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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, May 16, 2000.

10:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called by the Secretary of the Senate, who announced that a quorum was not present.

Bennett—excused  
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

Senator John J.H. Schwarz of the 24th District offered the following invocation:

Lord, as the Senate again meets to consider legislation critical to the progress of our state, we ask that You grant us the patience to hear out the opinions of all sides, the wisdom to choose the pathway that is best individually for each of us, and the equanimity to accept with grace and poise the decision of the full Senate on each and every matter we must decide. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

### Recess

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the President.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:03 a.m.

10:27 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Shugars, Murphy, Schuette, Bullard, Goschka, DeGrow, Hammerstrom, Steil, Van Regenmorter, McManus, Johnson, Stille, North, Gast, Gougeon and Jaye entered the Senate Chamber.

A quorum of the Senate was present.

### Motions and Communications

The following communications were received:  
Local Government Claims Review Board

#### 1998 ANNUAL REPORT

The Local Government Claims Review Board was established by Public Act No. 101 of 1979. It was given the duty of implementing Section 29 of Article IX of the Constitution of 1963. This is the portion of the Headlee amendment to the Constitution which concerns state requirements of local units and reimbursement for costs of those requirements.

**Actions of the Board:** The Board has begun holding meetings, employed staff and taken action on documents and procedures essential to its mission such as a claim form and work plan.

The Board met in July, 1998 for an organizational meeting. At the meeting, it also approved the dismissal of several claims from school districts. These districts had agreed to this action as part of the overall resolution to the long-standing *Durant* lawsuit concerning funding of special education and other programs.

The Board met again in December, 1998. At this meeting it discussed the claim form which local units will use in presenting their claims to the Board. It also discussed a work plan for the process it will follow in specifically responding to inquiries or claims. It also heard a report from the Attorney General staff on legal issues surrounding the Headlee amendment and the role of the Board.

**Claims and letters of inquiry:** The Board is obligated to report its actions on claims to the legislature. At this point, there is one correspondence pending which may lead to a claim. Bay County has asked for a claim form to start the process for a review of costs of implementing the qualified voter file for its voters. The request came in mid-December. At the time of this report, February of 1999, there has been no reply to the claim form which was sent to Bay County.

There are a number of old letters of inquiry on a variety of subjects from 1979 to 1987. Many were responded to at the time of receipt. The Board reviewed the others, and is presently contemplating its response to the remaining few.

#### 1999 ANNUAL REPORT

##### *Submitted pursuant to the requirements of Sec. 21.240 (8) of the Michigan Compiled Laws*

The Local Government Claims Review Board was established by Public Act No. 101 of 1979. This act was part of the implementation of Section 29 of Article IX of the Constitution of 1963. This language was added to the Constitution by voters as part of the 1978 tax limitation amendment commonly referred to as the "Headlee" amendment.

**Annual Report:** Sec. 10 (8) of Public Act No. 101 pf 1979 makes the following requirement of the Board:

"Before January 31 of each year, the board shall report to the legislature and the governor on the number and amount of the claims the board has approved or rejected on appeal pursuant to this section."

This report is provided to satisfy that requirement.

**Activities of the Board:** In summary, the Board held a number of meeting to discuss and approve a claim form for local units to use, a work plan to govern its handling of specific claims and attempted to address past inquiries. It also processed and dismissed a formal claim from a local unit of government.

**Past inquiries:** The Board received reports on past inquiries to the state from its executive secretary and legal counsel from the Department of Attorney General. Because of the long period of inaction prior to 1998, there had been approximately two dozen past inquiries on file from local units of government. None of these were officially deemed "claims" because they did not meet specific fundamental tests.

The Board determined that while many of the inquiries had been appropriately responded to by past state officials or employees, a small number did not appear to have any state response. The Board directed its executive secretary to contact these few local units to determine if they desired to pursue the old inquiry or begin a formal claim.

**Mecosta County Prosecutor's Office:** The current Mecosta County Prosecutor was contacted in April to indicate his predecessor had written a letter in 1985 concerning implementation costs of the "Crime Victims Rights" legislation. Correspondence from the Mecosta County Prosecutor only indicated an estimated cost "...in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars."

Legal research indicated that this issue was addressed in 1989 Op.Att.Genl No. 6576, pp. 72-77. The present Mecosta County Prosecutor was notified that the Board would administratively dismiss the inquiry. He was offered the opportunity to present objections to that dismissal, but replied with correspondence indicating he would not do so. The Board did administratively dismiss this inquiry at its April 30, 1999 meeting.

**City of Pontiac:** The City of Pontiac had inquired in 1984 about costs related to its Collier Road landfill. The letter from the City of Pontiac listed costs for the landfill at \$1,112,417.59. The letter also stressed that costs were ongoing, and they planned to "up-date this statement periodically".

Legal research by the Department of Attorney General established that the issue raised by Pontiac had been addressed in the case of *Livingston County v Department of Management and Budget*, 430 Mich 635 (1988). The City of Pontiac was notified that in light of the court case cited, the Board would administratively dismiss the inquiry. The City of Pontiac did not respond to this notice. The Board did administratively dismiss this inquiry as its April 30, 1999 meeting.

**New claims:** The Board devoted much of its time to establishing the process for handling claims in 1999. The Board's executive secretary was contacted by a number of local units regarding claims, and what paperwork was necessary to begin the process. These local units were sent the materials in question. The City of Westland formally submitted a claim to the Board.

**City of Westland:** The City of Westland began the process of submitting a claim with a letter to the Board in July, 1999. The City of Westland sought to have the state supply funding for voting machines because of statutory requirements for a minimum number of voting devices per registered voters. Westland supplied information for numerous purchases totaling \$74,650.

The City of Westland was sent a claim form which was subsequently returned to the Board. The response to the claim form indicated a lack of clarity in some of the form's language. The Board discussed amendments to the form at its September meeting. The City of Westland was asked for additional information. Additional information was delivered on October 19, 1999.

On November 12, 1999, the City of Westland was notified by Chair Steinborn that, based on the information received, he would recommend that the Board administratively dismiss the claim at its November 19, 1999 meeting. The City of Westland responded with a last communication, but the Board did not find that compelling.

At the November 19, 1999 meeting, the Board heard comments from Mr. Brian Devlin of the Department of Attorney General on numerous and significant issues and defects in the claim. Mr. Devlin had earlier supplied the Board with an extensive brief on behalf of the Department of State and State Budget Director Mary Lannoye.

Following Mr. Devlin's comments, the Board voted to dismiss the claim from the City of Westland.

**Approved claims:** The provisions of Sec. 21.240 (8) of the Michigan Compiled Laws require the Board to report to the Legislature and Governor on the number and amount of claims approved or rejected on appeal by the Board. During 1999, the Board did not approve any claims. The amount of the dismissed claims or inquiries were an approximate total of \$1,197,067.59. This total is from Pontiac (\$1,112,417.59), Westland (\$74,650) and Mecosta (at least \$10,000).

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,  
Kelly Barlett  
Executive Secretary

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:  
Department of Transportation

May 1, 2000

Pursuant to Section 329 of Public Act 136 of 1999, enclosed is a report on the current status of the rail grade crossing improvement program and efforts to comply with annual rail crossing safety inspection orders.

Sincerely,  
James R. DeSana  
Director

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:  
Commonwealth of Virginia Senate

April 11, 2000

As directed by the 2000 General Assembly, I am enclosing Senate Joint Resolution No. 98, memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend that portion of the Trade Act of 1974 establishing the North American Free Trade Agreement Transitional Adjustment Assistance Program to extend the maximum time period for receipt of benefits from 52 weeks to 78 weeks.

The patron of this resolution is Senator William Roscoe Reynolds, P.O. Box 404, Martinsville, Virginia 24114-0404. The resolution was agreed to by the Senate on February 11, 2000, and the House of Delegates on March 8, 2000.

Susan Clarke Schaar  
Clerk of the Senate

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:  
Department of Environmental Quality

April 26, 2000

I am pleased to report to you the following information on Baseline Environmental Assessment (BEA) petitions reviewed by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The data reported is comprehensive from the inception of the BEA program through April 17, 2000. This information is submitted pursuant to the reporting requirements contained in Section 20129a(4) of Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

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| BEA petitions received  | 1,923           |
| BEA petitions pending   | 135             |
| BEA petitions withdrawn   | 13              |
| Total BEA determinations issued   | 1,775           |
| Petitions responded to within 15 days                                     | 1,343           |
| Average number of days per determination                                  | 8.0             |
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| Petitions responded to beyond 15 days                                     | 432             |
| Average number of days per determination                                  | 42.4            |
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| Average number of days per determination<br>All determinations considered | 16.4            |
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| Pre-BEA submittal technical assistance                                    | 9 hours         |
| DEQ review and issuance of determination                                  | <u>15 hours</u> |
| Total BEA program hours per determination                                 | 24 hours        |

The BEA program continues to be a major facilitator in the redevelopment of Michigan's "brownfield" sites. If you have any questions regarding this or any other aspect of our cleanup and redevelopment program, please contact Mr. Alan J. Howard, Chief, Environmental Response Division, at 517-335-1104, or you may contact me.

Sincerely,  
Russell J. Harding  
Director

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 Thursday, May 11:  
**House Bill Nos. 5538 5719**

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Friday, May 12, for his approval the following bills:

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1085 at 2:58 p.m.**  
**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1125 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1126 at 3:02 p.m.**  
**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1127 at 3:04 p.m.**  
**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1128 at 3:06 p.m.**  
**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1129 at 3:08 p.m.**  
**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1158 at 3:10 p.m.**

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1159 at 3:12 p.m.**  
**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1160 at 3:14 p.m.**

The Secretary announced the printing and placement in the members' files on Thursday, May 11, of:

**Senate Bill Nos. 1254 1255 1256 1260 1263**  
**House Bill Nos. 5762 5763 5764 5765 5766 5767**  
**House Joint Resolution Q**

The Secretary announced the printing and placement in the members' files on Friday, May 12, of:

**Senate Bill Nos. 1257 1258 1259 1261 1262 1264 1265 1266**  
**House Bill Nos. 5768 5769 5770 5771 5772 5773 5774 5775 5776 5777 5778 5779 5780 5781**  
**5782 5783 5784 5785**  
**House Joint Resolution R**

Senator Emmons entered the Senate Chamber.

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bartholomew J. Stupak, son of Congressman Bart Stupak.

Senator Rogers asked and was granted unanimous consent to make a statement and moved that the statement be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Rogers' statement is as follows:

On May 11, Jami DesChenes in my office, the wife of Tony DesChenes, are proud to announce that they have a brand new baby daughter, Lauren Elizabeth—8 pounds, 12 ounces. She's a keeper. If you wouldn't mind giving her a round of applause in her absence. We wish her and her new baby well.

Senators Dunaskiss and Sikkema entered the Senate Chamber.

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

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

**Senate Bill No. 1222, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 15 of chapter IV (MCL 764.15), as amended by 1999 PA 269.

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. 276**

**Yeas—36**

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

**Nays—1**

Smith, A.

**Excused—1**

Bennett

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

**Protest**

Senator A. Smith, under her constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 1222.

Senator A. Smith's statement is as follows:

I voted "no" on Senate Bill No. 1222. I know that we have a huge degree of concern in this state about the potential for school violence, but we also have other remedies for school violence. Introducing a concept of a warrantless arrest for a misdemeanor that on occasion speaks to a he said/she said kind of situation really is overkill.

I think it's time for us to look at real causes for violence in schools and real management systems. The peer review process has the potential of being faster and far more effective than a warrantless arrest in the school system that puts children who are supposed to have the guidance of their parents in situations like this at a grave disadvantage. Therefore, I voted "no" on the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

**Messages from the Governor**

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

May 15, 2000

There are herewith presented for consideration and confirmation by the Senate, the following appointments and reappointments to office:

**Michigan Potato Industry Commission**

Mr. Dennis Eugene Hanson, 3595 - 26th Road, Cornell, Michigan 49818, county of Delta, as a member representing growers from District 1, succeeding himself, for a term expiring on July 1, 2003.

Mr. Patrick Joseph DuRussel, 315 Ann Arbor Street, Manchester, Michigan 48158, county of Washtenaw, as a member representing growers from District 7, succeeding himself, for a term expiring on July 1, 2003.

Mr. Dan E. Johnson, 15296 200th Avenue, LeRoy, Michigan 49655, county of Osceola, as a member representing shippers, succeeding Mr. Thomas R. Hansen of Greenville, whose term has expired, for a term expiring on July 1, 2003.

Mr. Jeffrey A. Vick, 12682 Legend Lakes Drive, Roscoe, Illinois 61073, as a member representing processors, succeeding Mr. D. Larry Johnson of Stanton, who has resigned, for a term expiring on July 1, 2000.

Sincerely,  
John Engler  
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

**Messages from the House****Senate Bill No. 1120, entitled**

A bill to amend 1851 PA 151, entitled "An act to provide for the government of the state university, and to repeal chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes of 1846," by repealing sections 12 and 13 (MCL 390.12 and 390.13).

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that the bill be given immediate effect.

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. 1073, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1919 PA 96, entitled "An act to provide for official county cream testers, the purchase of testing equipment, and prescribing their duties," (MCL 288.181 to 288.184).

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that the bill be given immediate effect.

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. 1069, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1978 PA 279, entitled "Weather modification control act," (MCL 295.101 to 295.132).

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. 1071, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1917 PA 263, entitled "An act to create the office of food and drug commissioner; to prescribe his powers, duties and compensation; to provide for the enforcement of the drug and liquor, dairy and food, and weights and measures laws; to abolish the office of dairy and food commissioner; and to provide for expenditures in connection therewith," (MCL 289.2 to 289.12).

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that the bill be given immediate effect.

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. 658, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1704.

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. 378, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 174a.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-4) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-4), 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. 597, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16i of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16i), as added by 1998 PA 317.

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.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**Resolutions**

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

**Senate Resolution No. 173**

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senators Schwarz, North, McCotter, Shugars, Young, Hammerstrom and DeBeaussaert offered the following resolution:  
**Senate Resolution No. 173.**

A resolution proclaiming May 20-26, 2000, as North American Safe Boating Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Senate wish to acknowledge the importance of safe, sober, and responsible boating to the people of our great state by joining in the efforts of National Boaters Against Drunk Driving (BADD), located in the city of Battle Creek, Michigan; and

Whereas, BADD has worked to increase awareness of the importance of knowing and obeying all navigation rules on the water by completion of boating safety training, abstaining from the use of alcohol or drugs while operating a watercraft, and always wearing a life jacket-PFD (personal floatation device) when on board a watercraft; and

Whereas, Support personnel in Calhoun County and statewide are trained in boating safety, which is designed to show how the recreational boating community places emphasis on individual responsibility, education, and respect of all waterways; and

Whereas, Knowledge and skills are brought to bear on reducing human error and improving judgment while using a watercraft; and

Whereas, It is imperative that greater awareness is generated in realizing the impact that adverse decisions such as operating watercraft under the influence of alcohol or drugs or choosing not to wear a life jacket-PFD can have in a community and in our democracy. BADD exists to teach individuals how to practice proper boating safety and to influence others to practice it; and

Whereas, The activities during May 20-26, 2000, will serve to promote the importance of safe boating habits in schools, workplaces, communities, state, and country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the efforts of National Boaters Against Drunk Driving (BADD) and its numerous partner organizations are lauded and acknowledged by proclaiming May 20-26, 2000, as North American Boating Safety Week in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to National Boaters Against Drunk Driving (BADD) in the city of Battle Creek, Michigan, as an expression of our support for this event.

Senator Hoffman was named co-sponsor of the resolution.

Senator McCotter moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guest of Senator Shugars admittance to the Senate floor.

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

### Recess

Senator McCotter moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the President.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:52 a.m.

11:05 a.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

### Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Cherry, Byrum, Vaughn, Murphy, DeBeaussaert, Young, Peters, Emerson, A. Smith, Dingell, Leland, Koivisto, Hart, Stille, Emmons, Gast, McCotter, Hoffman, Goschka, Jaye, Dunaskiss, Miller, Schwarz, Johnson, Hammerstrom, North and V. Smith introduced

#### **Senate Joint Resolution T, entitled**

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 37 of article IV, to provide for the approval or disapproval by the legislature or a joint committee empowered by the legislature of any rule proposed by an administrative agency.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senators Peters, DeBeaussaert, Byrum, Young, A. Smith, Vaughn, Hart, Murphy, Koivisto, V. Smith, Miller, Leland, Cherry and Emerson introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 1267, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 3902 (MCL 324.3902).

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

Senator Jaye introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1268, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 520d (MCL 750.520d), as amended by 1996 PA 155.

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

Senators Jaye and Young introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1269, entitled**

A bill to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled "Single business tax act," (MCL 208.1 to 208.145) by adding section 31b.

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

Senator Rogers introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1270, entitled**

A bill to amend 1984 PA 44, entitled "Motor fuels quality act," by amending section 3 (MCL 290.643), as amended by 1993 PA 231.

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

Senator Stille introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1271, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.532) by adding section 484.

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

Senator Stille introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1272, entitled**

A bill to create incentives to locate and maintain agricultural processing facilities within this state; to create certain funds; to authorize expenditures from the funds; to finance the development of certain facilities; to provide for appropriations; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officials.

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

Senator Stille introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1273, entitled**

A bill to define organic agriculture and products; to provide for the establishment of standards relative to organic products, producers and handlers of organic products, and other persons; to provide for designation of certain entities as certifying agents; to provide for registration of certain organic products; to provide for certain powers and duties of certain state agencies; and to provide for penalties and remedies.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems.

Senator Hoffman introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1274, entitled**

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated;

to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 1a, 1c, 1h, 9a, 10, 10a, 10h, 10o, 11, 11b, 12, 13, 14, 18b, 18e, and 25 (MCL 247.651a, 247.651c, 247.651h, 247.659a, 247.660, 247.660a, 247.660h, 247.660o, 247.661, 247.661b, 247.662, 247.663, 247.664, 247.668b, 247.668e, and 247.675), sections 1c and 10h as amended by 1982 PA 438, section 1h as added and section 12 as amended by 1997 PA 79, sections 9a, 10, and 11 as amended and section 10o as added by 1998 PA 308, section 10a as amended by 1992 PA 137, section 11b as amended by 1992 PA 223, section 13 as amended by 1999 PA 54, section 14 as amended by 1987 PA 234, sections 18b and 18e as amended by 1985 PA 201, and section 25 as amended by 1993 PA 20, and by adding section 10p; 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.

Senators Young, Hoffman and Stille introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1275, entitled**

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," by amending section 358 (MCL 18.1358). The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senators Schuette and Dunaskiss introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1277, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled "An act to provide for the regulation and control of public utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; 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 therein 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 rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to provide for a restructuring of rates for certain utilities; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect of this act; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal all acts contrary to this act," (MCL 460.1 to 460.8) by adding section 10z.

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

**House Bill No. 5538, entitled**

A bill to amend 1966 PA 346, entitled "State housing development authority act of 1966," by amending sections 21, 22b, 22c, 32, 32a, 32b, 44, 44a, and 46 (MCL 125.1421, 125.1422b, 125.1422c, 125.1432, 125.1432a, 125.1432b, 125.1444, 125.1444a, and 125.1446), section 21 as amended by 1983 PA 49, sections 22b, 22c, 32, 32a, and 44a as amended by 1996 PA 475, sections 32b and 44 as amended by 1998 PA 33, and section 46 as amended by 1993 PA 220.

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 Local, Urban and State Affairs.

**House Bill No. 5719, entitled**

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," by amending section 2517 (MCL 339.2517), as added by 1993 PA 93.

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, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs.

### Committee Reports

The Committee on Judiciary reported

**House Bill No. 4238, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 27 of chapter IX (MCL 769.27) and by adding section 1g to chapter IX.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-4) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

William Van Regenmorter  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Regenmorter, McCotter, Peters, V. Smith and Dingell

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Judiciary reported

**House Bill No. 4239, entitled**

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and codify the laws relating to probationers and probation officers, to pardons, reprieves, commutations, and paroles, to the administration of correctional institutions, correctional farms, and probation recovery camps, to prisoner labor and correctional industries, and to the supervision and inspection of local jails and houses of correction; to provide for the siting of correctional facilities; to create a state department of corrections, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the transfer to and vesting in said department of powers and duties vested by law in certain other state boards, commissions, and officers, and to abolish certain boards, commissions, and offices the powers and duties of which are transferred by this act; to allow for the operation of certain facilities by private entities; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain other state departments and agencies; to provide for the creation of a local lockup advisory board; to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; to make certain appropriations; to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act," by amending section 64 (MCL 791.264).

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

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

William Van Regenmorter  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Regenmorter, McCotter, Peters, V. Smith and Dingell

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**Senate Bill No. 1108, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16q of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16q), as added by 1998 PA 317.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**Senate Bill No. 1109, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by repealing section 348 (MCL 750.348).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5582, entitled**

A bill to amend 1929 PA 313, entitled "An act to provide for the control and eradication of white pine blister rust; to provide for the destruction of trees, plants and bushes infected with white pine blister rust; to authorize the commissioner of agriculture to remove, appraise and pay for healthy host plants necessarily destroyed; to declare certain plants and bushes a public nuisance; to authorize the commissioner to set aside fruiting currant and gooseberry

and white pine growing districts as control areas; to provide for co-operation between state departments; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide funds for carrying out the purposes of this act; and to provide penalties for its violation," by amending section 2 (MCL 286.102).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5592, entitled**

A bill to amend 1913 PA 188, entitled "An act relating to the conduct of hotels, inns and public lodging houses," by repealing section 4 (MCL 427.4).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5593, entitled**

A bill to amend 1913 PA 188, entitled "An act relating to the conduct of hotels, inns and public lodging houses," by repealing section 5 (MCL 427.5).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5595, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1921 PA 350, entitled "An act to authorize and direct the state highway commissioner to lay out and establish a trunk line highway from a point on the boundary line between the states of Michigan and Indiana southwest to Mottville on the Elkhart road to Port Sanilac in Sanilac county, and from New Buffalo in Berrien county, through Buchanan, Niles, Cassopolis, Vandalia, Fabius, Three Rivers, Fishers' Lake, Mendon, Leonidas, Union City, Burlington, Tekonsha, Homer, Concord, Spring Arbor, to Jackson in Jackson county, passing through certain intermediate towns, villages and cities, to be known and designated as the Colgrove highway," (MCL 250.171).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5596, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1919 PA 36, entitled "An act to regulate the planting of ornamental, nut bearing or other food producing trees along the highways of the state of Michigan, or in public places, and for the maintenance, protection

and care of such trees and to provide a penalty for injury thereof, or for stealing the products thereof," (MCL 247.231 to 247.235).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5597, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by repealing sections 663, 664, 665, and 666 (MCL 257.663, 257.664, 257.665, and 257.666).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5598, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 709 (MCL 257.709), as amended by 1988 PA 470.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5600, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1921 PA 340, entitled "An act to provide for the laying out, establishing, construction, improvement and maintenance of a public wagon road from the city of Monroe in Monroe county to the boundary line between the states of Ohio and Michigan, to designate the character and general location of such road, to define the powers and duties of the state highway commissioner with reference thereto and to provide for the payment of the cost thereof," (MCL 250.181).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5601, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1962 PA 57, entitled "An act to authorize a bridge over the public navigable waters of Missaukee lake in Missaukee county," (MCL 254.351 to 254.352).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5602, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1921 PA 324, entitled "An act to authorize and direct the state highway commissioner to lay out and establish a trunk line highway commencing at the section corner common to sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, town 14 north, range 7 west, Wheatland township, Mecosta county, thence running due north through the village of Barryton, Mecosta county, and the village of Marion, Osceola county, to the city of McBain in Missaukee county, thence due north on the township line between town 21 north, range 7 west, and 21 north, range 8 west, to the southwest corner to section 25, town 22 north, range 8 west," (MCL 250.151).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5603, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1935 PA 147, entitled "An act authorizing the acquisition, improvement, construction, operation and maintenance of certain public works by the state; providing for the creation of the state bridge commission; authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds of the state payable solely from earnings to pay the cost of such works; making such bonds exempt from taxation and making them eligible for certain investments; providing for the collection of fees, rents, tolls and other charges for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of maintenance, operation and repair of the works; declaring that no debt of the state shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act; and providing for condemnation," (MCL 254.151 to 254.167) and to repeal parts of acts.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5604, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1947 PA 294, entitled "An act to enable the state bridge commission to sell certain real estate subject to certain limitations and to direct the disposition of the proceeds of said sale," (MCL 254.181).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5620, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 662 (MCL 257.662).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5626, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1921 PA 341, entitled "An act to authorize and direct the state highway commissioner to lay out and establish a trunk line highway from Paw Paw to Gobleville to Allegan," (MCL 250.161).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter

Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5631, entitled**

A bill to repeal 1959 PA 82, entitled "An act to authorize a bridge over the public navigable waters of Crooked lake in Emmet county," (MCL 254.111 to 254.112).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter

Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Government Operations reported

**House Bill No. 5633, entitled**

A bill to amend 1955 PA 162, entitled "An act to provide for the licensing and inspection of agricultural liming material and to regulate the sale thereof; and to prescribe penalties for the violations of the provisions of this act," by amending section 8 (MCL 290.538).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter

Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Government Operations submits the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators McCotter (C), Hammerstrom, Sikkema, V. Smith and Miller

The Committee on Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems reported

**Senate Joint Resolution M, entitled**

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 3 of article IX, to restrict the assessment of agricultural real property used in agricultural operations.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-6) be adopted and that the joint resolution then be adopted.

George A. McManus, Jr.

Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McManus, Stille and Gougeon

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems reported

**Senate Bill No. 1251, entitled**

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled "Michigan renaissance zone act," by amending sections 3, 4, 6, 7, and 10 (MCL 125.2683, 125.2684, 125.2686, 125.2687, and 125.2690), section 3 as amended by 1999 PA 98 and sections 4, 6, and 10 as amended by 1999 PA 139, and by adding section 8c.

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.

George A. McManus, Jr.  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McManus, Stille, Gougeon, Byrum and Hart

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 Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems submits the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at 2:00 p.m., Room 810, Farnum Building

Present: Senators McManus (C), Stille, Gougeon, Byrum and Hart

The Committee on Technology and Energy reported

**Senate Bill No. 937, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled "An act to provide for the regulation and control of public utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; 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 therein 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 rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to provide for a restructuring of rates for certain utilities; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect of this act; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal all acts contrary to this act," (MCL 460.1 to 460.8) by amending the title, as amended by 1989 PA 2, and by adding sections 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, 10g, 10h, 10i, 10j, 10k, 10l, 10m, 10n, 10o, 10p, 10q, 10r, 10s, 10t, 10u, 10v, 10w, 10x, 10y, and 10z.

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

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

Mat Dunaskiss  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Dunaskiss, Sikkema, Schuette, Rogers, Byrum, Leland and Dingell

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 Technology and Energy submits the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 11:15 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Dunaskiss (C), Sikkema, Schuette, Rogers, Byrum, Leland and Dingell

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Transportation submits the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 8:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Hoffman (C), Goschka and Young

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Joint Capital Outlay submits the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 8:45 a.m., House Appropriations Room, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Gast (C), Schwarz, McManus, Gougeon, Koivisto and Young

Excused: Senators Johnson and Emerson

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Consumer and Industry Services submits the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Bennett (C), Stille and Young

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

**Capital Outlay** - Thursday, May 25, 8:45 a.m., House Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-6960)

**Higher Education** - Thursday, May 18, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-3447)

**Transportation** - Wednesday, May 17, 8:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2426)

**Conference Committees -**

**SB 269** - Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m., Elijah Myers Room, 2nd Floor, Capitol Building (373-7946)

**HB 4400** - Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m., Elijah Myers Room, 2nd Floor, Capitol Building (373-7946)

**HB 5443** - Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m., Elijah Myers Room, 2nd Floor, Capitol Building (373-7946)

**HB 5444** - Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m., Elijah Myers Room, 2nd Floor, Capitol Building (373-7946)

**Families, Mental Health and Human Services** - Wednesday, May 17, 3:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building; Friday, May 19, 9:00 a.m., Morris Lawrence Building Auditorium, Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor; and Wednesday, May 24, 2:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Michigan National Tower (373-3543)

**Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems** - Wednesday, May 17, 8:00 a.m., Room 405, Capitol Building; and Thursday, May 18, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-1725)

**Finance** - Wednesday, May 17, 1:00 p.m., Room 810, Farnum Building (373-3760)

**Gaming and Casino Oversight** - Wednesday, May 17, 1:30 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-1801)

**Government Operations** - Thursday, May 18, 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-1707)

**Human Resources, Labor, Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs** - Thursday, May 18, 12:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2417)

**Hunting, Fishing and Forestry** - Thursday, May 18, 2:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-7670)

**Local, Urban and State Affairs** - Wednesday, May 17, 3:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-1707)

**Technology and Energy** - Wednesday, May 17, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2417)

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

The President, Lieutenant Governor Posthumus, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI  
Secretary of the Senate.