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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, September 18, 2007.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry, Jr.

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

Allen—present Garcia—present Anderson—present George—present Gilbert—present Barcia—present Basham—present Gleason—present Birkholz—present Hardiman—present Bishop—present Hunter—present Brater—present Jacobs—present Brown-present Jansen—present Cassis—present Jelinek—present Cherry—present Kahn—present Clark-Coleman—present Kuipers—present Clarke—present McManus—present Cropsey—present Olshove—present

Pappageorge—present
Patterson—present
Prusi—present
Richardville—present
Sanborn—present
Schauer—present
Scott—present
Stamas—present
Switalski—present
Thomas—present
Van Woerkom—present
Whitmer—present

Bishop Kenneth L. Tate of Body of Christ Christian Center of Detroit offered the following invocation:

Father God, right now in the name of Your Son Christ Jesus, as we approach the throne room together in this great, great move of the state of Michigan, we thank You for Your Spirit, dear God, that's mightily in our midst to help, dear God, this Legislature to rule and also to bring things together to cause the budget, dear God, to come; on top of that, Father God, that they may be anointed with great conviction and courage. Let them take courage today as they begin to go forward and begin to cause the Spirit of God to move on the state of Michigan like never before.

Dear God, we thank You for our Governor. We thank you, dear God, for this Legislature, and we give You praise, dear God, that everything will come together as You have ordained it to be. From this day forward and forever more, by the might of Your mercy and Your power and Your Spirit, as the word of God is spoken, "Not by power nor by might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

In the name of Your Son Jesus, dear God, we thank You, that "if my people, which are called by my name, would humble themselves and pray and seek my face," dear God, this is a seeking cabinet, dear God, because we come before You with all authority and power and that is in the name of Jesus. Bless today, anoint today, and quicken the day by Your Spirit, dear God, as the laws are passed.

By the Spirit of the Most High God, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, led the members of the Senate in recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motions and Communications

Senator Kahn entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Thomas moved that Senators Prusi and Whitmer be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cropsey moved that Senator Stamas be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senators Gilbert, Whitmer and Stamas entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Schauer moved that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of the following bills: Senate Bill No. 764, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending sections 2 and 6a (MCL 205.52 and 205.56a), section 2 as amended by 2004 PA 173 and section 6a as amended by 1993 PA 325.

Senate Bill No. 768, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," by amending sections 3 and 4a (MCL 205.93 and 205.94a), as amended by 2004 PA 172.

Senate Bill No. 770, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending sections 30, 51, 261, 266, and 270 (MCL 206.30, 206.51, 206.261, 206.266, and 206.270), section 30 as amended by 2005 PA 214, section 51 as amended by 1999 PA 6, section 261 as amended by 2000 PA 195, section 266 as amended by 2006 PA 52, and section 270 as amended by 2005 PA 234; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Recess

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:08 a.m.

11:58 a.m.

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

The question being on the motion to discharge,

Senator Schauer withdrew the motion.

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Monday, September 17, and are available at the legislative website:

House Bill Nos. 5211 5212 5213 5214 5215 5216 5217 5218 5239

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Messages from the House

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

Senate Bill No. 53

House Bill No. 4120

Senate Bill No. 419

Senate Bill No. 420

Senate Bill No. 421

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 418, entitled

A bill to prescribe the conditions upon which public employers may provide certain benefits; to require the compilation and release of certain information and data; to provide certain powers and duties to certain state officials, departments, agencies, and authorities; and to provide for appropriations.

Substitute (H-3).

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

The substitute was not concurred in, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 331 Yeas—17

Anderson	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Schauer
Barcia	Clarke	Kahn	Scott
Basham	Gleason	Olshove	Switalski
Brater	Hunter	Patterson	Whitmer

Cherry

Nays-20

Allen	Cropsey	Jansen	Richardville
Birkholz	Garcia	Jelinek	Sanborn
Bishop	George	Kuipers	Stamas
Brown	Gilbert	McManus	Thomas
Cassis	Hardiman	Pappageorge	Van Woerkom

Excused—1

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

The following communication was received and read:

Office of the Senate Majority Leader

September 18, 2007

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3.203(c), I am hereby re-referring Senate Bill 779 from the Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee to the Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee.

Respectfully yours, Michael D. Bishop Senate Majority Leader

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

Senator Cropsey 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 Cherry, designated Senator Jansen as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 565, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending sections 110 and 111 (MCL 750.110 and 750.111), section 110 as amended by 1994 PA 270.

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.

Resolutions

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

Senate Resolution No. 108

Senate Resolution No. 109

Senate Resolution No. 110

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 108.

A resolution honoring the Loyal Order of Moose and recognizing their fundraising efforts to aid in the creation of a memorial remembering the heroes of Flight 93.

Whereas, The tragic events of September 11, 2001, will forever leave their indelible footprint on American culture; and Whereas, Forty of the nearly 3,000 victims bravely lost their lives in a Pennsylvania field aboard United Airlines Flight 93; and

Whereas, In order to solidify an enduring legacy of those heroic individuals, the men and women of the Loyal Order of Moose have stepped forward to aid in the fundraising efforts to create a memorial for the victims of Flight 93; and

Whereas, The nationwide Flight 93 Memorial Project has an ongoing \$30 million fundraising project as it attempts to find the estimated \$58 million for the memorial, which is scheduled to open September 11, 2011, for the 10-year anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the U.S.; and

Whereas, The Moose set about to assist in fundraising for this project in two ways: A "93-for-93" fundraiser, through which members were asked to contribute \$93 apiece to Moose Charities on behalf of the memorial project; and a second project involved the sale of specially-designed Flight 93 ties and scarves with proceeds also flowing toward the memorial project; and

Whereas, Through these efforts, the nearly one million Moose members have raised \$421,120.10 to date. This total, obtained entirely through the hard work of the Loyal Order of Moose, represents the largest single donation by a nonprofit organization to the ongoing memorial funding effort; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby honor and commend the Loyal Order of Moose and recognize and celebrate their selfless contributions to support memories of the heroes of Flight 93; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Loyal Order of Moose Monroe Chapter 717, Dundee Lodge 2520, Jackson Chapter 389, and Milan Chapter 1087 with our highest esteem.

Senators Anderson, Barcia, Basham, Birkholz, Clarke, Garcia, Gilbert, Gleason, Jacobs, Jelinek, Kuipers, Olshove, Pappageorge and Switalski were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 109.

A resolution recognizing September 2007 as Suicide Prevention Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The members of the Michigan Senate are dedicated to the continued support of suicide prevention initiatives in the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, The citizens of Michigan recognize suicide is a devastating tragedy affecting not only the victim's family and friends, but the community and state as a whole; and

Whereas, Research, unfortunately, shows that suicide claims the lives of over 30,000 individuals a year nationwide. In addition, suicide is currently one of the fastest-growing causes of death among youth and elderly. In Michigan alone, approximately 500 youth suicides are committed each year; and

Whereas, The first step in preventing suicide is to identify and understand the risk factors. Not necessarily causes, these risk factors are instances that increase the likelihood that a person will harm themselves; and

Whereas, Risk factors include a previous suicide attempt, a family history of suicide, a history of alcohol and/or substance abuse, a family history of child maltreatment, and a history of mental disorders, particularly depression. Also creating a compounding threat is the mere unwillingness to seek help because of stigmas attached to mental health and substance abuse disorders; and

Whereas, Statistics show that awareness, education, and action against suicide does save lives; now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate, That we herby recognize September 2007 as Suicide Prevention Month in the state of Michigan. Senators Anderson, Barcia, Basham, Birkholz, Clarke, Garcia, Gilbert, Gleason, Hunter, Jacobs, Jelinek, Kuipers, Olshove, Pappageorge and Switalski were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Anderson, Hunter, Thomas, Gleason, Basham, Prusi, Schauer, Brater and Scott offered the following resolution: Senate Resolution No. 110.

A resolution observing September 17-23, 2007, as Pollution Prevention Week in Michigan.

Whereas, Pollution prevention is a priority in achieving environmental quality in the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, The people of Michigan are proud of our state's beauty, natural resources, and environment; and

Whereas, Greenhouse gases and other pollutants continue to pose a challenge to our environment, public health, and safety; and

Whereas, Pollution prevention is a fundamental strategy to protect the environment and maintain the health and safety of Michigan citizens by stopping pollution before it occurs; and

Whereas, Pollution prevention can increase industrial competitiveness, energy efficiency, alternative energy, and help Michigan businesses benefit from pollution-free technology in a "bio-economy"; and

Whereas, Pollution prevention, through green chemistry, helps Michigan protect the environment and human health through the development of safer and less toxic products; and

Whereas, The Senate supports pollution prevention as a means to having both a sustainable environment and a healthy, vibrant economy that protects our natural resources for future generations; and

Whereas, Pollution Prevention Week is an opportunity for the people of Michigan to join together for a clean and vibrant Michigan by taking action to reduce waste at its source, or where this is not feasible, identify opportunities to reuse and recycle; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we observe September 17-23, 2007, as Pollution Prevention Week in Michigan. We commend all businesses and community members who participate in local and regional celebratory and educational activities; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to be posted on its Pollution Prevention Week Web site for Michigan residents to see.

Senators Barcia, Birkholz, Clark-Coleman, Garcia, Gilbert, Jacobs, Olshove, Pappageorge, Richardville and Switalski were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senate Resolution No. 96.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to extend the H2B returning worker exemption permanently.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

L. Douglas Wilder, former Virginia Lieutenant Governor, observed, "Persistence and a positive attitude are necessary ingredients for any successful venture." Well, I try real hard to follow that advice. I don't think any of you here doubt my persistence. I have maintained a positive attitude with those I represent when I tell them that we are going to take action this session on my insurance legislation, and we will make changes that will bring fairness to the system. But I've got to be honest with you. My positive attitude is occasionally tested when I confront the inaction of this legislative body. In fact, it makes me just downright angry.

You have my bills. You know the problem. You have the ability to solve it right in front of you. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, but let me, before I end my remarks, just tell my colleagues: Let's act on this now.

Senator Gleason's statement is as follows:

September 18th is an important day in my life. I've spoken to many on many occasions about receiving a kidney transplant from my sister Rita. This morning was the sixth anniversary of that marvelous gift that my sister gave to me that actually saved my life six years ago this morning. So I stand here publicly and thank my marvelous, saintly sister for that marvelous gift, for that great sacrifice.

My sister Rita had two young boys at home and her husband and family concerns to deal with, but yet, six years ago this morning, she offered herself and her kidney to save my life. My wife and I, we had a four-year-old daughter and a two-year-old son at home, not knowing what the consequences were going to be at this time of day six years ago. In 1977, it came to light that one day I would need a transplant. At that time, the specialist told me that they thought it would be within five years I would need a kidney transplant.

I had strep throat as a baby and that is a lot of what our work is here today. We have unexpected consequences and great opportunities to help solve issues. In 1977, I was 23 years old when they gave me the news that within five years I would need that lifesaving transplant. I told the good Lord at that time that I would dedicate my life if he helped me get through that situation. I dedicate my life to the disabled and to those who are infirmed and those who deal with mental and physical issues every single day.

Now there has been a lot of talk the last year or so about what is important and what we should fund, who we should support, who we should speak up on behalf of, but I know every single day across this great state that there are people who offer that sacrifice as my sister did six years ago. Now they aren't going to be talking about a 4.3 or a 4.4 or a 4.6 percent income tax. While they're lying on that bed, many in their last moments are concerned about how their families are going to be taken care of. That is what this budget that we are dealing with is all about. I went through it personally. I understand that you aren't thinking about what's happening in Lansing when you're lying in those beds, understanding that that could be the last breath that you draw or the last moment you spend with your family.

Now I've heard that this is an historic time in Michigan, that these budget concerns that we have are a once-in-history opportunity. I disagree. I think that every single day we represent the great people of Michigan we have a unique and historic opportunity. I'd ask us to get down with the business at hand, to fund the appropriate programs in an appropriate and responsible level, but most of all, today I rise to thank my sister in front of you and the citizens of Michigan for the great gift that she gave my family and I, knowing full well that she wasn't the only one who gave that historic and gracious gift, but it happens every single day. I'd like to thank the Michigan residents who find it important to donate their organs for others as well.

If you would join me today, I would love to give my sister Rita a round of applause for her great sacrifice and gesture.

Recess

8:55 p.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Prusi entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Cropsey moved that the Committee on Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of the following bill: Senate Bill No. 632, entitled

A bill to amend 1968 PA 15, entitled "Correctional industries act," by amending section 6 (MCL 800.326), as amended by 1996 PA 537.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, and the bill was placed on the order of General Orders.

Senator Cropsey moved that the Committee on Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 85.

A resolution to request the Governor to issue an Executive Directive requiring interdepartmental agreements and cooperation between the Department of Community Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Corrections to coordinate services to inmates in Michigan's prisons.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, and the resolution was placed on the order of Resolutions.

Senator Cropsey moved that the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs be discharged from further consideration of the following bill:

House Bill No. 4800, entitled

A bill to amend 1943 PA 240, entitled "State employees' retirement act," (MCL 38.1 to 38.69) by adding section 68c. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, and the bill was placed on the order of General Orders.

Senator Cropsey moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on the order of General Orders, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

Senate Bill No. 632

House Bill No. 4800

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

General Orders

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the President pro tempore, Senator Richardville, designated Senator Jansen as Chairperson. After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with amendments, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 632, entitled

A bill to amend 1968 PA 15, entitled "Correctional industries act," by amending section 6 (MCL 800.326), as amended by 1996 PA 537.

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

- 1. Amend page 2, line 3, after "A" by striking out "SIMILAR" and inserting "COMPARABLE IN STYLE".
- 2. Amend page 2, line 7, after the first "a" by striking out "youth".
- 3. Amend page 2, line 7, after "facility" by inserting "IN THIS STATE".

The Senate agreed to the amendments recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as amended 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: **House Bill No. 4800, entitled**

A bill to amend 1943 PA 240, entitled "State employees' retirement act," (MCL 38.1 to 38.69) by adding section 68c. Substitute (S-2).

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.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Senator Cropsey moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on their immediate passage at the head of the Third Reading of Bills calendar:

Senate Bill No. 632

House Bill No. 4800

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

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

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 632, entitled

A bill to amend 1968 PA 15, entitled "Correctional industries act," by amending section 6 (MCL 800.326), as amended by 1996 PA 537.

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. 332

Yeas-37

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Prusi
Anderson	Clarke	Jansen	Richardville
Barcia	Cropsey	Jelinek	Sanborn
Basham	Garcia	Kahn	Scott
Birkholz	George	Kuipers	Stamas
Bishop	Gilbert	McManus	Switalski
Brater	Gleason	Olshove	Thomas
Brown	Hardiman	Pappageorge	Van Woerkom
Cassis	Hunter	Patterson	Whitmer
Cherry			

Nays—0

Excused—1

Schauer

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4800, entitled

A bill to amend 1943 PA 240, entitled "State employees' retirement act," (MCL 38.1 to 38.69) by adding section 68c. 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. 333

Yeas-37

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Prusi
Anderson	Clarke	Jansen	Richardville
Barcia	Cropsey	Jelinek	Sanborn
Basham	Garcia	Kahn	Scott
Birkholz	George	Kuipers	Stamas
Bishop	Gilbert	McManus	Switalski
Brater	Gleason	Olshove	Thomas
Brown	Hardiman	Pappageorge	Van Woerkom
Cassis	Hunter	Patterson	Whitmer
Cherry			

Nays—0

Excused—1

Schauer

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

Senator Cropsey moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

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

"An act to provide for a state employees' retirement system; to create a state employees' retirement board and prescribe its powers and duties; to establish certain funds in connection with the retirement system; to require contributions to the retirement system by and on behalf of members and participants of the retirement system; to create certain accounts and provide for expenditures from those accounts; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local officers and employees and certain state departments and agencies; to prescribe and make appropriations for the retirement system; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies,".

The Senate agreed to the full title.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Resolutions

Senator Jelinek offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19.

A concurrent resolution to encourage the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Management and Budget to limit meal reimbursement to trips requiring overnight lodging.

Whereas, Shortfalls in the state budget require that the state look at all ways to reduce spending to meet the revenue collected by the state. The state currently provides generous reimbursements for expenses incurred by state employees during travel. Reimbursements compensate employees for meals consumed while traveling during a regular workday; and

Whereas, State standardized travel regulations should not provide for the reimbursement of meals unless travel necessitates an overnight stay; and

Whereas, The Civil Service Commission determines travel reimbursement policies for classified state employees and the Department of Management and Budget determines travel reimbursement policies for nonclassified state employees through the adoption of standardized travel regulations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we encourage the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Management and Budget to limit meal reimbursement to trips requiring overnight lodging; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Governor, Director of the Department of Management and Budget, Civil Service Commission, and State Personnel Director.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform,

Senator Cropsey moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Senate Resolution No. 85.

A resolution to request the Governor to issue an Executive Directive requiring interdepartmental agreements and cooperation between the Department of Community Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Corrections to coordinate services to inmates in Michigan's prisons.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Messages from the Governor

Senator Cropsey moved that consideration of the following bill be postponed for today:

Senate Bill No. 436

The motion prevailed.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Switalski introduced

Senate Bill No. 780, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16aa of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16aa), as added by 2007 PA 20.

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

Senator Switalski introduced

Senate Bill No. 781, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 539l. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Brater and Basham introduced

Senate Bill No. 782, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 3122, 5522, 11135, 11525a, 12103, 12109, and 12112 (MCL 324.3122, 324.5522, 324.11135, 324.11153, 324.11525a, 324.12103, 324.12109, and 324.12112), section 3122 as added by 2004 PA 90, section 5522 as amended by 2005 PA 169, sections 11135, 12103, 12109, and 12112 as amended and section 11153 as added by 2001 PA 165, and section 11525a as amended by 2003 PA 153.

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

Senator Thomas introduced

Senate Bill No. 783, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 320a (MCL 257.320a), as amended by 2004 PA 495, and by adding section 602b.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Cropsey moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned until Wednesday, September 19, at 12:00 noon.

The motion prevailed.

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight submitted the following:

Public hearing held on Monday, September 17, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., Saginaw Valley State University, Curtiss Hall, Banquet Room A, 7400 Bay Road, University Center

Present: Senators McManus (C) and Jacobs Excused: Senators Brown, Jansen and Schauer

Scheduled Meetings

Economic Development and Regulatory Reform - Monday, September 24, 10:00 a.m., Dundee Village Office, 350 West Monroe Street, Dundee (373-7670)

Energy Policy and Public Utilities - Thursday, September 20, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-7350)

Health Policy - Wednesday, September 19, 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-0793)

Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies - Thursday, September 20, 1:30 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-5932)

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs - Wednesday, September 19, 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-3447)

Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs - Wednesday, September 19, 9:00 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2413)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 9:22 p.m.

In pursuance of the order previously made, the President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at 12:00 noon.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI Secretary of the Senate