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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, February 24, 2000.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator John J.H. Schwarz.

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

Bennett—present
Bullard—present
Byrum—present
Cherry—present
DeBeaussaert—present
DeGrow—present
Dingell—present
Dunaskiss—present
Emerson—present
Emmons—present
Gast—present
Goschka—present
Gougeon—present

Hammerstrom—present
Hart—present
Hoffman—present
Jaye—present
Johnson—present
Koivisto—present
Leland—present
McCotter—present
McManus—present
Miller—present
Murphy—present
North—present
Peters—present

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

Reverend Edward Matthews of First Baptist Church of Brown City offered the following invocation:

Our Father, as we enter into this Senate session this morning, we thank You for the opportunity to be in a democracy where we have freedom to create laws that will be to the benefit of the people. Lord, Your Word says that we should do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly before our God. So we ask this morning that as we enter into this session, Lord, that You would bless each Senator with wisdom and justice. May You grant each person here love, wisdom, and guidance, and may everything that's said and done be that which would benefit the people of the state of Michigan. We thank You for all that You do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Senators McManus, Dunaskiss, Bullard and Hammerstrom entered the Senate Chamber.

Motions and Communications

Senator Rogers moved that Senator Schuette be temporarily excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

The following communications were received:
Office of the Auditor General

February 22, 2000

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or executive digest:
Performance Audit of the Community Mental Health Services of St. Joseph County, an Agency Under Contract with the Department of Community Health, February 2000.

February 22, 2000

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or executive digest:
Financial Audit of the Michigan State Fair and Exposition Center, Department of Consumer and Industry Services, October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997.

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

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced the printing and placement in the members' files on Wednesday, February 23, of:
House Bill No. 5418

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received:

Date: February 18, 2000
Time: 10:20 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 456 (Public Act No. 4), being

An act to amend 1970 PA 207, entitled "An act to exempt certain dogs from license fees," by amending section 1 (MCL 287.291), as amended by 1984 PA 112.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on February 22, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.)

Date: February 18, 2000
Time: 12:05 p.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 755 (Public Act No. 5), being

An act to amend 1970 PA 29, entitled "An act relating to potatoes; to create a potato commission; to prescribe its powers and duties and authority; to impose an assessment on the privilege of introducing potatoes into the channels of trade and commerce; to provide for the collection of the assessment; to provide for penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 2 (MCL 290.422), as amended by 1992 PA 135.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on February 22, 2000, at 9:33 a.m.)

Respectfully,
John Engler
Governor

Senator Gougeon entered the Senate Chamber.

Messages from the House

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to consideration of the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 866, entitled

A bill to amend 1955 PA 233, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of certain municipal authorities to acquire, own, extend, improve, and operate sewage disposal systems, water supply systems, and solid waste management systems; to prescribe the rights, powers, and duties thereof; to authorize contracts between such authorities and public corporations; to provide for the issuance of bonds to acquire, construct, extend, or improve the systems; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending section 4b (MCL 124.284b), as added by 1985 PA 178.

(For text of amendment, see Senate Journal No. 16, p. 138.)

The question being on concurring in the amendment made to the bill by the House,

The amendment was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 20**Yeas—37**

Bennett	Gast	Leland	Shugars
Bullard	Goschka	McCotter	Sikkema
Byrum	Gougeon	McManus	Smith, A.
Cherry	Hammerstrom	Miller	Smith, V.
DeBeaussaert	Hart	Murphy	Steil
DeGrow	Hoffman	North	Stille
Dingell	Jaye	Peters	Van Regenmorter
Dunaskiss	Johnson	Rogers	Vaughn
Emerson	Koivisto	Schwarz	Young
Emmons			

Nays—0**Excused—1**

Schuetzte

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schwarz

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 803, entitled

A bill to amend 1970 PA 74, entitled "Corner recordation act," by amending sections 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, and 14 (MCL 54.202, 54.203, 54.206, 54.207, 54.208, 54.210, 54.210c, and 54.210d), sections 2, 6, 8, 13, and 14 as amended by 1988 PA 26; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Substitute (H-1).

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,

The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 21**Yeas—37**

Bennett	Gast	Leland	Shugars
Bullard	Goschka	McCotter	Sikkema
Byrum	Gougeon	McManus	Smith, A.
Cherry	Hammerstrom	Miller	Smith, V.
DeBeaussaert	Hart	Murphy	Steil
DeGrow	Hoffman	North	Stille
Dingell	Jaye	Peters	Van Regenmorter
Dunaskiss	Johnson	Rogers	Vaughn
Emerson	Koivisto	Schwarz	Young
Emmons			

Nays—0**Excused—1**

Schuette

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schwarz

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,
 The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.
 The Senate agreed to the full title.
 The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 589, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 350, entitled “The nonprofit health care corporation reform act,” by amending section 401 (MCL 550.1401), as amended by 1998 PA 135.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,
 The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.
 The Senate agreed to the full title.
 The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 590, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3407b.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,
 The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.
 The Senate agreed to the full title.
 The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 591, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 21072a.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,
 The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.
 The Senate agreed to the full title.
 The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 594, entitled

A bill to amend 1990 PA 250, entitled "DNA identification profiling system act," by amending section 6 (MCL 28.176), as amended by 1996 PA 508.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 593, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 16221 and 16226 (MCL 333.16221 and 333.16226), section 16221 as amended by 1998 PA 227 and section 16226 as amended by 1998 PA 109, and by adding sections 17020 and 17520.

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 pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

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

Senate Bill No. 595, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 205, entitled "The paternity act," by amending sections 1, 6, and 6a (MCL 722.711, 722.716, and 722.716a), sections 1 and 6 as amended and section 6a as added by 1998 PA 113.

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

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that it be given immediate effect and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 1956 PA 205, entitled "An act to confer upon circuit courts jurisdiction over proceedings to compel and provide support of children born out of wedlock; to prescribe the procedure for determination of such liability; to authorize agreements providing for furnishing of such support and to provide for the enforcement thereof; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act," by amending sections 1, 6, and 6a (MCL 722.711, 722.716, and 722.716a), section 1 as amended by 1999 PA 157 and section 6 as amended and section 6a as added by 1998 PA 113.

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

Senate Bill No. 807, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 5431 (MCL 333.5431), as amended by 1998 PA 88.

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

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that it be given immediate effect and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending section 5431 (MCL 333.5431), as amended by 1999 PA 138.

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

Senate Bill No. 815, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 220, entitled "Persons with disabilities civil rights act," by amending sections 201 and 202 (MCL 37.1201 and 37.1202), section 201 as amended by 1990 PA 121 and section 202 as amended by 1998 PA 20.

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

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

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

Senator Schuette entered the Senate Chamber.

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

Senator Rogers 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 pro tempore, Senator Schwarz, designated Senator Hoffman as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President pro tempore, Senator Schwarz, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 1013, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled “Mental health code,” by amending section 226 (MCL 330.1226), as amended by 1998 PA 417.

Substitute (S-1).

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

1. Amend page 5, line 1, after “margin” by inserting “up to 5%”.

2. Amend page 5, line 4, after “fiscal” by striking out the balance of the sentence and inserting “YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000, 2001, 2002, AND 2003.”.

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.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to consideration of the following bill:

House Bill No. 5067, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled “Mental health code,” by amending section 214 (MCL 330.1214).

The above bill was read a third time.

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. 22

Yeas—37

Bennett	Gast	Leland	Schwarz
Bullard	Goschka	McCotter	Shugars
Byrum	Gougeon	McManus	Sikkema
Cherry	Hammerstrom	Miller	Smith, A.
DeBeaussaert	Hart	Murphy	Steil
DeGrow	Hoffman	North	Stille
Dingell	Jaye	Peters	Van Regenmorter
Dunaskiss	Johnson	Rogers	Vaughn
Emerson	Koivisto	Schuette	Young
Emmons			

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—1

Smith, V.

In The Chair: Schwarz

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

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

“An act to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify the laws relating to mental health; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials and certain private agencies and individuals; to regulate certain agencies and facilities providing mental health services; to provide for certain charges and fees; to establish civil admission procedures for individuals with mental illness or developmental disability; to establish guardianship procedures for individuals with developmental disability; to establish procedures regarding individuals with mental illness or developmental disability who are in the criminal justice system; to provide for penalties and remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Statements

Senator Jaye moved that he be permitted to submit a statement in writing for inclusion in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jaye’s statement is as follows:

Senator Gast has alerted the Senate about the “Uncontested Divorce” between the MEDC and the Legislature, where these public bureaucrats are negotiating a 20 year lease without Legislative input. Senator Gast warned there is a lack of accountability in the present MEDC structure and is concerned about the de-linkage of the Legislature having any control over an agency that could, in the future abuse taxpayer money (MIRS 2-17-00).

A similar and even more dangerous situation for taxpayers will occur if SB 1009 becomes law. SB 1009 gives the Community Mental health boards:

*Unlimited authority to borrow for facilities, equipment **or refinancing of existing debts** without any limits, competitive bids, without public notice and without a third party independent audit. The loan would be “secured by assets of the authority”! Mental Health Boards could sell Hospitals and nursing homes, throwing disabled, seniors and some violent individuals out on the street. The community Mental Health Boards don’t have any taxing authority and a default on any loans would have devastating effect on all Michigan’s credit rating. A default by any of these un elected, unaccountable boards would result in the lowering of Michigan’s credit rating costing taxpayers millions in higher interest rates. Back in 1991 community mental health boards were cut by 9.2% along with every other state agency and state outlay (except K-12 and Higher Education). Every time a local unit of government has defaulted on loans, the state government was forced to pay the interest and principle out of the state general fund.

Most dangerously, SB 1009 states that the Community Mental Health Board loans are not subject the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act! Every other school district, city, township, county and governmental authority is subject to the professional independent review, audit and provisions of this branch of the State Treasurer*. These CMH loans are not subject to approval by board of commissioners nor the Legislature.

SB 1009 also allows these unelected unaccountable Board members to enter into any contract or agreement for the purchase of lands, property or equipment for public purposes ***or for refinancing an outstanding contract or agreement*** (not limited with “for public purposes” language) without any limits, competitive bids, without public notice and without a third party independent audit. These contracts or agreements are not subject to Municipal Finance Act and are not subject to approval by board of commissioners nor the Legislature!

SB 1009 allows these unelected unaccountable CMH Boards to lease facilities, equipment or other property without any limits, competitive bids, without public notice and without a third party independent February 22, 2000 Unlimited Borrowing authority of CMH boards p.2 audit! These contracts or agreements not subject to Municipal Finance Act and are not subject to approval by board of commissioners nor the Legislature!

Many CMH boards are structured so that each county commissioners only appoints a minority membership on the board. The CMH board members never have to face the voters for reckless activities, excessive spending nor abuse of the taxpayers or the mental health patients and their families. A major scandal is in Florida court and under FBI investigation where these unelected authority board members arranged for kick backs from the developer who was selected to build a new hospital (attached story).

SB 1009 has many other problems including being an unconstitutional delegation of Legislative authority and responsibility (in this case to provide mental health services) to another branch of government (Art. 3 section 2). There are also violation of Article 9 Section 29 which says that if the state mandates a service the state must pay for the service and cannot transfer the responsibility to another unit of government. Without legislative review and approval of CMH board activities (what the contract services provide, what kind of special needs services and facilities etc.) the legislature could be subject to another series of Durant School district style lawsuits. Article 9 section 6 prevents governmental units to borrow without the public knowledge or a vote. The CMH boards fails the constitutional test of revenue anticipation bonds and therefore CHM borrowing must be approved by the voters constitutionally as required by Headlee. There appears to be violations of Article 9 section 12 revenue limits and Article 9 section 13 the public bodies borrowing power. The administrator of the local government audit division of the Treasurer's office and also a top administrator of the Michigan Municipal Finance operations Richard Balderman, CPA, 517-373-3305 told me that he was not notified about SB 1009 nor asked to provide input on the language from his department's perspective. Mr. Balderman only was asked by his superior to draft a response to the credit card legislation SB 1008.

SB 1008 allows major abuse of the taxpayer money and opens the door to fraud by allowing mental health board members and employees to use credit cars without standard accounting and audit rules and regulation. The administrator of the local government audit division of the Treasurer's office and also a top administrator of the Michigan Municipal Finance operations 517-373-3305 told me that many abuses of these credit cards have occurred; often, ironically, by the board members of counties, cities, schools, etc. Grand Traverse County is canceling public employee use of credit cards due to these problems. Public employees who are caught misusing credit cards for personal use or late submission are not punished to the knowledge of the Treasurer's office. The use of credit cards by public employees means that the purchases are exempt from the sales tax, thereby cheating our school children out of full school funding. I have attached a list of standard accounting professional conduct policies which would limit the abuse of taxpayer money by public employees using public credit cards.

*Only certain government entities with a budget surplus, no record of deficit spending, a superior credit rating and authority to tax can occasionally bypass the Michigan treasury. CMH boards do not qualify under these statutory definitions.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Stille introduced

Senate Bill No. 1044, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 3, 6, 8, 11, 11f, 11g, 19, 20, 20j, 21b, 24, 26a, 31a, 31c, 31d, 32, 36, 36a, 40, 41, 51a, 53a, 54, 56, 57, 61a, 62, 63, 67, 68, 74, 81, 91b, 91c, 94, 99, 101, 102, 104a, 105b, 105c, 107, 147, 151, 152, and 163 (MCL 388.1603, 388.1606, 388.1608, 388.1611, 388.1611f, 388.1611g, 388.1619, 388.1620, 388.1620j, 388.1621b, 388.1624, 388.1626a, 388.1631a, 388.1631c, 388.1631d, 388.1632, 388.1636, 388.1636a, 388.1640, 388.1641, 388.1651a, 388.1653a, 388.1654, 388.1656, 388.1657, 388.1661a, 388.1662, 388.1663, 388.1667, 388.1668, 388.1674, 388.1681, 388.1691b, 388.1691c, 388.1694, 388.1699, 388.1701, 388.1702, 388.1704a, 388.1705b, 388.1705c, 388.1707, 388.1747, 388.1751, 388.1752, and 388.1763), sections 6, 11, 11f, 11g, 20, 24, 26a, 31a, 31c, 36, 36a, 41, 51a, 53a, 54, 56, 57, 61a, 62, 63, 67, 68, 74, 81, 91b, 94, 99, 101, 104a, 107, and 147 as amended by 1999 PA 119, and sections 20j, 31d, 32, and 105c as added by 1999 PA 119, and section 8 as amended by 1997 PA 142, and sections 3 and 151, as amended by 1997 PA 93, and section 105b as added by 1997 PA 24, and sections 19, 21b, 102, and 163 as amended by 1996 PA 300, and section 91c as added by 1995 PA 130, and section 152 as amended by 1993 PA 175, and section 40 as amended by 1991 PA 118, and by adding sections 22a, 22b, 22c, 51c, 94a, 101b, and 108a; 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 Appropriations.

Senator Van Regenmorter introduced

Senate Bill No. 1045, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code," by amending sections 1103, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1303, 1402, 2114, 2202, 2203, 2205, 2504, 2519, 2702, 2807, 3102, 3204, 3301, 3401, 3412, 3414, 3505, 3806, 3807, 3901, 3902, 3917, 3921, 3956, 5101, 5204, 5213, 5219, 5308, 5406, 6306, 7206, 7409, 7501, and 7507 (MCL 700.1103, 700.1105, 700.1106, 700.1107, 700.1303, 700.1402, 700.2114, 700.2202, 700.2203, 700.2205, 700.2504, 700.2519, 700.2702, 700.2807, 700.3102, 700.3204, 700.3301, 700.3401, 700.3412, 700.3414, 700.3505, 700.3806, 700.3807, 700.3901, 700.3902, 700.3917, 700.3921, 700.3956, 700.5101, 700.5204, 700.5213, 700.5219, 700.5308, 700.5406, 700.6306, 700.7206, 700.7409, 700.7501, and 700.7507); 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 Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

Senator Sikkema introduced

Senate Bill No. 1046, entitled

A bill to amend 1995 PA 24, entitled "Michigan economic growth authority act," by amending the title and sections 3, 6, 7, and 8 (MCL 207.803, 207.806, 207.807, and 207.808) and by adding section 7a.

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

Senators Bennett and Shugars introduced

Senate Bill No. 1047, entitled

A bill to provide for the establishment of obsolete property rehabilitation districts in local governmental units; to provide for the exemption from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain facilities; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to provide for the obtaining and transferring of an exemption certificate and to prescribe the contents of those certificates; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain local government officials; and to provide penalties.

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

Senators Rogers, Schuette, Hammerstrom, Johnson and Shugars introduced

Senate Bill No. 1048, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.157) by adding section 9i.

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

Committee Reports

The Committee on Financial Services reported

House Bill No. 4620, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 1224 (MCL 500.1224), as amended by 1981 PA 1.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Bill Bullard, Jr.
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Bullard, Emmons, Shugars, Jaye, Miller and Leland

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Financial Services submits the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 23, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Bullard (C), Emmons, Shugars, Jaye, Miller and Leland

Excused: Senator Dunaskiss

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations Committee - Wednesday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (3-6960).

Community Health Appropriations Subcommittee - Tuesday, March 7, at 2:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (3-1777).

Corrections Appropriations Subcommittee - Monday, February 28, at 10:00 a.m., Zellar's Best Western Inn, Public Meeting Room, South M123, Newberry (3-2413).

Education Committee, Joint Senate and House - Wednesday, March 1, 12:00 noon, Room 519, House Office Building (3-7350).

Health Policy Committee - Tuesday, February 29, at 3:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (3-0793).

Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee - Fridays, February 25, at 10:00 a.m., University of Michigan-Dearborn, Henry Ford Estate, Dearborn; March 3, at 10:00 a.m., Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield; and March 8, at 1:30 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (3-3447).

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee - Friday, February 25, at 1:30 p.m., Muskegon Community College, Higher Education Center - Lecture Hall 1100, 221 S. Quarterline Road, Muskegon; Monday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m., Saginaw Valley State University, Curtis Hall - Seminar D, 2250 Pierce Road, University Center; Thursday, March 23, at 6:00 p.m., Northwestern Michigan College, Oleson Center - Rooms 1 and 2, 1701 E. Front Street, Traverse City; Thursday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m., Lake Superior State University, Cisler Student and Conference Center - Ontario-Michigan Room, 650 Easterday Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie; and Monday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m., Monroe City Hall, Council Chamber, 120 E. First Street, Monroe (3-0797).

Transportation and Tourism Committee - Tuesday, February 29, at 3:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (3-5103).

Senator Hoffman moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:30 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Schwarz, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 29, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate.