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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, April 29, 2008.

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 not present.

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

Garcia—excused
George—present
Gilbert—present
Gleason—present
Hardiman—present
Hunter—excused
Jacobs—present
Jansen—present
Jelinek—present
Kahn—present
Kuipers—excused
McManus—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

Senator Michael A. Prusi of the 38th District offered the following invocation:

We are born into innocence and grace, knowing neither sin nor salvation. As we grow and mature, we take up the faith of our fathers and find comfort in the worship of the God of our families.

Often we take for granted that weekly attendance at church or synagogue, and prayer, as needed, will suffice to keep us right with our God. But true faith demands so much more if we are to live our lives as righteous people.

Faith, hope, charity, and service to the family of man are what religion should be about. We cannot take for granted that someone else will love thy neighbor. It must be in our hearts each day, for it is love which shapes our lives and gives faith its meaning.

God's love for us and our love for God can move mountains. As we are all God's children, let us resolve to bring this love to our everyday works so that our faith is demonstrated by our deeds.

May God's wisdom inform us, may God's grace define us, and may God's peace come into our lives. Amen.

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

Recess

Senator Cropsy moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:04 a.m.

10:48 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Olshove, Brater, McManus, Gilbert, Sanborn, Stamas, Van Woerkom, Hardiman, Allen, Brown, Jelinek, Cassis, Bishop, Kahn, George, Birkholz, Pappageorge and Jansen entered the Senate Chamber.

A quorum of the Senate was present.

Motions and Communications

Senator Cropsy moved that Senators Garcia and Kuipers be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Thomas moved that Senator Hunter be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

The following communications were received:

Department of State

Administrative Rules Notices of Filing

April 24, 2008

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed at 4:38 p.m. this date, administrative rule (08-04-03) for the Department of State Police "Law Enforcement Standards and Training, Part 3," "Recruit Training."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

April 24, 2008

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed at 4:40 p.m. this date, administrative rule (08-04-04) for the Department of State Police "Basic Law Enforcement Training Programs."

These rule adoptions become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

April 24, 2008

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed at 4:42 p.m. this date, administrative rule (08-04-05) for the Department of State Police "Preservice Basic Training Programs."

These rule adoptions become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

April 24, 2008

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed at 4:44 p.m. this date, administrative rule (08-04-06) for the Department of Environmental Quality "Storage and Handling of Gaseous and Liquefied Hydrogen Systems."

These rules take effect 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,
Terri Lynn Land
Secretary of State
Robin Houston, Office Supervisor
Office of the Great Seal

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Friday, April 25, for her approval the following bills:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 885 at 9:34 a.m.

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1118 at 9:36 a.m.

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Thursday, April 24, and are available at the legislative website:

House Bill Nos. 6005 6006 6007 6008

The Secretary announced that the following official bills and joint resolution were printed on Friday, April 25, and are available at the legislative website:

Senate Bill Nos. 1275 1276

House Bill Nos. 6009 6010 6011 6012 6013 6014 6015 6016 6017 6018 6019 6020 6021 6022

House Joint Resolution AAA

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

House Bill No. 4507

Senate Bill No. 388

Senate Bill No. 868

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 511, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, adjust, and consolidate appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-9) the Senate substitute (S-2) to the House substitute (H-3).

The House of Representatives has concurred in the Senate substitute (S-2) as substituted (H-9) and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies, capital outlay, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,

Senator Thomas moved that the rule be suspended.

The motion did not prevail, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Thomas requested the yeas and nays.

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

The motion did not prevail, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 264

Yeas—16

Anderson	Cherry	Jacobs	Scott
Barcia	Clark-Coleman	Olshove	Switalski
Basham	Clarke	Prusi	Thomas
Brater	Gleason	Schauer	Whitmer

Nays—19

Allen	Cropsey	Jelinek	Richardville
Birkholz	George	Kahn	Sanborn
Bishop	Gilbert	McManus	Stamas
Brown	Hardiman	Pappageorge	Van Woerkom
Cassis	Jansen	Patterson	

Excused—3

Garcia	Hunter	Kuipers
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

Senate Bill No. 435, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 8152 (MCL 600.8152), as amended by 2002 PA 92.

Substitute (H-1).

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

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

Roll Call No. 265

Yeas—28

Allen	Clarke	Jansen	Prusi
Barcia	Cropsey	Jelinek	Richardville
Birkholz	George	Kahn	Sanborn

Bishop	Gilbert	McManus	Stamas
Brown	Gleason	Olshove	Switalski
Cassis	Hardiman	Pappageorge	Van Woerkom
Cherry	Jacobs	Patterson	Whitmer

Nays—7

Anderson	Brater	Schauer	Thomas
Basham	Clark-Coleman	Scott	

Excused—3

Garcia	Hunter	Kuipers
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,
 The recommendation was not concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving not voting therefor.
 Senator Cropsey moved that the bill be given immediate effect.
 The motion did not prevail, 2/3 of the members serving not voting therefor.
 Senator Cropsey requested the yeas and nays.
 The yeas and nays were ordered, 1/5 of the members present voting therefor.
 The motion did not prevail, 2/3 of the members not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 266**Yeas—21**

Allen	Clarke	Jansen	Patterson
Barcia	Cropsey	Jelinek	Richardville
Birkholz	George	Kahn	Sanborn
Bishop	Gilbert	McManus	Stamas
Brown	Hardiman	Pappageorge	Van Woerkom
Cassis			

Nays—14

Anderson	Clark-Coleman	Prusi	Switalski
Basham	Gleason	Schauer	Thomas
Brater	Jacobs	Scott	Whitmer
Cherry	Olshove		

Excused—3

Garcia	Hunter	Kuipers
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 716, entitled

A bill to amend 2004 PA 47, entitled “Medical records access act,” by amending section 3 (MCL 333.26263). Substitute (H-1).

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

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

Roll Call No. 267**Yeas—35**

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

Nays—0**Excused—3**

Garcia

Hunter

Kuipers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

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.

Third Reading of Bills

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

House Bill No. 4433

House Bill No. 4434

House Bill No. 4435

House Bill No. 4436

House Bill No. 4437

House Bill No. 5322

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4433, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 186, entitled “Tax tribunal act,” by amending sections 3, 31, 32, 35a, and 52 (MCL 205.703, 205.731, 205.732, 205.735a, and 205.752), section 3 as amended by 1992 PA 172 and section 35a as added by 2006 PA 174, and by adding section 47.

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. 268

Yeas—35

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

Nays—0

Excused—3

Garcia	Hunter	Kuipers
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

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.

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

“An act to create the tax tribunal; to provide for personnel, jurisdiction, functions, practice and procedure; to provide for appeals; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies; and to abolish certain boards.”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4434, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 186, entitled “Tax tribunal act,” by amending sections 26, 49, and 61 (MCL 205.726, 205.749, and 205.761), sections 26 and 49 as amended by 1980 PA 437 and section 61 as amended by 1992 PA 172.

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. 269**Yeas—34**

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

Nays—0**Excused—3**

Garcia	Hunter	Kuipers
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Not Voting—1

Schauer

In The Chair: President

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.

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

“An act to create the tax tribunal; to provide for personnel, jurisdiction, functions, practice and procedure; to provide for appeals; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies; and to abolish certain boards.”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4435, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 186, entitled “Tax tribunal act,” by amending section 22 (MCL 205.722).

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. 270**Yeas—35**

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

Nays—0

Excused—3

Garcia

Hunter

Kuipers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

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.

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

“An act to create the tax tribunal; to provide for personnel, jurisdiction, functions, practice and procedure; to provide for appeals; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies; and to abolish certain boards;”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4436, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 186, entitled “Tax tribunal act,” by amending section 62 (MCL 205.762), as amended by 1995 PA 232.

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. 271

Yeas—35

Allen
Anderson
Barcia
Basham
Birkholz
Bishop
Brater
Brown
Cassis

Cherry
Clark-Coleman
Clarke
Cropsey
George
Gilbert
Gleason
Hardiman
Jacobs

Jansen
Jelinek
Kahn
McManus
Olshove
Pappageorge
Patterson
Prusi
Richardville

Sanborn
Schauer
Scott
Stamas
Switalski
Thomas
Van Woerkom
Whitmer

Nays—0

Excused—3

Garcia

Hunter

Kuipers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

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.

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

“An act to create the tax tribunal; to provide for personnel, jurisdiction, functions, practice and procedure; to provide for appeals; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies; and to abolish certain boards.”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4437, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 186, entitled “Tax tribunal act,” by repealing section 66 (MCL 205.766).

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. 272

Yeas—35

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

Nays—0

Excused—3

Garcia	Hunter	Kuipers
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

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.

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

“An act to create the tax tribunal; to provide for personnel, jurisdiction, functions, practice and procedure; to provide for appeals; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies; and to abolish certain boards.”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 5322, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending section 1177a (MCL 380.1177a), as added by 2005 PA 240.

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. 273**Yeas—34**

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

Nays—1

Kahn

Excused—3

Garcia

Hunter

Kuipers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

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.

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

“An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.”.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Messages from the Governor

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

Senate Bill No. 436

Senate Bill No. 222

Senate Bill No. 229

Senate Bill No. 232

Senate Bill No. 238

Senate Bill No. 240

The motion prevailed.

The following messages from the Governor were received:

Date: April 24, 2008
Time: 7:45 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1187 (Public Act No. 108), being

An act to amend 1995 PA 24, entitled “An act to promote economic growth and job creation within this state; to create and regulate the Michigan economic growth authority; to prescribe the powers and duties of the authority and of state and local officials; to assess and collect a fee; to approve certain plans and the use of certain funds; and to provide qualifications for and determine eligibility for tax credits and other incentives for authorized businesses and for qualified taxpayers,” by amending sections 3 and 5 (MCL 207.803 and 207.805), section 3 as amended by 2008 PA 87 and section 5 as amended by 2003 PA 248.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on April 28, 2008, at 9:24 a.m.)

Date: April 24, 2008
Time: 7:47 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1188 (Public Act No. 109), being

An act to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled “An act to meet deficiencies in state funds by providing for the imposition, levy, computation, collection, assessment, reporting, payment, and enforcement of taxes on certain commercial, business, and financial activities; to prescribe the powers and duties of public officers and state departments; to provide for the inspection of certain taxpayer records; to provide for interest and penalties; to provide exemptions, credits, and refunds; to provide for the disposition of funds; to provide for the interrelation of this act with other acts; and to make appropriations,” (MCL 208.1101 to 208.1601) by adding section 431b.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on April 28, 2008, at 9:26 a.m.)

Date: April 24, 2008
Time: 7:49 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1189 (Public Act No. 110), being

An act to amend 1995 PA 24, entitled “An act to promote economic growth and job creation within this state; to create and regulate the Michigan economic growth authority; to prescribe the powers and duties of the authority and of state and local officials; to assess and collect a fee; to approve certain plans and the use of certain funds; and to provide qualifications for and determine eligibility for tax credits and other incentives for authorized businesses and for qualified taxpayers,” by amending sections 6 and 8 (MCL 207.806 and 207.808), section 6 as amended by 2007 PA 150 and section 8 as amended by 2007 PA 62.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on April 28, 2008, at 9:28 a.m.)

Date: April 24, 2008
Time: 7:51 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1190 (Public Act No. 111), being

An act to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled “An act to meet deficiencies in state funds by providing for the imposition, levy, computation, collection, assessment, reporting, payment, and enforcement of taxes on certain commercial, business, and financial activities; to prescribe the powers and duties of public officers and state departments; to provide for the inspection of certain taxpayer records; to provide for interest and penalties; to provide exemptions, credits, and refunds; to provide for the disposition of funds; to provide for the interrelation of this act with other acts; and to make appropriations,” by amending section 431 (MCL 208.1431).

(Filed with the Secretary of State on April 28, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.)

Date: April 24, 2008
Time: 7:53 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 192 (Public Act No. 106), being

An act to amend 1955 PA 133, entitled “An act to provide for the granting of military leaves and providing re-employment protection for officers and enlisted men of the military or naval forces of the state or of the United States,” by amending section 3 (MCL 32.273), as amended by 2002 PA 121.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on April 25, 2008, at 3:55 p.m.)

Date: April 24, 2008
Time: 8:02 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 120 (Public Act No. 107), being

An act to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “An act to protect the welfare of the people of this state; to provide general assistance, hospitalization, infirmary and medical care to poor or unfortunate persons; to provide for compliance by this state with the social security act; to provide protection, welfare and services to aged persons, dependent children, the blind, and the permanently and totally disabled; to administer programs and services for the prevention and treatment of delinquency, dependency and neglect of children; to create a state department of social services; to prescribe the powers and duties of the department; to provide for the interstate and intercounty transfer of dependents; to create county and district departments of social services; to create within certain county departments, bureaus of social aid and certain divisions and offices thereunder; to prescribe the powers and duties of the departments, bureaus and officers; to provide for appeals in certain cases; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state department with respect to county and district departments; to prescribe certain duties of certain other state departments, officers, and agencies; to make an appropriation; to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates,” (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 14j.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on April 25, 2008, at 3:57 p.m.)

Respectfully,
Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

April 24, 2008

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following reappointments to office under Section 7 of the Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act, 1965 PA 232, MCL 290.657:

Michigan Cherry Marketing Program Committee

Mr. John P. Bull of 3642 Orchard Highway, Manistee, Michigan 49660, county of Manistee, reappointed to represent District 1 tart cherry growers, for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

Mr. Kurt B. Dowd of 61225 60th Avenue, Hartford, Michigan 49057, county of Van Buren, reappointed to represent District 3 tart cherry growers, for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

Mr. Paul D. Hubbell of 10937 Elk Lake Road, Williamsburg, Michigan 49690, county of Grand Traverse, reappointed to represent District 1 sweet cherry growers, for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

Mr. Michael R. VanAgtmael of 2102 North 144th Avenue, Hart, Michigan 49420, county of Oceana, reappointed to represent District 2 tart cherry growers, for a term expiring February 1, 2011.

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform.

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 Gleason 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 without amendment, the following bills:

Senate Bill No. 72, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 811e (MCL 257.811e), as amended by 2006 PA 562, and by adding section 811r.

Senate Bill No. 1256, entitled

A bill to amend 2006 PA 152, entitled "An act to allow the requiring of a permit before demonstrating outside of locations in which a funeral service is being held; to allow local units of government to prohibit certain conduct at or near the locations in which a funeral service is being held; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain local governments and officials; and to provide for penalties," by amending section 3 (MCL 123.1113).

The bills were placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

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

House Bill No. 5798, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled "An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to provide for a restructuring of the manner in which energy is provided in this state; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 460.1 to 460.10cc) by adding section 6r.

The following is the amendment recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 11, line 8, after "(16)" by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting "**THE COMMISSION SHALL FILE A REPORT WITH THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE 5 YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, AND EVERY 5 YEARS THEREAFTER, THAT SHALL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ANY NEEDED LEGISLATION REGARDING THIS SECTION.**".

The Senate agreed to the amendment 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:

Senate Bill No. 382, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," by amending sections 105, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2208, 2209, 2210, and 2211 (MCL 339.105, 339.2201, 339.2202, 339.2203, 339.2204, 339.2205, 339.2208, 339.2209, 339.2210, and 339.2211), sections 105, 2205, and 2209 as amended by 1988 PA 463 and section 2204 as amended by 1981 PA 83.

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. 383, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 152, entitled "State license fee act," by amending section 15 (MCL 338.2215), as amended by 2003 PA 87.

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.

Resolutions

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22

Senate Resolution No. 154

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27

The motion prevailed.

Senators Kuipers, Whitmer, Cropsey, Sanborn, Prusi and Brown offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 181.

A resolution to urge the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission to expand its examination in its pending grievance investigation to all attorneys acting on behalf of the parties and litigants involved in the highly-publicized police whistleblower lawsuit and all other related litigation with the city of Detroit for their actions and inactions arising from these matters.

Whereas, Considerable negative public attention has been focused on certain activities related to the police whistleblower lawsuit involving two Detroit police officers, Gary Brown and Harold Nelthrope, and the city of Detroit. Furthermore, the recent indictment of the mayor of Detroit and his former chief of staff by the Wayne County prosecutor has commanded a great deal of media focus not only in Detroit and throughout Michigan, but also across the country; and

Whereas, This case has brought to light many egregious actions or omissions by attorneys beyond the \$8.4 million settlement itself; and

Whereas, The Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission, the investigative and prosecutorial arm of the Michigan Supreme Court for allegations of attorney misconduct, has, pursuant to Michigan Court Rule 9.108, initiated an examination of the actions of several attorneys associated with the Detroit whistleblower case and related activities; and

Whereas, The Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission has done, and continues to do, exemplary work in protecting the honor and integrity of the legal profession. We applaud the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission for taking the initiative to begin investigating the conduct of several of the attorneys involved in the Detroit police whistleblower lawsuit; and

Whereas, It is essential that all attorneys involved be thoroughly investigated and that the notoriety of this case and the involvement of high-ranking officials not obscure the fact that the actions of every attorney involved merit thorough scrutiny; and

Whereas, It has been expressed by various legal ethics experts, including a University of Detroit ethics professor, that the Detroit situation has raised serious questions of unethical behavior by the attorneys involved, including conflicts of interest, impeding the administration of justice, and possible criminal acts; and

Whereas, Michigan Court Rule 9.104 and Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 8.4 require, among other duties, that attorneys shall not engage in conduct that exposes the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, and shall not engage in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals. Indeed, lawyers have a recognized obligation to uphold our system of justice; and

Whereas, Misconduct and unethical behavior among attorneys, especially those acting in official capacities, contribute to an erosion of public trust in the state's legal system that is harmful not only to the residents of Detroit, but also the citizens of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission to expand its examination in its pending grievance investigation to all attorneys acting on behalf of the parties and litigants involved in the highly-publicized police whistleblower lawsuit and all other related litigation with the city of Detroit for their actions and inactions arising from these matters; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the 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 question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Cropsey moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Barcia and Jacobs were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Barcia, Anderson, Prusi, Whitmer, Jacobs, Clarke, Basham, Hunter, Olshove, Scott, Schauer, Thomas, Switalski, Brater, Gleason and Clark-Coleman offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 182.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act.

Whereas, Housing is at the heart of strong communities and stable neighborhoods. Safe, decent, affordable housing is key to the health and welfare of every individual and family; and

Whereas, The lack of affordable housing has resulted in homelessness, economic hardship, health crises, and related traumas for untold numbers of men, women, and children in Michigan and throughout the United States; and

Whereas, There are only 36 units of affordable and available housing in Michigan for every 100 extremely low-income renter households. More than 486,000 renter households in Michigan are unable to afford the average rent for a 2-bedroom unit. The average fair-market rent for a 2-bedroom unit in Michigan is 3.1 percent higher in 2008 than in 2007 and 26 percent higher than 2000; and

Whereas, More than 9,600,000 extremely low-income households in the United States pay more than half of their incomes for housing; and

Whereas, Housing represents 23 percent of the United States gross domestic product and is vital to our national economy. Housing construction and rehabilitation hold enormous potential for economic stimulus and the creation of jobs; and

Whereas, The construction of new housing and the preservation or rehabilitation of existing housing that is affordable for low-income people must be a national priority; and

Whereas, The goal of the National Housing Trust Fund Campaign is to produce, rehabilitate, and preserve 1.5 million units of housing over the next 10 years; and

Whereas, The United States House of Representatives passed H.R. 2895, the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007, on October 10, 2007, with the co-sponsorship and support of United States Representatives Upton and Kildee and the support of Representatives Stupak, Miller, Levin, Kilpatrick, Conyers, and Dingell of Michigan; and

Whereas, In the United States Senate, S. 2523, the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007, was introduced on December 19, 2007; and

Whereas, Both S. 2523 and H.R. 2895 target 75 percent of trust fund dollars to extremely low-income households and require that at least 30 percent of trust fund dollars go to households that qualify for Supplemental Security Income benefits; and

Whereas, The National Affordable Housing Trust Fund, as contemplated in both S. 2523 and H.R. 2895, would require no new taxes. Its purpose, to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families, is of great importance to our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the 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 question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Cropsey moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Cherry and Kahn were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Jansen introduced

Senate Bill No. 1277, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled "Worker's disability compensation act of 1969," by amending section 209 (MCL 418.209), as added by 1985 PA 103.

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

Senator Sanborn introduced

Senate Bill No. 1278, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending sections 2111, 3101, 3104, 3107, 3114, 3115, 3163, and 3172 (MCL 500.2111, 500.3101, 500.3104, 500.3107, 500.3114, 500.3115, 500.3163, and 500.3172), section 2111 as amended by 2002 PA 492, section 3101 as amended by 1988 PA 126, section 3104 as amended by 2002 PA 662, section 3107 as amended by 1991 PA 191, section 3114 as amended by 2002 PA 38, section 3163 as amended by 2002 PA 697, and section 3172 as amended by 1984 PA 426.

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

Senator Sanborn introduced

Senate Bill No. 1279, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending sections 3107 and 3157 (MCL 500.3107 and 500.3157), section 3107 as amended by 1991 PA 191.

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

Senators Cherry and Gleason introduced

Senate Bill No. 1280, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 325, entitled “An act to authorize county sheriffs to declare a county jail overcrowding state of emergency; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain judges, county sheriffs, and other county officials; and to provide remedies for a county jail overcrowding state of emergency,” by amending section 6 (MCL 801.56), as amended by 1988 PA 399.

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

Senators Brown, Allen, Richardville, Prusi and Gilbert introduced

Senate Bill No. 1281, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled “The general property tax act,” by amending section 9f (MCL 211.9f), as amended by 2007 PA 116.

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

House Bill No. 5936, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled “Occupational code,” by amending sections 720, 723, 724, 728, and 734 (MCL 339.720, 339.723, 339.724, 339.728, and 339.734), sections 720 and 724 as added by 1997 PA 10, sections 723 and 734 as amended by 2005 PA 278, and section 728 as amended by 2000 PA 334, and by adding sections 727a and 734a.

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

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

House Bill No. 5983, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 40107a (MCL 324.40107a), as amended by 2003 PA 242.

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 Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

Statements

Senators Scott, Gleason 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 Scott’s statement is as follows:

There is an old African proverb that says, “No day dawns like another.” And while I am in no position to argue with an adage that has been around for generations, I’m beginning to humbly disagree because there is becoming a sameness about my days here in the Legislature; because every day that passes is just like the previous one—with no action on my insurance bills.

But I still hold hope that one day—in the very near future—a new day will dawn and it will hold hope and promise for millions of Michigan drivers and homeowners as fairness and justice are restored to Michigan’s insurance system. It is on that day that my esteemed colleagues will finally move my bills. Hallelujah!

Senator Gleason’s statement is as follows:

It is with a special privilege that I rise today and advance the name of Bishop Earl Boyea. He took his vespers last evening, and he is going to take his full obligation tonight down here at the Lansing St. Mary Cathedral, a Catholic cathedral over there.

This is quite a common man who has a great background. I would just like to offer some remarks to his welcome here to this state, city, and also his work ahead with the many, many numerous charitable organizations that he deals with not only the Catholic Charities and Habitat for Humanity, but he has a great history of being a very benevolent man, and he has risen now. Last night he rose as the new bishop for the Lansing Diocese that encompasses ten counties.

So I would like to have my remarks entered in the Journal, and I know you, too, Lieutenant Governor, as well welcome our new bishop into the Diocese as well.

Senator Sanborn's statement is as follows:

You know, I know the Senator from the 2nd District probably didn't get a copy of *MIRS* this morning, but she would be very excited to hear that we are taking some substantive steps toward reducing the costs of insurance not for just any one district, but for the entire state of Michigan. I know she will be very excited to hear about that, and maybe she can step forward and spend some of her energy that she has spent over the last four and a half years talking about what she can do to engage in the process to lower people's insurance rates by as much as 15 percent, as she has indicated. If you are paying \$4,000 a year, that could mean \$600 less.

You know, 55 percent of the people in Detroit are driving without insurance right now. That would make it just a bit more affordable for people who intend to follow the law. You know, there are a lot of good people down in Detroit right now who are forced to drive without insurance. You know, they want to be legally covered, they want to drive their kids to school legally, and they want to drive to work legally. But we cannot get up day after day and attack the industry for the sake of sounding like we're fighting against it. We need to rally together. It was great to see *MIRS* talking about the cold day in Hades that the chairman, who happens to be from Macomb County, could unite with Chairman Virgil Smith, who happens to be from the city of Detroit, and start moving this legislation forward, very important piece of legislation, with regard to the PIP premiums.

And I encourage the Senator to spend some of her energy to engage in the process to lower insurance rates. You know, this is about the free market. We are offering good free market solutions with that word that I like so much, competition; competition to create lower rates. It is not a socialist conspiracy. We are not saying that people from outside the municipality should pay more, so people inside can pay less. No, that would be socialism. You are never going to hear that from me, but it is free markets. We are talking about competition to lower people's rates.

The fact of the matter is if we would spend a little bit more time educating people in the municipalities that the reason rates tend to be higher in the inner cities is because there are more people driving in a more concentrated area, so you have more accidents. It's that 55 percent of the people in the city of Detroit, for example, who are driving without insurance compared to 17 percent in the tri-county area, compared to 12 percent in the out-state areas. You know, that 55 percent is driving the cost of insurance up for the rest of us. We need to spend our time educating people about the cost of driving without insurance. We need to work together on a proposal like this to educate people that we can make insurance more affordable.

Then the fact of the matter is people in the municipalities are stealing more cars that drives up the cost of insurance. So if we could focus on educating these people about not stealing cars, not driving without insurance, and the fact that when you live in a concentrated area, you are more at risk to have an auto accident, then we could work toward driving the cost of insurance down.

I encourage all members of this chamber, for the good of their constituencies, to not demagogue the issues but to step forward and work with myself and my counterpart, the House Chairman Virgil Smith from the wonderful city of Detroit. When Macomb County and the city of Detroit can stand together for the good of the constituency, let's stop demagoguing the issue, and, in this case, for four and a half years to attack the insurance industry. While I know it makes great politic, it doesn't make for good policy.

You know, I had the privilege of meeting with the Minority Leader from Indiana just this past week, and we talked about what is going right in the state of Indiana and are things going as well as they appear to be? And he said, "Better." He said, "The things that you are doing in Michigan right now are driving jobs to Indiana." The talk that we are doing on the floor of the Senate is driving insurance jobs down there, now. If you drive down to the city of Indianapolis, you will see they are building financial centers of insurance and banking because of the regulatory reform, the tax rates, and just a friendly environment.

I ask that my remarks be printed in the Journal. Please stop demagoguing the issue. Let's get it done.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Finance reported

House Bill No. 5476, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 435 (MCL 206.435), as added by 2007 PA 133.

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

Nancy Cassis
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Cassis, Gilbert, McManus, Jansen, Prusi, Jacobs and Whitmer
Nays: None
The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 1:12 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building
Present: Senators Cassis (C), Gilbert, McManus, Jansen, Prusi, Jacobs and Whitmer

The Committee on Agriculture reported

Senate Bill No. 1122, entitled

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled "Michigan renaissance zone act," by amending section 8a (MCL 125.2688a), as amended by 2006 PA 476.

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.

Gerald Van Woerkom
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz, Gleason and Whitmer
Nays: None
The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Agriculture reported

House Bill No. 4905, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 239, entitled "An act to license and regulate animal food manufacturing plants, transfer stations, dead animal dealers, rendering plants, and certain vehicles; to regulate the disposal of dead animals and to provide for poultry and livestock composting; to prescribe powers and duties of certain state departments; to impose fees; to provide for remedies and to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 3, 4, and 15 (MCL 287.653, 287.654, and 287.665), as amended by 2005 PA 66.

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.

Gerald Van Woerkom
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz, Gleason and Whitmer
Nays: None
The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Agriculture reported

House Bill No. 5585, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 267, entitled "Manufacturing milk law of 2001," by amending sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 70, 90, 110, 110a, 111, 113, 114, 115, 116, 119, 125, 130, 131, 136, 137, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 152, and 159 (MCL 288.570, 288.571, 288.572, 288.573, 288.575, 288.576, 288.577, 288.630, 288.650, 288.670, 288.670a, 288.671, 288.673, 288.674, 288.675, 288.676, 288.679, 288.685, 288.690, 288.691, 288.696, 288.697, 288.699, 288.700, 288.701, 288.702, 288.703, 288.712, and 288.719), section 110a as added by 2004 PA 282.

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.

Gerald Van Woerkom
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Woerkom, Gilbert, Birkholz, Gleason and Whitmer

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 Agriculture submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Van Woerkom (C), Gilbert, Birkholz, Gleason and Whitmer

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Health Policy submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 2:15 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators George (C), Sanborn, Allen, Clarke, Gleason and Jacobs

Excused: Senator Patterson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Kuipers (C), Van Woerkom, Cassis and Whitmer

Excused: Senator Gleason

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on State Police and Military Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Garcia (C) and Cropsey

Excused: Senator Barcia

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Transportation submitted the following:

Meeting held on Friday, April 25, 2008, at 10:35 a.m., Conference Room, Rapid Central Station, 250 Grandville SW, Grand Rapids

Present: Senators Hardiman (C), Cropsey and Anderson

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

Agriculture - Wednesdays, April 30, May 7 and May 14, 3:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Community Health Department - Thursday, May 1, 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2768)

Economic Development - Wednesdays, April 30, May 7 and May 14, 8:30 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-2768)

General Government - Tuesday, May 13, 2:30 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building; and Tuesday, May 6, 2:30 p.m., Room 48, Information Technology Operations Center, 7285 Parson Drive, Lansing (373-2768)

History, Arts, and Libraries - Thursdays, May 1 and May 15, 8:30 a.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Human Services Department - Tuesdays, May 6 and May 13, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

Judiciary and Corrections - Wednesday, April 30, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

State Police and Military Affairs - Thursdays, May 1 and May 8, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Transportation Department - Friday, May 2, 11:00 a.m., Conference Room, Road Commission for Oakland County, 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills; and Thursday, May 15, 12:30 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Economic Development and Regulatory Reform - Wednesday, April 30, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-7670)

Education - Thursday, May 1, 2:30 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-6920)

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

Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates - Tuesday, May 27, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-0212)

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs - Wednesday, April 30, 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-3447)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, June 10, 9:30 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs - Wednesday, April 30, 9:00 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2413)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:46 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate

