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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—present
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—excused
McManus—present
Nofs—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

Senator Michael L. Nofs of the 19th District offered the following invocation:

Dear Heavenly Father, You remind us that with You all things are possible. As we look to the many challenging tasks that lie ahead of us, we know we need Your wisdom and guidance to make the right decisions. We ask You to lead us in the ways of Your truth. Make us Your humble servants, and help us to always remember that in serving others, we are really serving You.

May Your presence bless our work here today and every day. Lord, watch over and keep safe our men and women serving us in our armed forces, our public safety officers, and all who protect and serve us every day.

We ask these things in Your name. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

Senators Van Woerkom, Clarke, Jansen, Gilbert, Bishop and Brater entered the Senate Chamber.

Senators Richardville, Jansen and Allen asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Richardville's statement is as follows:

I have an intern who has been working in my office in the Senate for three years, Darrin Sembarski. He keeps wanting to leave, but like Michael Corleone, we keep pulling him back in. It is because of the quality of work that he has done for us.

I want to introduce part of his family first: His mother Peggy Osgood, his father Richard Sembarski, and his grandparents Bruno and Barbara Sembarski are here. They are up in the east Gallery. We are certainly glad that you came, and you should be very proud of your son. I know that my office is.

In addition to working in the office for three years, he just graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in international relations. He is on his way to work in Washington, D.C., for the Department of Defense. Most importantly, in March, he was married. His wife Stephanie cannot be here today because she is at work.

I've got an awful lot of things in this tribute. We are not going to read them all, but we do wish Darrin all the best in his future endeavors, especially those in Washington, D.C., and with his new bride.

Senator Jansen's statement is as follows:

I would like my colleagues to join me in thanking an intern from my office and also saying goodbye and wishing him the very, very best. Terrence Jordan—we call him T.J.—has been an intern in my office for the last few months, and he has been an incredible help. We appreciate everything he has done.

He has taken on new projects and doesn't complain. He is very diligent, and he has been able to experience a little bit of everything when it comes to the legislative process here in Lansing. We appreciate all of his help, and it has been very, very useful and helpful for us.

While we are sad to see him go, we are also happy that he is able to continue his studies. Terrence is planning to continue his education in military science and has expressed an interest in joining the military in the future. Terrence, we wish you all of the best as you go forward. Thank you for your time here in the Senate and your hard work in my office.

Senator Allen's statement is as follows:

I'd like to make a few remarks regarding a wonderful intern whom my office and the Senate have both been fortunate to have with us for the past semester. Aaron Letzeiser is a student at Michigan State University studying political theory and constitutional democracy at the James Madison College. In addition to taking time from his busy academic schedule to intern with my office and serve as a page on the Senate floor, Aaron also is on the executive board of his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha.

Aaron has been a valuable member of my staff, assisting constituents with their interactions with our government and helping other staff members with their work. He is a very talented writer and competent contributor to our office. His dedication and service was much appreciated this semester in both our office and on the Senate floor. As an office, we have learned much from our interactions with Aaron and hope that we have been able to give him the experience and knowledge for his desired career path.

We are sad to be losing Aaron, but we know that he will be a success at whatever he puts his hand to next. We wish him well in his continued studies at Michigan State University, and look forward to seeing all that he will accomplish in the coming years. We are very grateful for his service.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Tuesday, May 4:
House Bill Nos. 5958 5959

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Sanborn's first statement is as follows:

I am joined by Senator Whitmer who has Michigan State University in her district. Michigan State University and the Lansing area have truly lost a great friend. Like his teammate Charlie "Mad Dog" Thornhill, Don Japinga left this earth too early, but not before having a positive impact on his community, family, and countless friends and acquaintances. To recognize his life and honor his memory, I would like to read, along with Senator Gretchen Whitmer, the following tribute:

"LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is a special honor and a privilege to recognize the life of Donald L. Japinga, an Academic All-American, co-captain of the 1965 National Champion MSU Football Team, member of the MSU football association, and dedicated family man. I join with the entire community in extending our condolences to his family and many friends. He will be sincerely missed and long remembered.

The role of a college athlete takes an extra measure of dedication, self-discipline, and hard work, as these individuals must balance a commitment to their sport, their academics, and their family and friends. Don worked for every inch of success he received, and his love for football lasted a lifetime. His character will forever be remembered by his teammates, friends, family, and every individual he inspired through his devout passion for the game."

I ask Senator Whitmer to take it over from here.

Senator Whitmer's statement is as follows:

"To believe that Don's only legacy is his football career is to fail to see his greatest contribution and his true passion in life, his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Amy Japinga; his children, Dawn, Paige, Jeff, Steven, Matthew, Brian, and Michael; and grandchildren, Jack and Evan. Don's love, wisdom, and positive influence can be seen reflected in their faces, even during the most difficult of days. The real measure of a person is not their life alone, but the sum of all the lives they have touched, shaped, and made better. Although his time here was all too brief, Don accomplished much and helped empower countless individuals to accomplish even more.

The life of Donald L. Japinga is a study in the power of hard work, dedication, and commitment to his career, his family, and his community. We are clearly grateful for his achievements in life, and they shall not be soon forgotten.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to offer our words of praise as a memorial for Donald L. Japinga. May his family find comfort in their faith and their memories of this fine man."

Senator Sanborn's second statement is as follows:

Mr. Lieutenant Governor and chamber, today we are honored to be joined by some of his family: his wife Amy and his sons Steve and Matt. I would ask that this chamber acknowledge them. To Don Japinga and Charlie Thornhill we say, "Who them Spartans."

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Motions and Communications

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

Recess

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:18 a.m.

11:39 a.m.

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

Messages from the House

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

House Bill No. 4514

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 1138, entitled

A bill to amend 1879 PA 248, entitled “An act to prevent animals from running at large in certain cities and villages within this state,” by amending section 1 (MCL 433.51) and by adding section 13.

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

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

House Bill No. 5220, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 5522 (MCL 324.5522), as amended by 2007 PA 75.

The House of Representatives has discharged the conference committee.

The message was referred to the Secretary for record.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded 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:

House Bill No. 5822

House Bill No. 5823

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 5822, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 328, entitled “An act to regulate animals running at large; to provide for compensation for damage done by animals running at large; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 1 (MCL 433.11) and by adding section 4a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 225

Yeas—37

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

Nays—0

Excused—1

Kuipers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,
The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.
The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senators Whitmer, Hardiman and Anderson asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Whitmer's statement is as follows:

It is my pleasure to introduce to you to one of three students statewide who won this unbelievable contest called the Dream Out Loud Challenge. It was put on by the Michigan Education Savings Program and the Michigan Education Trust—these are the education programs. My constituent from Williamston is Dayton Munce. He and his family are here in the north Gallery. He is a Williamston Middle School student in the sixth grade. He is one of three people who won this Dream Out Loud Challenge. He wins a \$2,500 college scholarship and \$1,000 for Williamston Middle School with his award-winning video.

Dayton is here with his family and teacher Tammy Hosford and his little sister Courtney.

Senator Hardiman's statement is as follows:

I am very pleased to ask you and my Senate colleagues to help me welcome a wonderful second-grader who is also one of the three winners of the Michigan Education Savings Program and the Michigan Education Trust Dream Out Loud Challenge. As you heard earlier, the young people could write poems, write essays, or do a video. She did a wonderful poem called "Helping Sick Animals," and her poem was one of the winning entries. She has won \$2,500 for her college education, as well as \$1,000 for Pine Ridge Elementary School where she is a second-grader.

She is here with her family and her teacher Mrs. Paarlberg, who is affectionately called Mrs. P. She is in the north Gallery, and I would love for my colleagues to welcome Rachel Nicholson today to the Michigan Senate.

Senator Anderson's statement is as follows:

I would like to ask members to join me in recognizing an intern who has been with me since January. Denise Halmaghi is a James Madison student finishing her second year at Michigan State University. She is an excellent writer and significantly aided my office with constituent relations by writing e-mails and communicating with folks back home in the district.

Denise has been very helpful to me, and she is the first person who most constituents will talk to when they call in. She has worked on casework and did a tremendous amount of constituent work for me. I am very pleased to have had her working in my office, but also very sad to see her leaving. I want to ask members to join me in recognizing her today as she departs my office and prepares for her next year at school.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 5823, entitled

A bill to amend 1959 PA 66, entitled "An act to prohibit the running at large on or the grazing upon any land owned by or under the control of the department of conservation, by cattle, horses, sheep and swine; to provide for the enforcement of this act; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act," by amending the title and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11 (MCL 322.581, 322.582, 322.583, 322.584, 322.585, 322.586, 322.587, 322.589, 322.590, and 322.591) and by adding section 12.

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. 226**Yeas—37**

Allen
Anderson
Barcia
Basham
Birkholz
Bishop
Brater
Brown
Cassis
Cherry

Clark-Coleman
Clarke
Cropsey
Garcia
George
Gilbert
Gleason
Hardiman
Hunter

Jacobs
Jansen
Jelinek
Kahn
McManus
Nofs
Olshove
Pappageorge
Patterson

Prusi
Richardville
Sanborn
Scott
Stamas
Switalski
Thomas
Van Woerkom
Whitmer

Nays—0**Excused—1**

Kuipers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,
The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.
The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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 pro tempore, Senator Richardville, designated Senator Birkholz as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President pro tempore, Senator Richardville, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bill:

House Bill No. 4900, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 2441 (MCL 333.2441), as amended by 1986 PA 76, and by adding section 2443.

The bill 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 Resolution No. 41**Senate Resolution No. 75****Senate Resolution No. 88**

The motion prevailed.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Garcia's statement is as follows:

Yesterday, I was absent and missed one vote, Senate Bill No. 198, Roll Call No. 224, and I would have voted "yes." For the record, I was returning from military duty.

Senator Gleason stated that had he been present on March 17 when the vote was taken on the passage of the following bill, he would have voted "yea":

Senate Bill No. 332

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

Senate Resolution No. 149

Senate Resolution No. 151

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senators Kuipers, Allen, Cropsey, Cassis, Hardiman, McManus and Jansen offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 149.

A resolution recognizing May 2-8, 2010, as Michigan Charter Schools Week.

Whereas, Michigan's charter schools law was passed 16 years ago, enabling charter schools to be locally established and founded in communities across the state; and

Whereas, Michigan charter schools provide new educational opportunities to over 111,000 students and their families; and

Whereas, Charter schools give all parents more choices in their children's education; and

Whereas, Michigan's 243 charter schools and their dedicated staff continue to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to K-12 education; and

Whereas, Charter public schools encourage competition and are accountable to the public through public universities, community colleges, and local and intermediate school districts that help establish and oversee these schools; and

Whereas, Charter schools are making great progress in closing the achievement gap for urban, minority, and at-risk children across the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize May 2-8, 2010, as Michigan Charter Schools Week in honor of their successes and the important role they play in educating Michigan's young people; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers with our highest esteem.

Senators Garcia, Pappageorge and Richardville were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Cropsey offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 151.

A resolution affirming support for increasing Taiwan's international space and participation in and contribution to the global community.

Whereas, The Republic of China (Taiwan) has achieved economic and social stability. In the last two decades, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has been lauded as a beacon of democracy for Asia, dramatically improved its record on human rights, and taken great steps forward to enter the world arena as a trusted partner; and

Whereas, Michigan has a strong cultural, education, and economic relationship with Taiwan. Taiwan is Michigan's 20th-largest export market, and Michigan's exports to Taiwan reached \$208.21 million in 2008; and

Whereas, Taiwan's absence from international organizations dealing with climate change has impeded its ability to respond to natural disasters like Typhoon Morakot, which struck Taiwan in the summer of 2009 and was an unusually bad typhoon season in the Pacific that was possibly exacerbated by climate change. In turn, the global initiative to tackle climate change has been impaired by the lack of participation, or observer status, of Taiwan, the world's 17th-largest economy; and

Whereas, The Taiwanese government is grateful for the assistance and condolences of the international community in the wake of Typhoon Morakot in 2009. Dozens of international organizations and nations stepped up to help, including the United States, which supplied military equipment for rescue and recovery operations, the European Union, Japan, and the Chinese mainland; and

Whereas, Aviation safety has become a major global concern since 2001. Taiwan is a key air transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, with over 1.35 million flights passing through the Taipei Flight Information Region, and its Taoyuan International Airport is the world's 15th-largest airport by cargo volume; and

Whereas, The Taiwanese government has undertaken a policy of flexible diplomacy in its international relations and a pragmatic approach to China, having completed a number of cross-strait liberalization measures, including regular, direct passenger flights between mainland China and Taiwan and other goodwill measures, resulting in reciprocal gestures and harmonious relations between Taipei and Beijing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Michigan Senate affirms its support for the participation of Taiwan in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to increase Taiwan's international space and contribution to the global community; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, UNFCCC Executive Secretary Yvo de Boer, ICAO Secretary General Raymond Benjamin, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

Senators Barcia, Garcia and Scott were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Hardiman, Jansen, Sanborn, Gilbert, Stamas, Van Woerkom, Allen, Jelinek, Kahn, Nofs, Bishop, Cassis, Pappageorge, Cropsey, George, McManus, Kuipers, Clarke, Brown, Scott, Clark-Coleman, Richardville, Birkholz and Hunter offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 150.

A resolution observing the National Day of Prayer on May 6, 2010.

Whereas, A National Day of Prayer has been part of America's heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

Whereas, The 59th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 6, 2010; and

Whereas, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that our nation should set apart a day for national prayer to confess our sins and transgressions in sorrow, "yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon... announced in the Holy Scriptures 'The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him. Nahum 1:7'"; and

Whereas, We are thankful for the abundant blessings that have been bestowed on America. Our forefathers looked to God as protector, provider, and the promise of hope. We have wandered far from that firm foundation. May we repent for turning our backs on God's faithfulness. We ask that this great state and nation be restored by God's forgiveness and mercy; and

Whereas, We, as a state, give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy, that the state of Michigan and its people will be blessed and protected from those who threaten our republic and the foundations of our heritage; and

Whereas, Leaders of our nation have relied upon prayer throughout American history. We give thanks for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, including the freedom to gather and pray; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we proclaim and honor this long tradition and declare Thursday, May 6, 2010, as Michigan's Day of Prayer; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Governmental Prayer Alliance with our highest esteem.

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

Senator Cropsey moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Barcia, Basham and Garcia were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brater's statement is as follows:

I just wanted to express some concerns about this resolution. I have looked on the website of the National Day of Prayer. I know this is something that we have done every year, but I heard something on an NPR broadcast this morning that kind of educated me a little bit about this program. I always assumed that it was more of an ecumenical program, but from what I have seen on the website, it appears that the prayer that is being referred to in this resolution is an exclusively Christian prayer.

Since we are a multicultural society not only here in the state of Michigan, but across our nation, I just wanted to express some concern that in the future, if the organizers of this event would consider broadening this to make it reflect the diversity of our society. We have people of many different religions in this country. I endorse the right to pray for all people. I understand that it is a rewarding and important activity for many people in their lives. I just wanted to register that concern today.

Senator Thomas moved that Senator Brater be temporarily excused from the balance of today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hardiman's statement is as follows:

I was honored to sponsor this resolution recognizing the National Day of Prayer. It has been a tradition in this country to pray—to ask for the hand of Providence to move on our behalf and to express gratitude for the many blessings that we have. I believe this resolution is part of doing that. There are people all over this country who are participating in the National Day of Prayer. Certainly, during these very difficult times, we need the hand of Providence to move on our behalf.

I would ask that this body would support this resolution. I have been one who has worked to recognize the contribution of a variety of people from different backgrounds and faiths and honor those special days. This is a day where we are recognizing the National Day of Prayer. I think it is very important. I think we need that right now. I ask for the body's support of this resolution.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 56.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize Congress to take urgent steps to expedite the reauthorization of the funding for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Emergency Contingency Fund.

Whereas, The austere economic times in which we are living require decisive actions by Congress to create and maintain jobs that will extend a lifeline to more than 100,000 individuals through subsidized jobs programs. The Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund was created in 2009 as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to enable states to create subsidized jobs programs for low-income parents and young adults, primarily in the private sector. As we approach the September 30, 2010, expiration date for this program, it imperative for the Congress to include President Obama's proposal to extend for one year and modestly expand the TANF Emergency Fund as part of the jobs bill that is being developed; and

Whereas, The TANF Emergency Contingency Fund has proven to be an effective way of creating jobs at a lower cost than any of the existing measures being considered in Congress. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, this is because the fund subsidizes only part of a job's wages, wage levels for the subsidized jobs are low, and the administrative costs are generally small. Furthermore, the wages earned by people working in these jobs are helping families meet essential household needs while funneling dollars back into the economy through the purchase of goods and services; and

Whereas, The TANF Emergency Contingency Fund provides states with a means for economic stimulus and a program that has the flexibility that enables the creation of jobs both in urban and rural communities. Those having the greatest difficulty obtaining a job are afforded an opportunity to earn an income. Extending this program would build on current efforts and maximize investments that have been made, while creating additional jobs in an effective way. It is critical for Congress to take swift action; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we memorialize Congress to expedite the reauthorization of the funding for the TANF Emergency Fund program; 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.

The House of Representatives has adopted the concurrent resolution.

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

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 concurrent resolution,

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

The motion prevailed.

Senators Barcia, Basham, Clark-Coleman, Jacobs and Scott were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

Recess

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate recess until 1:30 p.m.

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:04 p.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Brater entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Motions and Communications

Senator Cropsey moved that rule 2.106 be suspended to allow committees to meet during Senate session. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Recess

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate recess until 3:30 p.m.
The motion prevailed, the time being 1:31 p.m.

The Senate reconvened at the expiration of the recess and was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator Richardville.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Transportation reported

Senate Bill No. 1269, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2080) by adding section 1059.

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.

Judson S. Gilbert II
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gilbert, Kahn, Van Woerkom and Gleason

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 Transportation submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 12:59 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

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

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 12:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators Hardiman (C), Kahn, Jansen and Scott

Excused: Senator Barcia

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Agriculture submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Brown (C), Jelinek and Scott

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Judiciary and Corrections submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Cropsey (C), Kahn and Brater

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at 8:07 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Cassis (C), Gilbert, Pappageorge, Jansen, Jacobs, Cherry and Whitmer

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

Capital Outlay - Thursday, May 6, 9:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

General Government - Thursdays, May 6 and May 13 (CANCELED), 2:00 p.m., and Wednesday, May 12, 9:00 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-2768)

Higher Education - Thursdays, May 6 and May 13, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Judiciary and Corrections - Tuesday, May 11, 3:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768) (CANCELED)

State Police and Military Affairs - Tuesday, May 11, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Conference Committee -

Public School Employees Retirement (SB 1227) - Thursday, May 6, 9:00 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees -**Subcommittee -**

Health Plan - Monday, May 10, 12:30 p.m., Room 929, South Tower, House Office Building (373-0575)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 3:31 p.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Richardville, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate

