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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, March 11, 1997.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Connie B. Binsfeld.

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

Bennett—present
Berryman—present
Bouchard—present
Bullard—present
Byrum—present
Carl—present
Cherry—present
Cisky—present
Conroy—present
DeBeaussaert—present
DeGrow—present
Dingell—present
Dunaskiss—present

Emmons—present
Gast—present
Geake—present
Gougeon—present
Hart—present
Hoffman—present
Koivisto—present
McManus—present
Miller—present
North—present
O'Brien—present
Peters—present
Posthumus—present

Rogers—present
Schuette—present
Schwarz—present
Shugars—present
A. Smith—present
V. Smith—present
Stallings—present
Steil—present
Stille—excused
Van Regenmorter—present
Vaughn—present
Young—present

Senator Joanne G. Emmons of the 23rd District offered the following invocation:

Let us draw nigh and hear the promise of the Lord. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks the dark, nor the plague that destroys the midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the Lord, who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you. No disaster will come near your tent. “Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him, protect him. He will call upon me and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble, with long life, will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

We thank You, Lord, for this promise. May we be found faithful and obedient to Your will. In Your Son’s name we pray. Amen.

Motions and Communications

Senator DeGrow moved that Senator Stille be excused from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman entered the Senate Chamber.

The following communications were received:
Office of the Auditor General

March 6, 1997

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or executive digest:
Performance Audit of Hiring, Training, and Staff Development Programs, Department of Corrections, March 1997.

March 10, 1997

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or executive digest:
Performance Audit of the Real Estate Division, Bureau of Highway Technical Services, Michigan Department of Transportation, March 1997.

Sincerely,
Thomas H. McTavish, C.P.A.
Auditor General

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Central Area Partnership Consortium

March 7, 1997

The Job Training Partnership Act and the Michigan Jobs Commission require that job training plans and modifications be sent to specific individuals and agencies. These plans are also available to the public in general. To that end, I have enclosed the following documents:

JTPA Title IIA Plan Modification #96-02 (07/01/96 to 06/30/98)

JTPA Title IIC Plan Modification #96-02 (07/01/96 to 06/30/98)

JTPA Title III Plan Modification #96-02 (07/01/96 to 06/30/98)

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), this information will be made available in alternative format (large type, audio tape, etc.) upon special request.

Please feel free to direct your questions to Tim Vanaman.

Ralph F. Loeschner, President

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced the printing and placement in the members’ files on Friday, March 7 of:

Senate Bill Nos.	261	262	264	265	266	267	268	269	270	271				
House Bill Nos.	4399	4400	4401	4402	4403	4404	4405	4406	4407	4408	4409	4410	4411	4412
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Senators V. Smith, Cherry and Miller entered the Senate Chamber.

Senators Conroy and Peters asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Conroy's statement is as follows:

Senate Democrats have proposed a change to the budget that's been proposed by the administration and I'd like to go over some of the subjects that we're intending to work on in the next few weeks.

Last year we had a dramatic reduction in adult education and we've chosen to put that money back in—the \$80 million that was taken out a year ago in order to continue the education as the President mentioned last week in his speech to the joint assembly. In addition to that, we intend to increase the at-risk funding for K-12 to add incentives for the small class size that we had discussion on last week. We think that is a way to reform the public school system in this state.

We have a proposal of \$38.5 million to fund more local police officers with a local 20 percent match required. We think that we can increase by 1,000 new police officers in this state with this program.

Probably most current in terms of the problems that we have in this state are our roads. Senator Don Koivisto has worked on, as well as others, Glenn Steil and other members of this body, wrote improvements, particularly to the local roads in this state. They are just flat out a disaster. I've seen holes that I've never seen before and a lot more of them. I'm sure that all of the other members have gotten that kind of response from their constituency as well. We've got some money in here for road improvement.

We've got a \$500 million state revenue bond proposal for school technology so as all children can have computers in their classrooms, so they can get to know this kind of equipment and can work on that as they get through their educational process. That is something that Gary Peters has worked on quite hard over the last few years. We think that this authorization would make a lot of sense to help the schools in this state computerize their classrooms and systems so they can interact, not only between schools, but between classrooms.

These are the main items in this proposal that we're having that we'll be working on over the next few weeks and we would urge that everybody look at this and see if they can find a way to be supportive. We think it makes good sense, good dollar sense, and we've found a way to pay for it that is also explained on the handout that we've sent out.

Senator Peters' statement is as follows:

I would just like to rise briefly to concur with some of the comments made by Senator Conroy and the Democratic caucus budget proposals. I am particularly interested in the fact that there is an authorization for additional state revenue bonds for school technology. That is one area in this state which has been neglected over the years. In fact a recent General Accounting Office report shows that Michigan ranks 44 out of 50 states in terms of computer technology in our classrooms. We also rank in the 40s when it comes to networks and to modems. This is crucial technology for our students. It is essential for their future as well as for the future of the state, if we are expected to remain competitive in the job market—in training our future workers to take those high tech jobs as well as having the ability to understand computer technology. It is also essential, as our schools attempt to improve, that we can radically reform the way in which education is delivered to our students. There are examples of where investments in technology have led to dramatic improvement in test scores. Particularly in central cities, where investments in the early grades, K-4, can bring about dramatic improvements in standardized test and overall learning. It is essential that the state steps up to its responsibility to invest in this technology and I am certainly very pleased that it is part of the proposal outlined by Senator Conroy.

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

Senator DeGrow moved that consideration of the following bill be postponed for today:

Senate Bill No. 188

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 126, entitled

A bill to repeal 1965 PA 280, entitled "An act to provide for licensing and regulating of slaughterhouses, edible rendering establishments and wholesale fabricating, processing or storage establishments of meat; to provide for the antemortem and postmortem inspection and reinspection of slaughtered meat animals; to prescribe the duties and powers of the department of agriculture; to prescribe license fees; to provide for the transfer of personnel and the rights of employees affected by this act; to provide for inspection of large wild game animals; and to provide penalties for violation of the provisions of this act," (MCL 287.571 to 287.582).

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. 36**Yeas—37**

Bennett	DeGrow	Koivisto	Schwarz
Berryman	Dingell	McManus	Shugars
Bouchard	Dunaskiss	Miller	Smith, A.
Bullard	Emmons	North	Smith, V.
Byrum	Gast	O'Brien	Stallings
Carl	Geake	Peters	Steil
Cherry	Gougeon	Posthumus	Van Regenmorter
Cisky	Hart	Rogers	Vaughn
Conroy	Hoffman	Schuette	Young
DeBeaussaert			

Nays—0**Excused—1**

Stille

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. 140, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 3101 (MCL 324.3101) and by adding sections 3131, 3132, and 3133.

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. 37**Yeas—37**

Bennett	DeGrow	Koivisto	Schwarz
Berryman	Dingell	McManus	Shugars
Bouchard	Dunaskiss	Miller	Smith, A.
Bullard	Emmons	North	Smith, V.
Byrum	Gast	O'Brien	Stallings
Carl	Geake	Peters	Steil
Cherry	Gougeon	Posthumus	Van Regenmorter
Cisky	Hart	Rogers	Vaughn
Conroy	Hoffman	Schuette	Young
DeBeaussaert			

Nays—0**Excused—1**

Stille

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. 33, entitled

A bill to amend 1970 PA 91, entitled "Child custody act of 1970, by amending sections 3 and 6a (MCL 722.23 and 722.26a), section 3 as amended by 1993 PA 259 and section 6a as added by 1980 PA 434, and by adding sections 11 and 12.

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. 38**Yeas—37**

Bennett	DeGrow	Koivisto	Schwarz
Berryman	Dingell	McManus	Shugars
Bouchard	Dunaskiss	Miller	Smith, A.
Bullard	Emmons	North	Smith, V.
Byrum	Gast	O'Brien	Stallings
Carl	Geake	Peters	Steil
Cherry	Gougeon	Posthumus	Van Regenmorter
Cisky	Hart	Rogers	Vaughn
Conroy	Hoffman	Schuette	Young
DeBeaussaert			

Nays—0**Excused—1**

Stille

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

General Orders

Senator DeGrow 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 Binsfeld, designated Senator Peters as Chairperson.

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

Senate Bill No. 193, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 239, entitled "McCauley-Traxler-Law-Bowman-McNeely lottery act," by amending section 32 (MCL 432.32), as amended by 1996 PA 13.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Resolutions

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

Senate Resolution No. 20

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11

Senate Resolution No. 22

The motion prevailed.

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

Senate Resolution No. 30

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senator Stille offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 30.

A resolution honoring The Ottawa Area Center for Special Needs Children upon the Center's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

Whereas, It is with great pride that we honor The Ottawa Area Center upon its twenty-fifth anniversary. This celebration recognizes the unique contribution the school has made to thousands of students, their parents, and the communities it has served for over a quarter century; and

Whereas, The Ottawa Area Center has worked closely with parents, medical professionals, local school district educators and other agencies to customize services for children. The Ottawa Area Center has served as a model for innovation in designing curriculum to meet the special academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs of mentally impaired young people; and

Whereas, The Ottawa Area Center has reached out into the community by serving as a learning base for prospective special education teachers. In addition, students are integrated into the fabric of the community through the Community Based Instruction programs, field trips, and on-site visits from many area school children; and

Whereas, The Ottawa Area Center staff has provided a safe, nurturing, positive environment for students; where all students reach their full potential and become, to the best of their ability, contributing members of the communities in which they live. We applaud this success and say "Thank you for a job well done"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the twenty-fifth anniversary of The Ottawa Area Center serving the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District be highly commemorated; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to The Ottawa Area Center administration and staff as a reflection of our regard.

Senators Van Regenmorter and Posthumus were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Van Regenmorter, Hoffman, DeGrow, Koivisto, Schwarz, North, Emmons, Gast, Geake, Stille, Dingell, A. Smith, Young, Conroy, Bullard, Bennett, Rogers, Steil, Schuette, Byrum, DeBeaussaert, Hart, Miller, McManus, Cisky, Dunaskiss, Carl, Bouchard, Shugars, Gougeon, Stallings, Vaughn, Cherry, V. Smith, O'Brien and Posthumus offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16.

A concurrent resolution to make an urgent request to the Congress of the United States to release to the states, including Michigan, all federal road funding due under the gas tax formula.

Whereas, The quality of Michigan roadways has a great deal to do with the state's competitiveness in attracting and retaining jobs for our citizens. Every individual and every business in Michigan is affected when Michigan roads suffer from insufficient maintenance. Finding the means to meet this financial challenge is of the utmost importance to both state and local policymakers as we prepare for the twenty-first century; and

Whereas, The difficult task of providing excellence in transportation in Michigan is made far worse by some of the current practices of the federal government with regard to the allocation of money raised by the federal gas tax; and

Whereas, The current practices of the federal government with regards to the allocation of dollars raised by the federal tax make it difficult for Michigan to improve and expand its transportation system. Of the states required to send money to the federal government, in accordance with the federal funding formula, Michigan sends significantly more money to Washington than it receives back. In 1993, for example, Michigan paid a total of \$733.7 million to the Federal Highway Trust Fund, and only \$520.1 million was returned; and

Whereas, In addition, even more money designated for return to Michigan, and several other states, is being withheld by federal transportation authorities. This money is critical to our transportation infrastructure and a vital component of the state's economic well-being.

Whereas, The current budget debate offers an opportunity to reexamine this critical aspect of public spending. This examination should include immediately correcting the gross inequities in allocating the funds generated by the federal gas tax; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we respectfully, but urgently, ask the Congress of the United States to release to the states, including Michigan, any federal road funding due under the gas tax formula but currently being held back by the federal government; 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 to each member of the Michigan congressional delegation with the request that each member review this issue, offering a formal response to this body, the Michigan State Senate.

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

Senator DeGrow 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 DeGrow moved that the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Van Regenmorter, Hoffman, DeGrow, Koivisto, Schwarz, North, Emmons, Gast, Geake, Stille, Dingell, A. Smith, Young, Conroy, Bullard, Bennett, Rogers, Steil, Schuette, Byrum, DeBeaussaert, Hart, Miller, McManus, Cisky, Dunaskiss, Carl, Bouchard, Shugars, Gougeon, Stallings, Vaughn, Cherry, V. Smith, O'Brien and Posthumus offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17.

A concurrent resolution to request the Congress of the United States to return to Michigan all of the revenue from the federal gas tax collected in Michigan.

Whereas, An excellent highway network is vitally important to Michigan's economic well-being. All of the components of the state's economy are closely tied to the quality of the roadways used in transporting goods, services, and people throughout Michigan; and

Whereas, Michigan's ability to maintain our transportation infrastructure is seriously impaired by the current policies of the federal government with regard to the federal gas tax each individual and business pays with every gallon of gasoline purchased. This unfair system costs the state hundreds of millions of dollars each year. The result is an increasing problem with the conditions of our roads and bridges; and

Whereas, The largest element of the overall gas tax is the federal gas tax, which represents 18.4 cents of each dollar of gasoline sold. Of all of the states required to forward taxes to the federal government each year, Michigan ranks among the lowest in the ratio of gas tax revenues being returned to the citizens who paid the tax. In 1993, for example, \$733.7 million was paid to the Federal Highway Trust Fund, and only \$520.1 million was returned, a loss of \$213.6 million, a loss that sets Michigan at a distinct disadvantage when making road improvements. Considering the inequitable manner in which this money is reallocated to the states of the union, it is clear that Michigan is bearing an oppressive burden through this taxation, a development of the tax structure that must be changed; and

Whereas, Adding to Michigan's tremendous burden, during the years 1990-1995, our state contributed \$1.168 billion to federal deficit reduction, dollars that were initially collected to improve transportation routes in Michigan. This amount comprises approximately 20 percent of the total amount levied on Michigan citizens for the years 1990-1995. In addition, by 1999 Michigan's total contributions to deficit reduction are expected to total \$2.099 billion, an amount that would certainly enable us to better maintain our roads and highways; and

Whereas, Clearly, Michigan is at a great disadvantage with states that receive far higher returns on their gas tax dollars marked for road improvements. In effect, we are subsidizing transportation maintenance and projects elsewhere when improvements are so desperately needed in our own state; and

Whereas, With the new approaches to budgetary matters in Washington and a renewed willingness to examine the true costs of all spending policies, the time is right to remedy this unjust situation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we urgently and respectfully request the Congress of the United States to return to Michigan all of the revenue from the federal gas tax collected in Michigan; 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 to each member of the Michigan congressional delegation with the request that each member review this issue and offer a formal response to this body, the Michigan State Senate.

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

Senator DeGrow 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 DeGrow moved that the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The motion prevailed.

Senator North offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18.

A concurrent resolution approving the proposed administrative rule of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Financial Institutions Bureau, Regulatory Loan Licensees, Transmittal No. 96-88.

Whereas, Section 45 of 1969 PA 306, as amended, being MCL § 24.245, provides, in part, that if the specified time for committee consideration of a proposed rule expires and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has not taken action on the rule, the chair and alternate chair of the committee shall introduce concurrent resolutions in both houses approving the rule; and

Whereas, The time allotted for the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to consider Transmittal No. 96-88, the proposed rule of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Financial Institutions Bureau, Regulatory Loan Licensees, expired on February 12, 1997; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That, pursuant to Section 45 of 1969 PA 306, as amended, being MCL § 24.245, the members of the Michigan Legislature hereby approve the administrative rule pertaining to Regulatory Loan Licensees, Financial Institutions Bureau, of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Transmittal No. 96-88; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

Pursuant to MCL 24.245, the concurrent resolution was placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senator North offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19.

A concurrent resolution approving the proposed administrative rule of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Food Division, Smoked Fish (Regulation No. 569), Transmittal No. 96-87.

Whereas, Section 45 of 1969 PA 306, as amended, being MCL § 24.245, provides, in part, that if the specified time for committee consideration of a proposed rule expires and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has not taken action on the rule, the chair and alternate chair of the committee shall introduce concurrent resolutions in both houses approving the rule; and

Whereas, The time allotted for the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to consider Transmittal No. 96-87, the proposed rule of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Food Division, Smoked Fish (Regulation No. 569), expired on February 4, 1997; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That, pursuant to Section 45 of 1969 PA 306, as amended, being MCL § 24.245, the members of the Michigan Legislature hereby approve the administrative rule pertaining to Smoked Fish (Regulation No. 569), Food Division, of the Department of Agriculture, Transmittal No. 96-87; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Agriculture.

Pursuant to MCL 24.245, the concurrent resolution was placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senator North offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

A concurrent resolution approving the proposed administrative rule of the Michigan Department of State Police, Motor Carrier Division, Motor Carrier Safety (Rescission), Transmittal No. 96-86.

Whereas, Section 45 of 1969 PA 306, as amended, being MCL § 24.245, provides, in part, that if the specified time for committee consideration of a proposed rule expires and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has not taken action on the rule, the chair and alternate chair of the committee shall introduce concurrent resolutions in both houses approving the rule; and

Whereas, The time allotted for the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to consider Transmittal No. 96-86, the proposed rule of the Michigan Department of State Police, Motor Carrier Division, Motor Carrier Safety (Rescission), expired on February 4, 1997; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That, pursuant to Section 45 of 1969 PA 306, as amended, being MCL § 24.245, the members of the Michigan Legislature hereby approve the administrative rule pertaining to Motor Carrier Safety (Rescission), Motor Carrier Division, of the Department of State Police, Transmittal No. 96-86; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of State Police.

Pursuant to MCL 24.245, the concurrent resolution was placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senator North offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21.

A concurrent resolution approving the proposed administrative rule of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Director's Office, Occupational Therapists, Transmittal No. 96-83.

Whereas, Section 45 of 1969 PA 306, as amended, being MCL § 24.245, provides, in part, that if the specified time for committee consideration of a proposed rule expires and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has not taken action on the rule, the chair and alternate chair of the committee shall introduce concurrent resolutions in both houses approving the rule; and

Whereas, The time allotted for the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to consider Transmittal No. 96-83, the proposed rule of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Director's Office, Occupational Therapists, expired on January 28, 1997; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That, pursuant to Section 45 of 1969 PA 306, as amended, being MCL § 24.245, the members of the Michigan Legislature hereby approve the administrative rule pertaining to Occupational Therapists, Director's Office, of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Transmittal No. 96-83; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services. Pursuant to MCL 24.245, the concurrent resolution was placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senator North offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22.

A concurrent resolution approving the proposed administrative rule of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Director's Office, Dentistry, Transmittal No. 96-82.

Whereas, Section 45 of 1969 PA 306, as amended, being MCL § 24.245, provides, in part, that if the specified time for committee consideration of a proposed rule expires and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has not taken action on the rule, the chair and alternate chair of the committee shall introduce concurrent resolutions in both houses approving the rule; and

Whereas, The time allotted for the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to consider Transmittal No. 96-82, the proposed rule of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Director's Office, Dentistry, expired on January 28, 1997; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That, pursuant to Section 45 of 1969 PA 306, as amended, being MCL § 24.245, the members of the Michigan Legislature hereby approve the administrative rule pertaining to Dentistry, Director's Office, of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Transmittal No. 96-82; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services. Pursuant to MCL 24.245, the concurrent resolution was placed on the Senate Calendar.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Bouchard and Shugars introduced

Senate Bill No. 298, entitled

A bill to amend 1963 PA 17, entitled "An act to relieve certain persons from civil liability when rendering emergency care, when rendering care to persons involved in competitive sports under certain circumstances, or when participating in a mass immunization program approved by the department of public health," by amending section 1 (MCL 691.1501), as amended by 1987 PA 30.

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

Senator Dingell introduced

Senate Bill No. 299, entitled

A bill to amend 1962 PA 174, entitled "Uniform commercial code," by amending sections 5101, 5102, 5103, 5104, 5105, 5106, 5107, 5108, 5109, 5110, 5111, 5112, 5113, 5114, 5115, 5116, 5117, 8101, 8102, 8103, 8104, 8105, 8106, 8107, 8108, 8201, 8202, 8203, 8204, 8205, 8206, 8207, 8208, 8301, 8302, 8303, 8304, 8305, 8306, 8307, 8401, 8402, 8403, 8404, 8405, and 8406 (MCL 440.5101, 440.5102, 440.5103, 440.5104, 440.5105, 440.5106, 440.5107, 440.5108, 440.5109, 440.5110, 440.5111, 440.5112, 440.5113, 440.5114, 440.5115, 440.5116, 440.5117, 440.8101, 440.8102, 440.8103, 440.8104, 440.8105, 440.8106, 440.8107, 440.8108, 440.8201, 440.8202, 440.8203, 440.8204, 440.8205, 440.8206, 440.8207, 440.8208, 440.8301, 440.8302, 440.8303, 440.8304, 440.8305, 440.8306, 440.8307, 440.8401, 440.8402, 440.8403, 440.8404, 440.8405, and 440.8406), sections 5114, 8102, 8103, 8104, 8105, 8106, 8107, 8201, 8202, 8203, 8204, 8205, 8206, 8207, 8208, 8301, 8302, 8304, 8305, 8306, 8307, 8401, 8402, 8403, 8404, 8405, and 8406 as amended and section 8108 as added by 1987 PA 16, and by adding sections 8109, 8110, 8111, 8112, 8113, 8114, 8115, 8116, 8210, 8501, 8502, 8503, 8504, 8505, 8506, 8507, 8508, 8509, 8510, 8511, and 8601; 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 Financial Services.

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Environmental Quality submits the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, Capitol Building
Present: Senators McManus, Gast, Hoffman, Koivisto and A. Smith

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Regulatory submits the following:
Meeting held on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at 1:30 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Steil and Geake
Excused: Senator Young

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on State Police and Military Affairs submits the following:
Meeting held on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at 2:00 p.m., Room 404, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Cisky and Vaughn
Excused: Senator Hoffman

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Family Independence Agency submits the following:
Meeting held on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Geake, Steil and Conroy

Scheduled Meetings

Financial Services Committee - Wednesday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m., 8th Floor Conference Room, Farnum Building (3-2523).

Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors - Wednesday, March 12, at 2:00 p.m., Room 324, Capitol Building (3-6960).

Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee - Wednesday, March 12, at 11:15 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (3-2426).

Senator DeGrow moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:09 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Binsfeld, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate.