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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

10:00 a.m.

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

The roll was called by the Assistant Secretary of the Senate, who announced that a quorum was not 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
Schuette—excused
Schwarz—present
Shugars—present
Sikkema—present
Smith—present
Steil—present
Stille—present
Van Regenmorter—present
Vaughn—excused
Young—present

Pastor Robert Emrich of First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw offered the following invocation:

Gracious God of grace and glory, upon Your people and upon this place where the people's business is carried out, pour Your power. Grant unto these people gathered wisdom and courage as they carry out the public trust with which they have been invested. As they go about the task of working on the budget, ever remind them of where the money comes from that they are about to allocate and to spend. It comes from the people of this state, and we pray, God, it will be allocated and budgeted with wisdom and justice. Guide then the processes of debate, as well as the work of committees and individuals who seek Your truth in the living of the people's lives.

Bless those who come here this day and who bear special burdens and who have personal worries and cares. Be with them and heal them of their hurts and anxieties. Grant to us all then an appreciation for each other and a fervent dedication to the truth by which we all seek to live and prosper. Help us to find the joy that shall be ours when we seek faithfully to carry out our responsibilities and do Your will. May we all then not just hear this prayer, but seek to live it out for the sake of the peace and harmony not just of this place of government, but also of this pleasant peninsula of Michigan and its varied and good people, we pray. Amen.

Recess

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

10:09 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Sikkema, DeGrow, Gougeon, North, Bennett, Gast, Stille, McManus, Van Regenmorter, Dunaskiss, Jaye, Steil, Johnson, Hoffman, Hammerstrom and Schwarz entered the Senate Chamber.

A quorum of the Senate was present.

Motions and Communications

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

Senator Emerson moved that Senator Vaughn be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

The following communication was received:
Office of the Auditor General

March 23, 2001

Enclosed is a copy of the Michigan Legislature's audited Schedule of the Sources and Dispositions of General Fund Authorizations with Supplemental Schedules for the two-year period ended September 30, 2000. This audit was performed by the public accounting firm, Plante & Moran, LLP, under a contract with my office.

This report includes independent auditor's report letters on the financial schedule and compliance with laws and regulations and internal controls of the Michigan Legislature.

The Independent Auditor's Report letter on the financial schedule contains a clean opinion on the financial schedule with the exception that the schedule does not include the Library of Michigan. The Library of Michigan was excluded from this schedule because it is audited separately by my office under provisions of the Federal Single Audit Act.

The Report Letter on Compliance with Laws and Regulations and Internal Control reports that, with respect to the items tested, nothing came to the auditor's attention that caused the auditor to believe that the Michigan Legislature had not complied, in all material respects, with those provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts tested for. In addition, the auditors reported no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operations that they considered to be material weaknesses.

Also, enclosed is a copy of the management letter. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me.

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

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the following House bill was received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, March 22:
House Bill No. 4099

The Secretary announced the printing and placement in the members’ files on Thursday, March 22, of:
Senate Bill Nos. 350 351 352 353
House Bill No. 4505

The Secretary announced the printing and placement in the members’ files on Friday, March 23, of:
Senate Bill Nos. 354 355
Senate Joint Resolution P
House Bill Nos. 4506 4507 4508 4509 4510 4511 4512 4513 4514 4515 4516 4517 4518 4519
House Joint Resolution N

Third Reading of Bills

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

Senate Bill No. 195, entitled

A bill to amend 1941 PA 207, entitled “Fire prevention code,” by amending section 6 (MCL 29.6).

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. 30

Yeas—33

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

Nays—0

Excused—2

Schuette Vaughn

Not Voting—1

Van Regenmorter

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Motions and Communications

Senator Emmons moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

Senate Bill No. 232

Senate Bill No. 234

Senate Bill No. 235

Senate Bill No. 236

Senate Bill No. 238

Senate Bill No. 239

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

Senator Steil moved that his name be removed as sponsor of the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 334

The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of Senator Hammerstrom admittance to the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

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

Senator Emmons moved that rule 3.901 be suspended to allow photographs to be taken from the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

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

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:16 a.m.

10:33 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Hammerstrom introduced to the Senate the Temperance Bedford High School Wrestling Team, Division I State Champions; the Dundee High School Wrestling Team, Division IV State Champions; and presented special tributes to Dundee High School Coach Tim Roberts, and team members Andy Salenbien and Brandon Jonseck, Bedford High School Coach Denny Brighton, and team member Clint Salisbury.

Messrs. Roberts and Brighton responded briefly.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

Senator Emmons 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 Posthumus, designated Senator Byrum as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President pro tempore, Senator Schwarz, having assumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bill:

House Bill No. 4234, entitled

A bill to amend 1993 PA 354, entitled "Railroad code of 1993," by amending section 315 (MCL 462.315).

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

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
Senate Bill No. 105, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," (MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594) by adding section 353f.

Substitute (S-3).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
Senate Bill No. 230, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of agriculture for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to create funds; to provide for the imposition of fees; to require reports, audits, and plans; to authorize certain transfers by certain state agencies; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by certain state agencies.

Substitute (S-1).

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

1. Amend page 22, line 18, after "housing." by striking "Project" and inserting "Beginning October 1, 2001, project".

2. Amend page 22, line 19, after "unit." by striking "An" and inserting "Beginning October 1, 2001, an".

3. Amend page 31, line 4, by striking out all of section 902.

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.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
Senate Bill No. 233, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of consumer and industry services and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of those appropriations; to provide for the imposition of certain fees; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies; to provide for reports to certain persons; and to prescribe powers and duties of certain state departments and certain state and local agencies and officers.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
Senate Bill No. 237, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for certain powers and duties of the department of military and veterans affairs, other state agencies, and local units of government related to the appropriations; and to provide for the preparation of certain reports related to the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
Senate Bill No. 283, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

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

1. Amend page 1, line 7, by striking out "117,889,400" and inserting "118,564,400".

2. Amend page 2, line 3, by striking out "117,889,400" and inserting "118,564,400".

3. Amend page 2, line 9, by striking out "96,614,000" and inserting "97,289,000".

4. Amend page 12, line 22, by striking out "563,300" and inserting "1,238,300".

5. Amend page 13, line 1, by striking out "563,300" and inserting "1,238,300".

6. Amend page 13, following line 6, by inserting: "School aid fund	675,000".
7. Amend page 13, line 7, by striking out "0" and inserting "675,000".	
8. Amend page 13, following line 13, by inserting: "(3) OFFICE OF SCHOOL EXCELLENCE	
School excellence operations	\$ 675,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 675,000
Appropriated from:	
School aid fund.....	675,000
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 0"

and renumbering the remaining subsection.

9. Amend page 33, following line 17, by inserting:
"DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Sec. 601. The school aid fund appropriation in part 1 for school excellence operations shall be used to convert to full math and science centers the 4 remaining satellite extensions not selected by the department of education to be funded as full centers in 2000-2001 under section 99 of the school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1699."

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.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
Senate Bill No. 238, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of those appropriations; to provide for certain reports and the consideration of those reports; to provide for the disposition of other income received by the various state agencies; to provide for the testing of certain persons; to provide for certain emergency powers; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain committees, certain state agencies, and certain employees.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
Senate Bill No. 239, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the state transportation department and certain transportation purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to create certain funds and programs; to prescribe requirements for certain railroad and bus facilities; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state departments and officials, certain state institutions of higher education, and local units of government; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

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

1. Amend page 24, line 1, by striking out all of section 327.
2. Amend page 30, following line 5, by inserting:

"Sec. 507. From the funds appropriated in section 110 to county road commissions, funds shall be provided to the village of Lake Orion for repairs to the north shore drive bridge."

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.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
Senate Bill No. 232, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of career development and the Michigan strategic fund and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies.

Substitute (S-1).

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

1. Amend page 23, line 23, after "sciences," by striking out "\$620,000.00" and inserting "\$570,000.00".
2. Amend page 23, line 25, after "and" by striking out "\$424,700.00" and inserting "\$374,700.00".
3. Amend page 23, line 26, after "program" by inserting "and \$100,000.00 shall be provided in the form of a grant to the Jackson area precollege engineering program".

4. Amend page 27, line 20, after "Sec. 321." by striking out "It is the intent of the legislature that the" and inserting "The".

5. Amend page 27, line 21, after "initiative" by striking out "is" and inserting "shall be".

6. Amend page 27, line 24, after "professors," by inserting "Morris Hood, Jr.,".

7. Amend page 27, line 25, after "programs." by inserting "The department shall provide a report to the subcommittees on December 30, 2001 identifying all efforts taken to market these programs, including, but not limited to, the amount of funding allocated for this purpose, the fund source and any expenditures or encumbrances relating to this marketing effort."

8. Amend page 27, line 25, after "is" by striking out "further".

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.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 234, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the departments of attorney general, civil rights, civil service, management and budget, state, and treasury, the executive office, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of these appropriations; to provide for the funding of certain work projects; to provide for the imposition of certain fees; to establish or continue certain funds, programs, and categories; to transfer certain funds; to prescribe certain requirements for bidding on state contracts; to provide for disposition of year-end balances for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain principal executive departments and state agencies, officials, and employees; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the various principal executive departments and state agencies.

Substitute (S-1).

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

1. Amend page 23, line 6, by striking out "1,775,800" and inserting "2,011,800".

2. Amend page 23, line 9, by striking out "4,837,500" and inserting "5,073,500" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

3. Amend page 33, following line 17, by inserting:

"Qualified voter file reimbursement to municipalities \$ 236,000".

4. Amend page 59, following line 16, by inserting:

"(6) The e-Michigan office shall develop a search function of all state departments and agencies. This search function shall be easily accessible to visitors on the front page of the state's website."

5. Amend page 68, line 20, after "improvements." by inserting "state funds shall require a 50/50 local match prior to distribution."

6. Amend page 68, following line 25, by inserting:

"Sec. 822. The appropriation in part 1 to the department of state for the qualified voter file includes \$236,000.00 to reimburse municipalities with voting populations between 3,000 and 5,000 for qualified voter file systems purchased prior to fiscal year 2000-2001. No municipality may receive a reimbursement greater than \$2,050.00."

7. Amend page 86, following line 20, by inserting:

"Sec. 971. The funds appropriated in part 1 to the bureau of state lottery shall not be used for any promotional efforts directed towards individuals who are less than 18 years of age.

Sec. 972. The funds appropriated in part 1 to the bureau of state lottery shall not be used to conduct a lottery drawing held on Sunday.

Sec. 973. The funds appropriated in part 1 to the bureau of state lottery shall not be used to directly or indirectly associate professional or amateur sports figures with the lottery or its products."

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.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 236, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the judicial branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of these appropriations; to place certain restrictions on the expenditure of these appropriations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain officials and employees; to require certain reports; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the judicial branch.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
Senate Bill No. 235, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the family independence agency and certain state purposes related to public welfare services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to create funds; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agency; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain individuals, local governments, and state departments, agencies, and officers.

Substitute (S-1).

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

1. Amend page 41, line 9, after "of" by striking out the balance of the line through "education," on line 10.
2. Amend page 41, line 20, after "12" by striking out the balance of the line through "nonconsecutive" on line 21.

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.

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Hoffman, assumed the Chair.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Motions and Communications

The Secretary announced that the Majority Leader has made the appointment of the following standing committees:
Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs - Senator Jaye replacing Senator Steil.
Families, Mental Health and Human Services - Senator Jaye as a member.
Financial Services - Senator Jaye replacing Senator Dunaskiss.
Hunting, Fishing and Forestry - Senator Jaye (C) replacing Senator Hoffman as chairperson; Senator Gast removed.
The standing committee appointments were approved, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Resolutions

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

Senate Resolution No. 29

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senator Dunaskiss offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 29.

A resolution commemorating April 1-7, 2001, as Raise the Flags and Dig Safely Week.

Whereas, The first week of April, traditionally the beginning of the construction season, will be known as Raise the Flags and Dig Safely Week; and

Whereas, A booming economy in Michigan brings with it increased construction activity. The growth in construction has led to an expansion in damages to underground facilities, which consist of cables and pipes located under the ground's surface. At times, these incidents have resulted in the loss of communication and utility service, sometimes causing damage to private property and even serious injury to Michigan citizens and businesses. Michigan's major gas, electric, and telecommunication companies, as well as other associated groups, including the AUC: Michigan's Heavy Construction Association, MISS DIG System, Inc., and Michigan Public Service Commission, have come together to develop and implement best practices designed to decrease such incidents; and

Whereas, The Raise the Flag campaign, sponsored by Consumers Energy, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, Detroit Edison, and Ameritech, draws attention to the need to call MISS DIG. The campaign encourages contractors and the general public to call MISS DIG before digging, wait the required time to allow for staking, respect the staking flags, and dig carefully; and

Whereas, The newly created Michigan Damage Prevention Board hopes to increase public safety by developing and implementing appropriate best practices and education programs, which will significantly reduce accidents resulting from damage to underground facilities. Participants on the board include Ameritech, AUC: Michigan's Heavy Construction Association, Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan, Consumers Energy, Detroit Edison, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, Marathon-Ashland Pipeline, Michigan Electric Cooperative Association, Michigan Electric and Gas Association, SEMCO Energy, Verizon, Telecommunications Association of Michigan, MISS DIG System, Inc., and the Michigan Public Service Commission; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we commemorate April 1-7, 2001, as Raise the Flags and Dig Safely Week; and be it further

Resolved, That Michigan's major gas, electric, and telecommunication companies, as well as other associated groups, be commended for coming together to find ways to decrease the number of incidents that damage underground facilities; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Damage Prevention Board as a reflection of our appreciation for their efforts to ensure public safety.

Senator Goschka was named co-sponsor of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7

A concurrent resolution to change the scope of the School of Natural Resources S.T. Dana Building project at the University of Michigan.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jaye's statement is as follows:

The Michigan taxpayers are very fair and generous to our institutions of research, which include the Detroit Burton Historical Library. We, under the current year's budget, grant \$5.78 million to the Detroit library system on top of the \$1.5 million that Detroit is eligible for on a per capita basis. The reason is because there are some unique services, unique documents, unique maps, and unique historical artifacts at the Detroit Historical Library. The problem is that the library is not run as efficiently as it should be. There have been examples of theft of documents and also, very recently, there was a flood where sewage water backed up into the basement of the Burton Historical Library, destroying many documents and left the library shut down for several months.

I'm going to read, now under the appropriate time, the letter that was printed in the Friday, March 23 The Detroit News. It says, "I'm writing to express my frustration with the situation at the Burton Historical Collection.

This outstanding collection of Detroit area history and genealogy was closed for four months last fall at the Detroit Public Library's main branch. It now is only open half days. The damage from the sewer backup has been repaired. This partial schedule has been mandated by the administration so a poorly timed and poorly planned inventory can be taken. There is no scheduled full-time reopening of this collection.

The facility is being heavily used this year by historians, genealogists, students, and others for projects connected with Detroit's 300th birthday. Burton is deluged with patrons on Saturdays, but they are not receiving good service during these limited hours. We often have to wait 30 to 60 minutes for resources stored in the two basements.

The library purchased 15 new microfilm readers for patron use. Now if we could just get the microfilm in a timely manner. It's difficult to get serious research done for them under these conditions.

Let's restore the luster to this Detroit 'jewel'."

My amendment tomorrow is going to say, "Direct the Detroit library to use a \$5.78 million to scan the documents onto the Internet," so that these documents are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by all Michigan residents; so that these documents won't be lost if there's going to be another flooding or a fire or a theft. In fact, there's been a rash of thefts to these historic documents. There's been defacing of photographs and documents. Why shouldn't we use \$5.78 million and start with Detroit to scan this information onto the Internet, so it's available for all of our college students, all of our high school students, and all of our historians, or just amateur genealogy buffs?

This money—\$5.78 million—also is in addition to the extra property tax money that the city of Detroit residents voted to create a specific tax to support the libraries. I would hope that after the Detroit Burton Library scans all their information onto the Internet, we use this money then for all the other museums, libraries, and historical archives throughout the state of Michigan.

We had in the State of the State address a suggestion that we have a new department of history, a new emphasis in our cultural heritage. Well, here is a place where we can have \$5.78 million doing some good instead of just perpetuating the system where the actual curators don't even know what documents might have been stolen, which photographs may have been destroyed, and which archives may have been lost forever. So I'm hoping my colleagues will take a look at this letter and will give very serious consideration to my amendment on the general government budget tomorrow.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Stille introduced

Senate Joint Resolution Q, 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.

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

Senators McManus, Gast, North, Smith, Byrum and Gougeon introduced

Senate Bill No. 356, entitled

A bill to amend 1951 PA 33, entitled "An act to provide police and fire protection for townships and for certain areas in townships, certain incorporated villages, and cities under 15,000 population; to authorize contracting for fire and police protection; to authorize the purchase of fire and police equipment, and the maintenance and operation of the equipment; to provide for defraying the cost of the equipment; to authorize the creation of special assessment districts and the levying and collecting of special assessments; to authorize the issuance of special assessment bonds in anticipation of the collection of special assessments and the advancement of the amount necessary to pay such bonds, and to provide for reimbursement for such advances by reassessment if necessary; to authorize the collection of fees for certain emergency services in townships and other municipalities; to authorize the creation of administrative boards and to prescribe their powers and duties; to provide for the appointment of traffic officers and to prescribe their powers and duties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 1 (MCL 41.801), as amended by 1998 PA 545.

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

Senators McManus, Gast, Smith and Koivisto introduced

Senate Bill No. 357, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 541 (MCL 436.1541).

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

Senator Hammerstrom introduced

Senate Bill No. 358, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 306, entitled "An act to promote the safety, welfare and educational interests of the people of the state of Michigan by regulating the construction, reconstruction and remodeling of certain public or private school buildings or additions thereto, by regulating the construction, reconstruction and remodeling of buildings leased or acquired for school purposes, and to define the class of buildings affected by this act; to prescribe the powers and duties of the superintendent of public instruction, the state fire marshal, architects, engineers and school board members with respect thereto; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts, general, local and special, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this act," by amending section 1 (MCL 388.851) and by adding section 1b.

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

Senators Byrum, Smith, Peters, DeBeaussaert, Young, Dingell, Hart, Miller, Koivisto, Murphy, Emerson, Cherry, Hammerstrom and Leland introduced

Senate Bill No. 359, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for the department of state for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations.

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

Senator Gougeon introduced

Senate Bill No. 360, entitled

A bill to amend 1909 PA 279, entitled "The home rule city act," (MCL 117.1 to 117.38) by adding section 4o.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs

Senator Gougeon introduced
Senate Bill No. 361, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled "Open meetings act," by amending section 2 (MCL 15.262).

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. 4099, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 115q.

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 Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 232, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of career development and the Michigan strategic fund and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies.

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.

Harry Gast
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gast, Schwarz, McManus, Johnson, Hoffman, North, Gougeon, Bennett, Stille, Goschka, Smith, Koivisto, Young, Murphy, DeBeaussaert and Dingell

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 234, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the departments of attorney general, civil rights, civil service, management and budget, state, and treasury, the executive office, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of these appropriations; to provide for the funding of certain work projects; to provide for the imposition of certain fees; to establish or continue certain funds, programs, and categories; to transfer certain funds; to prescribe certain requirements for bidding on state contracts; to provide for disposition of year-end balances for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain principal executive departments and state agencies, officials, and employees; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the various principal executive departments and state agencies.

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.

Harry Gast
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gast, Schwarz, McManus, Johnson, North, Gougeon, Bennett, Stille, Goschka, Smith, Koivisto, Young, Murphy, DeBeaussaert and Dingell

Nays: Senator Hoffman

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

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 235, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the family independence agency and certain state purposes related to public welfare services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to create funds; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agency; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain individuals, local governments, and state departments, agencies, and officers.

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.

Harry Gast
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gast, Schwarz, McManus, Johnson, Hoffman, North, Gougeon, Bennett, Stille, Goschka, Smith, Koivisto, Young, Murphy, DeBeaussaert and Dingell

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 236, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the judicial branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of these appropriations; to place certain restrictions on the expenditure of these appropriations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain officials and employees; to require certain reports; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the judicial branch.

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.

Harry Gast
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gast, Schwarz, McManus, Johnson, Hoffman, North, Gougeon, Bennett, Stille, Goschka, Smith, Koivisto, Young, Murphy, DeBeaussaert and Dingell

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 238, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the expenditure of those appropriations; to provide for certain reports and the consideration of those reports; to provide for the disposition of other income received by the various state agencies; to provide for the testing of certain persons; to provide for certain emergency powers; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain committees, certain state agencies, and certain employees.

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.

Harry Gast
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gast, Schwarz, McManus, Johnson, Hoffman, North, Gougeon, Bennett, Stille, Goschka, Smith, Koivisto, Young, Murphy, DeBeaussaert and Dingell

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 239, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the state transportation department and certain transportation purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to create certain funds and programs; to prescribe requirements for certain railroad and bus facilities; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state departments and officials, certain state institutions of higher education, and local units of government; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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.

Harry Gast
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gast, Schwarz, McManus, Johnson, Hoffman, North, Gougeon, Bennett, Stille, Goschka, Smith, Koivisto, Young, Murphy, DeBeaussaert 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 Appropriations submits the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Gast (C), Schwarz, McManus, Johnson, Hoffman, North, Gougeon, Bennett, Stille, Goschka, Smith, Koivisto, Young, Murphy, DeBeaussaert and Dingell

The Committee on Judiciary reported

Senate Bill No. 257, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," (MCL 760.1 to 777.69) by adding section 36 to chapter IX.

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.

William Van Regenmorter
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Regenmorter, McCotter, Schuette and Peters

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 Judiciary submits the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Van Regenmorter (C), McCotter, Schuette and Peters

Excused: Senators Bullard, Dingell and Emerson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs submits the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at 2:35 p.m., Exhibition Hall A, Lansing Center

Present: Senators McCotter (C), Van Regenmorter and Miller

Excused: Senators Shugars and DeBeaussaert

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations -

Subcommittee -

Higher Education - Friday, April 20, 10:00 a.m., University of Michigan-Flint, Harding Mott University Center, corner of Kearsley Street and southbound Chavez, Flint; Monday, April 23, 10:00 a.m., Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids Campus-DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton Street, Grand Rapids; Friday, May 4, 10:00 a.m., Concordia College, Student Union-Riverside Rooms A, B, and C, 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor; Friday, May 11, 10:00 a.m., Lake Superior State University, Cislser Center, 650 W. Easterday Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie; and Tuesday, May 15, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-3447)

Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs - Wednesday, March 28, 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-7946)

Education - Wednesday, March 28, 3:00 p.m., Room 810, Farnum Building (373-7350)

Families, Mental Health and Human Services - Wednesday, March 28, 3:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-3543)

Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems - Wednesday, March 28, 1:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-1725)

Financial Services - Wednesday, March 28, 9:00 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-1758)

Human Resources and Labor - Wednesday, March 28, 1:00 p.m. or later immediately following session, Room 110, Farnum Building (373-1801)

Local, Urban and State Affairs - Wednesday, March 28, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-1707)

Senator Emmons moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 12:12 p.m.

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Hoffman, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 28, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate.