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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 1.101, in the absence of the Presiding Officers, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn pursuant to rule 1.205.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:01 a.m.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Education reported

Senate Resolution No. 25.

A resolution commemorating *Hidden Michigan* as the state of Michigan's official children's book.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 24, p. 300.)

With the recommendation that the following substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the resolution then be adopted:

A resolution commemorating *Hidden Michigan* as an official children's book of the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Children flourish under the support and guidance of nurturing and caring parents as they develop towards adulthood. As a child's first and most important teacher, parents have a special role in helping children learn. Parents can most effectively influence their child's progress by consistently and frequently reading together. This daily reading can immensely improve a student's achievement across all academic areas; and

Whereas, When families are involved in their children's education, children achieve higher grades and test scores, have better attendance at school, complete more homework, and demonstrate more positive attitudes and behavior; and

Whereas, Success in school starts with a student's ability to read well. This important life skill has taken on new meaning in the 21st century. Economists cite that a highly educated workforce with a thirst for learning drives economic growth in our knowledge-based economy. So learning to read—and reading well—is more important than ever; and

Whereas, As our nation continues to move towards an information-based economy, literacy becomes increasingly important. According to the U.S. Department of Education, approximately 40 percent of students across the nation cannot read at a basic level. Learning to read and the promotion of reading needs to start at an early age and continue throughout life; and

Whereas, Mackinac Island Press has published a book entitled, *Hidden Michigan*. This book is a creative hide-and-seek book celebrating everything special to Michigan—its history, beauty, and unique place in our great country; and

Whereas, Authors Anne Margaret Lewis and Janis Campbell worked with illustrator Wendy Popko to bring this exciting and colorful book to life. Every corner of Michigan is celebrated in *Hidden Michigan*—from Isle Royale and the Mighty Mac, to Motown and the Motor City, and from the Thumb to our historic Capitol Building across to Cereal City, Tulip Time and all points in between. *Hidden Michigan* truly highlights so much of our great state that we can be proud, while allowing children to read and learn about so many of Michigan's hidden jewels; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we commemorate *Hidden Michigan* as an official children's book of the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Mackinac Island Press as a symbol of our esteem.

Wayne Kuipers
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kuipers, Van Woerkom, Cassis, Whitmer and Gleason

Nays: None

The resolution and the substitute recommended by the committee were placed on the order of Resolutions.

The Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform reported

Senate Bill No. 123, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 162, entitled "Nonprofit corporation act," by amending sections 106, 133, 141, 143, 151, 404, 405, 407, 413, 441, 446, 451, 521, 525, 1103, and 1144 (MCL 450.2106, 450.2133, 450.2141, 450.2143, 450.2151, 450.2404, 450.2405, 450.2407, 450.2413, 450.2441, 450.2446, 450.2451, 450.2521, 450.2525, 450.3103, and 450.3144), sections 1103 and 1144 as added by 1984 PA 209, and by adding section 406a.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Alan Sanborn
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Sanborn, Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter and Jacobs

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Sanborn (C), Richardville, Gilbert, Thomas, Hunter and Jacobs

Excused: Senator Allen

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 194, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1311g (MCL 380.1311g), as amended by 2005 PA 28.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Ron Jelinek
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jelinek, Pappageorge, Hardiman, Kahn, Garcia, George, McManus, Stamas, Switalski, Anderson, Barcia, Cherry, Clark-Coleman and Scott

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 204, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code," by amending section 3805 (MCL 700.3805), as amended by 2000 PA 177.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Ron Jelinek
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jelinek, Pappageorge, Hardiman, Kahn, Cropsey, George, Jansen, Brown, McManus, Stamas, Switalski, Anderson, Barcia and Cherry

Nays: Senators Clark-Coleman and Scott

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 374, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding sections 112g, 112h, 112i, and 112j.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Ron Jelinek
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jelinek, Pappageorge, Hardiman, Kahn, Cropsey, George, Jansen, Brown, McManus, Stamas, Switalski, Anderson, Barcia and Cherry

Nays: Senators Clark-Coleman and Scott

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Appropriations submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Jelinek (C), Pappageorge, Hardiman, Kahn, Cropsey, George, Jansen, Brown, McManus, Stamas, Switalski, Anderson, Barcia, Brater, Cherry, Clark-Coleman and Scott

Excused: Senator Garcia

The Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight reported

Senate Bill No. 285, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending section 47 (MCL 169.247), as amended by 2001 PA 250.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-3) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michelle McManus
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McManus, Brown, Jacobs and Schauer

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight reported

Senate Bill No. 3, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending sections 2, 5, and 11 (MCL 169.202, 169.205, and 169.211), section 2 as amended by 2001 PA 250, section 5 as amended by 1999 PA 237, and section 11 as amended by 1996 PA 590, and by adding section 48.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michelle McManus
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McManus, Brown, Jacobs and Schauer

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight reported

Senate Bill No. 284, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," (MCL 169.201 to 169.282) by adding section 48.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Michelle McManus
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McManus, Brown, Jacobs and Schauer

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 12:30 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building

Present: Senators McManus (C), Brown, Jacobs and Schauer

Excused: Senator Jansen

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 210, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 806 (MCL 257.806), as amended by 2006 PA 526.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Ron Jelinek
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jelinek, Pappageorge, Hardiman, Kahn, Cropsey, George, Jansen, Brown, McManus, Stamas, Switalski, Cherry, Clark-Coleman and Scott

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 211, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 809 (MCL 257.809), as amended by 2005 PA 141.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Ron Jelinek
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jelinek, Pappageorge, Hardiman, Kahn, Cropsey, George, Brown, McManus, Stamas, Switalski, Cherry, Clark-Coleman and Scott

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Agriculture submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Van Woerkom (C), Gilbert, Birkholz, Gleason and Whitmer

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 11:31 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Cassis (C), Gilbert, McManus, Jansen, Prusi, Jacobs and Whitmer

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Community Health submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators Kahn (C), Pappageorge, George, Cherry, Barcia and Switalski

Absent: Senator Stamas

Scheduled Meetings**Appropriations -****Subcommittees -**

Environmental Quality Department - Thursdays, April 19, April 26, May 3 and May 10, 1:00 p.m., and Tuesday, May 15, 4:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Higher Education - Friday, April 20, 10:00 a.m., Saginaw Valley State University, Curtiss Hall, Emeriti Room, 7400 Bay Road, University Center; Monday, April 23, 10:00 a.m., Eastern Michigan University, Student Center, Room 310, 900 Oakland Street, Ypsilanti; Friday, April 27, 10:00 a.m., Calvin College, Bunker Interpretive Center, 1750 East Beltline, Grand Rapids; and Friday, May 11, 2:00 p.m., Michigan Technological University, Advanced Technology Development Center, 1402 East Sharon Avenue, Houghton (373-2768)

Natural Resources Department - Tuesdays, April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15, 12:00 noon, Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Michigan Capitol Committee - Wednesday, April 18, 12:00 noon, Room 55, Capitol Building (373-5527)

In pursuance of the order previously made, the Secretary of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate

