade school students. I think that everyone in this chamber would agree that the money that they spend in this area should be reasonable and efficient and ought to be—shouldn’t be waste in there, but I don’t think that justifies a takeover.

Senator George’s statement is as follows:

I rise to comment on Women’s History Month and to extend an invitation to my colleagues.

In the 1840s, there was a social reformer named Dorothea Dix, and she was from Massachusetts. She did a study of prisons in Massachusetts and found that they were filled with the mentally ill. She presented a report to the Massachusetts Legislature, in which she said, “Prisons are not constructed in view of being converted into county hospitals, and almshouses are founded as receptacles for the insane. And yet, in the face of justice and common sense, wardens are by law compelled to receive, and the masters of almshouses not to refuse, mentally ill subjects in all stages of disease and privation.” Her plea to the Massachusetts Legislature led to the creation of the state’s first psychiatric hospital. She then took her mission to every state east of the Mississippi, including Michigan, where she presented her case to our Legislature in the 1840s. This Legislature responded by creating the first state psychiatric hospital.

Here we are 160 years later, and despite having the most modern medical advances and the most modern advances of outpatient psychiatric care, we still have prisons that contain from 20 to 40 percent of their inmates of the mentally ill population. The problem that Dorothea Dix brought to this Legislature’s attention 160 years ago still persists. In part, Mr. President, it is because of a failure of Michigan’s commitment laws, a failure which makes it difficult for the mental health community to provide assisted outpatient treatment. Last session, I worked with my colleague from the 23rd

Senate District, and we introduced a package of bills to adjust Michigan's commitment laws to allow for assisted outpatient treatment. Since that time, similar laws have been adopted in the state of California.

My colleague and I are intent on reintroducing that package of bills, but we want your help, and we want your ideas and input. We want to review this assisted outpatient issue with you, and we, therefore, are inviting you to a round table discussion. We have put invitations on your desks. It will take place next Tuesday afternoon in the Farnum Building. We welcome any of you with an interest in the mental health issues of the day or your staff to assist us so that we can continue the mission that was begun by this Legislature 160 years ago when Dorothea Dix came to Michigan.

Senator Garcia's statement is as follows:

I rise to talk once again about the yellow ribbons that are sitting on your desks and that some of you may have on your lapels. When I was called up for active duty in Operation Desert Storm, I was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia, and I received one of these ribbons when I was stationed down there at Fort Benning. I have to tell you that it meant the world to me. My family sent it to me. It was just a great morale booster.

I tell you that because if you know of a soldier, a sailor, or an airman who is serving, I can tell you that if you send them something like this with a quick note that says you appreciate their service, it will do wonders for their morale. It will reinforce what they're trying to do in serving our country. I just hope you'll take that opportunity to do that because I know from a personal experience it helped me a lot, and I just encourage you to do that.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Van Woerkom, Birkholz, Hardiman, Kuipers, Sikkema, Hammerstrom, Patterson, Bishop, George, Gilbert, Cropsey, Toy, Brown, McManus, Jelinek, Allen, Cassis, Stamas and Garcia introduced

Senate Bill No. 301, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 7dd, 7ee, 10, 24, 24c, 27a, 27b, 27c, 34, 34c, and 34d (MCL 211.7dd, 211.7ee, 211.10, 211.24, 211.24c, 211.27a, 211.27b, 211.27c, 211.34, 211.34c, and 211.34d), sections 7dd, 7ee, 24c, 27b, and 34d as amended and section 27c as added by 1996 PA 476, sections 10 and 24 as amended by 1994 PA 415, section 27a as amended by 2000 PA 260, section 34 as amended by 1986 PA 105, and section 34c as amended by 2000 PA 415, and by adding section 27e; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Senators Birkholz, Hammerstrom, Garcia, Bishop, Sikkema, Kuipers, Van Woerkom, Jelinek and Allen introduced

Senate Bill No. 302, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 288, entitled "Land division act," (MCL 560.101 to 560.293) by adding section 294.

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

Senators Birkholz, Sikkema, Hammerstrom, Bishop, Garcia, Van Woerkom, George, Gilbert, Jelinek, Cassis and Allen introduced

Senate Bill No. 303, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 27 (MCL 211.27), as amended by 2002 PA 744.

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

Senators Stamas, Allen, Birkholz, Hardiman, Kuipers, Sikkema, Hammerstrom, Bishop, Garcia, Van Woerkom, Gilbert, George and Jelinek introduced

Senate Bill No. 304, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.532) by adding section 270.

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

Senators Gilbert, Birkholz, Hardiman, Kuipers, Sikkema, Hammerstrom, Bishop, Garcia, Van Woerkom and George introduced

Senate Bill No. 305, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled "Single business tax act," (MCL 208.1 to 208.145) by adding section 37e.

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

Senators Birkholz, Brater, Allen, Hammerstrom, Garcia, Jelinek and Cassis introduced
Senate Bill No. 306, entitled

A bill to provide for the sale and purchase of certain rights to develop land; to provide for the financing of the purchase of such rights by local units of government in certain circumstances; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain local governmental officers and entities.

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

Senators Cassis, Stamas, Toy, McManus, Allen, Goschka and Clark-Coleman introduced
Senate Bill No. 307, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1294. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Scott introduced
Senate Bill No. 308, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the family independence agency and certain state purposes related to public welfare services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to create funds; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agency; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain individuals, local governments, and state departments, agencies, and officers.

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

Senator Prusi introduced
Senate Bill No. 309, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of career development and the Michigan strategic fund and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies.

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

Senators Switalski, Jacobs, Clarke, Stamas and Goschka introduced
Senate Bill No. 310, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 797 (MCL 168.797), as amended by 1992 PA 8.

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

Senator Switalski introduced
Senate Bill No. 311, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the judicial branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; to provide for the expenditure of these appropriations; to place certain restrictions on the expenditure of these appropriations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain officials and employees; to require certain reports; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the judicial branch.

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

Senator Switalski introduced
Senate Bill No. 312, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for the departments of attorney general, civil rights, civil service, information technology, management and budget, state, and treasury, the executive office, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; to provide for the expenditure of these appropriations; to provide for the funding of certain work projects; to provide for the imposition of certain fees; to establish or continue certain funds, programs, and categories; to transfer certain funds; to prescribe certain requirements for bidding on state contracts; to provide for disposition of year-end balances for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain principal executive departments and state agencies, officials, and employees; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the various principal executive departments and state agencies.

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

Senators Basham, Bernero, Clark-Coleman, Thomas, Jacobs, Kuipers, Prusi, Bishop, Clarke, Switalski, Goschka, Emerson, Schauer, Leland, Cherry and Scott introduced

Senate Bill No. 313, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 331, entitled "Michigan consumer protection act," by amending section 3 (MCL 445.903), as amended by 2002 PA 613, and by adding section 3e.

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

Senators Prusi, Allen and Goschka introduced

Senate Bill No. 314, entitled

A bill to allow the state to amend certain deeds.

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

Senators Barcia and Prusi introduced

Senate Bill No. 315, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the state transportation department and certain transportation purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to create certain funds and programs; to prescribe requirements for certain railroad and bus facilities; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state departments and officials and local units of government; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senators Barcia and Prusi introduced

Senate Bill No. 316, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of agriculture for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to create funds; to provide for the imposition of fees; to require reports, audits, and plans; to authorize certain transfers by certain state agencies; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by certain state agencies.

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

Senator Prusi introduced

Senate Bill No. 317, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of consumer and industry services and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; to provide for the expenditure of those appropriations; to provide for the imposition of certain fees; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies; to provide for reports to certain persons; and to prescribe powers and duties of certain state departments and certain state and local agencies and officers.

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

Senator Clarke introduced

Senate Bill No. 318, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of history, arts and libraries for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; to provide for the expenditure of those appropriations; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies; to provide for the disbursement of certain grants; to provide for reports; and to prescribe powers and duties of certain state departments and certain state and local agencies and officers.

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

Senator Clarke introduced

Senate Bill No. 319, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; to provide for the expenditure of those appropriations; to provide for certain reports and the consideration of those reports; to provide for the disposition of other income received by the various state agencies; to provide for the testing of certain persons; to provide for certain emergency powers; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain committees, certain state agencies, and certain employees.

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

Senators Stamas, Thomas, Switalski, Kuipers, Barcia, Allen, Van Woerkom, Cherry, Cassis, Brown and Patterson introduced

Senate Bill No. 320, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 90, entitled "Youth employment standards act," by amending section 11 (MCL 409.111), as amended by 2000 PA 418.

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

House Bill No. 4140, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 44520a.

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 Judiciary.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Government Operations reported the following appointment to office:

Director of Department of Management and Budget

Mitch Irwin, 844 Pebblebrook, East Lansing, MI 48823, for a term commencing on January 30, 2003, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

With the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the said appointment.

Kenneth R. Sikkema
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Sikkema, Hammerstrom, Allen, Cassis, Emerson, Jacobs and Thomas

Nays: None

The appointment was placed on the order of Messages from the Governor.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Government Operations submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 1:05 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (formerly Michigan National Tower)

Present: Senators Sikkema (C), Hammerstrom, Allen, Cassis, Emerson, Jacobs and Thomas

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on State Police and Military Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 1:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Brown (C) Stamas and Clarke

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Family Independence Agency submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 2:00 p.m., Room 424, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Hardiman (C), George and Scott

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on General Government submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 2:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Garcia (C) and Switalski

Excused: Senator McManus

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Transportation submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Stamas and Barcia

Excused: Senator Johnson (C)

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Commerce and Labor submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., Room 810, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Allen (C), Kuipers, Schauer and Olshove

Excused: Senator McManus

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Judiciary and Corrections submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Cropsey (C), Brown, Garcia, Switalski and Prusi

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (formerly Michigan National Tower)

Present: Senators Birkholz (C), Patterson, Van Woerkom, Brater and Basham

Scheduled Meetings

Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism - Thursday, March 20, 8:30 a.m., Room 810, Farnum Building (373-1635)

Appropriations -**Subcommittees -**

Agriculture - Thursdays, March 20, March 27, April 3, and April 24, 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-5932)

Family Independence Agency - Thursdays, March 20 and March 27, 2:00 p.m., Room 810, Farnum Building; Tuesday, April 1, 2:00 p.m., Room 810, Farnum Building (CANCELED); and Wednesday, April 2, 2:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Boji Tower (formerly Michigan National Tower) (CANCELED) (373-1801)

General Government - Tuesdays, March 25, April 1, and April 22, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2420)

Judiciary and Corrections - Tuesdays, March 25, April 1, and April 22, 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-3760)

State Police and Military Affairs - Tuesdays, March 25, April 1, and April 22, 1:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-5932)

Transportation Department - Tuesdays, March 25, April 1, April 8, April 15, and April 22, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2523)

Banking and Financial Institutions - Thursday, March 20, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (formerly Michigan National Tower) (373-2417)

Business Competitiveness Joint Select Committee (SCR 3) - Monday, March 31, 6:00 p.m., Grand Valley State University, Eberhard Center, 301 W. Fulton Street, Grand Rapids (373-7670)

Education - Thursday, March 20, 2:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-6920)

Michigan Capitol Committee - Thursday, March 20, 1:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-0289)

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:13 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, March 20, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.

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Secretary of the Senate