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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 1.101, in the absence of the Presiding Officers, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn pursuant to rule 1.205.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:01 a.m.

**Committee Reports**

The Committee on Judiciary reported  
**House Bill No. 5801, entitled**

A bill to amend 1952 PA 214, entitled "An act authorizing the Mackinac bridge authority to acquire a bridge connecting the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan, including causeways, tunnels, roads and all useful related equipment and facilities, including park, parking, recreation, lighting and terminal facilities; extending the corporate existence of the authority; authorizing such authority to enjoy and carry out all powers incident to its corporate objects; authorizing the appropriation and use of state funds for the preliminary purposes of the authority; providing for the payment of the cost of such bridge and in that connection authorizing the authority to issue revenue bonds payable solely from the revenues of the bridge; granting the right of condemnation to the authority; granting the use of state land and property to the authority; making provisions for the payment and security of such bonds and granting certain rights and remedies to the holders thereof; authorizing banks and trust companies to perform certain acts in connection therewith; authorizing the imposition of tolls and charges; authorizing the authority to secure the consent of the United States government to the construction of the bridge and to secure approval of plans, specifications and location of same; authorizing employment of engineers irrespective of whether such engineers have been previously employed to make preliminary inspections or reports with respect to the bridge; authorizing the state highway department to operate and maintain such bridge or to contribute thereto and enter into leases and agreements in connection therewith; exempting such bonds and the property of the authority from taxation; prohibiting competing traffic facilities; authorizing the operation of ferries by the authority; providing for the construction and use of certain buildings; and making an appropriation," by amending section 12 (MCL 254.322), as amended by 2003 PA 176.

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.

Alan L. Cropsey  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Cropsey, Bishop, Patterson and Schauer

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. 5820, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 626 (MCL 257.626).

With the recommendation that the following amendment be adopted and that the bill then pass:

1. Amend page 2, line 1, after "effect" by striking out the balance of the enacting section and inserting "November 1, 2004."

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

Alan L. Cropsey  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Cropsey, Bishop, Patterson and Schauer

Nays: None

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

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Cropsey (C), Bishop, Patterson and Schauer

Excused: Senators Sanborn, Bernero and Brater

The Committee on Education reported

**House Bill No. 5121, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1240.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Wayne Kuipers  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kuipers, Cassis, Van Woerkom, Clark-Coleman and Leland

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Education reported

**House Bill No. 5198, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled "Open meetings act," by amending section 9 (MCL 15.269), as amended by 1982 PA 130.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Wayne Kuipers  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kuipers, Cassis, Van Woerkom, Clark-Coleman and Leland

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 3:40 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Kuipers (C), Cassis, Van Woerkom, Clark-Coleman and Leland

The Secretary of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI  
Secretary of the Senate