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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

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—present
Bishop—present
Brater—present
Brown—present
Cassis—present
Cherry—present
Clark-Coleman—present
Clarke—present
Cropsey—present

Garcia—excused
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—present
Stamas—present
Switalski—present
Thomas—present
Van Woerkom—present
Whitmer—present

Reverend Robert Hinz of Bedford Alliance Church of Temperance offered the following invocation:

Lord Jesus, we just want to thank You that You are the Sovereign God of the universe. We thank You that You have appointed these men and these women as leaders of this state. Lord, I pray that You would please give them the wisdom of Solomon as they make decisions. I pray for a spirit of unity among this body.

Lord, I ask that it would not be an issue of one party versus another party, but the issue would be what is best for the people of the state of Michigan. I pray that You give them keen insight to Your ways and Your desire. I pray for special peace today and a special blessing upon every man and every woman who is gathered here today that You might be glorified, for we ask it in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

Senators Bishop, Pappageorge, Gilbert, Jansen, McManus and Basham entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Thomas moved that Senators Hunter, Barcia and Brater be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

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

The following communication was received and read:
Office of the Senate Majority Leader

April 29, 2008

Pursuant to MCL 484.1713, I am reappointing Lloyd R. Fayling to the Michigan Emergency Telephone Service Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Sullivan in my office at 373-2417.

Sincerely,
Michael D. Bishop
Senate Majority Leader

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Tuesday, April 29:
House Bill Nos. 5316 5411 5681 5697 5832

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Tuesday, April 29, for her approval the following bills:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 415 at 1:30 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 209 at 1:32 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1161 at 1:34 p.m.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Messages from the Governor

Senator Cropsey moved that consideration of the following bills be postponed for today:

Senate Bill No. 436
Senate Bill No. 222
Senate Bill No. 229
Senate Bill No. 232
Senate Bill No. 238
Senate Bill No. 240

The motion prevailed.

The following messages from the Governor were received:

Date: April 29, 2008

Time: 12:12 p.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1118 (Public Act No. 115), being

An act to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled “An act to meet deficiencies in state funds by providing for the imposition, levy, computation, collection, assessment, reporting, payment, and enforcement of taxes on certain commercial, business, and financial activities; to prescribe the powers and duties of public officers and state departments; to provide for the inspection of certain taxpayer records; to provide for interest and penalties; to provide exemptions, credits, and refunds; to provide for the disposition of funds; to provide for the interrelation of this act with other acts; and to make appropriations,” (MCL 208.1101 to 208.1601) by adding section 410a.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on April 29, 2008, at 2:34 p.m.)

Date: April 29, 2008

Time: 12:16 p.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 885 (Public Act No. 117), being

An act to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled “An act to create and expand certain renaissance zones; to foster economic opportunities in this state; to facilitate economic development; to stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements; to prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration of geographic areas in this state; to authorize expenditures; to provide exemptions and credits from certain taxes; to create certain obligations of this state and local governmental units; to require disclosure of certain transactions and gifts; to provide for appropriations; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local departments, agencies, and officials,” by amending sections 3, 8d, 8e, and 10 (MCL 125.2683, 125.2688d, 125.2688e, and 125.2690), section 3 as amended by 2006 PA 304, section 8d as amended by 2006 PA 93, section 8e as added by 2006 PA 270, and section 10 as amended by 2007 PA 186.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on April 29, 2008, at 2:38 p.m.)

Respectfully,
Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

Messages from the House

Senator Cropsey moved that consideration of the following bills be postponed for today:

Senate Bill No. 53

House Bill No. 4120

House Bill No. 4507

Senate Bill No. 388

Senate Bill No. 868

Senate Bill No. 511

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 115, entitled

A bill to amend 2003 PA 226, entitled “Joint municipal planning act,” by amending the title and sections 5 and 7 (MCL 125.135 and 125.137).

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-2) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-2), ordered that it be given immediate effect and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 2003 PA 226, entitled “An act to provide for joint land use planning and the joint exercise of certain zoning powers and duties by local units of government; and to provide for the establishment, powers, and duties of joint planning commissions,” by amending the title and sections 3, 5, and 7 (MCL 125.133, 125.135, and 125.137).

Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

Third Reading of Bills

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

House Bill No. 5798

Senate Bill No. 72

Senate Bill No. 1256

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 5798, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled "An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to provide for a restructuring of the manner in which energy is provided in this state; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 460.1 to 460.10cc) by adding section 6r.

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. 274

Yeas—32

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| Allen | Clark-Coleman | Jelinek | Sanborn |
| Anderson | Cropsey | Kahn | Schauer |
| Basham | George | McManus | Scott |
| Birkholz | Gilbert | Olshove | Stamas |
| Bishop | Gleason | Pappageorge | Switalski |
| Brown | Hardiman | Patterson | Thomas |
| Cassis | Jacobs | Prusi | Van Woerkom |
| Cherry | Jansen | Richardville | Whitmer |

Nays—0

Excused—5

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| Barcia | Garcia | Hunter | Kuipers |
| Brater | | | |

Not Voting—1

Clarke

In The Chair: President

Senator Thomas moved that Senator Clarke be temporarily excused from the balance of today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cropsey moved that the bill be given immediate effect. The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor. The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Clarke entered the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 72, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 811e (MCL 257.811e), as amended by 2006 PA 562, and by adding section 811r.

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. 275

Yeas—28

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| Allen | Clarke | Jansen | Richardville |
| Anderson | Cropsey | Jelinek | Sanborn |
| Birkholz | George | Kahn | Schauer |
| Bishop | Gilbert | McManus | Scott |
| Brown | Gleason | Olshove | Stamas |
| Cassis | Hardiman | Pappageorge | Thomas |
| Cherry | Jacobs | Patterson | Van Woerkom |

Nays—5

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| Basham | Prusi | Switalski | Whitmer |
| Clark-Coleman | | | |

Excused—5

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| Barcia | Garcia | Hunter | Kuipers |
| Brater | | | |

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. 1256, entitled

A bill to amend 2006 PA 152, entitled "An act to allow the requiring of a permit before demonstrating outside of locations in which a funeral service is being held; to allow local units of government to prohibit certain conduct at or near the locations in which a funeral service is being held; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain local governments and officials; and to provide for penalties," by amending section 3 (MCL 123.1113).

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. 276**Yeas—33**

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| Allen | Clarke | Jelinek | Sanborn |
| Anderson | Cropsey | Kahn | Schauer |
| Basham | George | McManus | Scott |
| Birkholz | Gilbert | Olshove | Stamas |
| Bishop | Gleason | Pappageorge | Switalski |
| Brown | Hardiman | Patterson | Thomas |
| Cassis | Jacobs | Prusi | Van Woerkom |
| Cherry | Jansen | Richardville | Whitmer |
| Clark-Coleman | | | |

Nays—0**Excused—5**

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| Barcia | Garcia | Hunter | Kuipers |
| Brater | | | |

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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 Hardiman 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 bills:

Senate Bill No. 943, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 88.

House Bill No. 5695, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 720 (MCL 257.720), as amended by 2003 PA 142.

House Bill No. 5476, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 435 (MCL 206.435), as added by 2007 PA 133.

The bills were 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. 1085, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 40107a (MCL 324.40107a), as amended by 2003 PA 242.

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. 1122, entitled

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled "Michigan renaissance zone act," by amending section 8a (MCL 125.2688a), as amended by 2006 PA 476.

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.

Resolutions

Senator Cropsy moved that consideration of the following resolutions be postponed for today:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22

Senate Resolution No. 154

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27

The motion prevailed.

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

Senate Resolution No. 184

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senator Jansen offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 184.

A resolution commemorating May 2008 as Children's Mental Health Month in Michigan.

Whereas, Children need to be healthy in order to learn, grow, and lead productive lives; and

Whereas, Mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development; and

Whereas, Emotional and mental disorders in children are real and treatable; and

Whereas, There are effective treatments, services, and supports that can help children and youth with mental health problems and those at risk to thrive and live successfully; and

Whereas, Children and youth with mental health challenges are best assisted by communities pulling together to form a system of care using the principles of family-driven, youth-guided, and culturally-appropriate supports; and

Whereas, Stigma associated with mental illness should no longer exist; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate May 2008 as Children's Mental Health Month in Michigan. We express our support for the proactive leadership of the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Association for Children's Mental Health, Michigan health care providers, quality improvement partners, and consumer advocates in the delivery of effective mental health services in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Association for Children's Mental Health as a token of our highest esteem.

Senators Anderson, Bishop, Brater, Cherry, Clarke, Gleason, Pappageorge, Schauer and Scott were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Scott offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 183.

A resolution expressing support for the Human Rights Torch Relay.

Whereas, The Chinese communist regime has been granted the honor of hosting the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, with the provision that the nation improve its treatment of Chinese citizens; and

Whereas, Human rights violations have increased in China since this honor was granted; and

Whereas, The Chinese regime imprisons millions of Christian, Tibetan Buddhists, Uyghur Muslims, Falun Gong, democracy advocates, labor organizers, lawyers, journalists, environmental activists, political dissidents, and other innocent citizens in slave labor camps without trial; and

Whereas, The Chinese regime illegally harvests vital body organs for sale without consent from Falun Gong prisoners of conscience; and

Whereas, The Chinese regime continues to occupy Tibet and attempts to erase the cultures of Tibetans and Muslim Uyghurs; and

Whereas, The Chinese regime forces women to get abortions, even in the third trimester of pregnancy, to enforce the “one child per family” rule; and

Whereas, The Chinese regime supports the dictatorships in Sudan, Burma, Zimbabwe, and North Korea in perpetuating slaughter upon their citizens; and

Whereas, The Chinese regime prohibits freedom of religion, and those who practice their faith and beliefs in “underground churches” are arrested, imprisoned, and persecuted; and

Whereas, The Chinese regime prohibits freedom of speech, controls the population with private and public surveillance, and censors information on the Internet; and

Whereas, The Chinese regime prohibits freedom of the press and imprisons more journalists and reporters than any country in the world; and

Whereas, The Olympic Charter calls for the Games to represent “respect for universal fundamental ethical principles” and “the harmonious development of man, with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity.” It states that “any form of discrimination with regard to a country or a person on grounds of race, religion, politics, gender or other reason is inconsistent with membership in the Olympic Movement”; and

Whereas, The Human Rights Torch Relay is an international campaign that seeks to bring an end to all human rights abuses against the people of China and is dedicated to ending human rights abuses by the Chinese communist regime, to re-establishing the mandate of the Olympic Charter, and to preserving the true Olympic spirit; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body, on behalf of the people we represent, declare our support for the Human Rights Torch Relay campaign and proclaim April 2008 to be Human Rights Torch Relay Month; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to organizers of the Human Rights Torch Relay for their leadership and service in helping to end all human rights abuses against the people of China.

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

Senator Cropsey 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 Cropsey moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Anderson, Cherry, Clarke, Gleason, Pappageorge and Schauer were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Hunter, Barcia and Brater entered the Senate Chamber.

Senators Kahn and Sanborn introduced

Senate Bill No. 1282, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending section 3157 (MCL 500.3157).

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

Senators Kahn, Switalski, Gleason and George introduced

Senate Bill No. 1283, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 20135.

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

House Bill No. 5316, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled “The management and budget act,” by amending section 241b (MCL 18.1241b), as added by 1995 PA 38.

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 Energy Policy and Public Utilities.

House Bill No. 5411, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1312a. 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 Education.

House Bill No. 5681, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 162, entitled “Nonprofit corporation act,” by amending sections 106, 404, 505, 548, 611, 901, and 922 (MCL 450.2106, 450.2404, 450.2505, 450.2548, 450.2611, 450.2901, and 450.2922), sections 106, 404, and 901 as amended by 2008 PA 9 and section 611 as amended by 1984 PA 209.

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 Economic Development and Regulatory Reform.

House Bill No. 5697, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 40107a (MCL 324.40107a), as amended by 2003 PA 242.

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 Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

House Bill No. 5832, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1312b. 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 Education.

Statements

Senators Cassis, Scott, Schauer 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 Cassis’ statement is as follows:

In so many ways, I think we all woke up this morning to a day like any other day coming to Lansing—if we were not already here. But then we learned something that kind of made us just stand in our tracks for moment, and that is our good, dear Governor has undergone emergency surgery. All of our hearts just kind of skipped a beat, I would imagine—I know mine did.

Just publicly, on behalf of my family and myself, I want to wish Governor Granholm Godspeed and that she will be back with us very soon and in tremendous health. God bless our Governor and her family on this day. And, Governor, we are all with you, thinking of you, and praying for you.

Senator Scott’s statement is as follows:

I, too, wish the Governor well and my prayers will be with her. But I rise today to once again talk about insurance. But unlike many of my previous statements, I will not quote the words of a well-known activist, educator, philosopher, or poet. There will be no traditional African proverbs today. Today I rise to quote Senator Martha G. Scott in a column that ran almost a year ago. And here is what Senator Martha G. Scott said: “While I have spent a good portion of my legislative career advocating for fair and affordable insurance rates for Detroiters, and indeed for all Michigan residents, one might assume I would be supportive of legislation introduced in the Senate that would give drivers an ‘opportunity’ to reduce their premiums by reducing the amount of medical coverage their policy provides.

However, I must say that I have serious concerns with this industry-supported plan. This proposal only furthers the discriminatory and inequitable rate-setting practices that have penalized Detroiters since the notorious ‘redlining’ days. In response, I would ask why Detroiters should gain monetary relief only by giving up coverage to which they are entitled?

At least today, the unlimited medical coverage required by the state is available to all—assuming they can afford the insurance. The legislation under consideration would create a class system among the insured, with those who can least afford it receiving the least level of medical coverage.

Auto insurance rate increases have outpaced inflation by more than a 2-to-1 ratio in Michigan. And in Detroit, insurance rates have outpaced inflation by more than 4-to-1. That's why nearly half the drivers in Detroit are uninsured.

Meanwhile, currently, more than a quarter of a million Wayne County residents are without medical insurance. Why should these same people also have to reduce their auto insurance medical coverage in order to reduce their premiums? A \$50,000 limit could be used up in a matter of days after a serious automobile accident, with insufficient medical coverage resulting in victims forced into bankruptcy or onto welfare. So once again we're punishing the most vulnerable among us by taking away coverage from those who can least afford it.

Secondly, since it is widely accepted that Detroiters can pay up to four times what out-state drivers pay, if out-state drivers receive comparable percentage reductions in premiums, are not Detroiters still paying proportionally more for insurance than those living outside the city? The disparities will not disappear. And Detroit drivers will continue to be exploited.

This is not the way to bring equality to the insurance rating system. The way to bring economic justice is to eliminate credit scoring and occupation as rate-setting criteria. It is to stop penalizing good drivers for living in the 'wrong' zip codes. And it is to reward good drivers for their driving records and their claims record regardless of where they live. That's the legislation that I will support."

While the circumstances have changed only slightly, my passion and commitment have not. I would only add that I would love to have you to please move my bills.

I am disheartened at the remarks, however, that the chair of insurance made yesterday. Half of Wayne County residents have always subsidized other parts of Michigan for a long time, and it is time for us to treat Wayne County as we do any other city in this state.

Senator Schauer's statement is as follows:

I, too, rise, colleagues, to wish certainly the sentiments of the Senate Democratic Caucus and I think the entire Michigan Senate in expressing our wishes for a speedy recovery for Governor Jennifer Granholm. You may be aware that she sustained injuries in an auto accident in the early '90s. She was feeling poorly over the last few days and her doctors diagnosed a condition that would need surgery. She had surgery yesterday and they believe that the symptoms she was feeling were related to this earlier intestinal injury. She is doing well and the request is no flowers, but if you feel the need to send a card, you can send a card to her office. Certainly, all our thoughts and our prayers are welcome, and I appreciate the sentiments that have been offered so far.

Lieutenant Governor Cherry, we wish you well during the time that you are in charge, and I think this is a time especially when we can all pull together in the interest of this state. I know that Governor Granholm will be back quickly at full strength. I am sure that her BlackBerry is going crazy as we speak.

So, on behalf of our caucus and I think on behalf of this chamber, I would ask that my remarks be printed in this Journal so that Governor Granholm can know of our good wishes for her.

Senator Bishop's statement is as follows:

I just wanted to reiterate the well wishes from some of our members. There are some rather difficult times in the Legislature today. We all face our challenges legislatively, policy-wise, internally—we all have our stories. But this is a very big issue, and this is something that rises above everything and has to do with health. We in the Senate want to wish the Governor all of our well wishes and a speedy recovery.

We are constantly reminded of what really matters in this world, and we want to let her know we will be thinking of her and she will be in our prayers.

Recess

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:48 a.m.

11:24 a.m.

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

Committee Reports

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism reported

House Bill No. 5539, entitled

A bill to amend 1996 PA 381, entitled "Brownfield redevelopment financing act," (MCL 125.2651 to 125.2672) by adding section 15a.

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.

Jason E. Allen
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Gilbert, Stamas and Clarke

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism reported

House Bill No. 5540, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 281, entitled "The local development financing act," (MCL 125.2151 to 125.2174) by adding section 11b.

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.

Jason E. Allen
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Gilbert, Stamas and Clarke

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism reported

House Bill No. 5541, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 450, entitled "The tax increment finance authority act," (MCL 125.1801 to 125.1830) by adding section 12b.

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.

Jason E. Allen
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Gilbert, Stamas and Clarke

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism reported

House Bill No. 5542, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 197, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of a downtown development authority; to prescribe its powers and duties; to correct and prevent deterioration in business districts; to encourage historic preservation; to authorize the acquisition and disposal of interests in real and personal property; to authorize the creation and implementation of development plans in the districts; to promote the economic growth of the districts; to create a board; to prescribe its powers and duties; to authorize the levy and collection of taxes; to authorize the issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to authorize the use of tax increment financing; to reimburse downtown development authorities for certain losses of tax increment revenues; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officials," (MCL 125.1651 to 125.1681) by adding section 13c.

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.

Jason E. Allen
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Gilbert, Stamas and Clarke

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 Commerce and Tourism submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building
Present: Senators Allen (C), Gilbert, Stamas and Clarke
Excused: Senator Hunter

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Human Services submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower
Present: Senators Hardiman (C), Kahn, Jansen, Scott and Barcia

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on General Government submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Pappageorge (C), Jansen, McManus, Anderson and Cherry

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

Agriculture - Wednesdays, May 7 and May 14, 3:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Community Health Department - Thursday, May 1, 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2768)

Economic Development - Wednesdays, May 7 and May 14, 8:30 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-2768)

General Government - Tuesday, May 13, 2:30 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building; and Tuesday, May 6, 2:30 p.m., Room 48, Information Technology Operations Center, 7285 Parson Drive, Lansing (373-2768)

History, Arts, and Libraries - Thursdays, May 1 (CANCELED), May 8 and May 15, 8:30 a.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Human Services Department - Tuesdays, May 6 and May 13, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

State Police and Military Affairs - Thursdays, May 1 and May 8, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Transportation Department - Friday, May 2, 11:00 a.m., Conference Room, Road Commission for Oakland County, 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills; and Thursday, May 15, 12:30 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Education - Thursday, May 1, 2:30 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-6920)

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

Health Policy - Thursday, May 1, 9:00 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-0793)

Judiciary - Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-6920)

Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates - Tuesday, May 27, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-0212)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, June 10, 9:30 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:25 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate

