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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, March 16, 2006.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Alan Sanborn.

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

Allen—present  
Barcia—present  
Basham—present  
Birkholz—present  
Bishop—present  
Brater—present  
Brown—present  
Cassis—present  
Cherry—present  
Clark-Coleman—present  
Clarke—present  
Cropsey—present  
Emerson—present

Garcia—excused  
George—present  
Gilbert—present  
Goschka—present  
Hammerstrom—present  
Hardiman—present  
Jacobs—present  
Jelinek—present  
Johnson—present  
Kuipers—present  
Leland—present  
McManus—present

Olshove—present  
Patterson—present  
Prusi—present  
Sanborn—present  
Schauer—present  
Scott—present  
Sikkema—present  
Stamas—present  
Switalski—present  
Thomas—present  
Toy—present  
Van Woerkom—present

Pastor Sam Rijfkgel of Grand Rapids First Assembly of God of Grand Rapids offered the following invocation:

Father, we thank You that we can come into this house to make decisions that will affect people's lives. Lord, You told us that we are to make supplication and prayers and intercession and give thanks—to be made for all men, especially for kings and those who are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. So, God, today I pray that Your blessing would be upon our Senators and all who serve us today.

I pray that You would bless their families. I pray that You would bless everything that they put their hands to. Jesus, You told us that Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. So today, God, I pray that what Your will would be the will released through these great men and women today.

I pray, Father, that You would bless them in all their decisions. You said that You control the hearts of the kings like the water courses of the world. So today, we ask You to guide our hearts that we may do right, that we all may live peaceably, Father, and that Your glory might be seen on this earth.

We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Sanborn, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### Motions and Communications

Senators Allen and Johnson entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Hammerstrom moved that consideration of the following bill and resolution be postponed for today:

**Senate Bill No. 246**

**Senate Resolution No. 71**

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hammerstrom moved that Senator Garcia be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Clarke entered the Senate Chamber.

The following communication was received and read:

Ingham County Board of Canvassers

#### CERTIFICATION OF DETERMINATION

The Board of Canvassers of the County of Ingham having ascertained and canvassed the votes of said special general election in the county of Ingham held on the 14th day of March Two Thousand Six,

Do hereby certify and determine:

That Gretchen Whitmer having received the greatest number of votes is elected to the office of State Senate for the 23rd District.

State of Michigan

ss.

County of INGHAM

We Do Hereby Certify That the foregoing is correct statement of the votes cast in the County of INGHAM at the special general election held on Tuesday, 14th day of March Two Thousand Six.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the County of INGHAM, this Fifteen day of March in the year Two Thousand Six.

William Penn  
Kathleen Prout  
Alan Fox

[SEAL]

Attest:  
Mike Bryanton, Ingham County Clerk  
Clerk of the Board of Canvassers

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 Wednesday, March 15:  
**House Bill Nos. 5325 5336 5653 5813**

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Wednesday, March 15, and are available at the legislative website:

<b>Senate Bill Nos.</b>	<b>1131</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>1133</b>	<b>1134</b>	<b>1135</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>1137</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>1139</b>	<b>1140</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>1142</b>	<b>1143</b>	<b>1144</b>
	<b>1145</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>1147</b>											
<b>House Bill Nos.</b>	<b>5852</b>	<b>5853</b>	<b>5854</b>	<b>5855</b>	<b>5856</b>	<b>5857</b>	<b>5858</b>	<b>5859</b>	<b>5860</b>	<b>5861</b>	<b>5862</b>	<b>5863</b>	<b>5864</b>	<b>5865</b>
	<b>5866</b>	<b>5867</b>	<b>5868</b>	<b>5869</b>	<b>5870</b>	<b>5871</b>								

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**Messages from the House**

Senator Hammerstrom moved that consideration of the following bills be postponed for today:

**Senate Bill No. 932**

**Senate Bill No. 371**

The motion prevailed.

**Senate Bill No. 242, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies and the legislative branch for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2006; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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 amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2006; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

**Senate Bill No. 477, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending section 18 (MCL 169.218), as added by 1999 PA 238.

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.

**House Bill No. 5240, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," by amending

sections 5, 627, 628, 629, and 629c (MCL 257.5, 257.627, 257.628, 257.629, and 257.629c), section 627 as amended by 2006 PA 19, section 628 as amended by 2003 PA 65, section 629 as amended by 1988 PA 368, and section 629c as amended by 1996 PA 320; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

(For text of amendment, see Senate Journal No. 26, p. 438.)

The question being on concurring in the House amendment made to the Senate substitute,

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

**Roll Call No. 142**

**Yeas—36**

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Sanborn
Barcia	Clarke	Jelinek	Schauer
Basham	Cropsey	Johnson	Scott
Birkholz	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Bishop	George	Leland	Stamas
Brater	Gilbert	McManus	Switalski
Brown	Goschka	Olshove	Thomas
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Toy
Cherry	Hardiman	Prusi	Van Woerkom

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

Garcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

**Third Reading of Bills**

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the following bills be placed at the head of the Third Reading of Bills calendar:

**Senate Bill No. 881**

**Senate Bill No. 882**

**Senate Bill No. 1124**

**House Bill No. 4643**

**Senate Bill No. 816**

**Senate Bill No. 817**

**Senate Bill No. 848**

**Senate Bill No. 849**

**Senate Bill No. 945**

**Senate Bill No. 541**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 881, entitled**

A bill to create the veterans memorial property commission; to authorize the acquisition of certain property; and to provide for certain duties of certain state agencies.

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. 143****Yeas—36**

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Sanborn
Barcia	Clarke	Jelinek	Schauer
Basham	Cropsey	Johnson	Scott
Birkholz	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Bishop	George	Leland	Stamas
Brater	Gilbert	McManus	Switalski
Brown	Goschka	Olshove	Thomas
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Toy
Cherry	Hardiman	Prusi	Van Woerkom

**Nays—0****Excused—1**

Garcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 882, entitled**

A bill to designate the use of state land that is set aside to memorialize veterans; to prohibit certain acts; and to prescribe penalties.

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. 144****Yeas—36**

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Sanborn
Barcia	Clarke	Jelinek	Schauer
Basham	Cropsey	Johnson	Scott
Birkholz	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Bishop	George	Leland	Stamas
Brater	Gilbert	McManus	Switalski
Brown	Goschka	Olshove	Thomas
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Toy
Cherry	Hardiman	Prusi	Van Woerkom

**Nays—0****Excused—1**

Garcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 1124, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1278a.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Scott offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 10, following line 7, following subsection (11), by inserting:

“Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 4 of the 93rd Legislature is enacted into law.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Cassis offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 6, line 13, after “**THE**” by inserting “**PUPIL AND THE**”.

2. Amend page 6, line 27, by striking out “**EITHER ELECTS**” and inserting “**MEETS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

(A) **ELECTS**”.

3. Amend page 7, line 1, after the second “**YEARS**” by striking out the balance of the line through “**ENROLLS**” on line 2, and inserting a period and:

“(B) **ELECTS TO USE AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO COMPLETE THE BENCHMARKS FOR ALGEBRA II BASED ON THE MICHIGAN CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK AFTER A MATHEMATICS TEACHER OF THE PUPIL AND A CERTIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR AN INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIED TO ACT AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR UNDER SECTION 1233 OR 1233A, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PUPIL AND THE PUPIL’S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, HAVE RECOMMENDED AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH.**

(C) **ENROLLS**”.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Cassis requested the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, 1/5 of the members present voting therefor.

The amendments were adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 145****Yeas—19**

Allen	Cherry	Johnson	Sanborn
Barcia	Emerson	McManus	Switalski
Birkholz	George	Olshove	Toy
Brown	Jacobs	Patterson	Van Woerkom
Cassis	Jelinek	Prusi	

**Nays—17**

Basham	Cropsey	Hardiman	Scott
Bishop	Gilbert	Kuipers	Sikkema
Brater	Goschka	Leland	Stamas
Clark-Coleman	Hammerstrom	Schauer	Thomas
Clarke			

**Excused—1**

Garcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

Senator Cassis offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 10, following line 7, by inserting:

**“(12) NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY THAT OPERATES A HIGH SCHOOL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED AN ANNUAL REPORT DETAILING THE NUMBER OF PUPILS WHO HAVE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED A MODIFICATION OF THE ALGEBRA II CREDIT REQUIREMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (4)(B).”.**

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed temporarily.

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4643, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled “An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms and gas ejecting devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms and gas ejecting devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,” by amending section 51 (MCL 28.4251), as amended by 2005 PA 262.

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. 146**

**Yeas—31**

Allen	Clarke	Jelinek	Schauer
Barcia	Cropsey	Kuipers	Sikkema
Basham	Emerson	Leland	Stamas
Birkholz	George	McManus	Switalski
Bishop	Gilbert	Olshove	Thomas
Brown	Goschka	Patterson	Toy
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Prusi	Van Woerkom
Cherry	Hardiman	Sanborn	

**Nays—5**

Brater	Jacobs	Johnson	Scott
Clark-Coleman			

**Excused—1**

Garcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

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 title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 816, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 498b.

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. 147****Yeas—36**

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Sanborn
Barcia	Clarke	Jelinek	Schauer
Basham	Cropsey	Johnson	Scott
Birkholz	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Bishop	George	Leland	Stamas
Brater	Gilbert	McManus	Switalski
Brown	Goschka	Olshove	Thomas
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Toy
Cherry	Hardiman	Prusi	Van Woerkom

**Nays—0****Excused—1**

Garcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 817, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16x of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16x), as amended by 2003 PA 313.

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. 148****Yeas—36**

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Sanborn
Barcia	Clarke	Jelinek	Schauer
Basham	Cropsey	Johnson	Scott
Birkholz	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Bishop	George	Leland	Stamas
Brater	Gilbert	McManus	Switalski
Brown	Goschka	Olshove	Thomas
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Toy
Cherry	Hardiman	Prusi	Van Woerkom

**Nays—0****Excused—1**

Garcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 848, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3426.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Emerson offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 2, line 1, after the first "**EMPLOYER**" by inserting "**AND HAVING NO ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT CONSEQUENCES TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO CHOOSES NOT TO PARTICIPATE**".

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Senator Emerson requested the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, 1/5 of the members present voting therefor.

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

**Roll Call No. 149****Yeas—19**

Barcia	Clarke	Leland	Scott
Basham	Emerson	Olshove	Switalski
Brater	Gilbert	Patterson	Thomas
Cherry	Jacobs	Prusi	Toy
Clark-Coleman	Johnson	Schauer	

**Nays—17**

Allen	Cropsey	Hardiman	Sanborn
Birkholz	George	Jelinek	Sikkema

Bishop  
Brown  
Cassis

Goschka  
Hammerstrom

Kuipers  
McManus

Stamas  
Van Woerkom

**Excused—1**

Garcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

Senator Sikkema moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted.  
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.  
The question being on the adoption of the amendment,  
Senator Hammerstrom moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed for today.  
The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 849, entitled**

A bill to amend 1980 PA 350, entitled “The nonprofit health care corporation reform act,” (MCL 550.1101 to 550.1704) by adding section 414b.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Emerson offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 1, line 6, after the first “**EMPLOYER**” by inserting “**AND HAVING NO ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT CONSEQUENCES TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO CHOOSES NOT TO PARTICIPATE**”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed for today.

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 945, entitled**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending sections 200 and 209 (MCL 168.200 and 168.209), section 200 as amended by 1998 PA 364 and section 209 as amended by 1990 PA 7.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Birkholz offered the following substitute:

Substitute (S-3).

The substitute was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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. 150**

**Yeas—29**

Allen  
Barcia  
Basham  
Birkholz  
Bishop  
Brown  
Cassis  
Clarke

Cropsey  
George  
Gilbert  
Goschka  
Hammerstrom  
Hardiman  
Jelinek

Johnson  
Kuipers  
McManus  
Olshove  
Patterson  
Prusi  
Sanborn

Schauer  
Sikkema  
Stamas  
Switalski  
Thomas  
Toy  
Van Woerkom

**Nays—7**Brater  
CherryClark-Coleman  
EmersonJacobs  
Leland

Scott

**Excused—1**

Garcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 541, entitled**

A bill to regulate the transfer of structured settlement rights; to place conditions on the transfer of structured settlement rights; to establish a procedure for approval of transfer of structured settlement rights; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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. 151****Yeas—36**Allen  
Barcia  
Basham  
Birkholz  
Bishop  
Brater  
Brown  
Cassis  
CherryClark-Coleman  
Clarke  
Cropsey  
Emerson  
George  
Gilbert  
Goschka  
Hammerstrom  
HardimanJacobs  
Jelinek  
Johnson  
Kuipers  
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McManus  
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Sikkema  
Stamas  
Switalski  
Thomas  
Toy  
Van Woerkom**Nays—0****Excused—1**

Garcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

**Senate Bill No. 1124, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1278a. (This bill was read a third time earlier today, amendments offered and consideration postponed. See p. 458.)

The question being on the adoption of the amendment offered by Senator Cassis, The amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Switalski offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 3, following line 25, by striking out all of subsection (2).

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Switalski offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 3, line 1, after "**FORENSICS**," by inserting "**ASTRONOMY**,".

The amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Switalski offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 6, line 7, after "**WHO**" by striking out the balance of the line through "**CURRICULUM**" on line 9, and inserting "**IS AT LEAST AGE 16**".

2. Amend page 6, line 21, by striking out all of subdivision (B) and relettering the remaining subdivisions.

3. Amend page 6, line 10, after "**THE**" by striking out the balance of the line through "**(iii)**" on line 11, and inserting "**MICHIGAN MERIT CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBDIVISION (B)**".

4. Amend page 6, line 17, after "**THE**" by striking out "**MATHEMATICS OR SCIENCE**".

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

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. 152**

**Yeas—35**

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Schauer
Barcia	Clarke	Jelinek	Scott
Basham	Cropsey	Johnson	Sikkema
Birkholz	Emerson	Kuipers	Stamas
Bishop	George	McManus	Switalski
Brater	Gilbert	Olshove	Thomas
Brown	Goschka	Patterson	Toy
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Prusi	Van Woerkom
Cherry	Hardiman	Sanborn	

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

Garcia

**Not Voting—1**

Leland

In The Chair: Sanborn

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Cassis asked and was granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cassis' first statement is as follows:

The amendment before you represents an afternoon and evening of listening to concerns and negotiating solutions. The amendment is supported by the Michigan Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers, Oakland and Macomb ISDs, and the school counselors association.

Yesterday, there was some confusion. Today, we hope to clarify that confusion. We offer a new version of the amendment—a tightened version that stresses the small, very small number of students who need a third option in order to meet the benchmarks for Algebra II based on the Michigan curriculum framework in an alternative delivery format.

In order to qualify for this tightened option, the student must first have agreement of that pupil's math teacher and counselor. These two professionals must agree that this is appropriate for this student. It represents, my colleagues, a higher test in order to elect this option. Importantly, it involves the decision of a key person who currently is omitted in the current bill and the parents or guardians in the decision making.

You may be asking who does this amendment really address? First, it addresses a very small percentage, maybe two or perhaps three percent of an entire population of high school students. It addresses those who are and have historically in their history, their school record, been academically vulnerable and challenged in mathematics. It addresses those who live in urban centers and rural areas and come from poorer districts throughout our state. It addresses those who have fragile self-esteem and low self-confidence. Failure for them breeds more failure and a cycle of failure. Success, as we know, breeds success. Believe me, this is not—and I emphasize not—an opt-out provision, but an opt-in provision to address what the Department of Education, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, and all interest groups have advocated for, and that is exposure to and mastery of Algebra II benchmarks.

This is not for the A-B-C student or the unmotivated student. They are not eligible for this option. Today, we have the opportunity to address this small, but very important, population of our entire school population. I urge today a resounding voice vote that says "yes."

Senator Cassis' second statement is as follows:

What we're really saying today, in perhaps opposition to this amendment, is we know some kids will fail up front. We know it right here, right now. We know this ahead of time. Why make them take two courses of Algebra II with no modification and make them live through this self-defeat? What good would it do? Would it make them more motivated students, more productive students? Or would it make them, as has already been suggested, want to drop out?

As a school psychologist, I assure you my amendment meets the needs in the standards and benchmarks of Algebra II. It is not, as some might dare say—who have never been an educator, who have never worked in a classroom, who have never worked with students at all—who dare to step out of their expertise and their comfort zone and say that this is an attempt to dumb down students and their coursework in the state of Michigan.

I spent my entire professional life working for the success of students, and it is on behalf of all students that I speak today to, quite frankly, once again advocate loudly and proudly—as the good Senator from Livonia recognized and the good Senator from Oakland County, chair of Appropriations, so eloquently spoke to leave no child behind.

I urge, once again, a resounding voice "yes" vote that can be heard from the bottom of this chamber to the top of the chamber, out to the halls on behalf of all the students in Michigan.

Senator Cassis' third statement is as follows:

First, let me thank you for passage of the amendment reflecting the Algebra II alternative approach for those students. There are very small numbers who need it. This amendment follows in that line. It calls for basically tracking the number of students who might be able to qualify and elect an alternate approach to meeting the benchmarks of Algebra II. The amendment will ensure that what we intended actually occurs and is not utilized to open the doors to nonqualified students rushing to take an alternative program.

So, basically, the intermediate school district will be provided with the numbers from a school district or public school academy and report those numbers who have received a modification of the Algebra II credit requirement. I think this is good public policy, and it will ensure just what we have been so engaged in today. It will help policymakers in the future as well to ensure that the intent of what we're doing is actually followed. If it is not, it certainly, I would say, must be re-looked at.

Senator Schauer moved that Senator Leland be temporarily excused from the balance of today's session.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**Statements**

The President pro tempore, Senator Birkholz, assumed the Chair.

Senators Basham, Scott and Sanborn asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Basham's statement is as follows:

I introduced a piece of legislation today that was also introduced in the House. This is not a partisan issue. It's certainly an issue that affects, some would say, First Amendment rights. That's one perception, but essentially, my perception is that people who fight for this country have rights too. People who die for this country, their family should have the right to bury them with some peace and solace. There's no excuse for some radical right wing, as they call themselves, a Baptist church out of Topeka, Kansas, to go around this country and intimidate people and say that God is punishing them because their son or daughter died for an unjust cause.

We have extremes, I guess, in this country and this state and they have a right. Even the extremes, the people you disagree with who are out of the mainstream, they have a right to free speech, but certainly, people should have the right to bury a soldier in quiet and dignity without having their rights trampled on.

So I introduced a piece of legislation that meets, I guess, muster as far as challenges in the courts to address this issue. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to make sure this piece of legislation is passed with good bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate and signed into law by our Governor, so that those families can have the peace and dignity they deserve during a funeral service.

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

I'm going to read one of my e-mails. "Hi, Ms. Scott. I am responding to your e-mail regarding insurance rates in Detroit. My husband and I are retired. With the high energy cost, the city of Detroit water bill, and other utilities, we are truly tightening our belts. We have children and grandchildren. We also try and help them when we can. It has been proven that many of the crimes related to car theft and so forth are caused by persons who do not live in this city. The city council is requiring that persons give their address when they file such claims. However, many people are leaving the city because crossing the border gives them lower taxes, lower car and property insurance rates. Last year, I attended a hearing on insurance rates. I had been a victim of ID theft. I'm sure this information could have been used against me. It took me two years to clear my financial record. Zip codes and credit ratings are not fair and equitable measures for assessing insurance rates."

Senator Sanborn's statement is as follows:

I have a statement to make because in honor of this day, where my mother wears green, but my father wears orange. I have a not-so-old limerick for St. Patrick's Day:

May the sun shine down on you.

May there be a twinkle in your eye.

May Senator Shirley Johnson get her orange shamrock.

But in the basketball town of Dayton,

May we see the green Spartan's fly.

Senator Hammerstrom moved that rule 2.106 be suspended to allow committees to meet during Senate session.

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

Senator Leland entered the Senate Chamber.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Leland's statement is as follows:

Madam President, I was out of the chambers for a brief moment. Apparently, I missed the vote on Senate Bill No. 1124, which I apologize for. Had I been in the Senate chamber at the time, rather than watching my son pass his first bill, I would have voted in the affirmative. My apologies.

**Recess**

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the Senate recess until 1:45 p.m.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:50 a.m.

The Senate reconvened at the expiration of the recess and pursuant to rule 1.101, in the absence of the Presiding Officers, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary of the Senate.

**Recess**

Senator Hardiman moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 1:45 p.m.

1:50 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Sanborn.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

**Introduction and Referral of Bills****Recess**

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 1:50 p.m.

1:58 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Sanborn.

Senators Switalski, Cherry, Prusi, Scott, Olshove, Clark-Coleman, Emerson and Schauer introduced  
**Senate Bill No. 1155, entitled**

A bill to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled "Community college act of 1966," by amending section 121 (MCL 389.121), as amended by 1997 PA 135.

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

Senators Thomas, Brater, Clark-Coleman, Prusi, Scott, Leland, Olshove, Cherry, Schauer, Basham, Jacobs, Switalski, Clarke and Emerson introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1156, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1310b. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Kuipers, Goschka and Johnson introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1157, entitled**

A bill to provide for state authority to provide cable and video services; to provide for competition in providing cable and video services; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials.

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

Senators Barcia, Cherry, Scott and Prusi introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1158, entitled**

A bill to amend 2003 PA 215, entitled "Credit union act," (MCL 490.101 to 490.601) by adding section 425.

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

Senators Allen, Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Barcia, Goschka, Jacobs and Gilbert introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1159, entitled**

A bill to provide for the establishment of a water improvement tax increment finance authority; to prescribe the powers and duties of the authority; to correct and prevent deterioration in water resources; to authorize the acquisition and disposal of interests in real and personal property; to authorize the creation and implementation of development plans and development areas; to promote water resource improvement; to create a board; to prescribe the powers and duties of the board; to authorize the issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to authorize the use of tax increment financing; to prescribe powers and duties of certain state officials; to provide for rule promulgation; and to provide for enforcement of the act.

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

Senators Jacobs, Scott, Cherry, Switalski, Thomas, Prusi, Clark-Coleman, Brater, Schauer, Emerson, Olshove, Barcia, Clarke and Leland introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1160, entitled**

A bill to promote economic growth and increased employment opportunity by creating cooperative partnerships encompassing public and private sector entities; to develop and implement a program for targeted job training and worker placement; and to prescribe powers and duties of certain state departments.

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

Senators Olshove, Cherry, Prusi, Scott, Emerson, Brater, Jacobs and Thomas introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1161, entitled**

A bill to amend 1975 PA 222, entitled "Higher education loan authority act," by amending section 4a (MCL 390.1154a), as added by 1989 PA 96.

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

Senators Cherry, Olshove, Scott, Prusi, Brater, Clark-Coleman, Switalski, Clarke, Basham, Emerson, Thomas, Schauer, Barcia and Leland introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1162, entitled**

A bill to amend 1999 PA 276, entitled "Banking code of 1999," (MCL 487.11101 to 487.15105) by adding section 4206.

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

Senator Scott introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1163, entitled**

A bill to amend 1987 PA 173, entitled "Mortgage brokers, lenders, and servicers licensing act," (MCL 445.1651 to 445.1684) by adding section 22b.

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

Senator Clark-Coleman introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1164, entitled**

A bill to amend 1980 PA 307, entitled "Savings and loan act of 1980," (MCL 491.102 to 491.1202) by adding section 719.

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

Senator Brater introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1165, entitled**

A bill to amend 1996 PA 354, entitled "Savings bank act," (MCL 487.3101 to 487.3804) by adding section 430a.

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



Senator Thomas introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1166, entitled**

A bill to amend 1988 PA 161, entitled "Consumer financial services act," (MCL 487.2051 to 487.2072) by adding section 9a.

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

Senators Jelinek, Van Woerkom, Birkholz, Hardiman, Cropsey, Kuipers, Brown, Gilbert, Barcia, Allen and Goschka introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1167, entitled**

A bill to amend 2000 PA 322, entitled "Julian-Stille value-added act," (MCL 285.301 to 285.304) by adding section 2b.

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

Senators McManus, Van Woerkom, Birkholz, Hardiman, Cropsey, Jelinek, Brown, Gilbert, Kuipers, Barcia, Allen and Goschka introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1168, entitled**

A bill to amend 2000 PA 322, entitled "Julian-Stille value-added act," by amending the title and section 2 (MCL 285.302).

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

Senators Brown, Van Woerkom, Birkholz, Hardiman, Cropsey, Kuipers, Jelinek, Gilbert, Barcia, Allen and Goschka introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1169, entitled**

A bill to amend 2000 PA 322, entitled "Julian-Stille value-added act," (MCL 285.301 to 285.304) by adding section 2a.

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

**House Bill No. 5325, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 21529; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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 Health Policy.

**House Bill No. 5336, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding part 25.

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 Health Policy.

**House Bill No. 5653, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 16337, 17001, 17008, 17025, 17066, 17074, 17078, 17501, 17508, 18001, 18011, and 18021 (MCL 333.16337, 333.17001, 333.17008, 333.17025, 333.17066, 333.17074, 333.17078, 333.17501, 333.17508, 333.18001, 333.18011, and 333.18021), section 16337 as added by 1993 PA 79, sections 17001 and 17501 as amended by 2005 PA 264, section 17025 as amended by 1980 PA 146, sections 17066, 17074, and 17078 as amended by 1990 PA 247, and section 18021 as amended by 1993 PA 79, and by adding sections 18008, 18048, 18049, 18050, 18054, 18056, and 18058; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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 Health Policy.

**House Bill No. 5813, entitled**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 381 (MCL 168.381), as amended by 2005 PA 71.

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 Government Operations.

### Recess

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 2:03 p.m.

2:54 p.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.

Senators Van Woerkom and Sikkema introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1170, entitled**

A bill to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Senators Basham, Olshove, Barcia, Bishop, Goschka, Jacobs, Birkholz, Patterson, Prusi, Switalski, Emerson, Cherry and Allen introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1171, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 168 (MCL 750.168) and by adding section 167d.

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

### Committee Reports

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported

**Senate Bill No. 971, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 74102a (MCL 324.74102a), as added by 2004 PA 392, and by adding section 74102b.

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.

Patricia L. Birkholz  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Patterson and Van Woerkom

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported

**Senate Bill No. 972, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 2131 (MCL 324.2131), as amended by 2001 PA 174.

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.

Patricia L. Birkholz  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Patterson and Van Woerkom

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported  
**Senate Bill No. 1044, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 76702 (MCL 324.76702), as added by 1995 PA 58.

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.

Patricia L. Birkholz  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Patterson, Van Woerkom, Brater and Basham

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported  
**House Bill No. 4398, entitled**

A bill to codify the laws regarding local units of government regulating the development and use of land; to provide for the adoption of zoning ordinances; to provide for the establishment in counties, townships, cities, and villages of zoning districts; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain officials; to provide for the assessment, levy, and collection of taxes and fees; to authorize the issuance of bonds and notes; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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.

Patricia L. Birkholz  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Patterson, Van Woerkom, Brater and Basham

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported  
**House Bill No. 4778, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 44520a.

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.

Patricia L. Birkholz  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Patterson and Van Woerkom

Nays: Senators Brater and Basham

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

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported  
**House Bill No. 5508, entitled**

A bill to amend 1984 PA 44, entitled "Motor fuels quality act," by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 5, 9b, 9d, 9g, 9h, 9i, 9j, 10b, 10c, and 10d (MCL 290.642, 290.643, 290.645, 290.649b, 290.649d, 290.649g, 290.649h, 290.649i, 290.649j, 290.650b, 290.650c, and 290.650d), the title and section 2 as amended and sections 9b, 9d, 9g, 9h, 9j, and 10c as added by 1993 PA 236, sections 3, 5, and 10b as amended by 2002 PA 13, section 9i as amended by 2004 PA 278, and section 10d as added by 1993 PA 231, and by adding sections 9k and 9l; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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.

Patricia L. Birkholz  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Patterson, Van Woerkom, Brater and Basham

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported  
**Senate Resolution No. 77.**

A resolution to urge the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to increase efforts to provide notification and public education on rip currents in the Great Lakes.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 92 of 2005, p. 1980.)

With the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Patricia L. Birkholz  
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Patterson, Van Woerkom, Brater and Basham

Nays: None

The resolution was placed on the order of Resolutions.

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported  
**Senate Resolution No. 78.**

A resolution to urge the Michigan Department of Education to provide information to help educate students about the dangers of rip tides and basic pier safety.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 92 of 2005, p. 1981.)

With the recommendation that the following substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the resolution then be adopted:

A resolution to urge the Michigan Department of Education to provide information to help educate students about the dangers of rip currents and basic pier safety.

Whereas, The Great Lakes are known for their beauty, power, and importance to life in this region. Less well known and understood are the dangers of rip currents, which threaten public safety and can cause deaths of swimmers at beaches along Michigan's shores; and

Whereas, Rip currents, which are sometimes mistakenly referred to as rip tides or undertows, are caused by offshore sandbars that break apart. The current that results can be very strong, taking even an Olympic-caliber swimmer swiftly away from the shore. The "rip" in the sandbar can be the result of high winds or large waves, and can occur with absolutely no warning. Rip currents can last a few minutes, several hours, or even days. While there often is discoloration to the water that is swept away from the shore by the rip current, this is not always easy to see. A swimmer caught in a rip current can safely return to shore by swimming parallel to the shore, out of the rip current. However, this knowledge must be in place before such an incident occurs in order to prevent a tragedy; and

Whereas, Seawalls and piers along the Great Lakes offer both function and recreation. These structures protect Great Lakes shorelines from erosion damage and create safe entrances to Great Lakes marinas and connecting waterways. These structures are often used to access Great Lakes fishing and to view Michigan's natural beauty along the shorelines. Rough lake waters and waves crashing over piers and seawalls pose a danger to the public. These structures should be accessed only when conditions are safe; and

Whereas, There is clearly a need for greater public awareness among Michigan residents. Children are frequent visitors to our Great Lakes, often camping with parents and grandparents along the shore. Targeting students with information about swimming safely in the Great Lakes and behaving responsibly along seawalls and on piers will instill a lifelong knowledge about the strength and power of the water; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Michigan Department of Education to provide information to help educate students about the dangers of rip currents and basic pier safety; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Education.

Patricia L. Birkholz  
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Patterson, Van Woerkom, Brater and Basham

Nays: None

The resolution and the substitute recommended by the committee were placed on the order of Resolutions.

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Birkholz (C), Patterson, Van Woerkom, Brater and Basham

The Committee on Families and Human Services reported

**House Bill No. 4161, entitled**

A bill to amend 1996 PA 305, entitled "Acknowledgment of parentage act," by amending sections 6 and 7 (MCL 722.1006 and 722.1007).

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

1. Amend page 2, following line 26, by inserting:

**"(H) THAT IN ORDER TO REVOKE AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PARENTAGE, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST FILE A CLAIM AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 11."**

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

Bill Hardiman  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hardiman, Hammerstrom, Sanborn, Jacobs and Clark-Coleman

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 Families and Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Hardiman (C), Hammerstrom, Sanborn, Jacobs and Clark-Coleman

The Committee on Judiciary reported

**Senate Bill No. 1110, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 2a of chapter XI (MCL 771.2a), as amended by 2005 PA 126.

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, Sanborn, Patterson, Schauer, Emerson and Brater

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs reported

**House Bill No. 5620, entitled**

A bill to amend 1988 PA 234, entitled "Michigan Vietnam veterans memorial act," by amending section 5a (MCL 35.1055a), as added by 2000 PA 470.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Laura M. Toy  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Toy, Stamas, Gilbert and Olshove

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Toy (C), Stamas, Gilbert and Olshove

Excused: Senator Clark-Coleman

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Community Colleges submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 12:00 noon, Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senator Jelinek (C), Stamas and Switalski

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Natural Resources submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators McManus (C), Johnson, Jelinek, Barcia and Cherry

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Higher Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 3:30 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Goschka (C), Johnson, Hardiman, Cherry and Prusi

### Scheduled Meetings

#### Appropriations -

##### Subcommittees -

**Agriculture** - Thursdays, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18, 3:30 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-5932)

**Capital Outlay** - Thursday, March 23, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2523)

**K-12, School Aid, Education** - Monday, March 20, 10:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-6960)

**State Police and Military Affairs** - Thursdays, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18, 2:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-5932)

**Transportation Department** - Tuesdays, April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16 and May 23, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2523)

**Commerce and Labor** - Tuesday, March 21, 3:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2413)

**Health Policy** - Wednesday, March 22, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-3543)

**Judiciary** - Tuesday, March 21, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-3760)

**State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee** - Tuesday, March 28, 9:15 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

**Technology and Energy** - Wednesday, March 22, 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-7350)

Senator Schauer moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:55 p.m.

The Secretary of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI  
Secretary of the Senate