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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, May 13, 2009.

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

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

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

Reverend Dennis Irish of Trinity United Methodist Church of Algonac and Marine City United Methodist Church of Marine City offered the following invocation:

Holy God, we come before You this morning with a lot of things on our plate. Father, we ask for Your wisdom, and we ask for Your patience. We ask, Lord, that You would be with us as we make decisions for each and every citizen of our state. Be with us this day.

In God's holy 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 Bishop entered the Senate Chamber.

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

Senator Thomas moved that Senator Clark-Coleman be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senators Brater, Garcia and Kahn entered the Senate Chamber.

The following communication was received:  
Department of Treasury

May 11, 2009

Please find attached one copy of the Principal Residence Exemption Compliance Program Quarterly Report for the period January 1, 2009 - March 31, 2009. The report is required by Public Act 261 of 2008, the General Government Appropriations Act. Section 947 of the Act provides, in part, as follows:

(1) Of the \$4,749,200.00 included in part 1 for the revenue enhancement program, \$4,249,200.00 shall be used for revenue collection enhancement activities including auditing functions.

(3) The \$500,000.00 balance of the \$4,749,200.00 shall be used for the principal residence exemption compliance program. Along with other program costs, expenditures shall include the development and maintenance of a statewide web-based database created for the purpose of enforcing the principal residence exemption compliance program. The department shall submit quarterly progress reports that include the number of exemptions denied and the revenue received under this program. The legislative auditor general shall complete a performance audit of the principal residence exemption compliance program prior to April 1, 2009. Revenue generated to the state from the principal residence exemption compliance program shall be used to reimburse the state general fund for the \$500,000.00 appropriation prior to any other allocation. Additional funds from the revenue enhancement program and carry-forward appropriations may be used to support costs in excess of \$500,000.00.

Frederick Headen, Director  
Bureau of Local Government Services

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:  
Office of Senator Ron Jelinek

May 12, 2009

On Tuesday, May 5, 2009, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the Governor's Executive Order 2009-22.

Ron Jelinek  
State Senator  
21st District

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Tuesday, May 12, for her approval the following bills:

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 145 at 2:16 p.m.**

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 146 at 2:18 p.m.**

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 466 at 2:20 p.m.**

### Messages from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received:

Date: May 12, 2009  
Time: 3:24 p.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 466 (Public Act No. 26), 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 434 (MCL 208.1434), as amended by 2009 PA 6.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on May 12, 2009, at 3:59 p.m.)

Respectfully,  
Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

May 12, 2009

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following appointment to office under Section 2 of 1978 PA 260, MCL 393.352:

**Commission for the Blind**

Mr. Michael S. Geno of 2028 Ste. Clair Street, Port Huron, Michigan 48060, county of St. Clair, succeeding Mark A. Eagle, who has resigned, is appointed to represent blind persons, for a term commencing May 12, 2009 and expiring September 30, 2010.

May 12, 2009

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following appointments and reappointments to state office under Section 6 of the Michigan Economic and Social Opportunity Act of 1981, 1981 PA 230, MCL 400.1106:

**Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity**

Mr. Donald E. Jones of 50 Ridge Road, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069, county of Oakland, succeeding Alicia Harrison, whose term has expired, is appointed to represent community action agencies, for a term commencing May 12, 2009 and expiring June 21, 2011.

Ms. Alexandria F. Kiel of 20220 Fenmore, Detroit, Michigan 48235, county of Wayne, succeeding Tracey Nash, whose term has expired, is appointed to represent low income individuals, for a term commencing May 12, 2009 and expiring June 21, 2011.

Mr. John K. Stephenson of 4593 State Park Highway, Interlochen, Michigan 49643, county of Grand Traverse, is appointed to represent community action agencies, for a term commencing May 5, 2009 and expiring June 21, 2011.

Ms. Karol J. Bolton of 923 East Church Street, Adrian, Michigan 49221, county of Lenawee, is reappointed to represent elected public officials, for a term expiring June 21, 2011.

Ms. Sheilah P. Clay of 24376 Millcreek Court, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336, county of Oakland, is reappointed to represent the private sector, for a term expiring June 21, 2011.

Mr. William J. Dubord of 716 South 19th Street, Escanaba, Michigan 49829, county of Delta, is reappointed to represent community action agencies, for a term expiring June 21, 2011.

Mr. Gary W. Gilbert of P.O. Box 275, 660 West Main Street, Mecosta, Michigan 49332, county of Mecosta, is reappointed to represent community action agencies, for a term expiring June 21, 2011.

Ms. Sonia M. Harb of 6451 Schaefer, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, county of Wayne, is reappointed to represent the private sector, for a term expiring June 21, 2011.

Ms. Marsha A. Kreucher of 134 West Michigan, Suite 300, Jackson, Michigan 49201, county of Jackson, is reappointed to represent community action agencies, for a term expiring June 21, 2011.

Mr. Daniel J. Piepszowski of 3424 Kensington Road, Detroit, Michigan 48224, county of Wayne, is reappointed to represent the private sector, for a term expiring June 21, 2011.

Mr. John K. Stephenson of 4593 State Park Highway, Interlochen, Michigan 49643, county of Grand Traverse, is also designated to serve as Chairperson of the Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity, to serve as Chairperson, for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

May 12, 2009

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following reappointments to state office under to Section 15 of the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act, 1974 PA 154, MCL 408.1015:

**General Industry Safety Standards Commission**

Mr. Jeffrey Radjewski of 26449 Birchcrest Drive, Chesterfield Township, Michigan 48051, county of Macomb, is reappointed to represent labor, for a term expiring March 26, 2012.

Mr. AJ Hale of 24 Peter Pan Lane, Marshall, Michigan 49068, county of Calhoun, is reappointed to represent the management of principal industries in the state, for a term expiring March 26, 2012.

May 12, 2009

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following appointment and reappointments to office under Section 11 of the Hospital Finance Authority Act, 1969 PA 38, MCL 331.41:

**State Hospital Finance Authority**

Ms. Mary Ann Minard of 5675 Lochwoode Court, Holt, Michigan 48842, county of Ingham, succeeding Asad Malik, whose term has expired, is appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing May 12, 2009 and expiring March 1, 2013.

Ms. Linda E. Bloch of 484 West Maple, Birmingham, Michigan 48009, county of Oakland, is reappointed to represent the general public, for a term expiring March 1, 2013.

Ms. Marylee Davis, Ph.D., of 6371 Island Lake Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, county of Ingham, is reappointed to represent the general public, for a term expiring March 1, 2013.

May 12, 2009

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following reappointment to state office under Executive Order 2002-3, MCL 12.192:

**Michigan Public Educational Facilities Authority**

Mr. David S. Mittleman, a Democrat, of 1700 Old Mill Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, county of Ingham, is reappointed for a term expiring March 18, 2013.

May 12, 2009

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following appointment to state office under Sections 16121 and 18821 of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16121 and MCL 333.18821:

**Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine**

Ms. Carlene M. Allen of 10784 Sanctuary, Frederic, Michigan 49733, county of Otsego, succeeding Harold Paulson, who has resigned, is appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing May 12, 2009 and expiring December 31, 2009.

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 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 without amendment, the following bills:

**Senate Bill No. 433, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 724 (MCL 257.724), as amended by 2005 PA 179.

**Senate Bill No. 416, entitled**

A bill to amend 2005 PA 92, entitled "School bond qualification, approval, and loan act," by amending section 9 (MCL 388.1929), as amended by 2006 PA 71.

**Senate Bill No. 480, entitled**

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled "Michigan business tax act," by amending section 515 (MCL 208.1515), as amended by 2007 PA 145.

**Senate Bill No. 495, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 80130, 80315, 81114, and 82156 (MCL 324.80130, 324.80315, 324.81114, and 324.82156), as amended by 2005 PA 174.

**Senate Bill No. 540, entitled**

A bill to amend 1972 PA 222, entitled "An act to provide for an official personal identification card; to provide for its form, issuance and use; to regulate the use and disclosure of information obtained from the card; to prescribe the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to prescribe fees; to prescribe certain penalties for violations; and to provide an appropriation for certain purposes," by amending section 7 (MCL 28.297), as amended by 2005 PA 172.

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 a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 264, entitled**

A bill to prohibit the sale of certain uncertified cigarettes; to provide standards for testing and fire safety certification of cigarettes; to provide remedies and civil sanctions; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Substitute (S-1).

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

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

**Senate Bill No. 494, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 208b, 217a, 232, 801, 802, 803b, 803r, 804, 806, 809, 810b, 811d, 811e, and 811h (MCL 257.208b, 257.217a, 257.232, 257.801, 257.802, 257.803b, 257.803r, 257.804, 257.806, 257.809, 257.810b, 257.811d, 257.811e, and 257.811h), sections 208b and 232 as amended by 2005 PA 173, sections 217a and 804 as amended and section 803r as added by 2003 PA 152, section 801 as amended by 2008 PA 7, section 802 as amended by 2004 PA 163, section 803b as amended by 2004 PA 426, section 806 as amended by 2008 PA 281, section 809 as amended by 2008 PA 280, section 810b as amended by 2006 PA 549, and sections 811d, 811e, and 811h as amended by 2006 PA 562.

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.

During the Committee of the Whole, Senator Barcia entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

**Third Reading of Bills**

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

**Senate Bill No. 282**

**Senate Bill No. 321**

**Senate Bill No. 141**  
**Senate Bill No. 432**  
**Senate Bill No. 490**  
**Senate Bill No. 358**  
 The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 282, entitled**

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7cc (MCL 211.7cc), as amended by 2008 PA 198.

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. 172**

**Yeas—36**

Allen	Cherry	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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

Clark-Coleman

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 321, entitled**

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled "Mental health code," (MCL 330.1001 to 330.2106) by adding section 204c.

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. 173**

**Yeas—36**

Allen	Cherry	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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

Clark-Coleman

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kahn's statement is as follows:

Colleagues, Senate Bill No. 321 will authorize a community mental health program to form a nonprofit organization for the purposes of administrative and information technology services to other organizations. This legislation will, therefore, assist our community mental health programs in providing services and support to our people, and in particular, to people with serious and persistent mental illnesses.

The bill is consistent with the efforts in state government to encourage cooperative purchasing and other measures that create efficiencies. This legislation will allow community mental health service programs to coordinate with each other and thus minimize administrative costs.

So as we vote on this bill and pass it and send it over to the House, we are sending over a bill that will improve services, coordinate services, and save money. I ask for its passage.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 141, entitled**

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7cc (MCL 211.7cc), as amended by 2008 PA 198.

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. 174**

**Yeas—36**

Allen	Cherry	Jacobs	Prusi
Anderson	Clarke	Jansen	Richardville
Barcia	Cropsey	Jelinek	Sanborn
Basham	Garcia	Kahn	Scott
Birkholz	George	Kuipers	Stamas
Bishop	Gilbert	McManus	Switalski

Brater  
Brown  
Cassis

Gleason  
Hardiman  
Hunter

Olshove  
Pappageorge  
Patterson

Thomas  
Van Woerkom  
Whitmer

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

Clark-Coleman

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 432, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 513 (MCL 436.1513), as amended by 2007 PA 11.

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. 175**

**Yeas—36**

Allen  
Anderson  
Barcia  
Basham  
Birkholz  
Bishop  
Brater  
Brown  
Cassis

Cherry  
Clarke  
Cropsey  
Garcia  
George  
Gilbert  
Gleason  
Hardiman  
Hunter

Jacobs  
Jansen  
Jelinek  
Kahn  
Kuipers  
McManus  
Olshove  
Pappageorge  
Patterson

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Sanborn  
Scott  
Stamas  
Switalski  
Thomas  
Van Woerkom  
Whitmer

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

Clark-Coleman

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 490, entitled**

A bill to amend 1950 (Ex Sess) PA 21, entitled “An act to create the Mackinac bridge authority, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the determination of the physical and financial feasibility of a bridge connecting the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan; to provide for a board of consulting engineers, and to prescribe its powers and duties; and to make an appropriation to carry out the provisions of this act,” (MCL 254.301 to 254.302) by amending the title and by adding section 1a.

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. 176**

**Yeas—36**

Allen	Cherry	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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

Clark-Coleman

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**Introduction and Referral of Bills**

Senator Switalski introduced

**Senate Bill No. 572, entitled**

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled “Use tax act,” by amending section 4d (MCL 205.94d), as amended by 2008 PA 439.

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

Senators Whitmer, Anderson, Olshove, Cherry, Gleason, Basham, Switalski, Brater, Prusi, Jacobs, Thomas, Clark-Coleman, Scott and Clarke introduced

**Senate Bill No. 573, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 331, entitled “Michigan consumer protection act,” by amending section 4 (MCL 445.904), as amended by 2003 PA 216.

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

Senators Garcia, Cropsey, Pappageorge, Olshove, Kuipers, Allen, Barcia and Basham introduced **Senate Bill No. 574, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 312e (MCL 257.312e), as amended by 2006 PA 298.

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

### Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hunter's statement is as follows:

This week we all read about Blue Cross Blue Shield's plan to finally offer an insurance plan to cover one type of autism treatment. The Blues will offer to employers a plan that will allow for up to 60 treatment visits for one child for applied behavior analysis treatment. Employers can choose to offer this insurance, or they can choose not to offer it to their employees. This plan will be offered through employers who already carry outpatient mental health coverage. The Blues have taken a very small step in the right direction; however, what they are offering still does not meet the needs of these families. We can and we need to do much more for families who are struggling with the costs of treatment for their autistic children. These families need comprehensive, long-term care. Autism is not going to go away after just 60 visits for therapy, Mr. President.

I have introduced bills that would do even more than Blue Cross Blue Shield is planning to do. My bills would create an autism research fund funded by an income tax checkoff; make treatment programs more accessible to parents and their children in the early years of their diagnosis; and cover more autism services, including therapeutic evaluations and interventions, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, intensive early intervention, and applied behavioral analysis and therapy. And my legislation would truly help families struggling with this diagnosis by prohibiting an insurer from limiting the number of treatment visits a child can have.

These are the services that these families need. Applied behavior analysis and therapy is just one service in an entire range of treatments that an autistic child may need. Now 19 states, both red and blue, conservative and liberal, have autism insurance legislation pending in their Legislature. It is time for Michigan to join the other ten states that already specifically require insurers to cover autism treatments.

As you can see by the 29 states that have already dealt with or are dealing with this issue, autism is neither a Republican nor a Democratic issue. Autism affects families and children throughout communities across Michigan. We should not make acting on this legislation a political issue.

When I introduced these bills during our last legislative session, they were properly sent to the Senate Health Policy Committee. When I introduced these bills this year, the Health Policy Committee and the chair, who is a medical doctor to boot and best suited to provide a professional opinion on autism needs, were bypassed. Instead, the bills have been referred to the Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee. Now, if the two medical doctors in this chamber would like to explain to me why this is a better committee to consider these bills than the Health Policy Committee, I would like to hear what they have to say. It seems to me that my bills have been sent to the wrong committee intentionally to die. I sincerely hope, with all due respect to the chair of the Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee, that I'm wrong.

We have all met these families and heard their stories when they have come to Lansing to ask for our help. With support from across the aisle, this legislation would have the chance to move forward and help these families and their children. I urge the Senate Republican leadership to not ignore these children and their families. I urge you to put politics aside and help me pass these bills and give these children the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

Elbert Hubbard wrote, "It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires great strength to decide on what to do." We need to show the people of Michigan that we have the strength and willpower to fix this problem with auto insurance rates that are just too high for too many people to pay. Families across Michigan are making some very hard decisions during these challenging economic times. We can help them by moving my legislation to ensure that everyone is paying a fair price for their auto insurance coverage.

I am not talking about a handout. I am talking about fairness. I am talking about a fair price for a product that we require our citizens to buy. The people sent you and me to Lansing to look out for them and to do what is right for them. It is time we do just that and pass legislation to bring fairness to auto insurance costs for all Michigan citizens.

Senator Kahn's statement is as follows:

I rise in response to the comments of the Senator from the 5th District who wonders about doctors—this Senator being a doctor—and our commitment to issues such as autism. You should know that my neighbor is the founder of Connor's Autism Project, which I have supported personally not just financially, but also with time and an effort to find funding for that project. You should also know that there are two other autism projects locally that I work on.

In regard to bills and the placement of bills, I am more than willing to sit down and talk with the Senator from the 5th District on location and substance and quality, whether the bills are whole as they are, whether they need amending, if they serve the noble service that he aspires to, or whether the bills won't work. My office phone number is (517) 373-1760, and I would be delighted to speak with him at any time.

Senator Garcia's statement is as follows:

I rise to help many of my colleagues because many of you have received calls from veterans opposed to efforts to revamp the way we provide services to our veterans. In an era of rapidly dwindling state resources, we cannot afford to do things the way that we have always done them.

The goal of my committee is to continue to provide services and support to our veterans but to do so in a more coordinated and cost-effective manner. As someone who has been a part of the military for 28 years, I believe we must do everything we can to support our veterans, but we must also do so in a manner that maximizes the effective range of the dollars we give to our veteran service organizations.

As a budget process develops, I ask my colleagues to keep this in mind. I intend to work with all of the veteran service organizations to have them be a part of the solution to the challenge of providing services at a time of constrained resources.

### Committee Reports

The Committee on Transportation reported

**Senate Bill No. 49, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 224 (MCL 257.224), as amended by 2006 PA 177.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judson S. Gilbert II  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gilbert, Kahn and Van Woerkom

Nays: Senator Basham

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Transportation reported

**Senate Bill No. 59, 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.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judson S. Gilbert II  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gilbert, Kahn and Van Woerkom

Nays: Senator Basham

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Transportation reported

**Senate Bill No. 128, 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.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judson S. Gilbert II  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gilbert, Kahn and Van Woerkom  
Nays: Senator Basham  
The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Transportation reported

**Senate Bill No. 135, 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.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judson S. Gilbert II  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gilbert, Kahn and Van Woerkom  
Nays: Senator Basham  
The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Transportation reported

**Senate Bill No. 199, 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.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judson S. Gilbert II  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gilbert, Kahn, Van Woerkom and Gleason  
Nays: Senator Basham  
The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Transportation reported

**Senate Bill No. 266, entitled**

A bill to amend 1972 PA 106, entitled "Highway advertising act of 1972," by amending section 18a (MCL 252.318a), as amended by 2006 PA 448.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

Judson S. Gilbert II  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

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

The Committee on Transportation reported

**Senate Bill No. 324, 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.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judson S. Gilbert II  
Chairperson

## To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gilbert, Kahn and Van Woerkom  
Nays: Senator Basham  
The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Transportation reported

**House Bill No. 4053, entitled**

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 77.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judson S. Gilbert II  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gilbert, Kahn, Van Woerkom, Basham and Gleason

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Transportation reported

**House Bill No. 4224, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 719 (MCL 257.719), as amended by 2004 PA 420.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Judson S. Gilbert II  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gilbert, Kahn, Van Woerkom and Basham

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Transportation submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 1:03 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Gilbert (C), Kahn, Van Woerkom, Basham and Gleason

The Committee on Judiciary reported

**Senate Resolution No. 41.**

A resolution to urge the Michigan Department of Corrections to implement nondenominational prison congregation programs within our prisons.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 32, p. 591.)

With the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Wayne Kuipers  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kuipers, Cropsey, Sanborn, Stamas, Whitmer, Clarke and Basham

Nays: None

The resolution was placed on the order of Resolutions.

The Committee on Judiciary reported

**Senate Bill No. 478, entitled**

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," (MCL 791.201 to 791.285) by adding section 7b.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Wayne Kuipers  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kuipers, Cropsey, Sanborn, Stamas, Whitmer, Clarke and Basham

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Kuipers (C), Cropsey, Sanborn, Stamas, Whitmer, Clarke and Basham

Excused: Senator Patterson

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Community Colleges submitted the following:

Meeting held on Monday, May 11, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Alpena Community College, Roger C. Bauer Board Room, 665 Johnson Street, Alpena

Present: Senators Hardiman (C) and Garcia

Excused: Senator Clark-Coleman

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Jelinek (C), Brown, Garcia, Switalski and Clark-Coleman

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Judiciary and Corrections submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators Cropsey (C), Kahn and Brater

## COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Allen (C), Pappageorge, Garcia, Olshove and Basham

**Scheduled Meetings**

**Administrative Rules** - Thursday, May 14, 9:00 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-6476)

**Appropriations -****Subcommittees -**

**Community Colleges** - Wednesday, May 20, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768) (CANCELED)

**Community Health Department** - Thursday, May 21, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

**Environmental Quality Department** - Wednesday, May 20, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Higher Education** - Friday, May 15, 10:00 a.m., University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Michigan League, Vandenberg Room, 911 North University Street, Ann Arbor; Thursday, May 14, 9:00 a.m., and Wednesday, May 20, 9:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Judiciary and Corrections** - Tuesday, May 19, 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

**K-12, School Aid, Education** - Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Natural Resources Department** - Tuesday, May 19, 12:00 noon or later immediately following session, Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768) (CANCELED)

**Energy Policy and Public Utilities** - Thursday, May 14, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-7350)

**Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates** - Tuesday, May 19, 3:00 p.m., Oakland County Executive Office Building, Waterford Room, 1st Floor, Building 41-West, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford (373-0212)

**Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees** - Thursdays, June 4, September 10 and December 3, 2:00 p.m., Room H-252, Capitol Building (373-0575)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:46 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI  
Secretary of the Senate

