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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

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—present
George—present
Gilbert—present
Gleason—present
Hardiman—present
Hunter—present
Jacobs—present
Jansen—present
Jelinek—present
Kahn—present
Kuipers—present
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 John J. Gleason of the 27th District offered the following invocation:

Fellow Senators, staff, and honored guests, today we gather in this chamber for a chance once again to determine the fate of our state and those whom we serve. It is the highest honor and an obliging obligation. In this time of spring when we see Your work about us, as the buds are bursting and the flowers are gaining their space, let us remember that our highest call is for those of the least of us—the poor and the sick.

Our Heavenly Father, You gave us this chance to do Your work here on Your earth. Let us remember those whom we speak on behalf of, whether they are the disabled, the underserved, or the underprivileged; that we have a chance to help their particular situation at this particular time.

Let us thank those in our particular districts who gave us confidence and this chance. More so, let us thank those who don't have the opportunity to be part of this effort—those who cannot see, those who cannot hear, those who cannot walk or stand, and those who cannot reach out. Let us speak out for those who cannot. Let us reach out for those who cannot. Let us hear for those who cannot hear.

We ask that You put Your benevolence on us so we may extend it to others in these difficult times, while determining what we shall afford as a state. With this onerous budget before us and for those who are suffering on a daily basis to pay for their family obligations, we pray that we may have the same sense of responsibility for them as individuals.

Yes, we do represent the state of Michigan and all those about it. We thank You for the splendor of our lakes, our woods, and our streams. We ask You to hold them in the highest esteem. We ask all of this on Your behalf.

Most of all, Lord, we ask You to protect those who are serving in faraway lands. They are sons and daughters of Michigan. We know fully well that they are Your sons and daughters as well. Bring them home, let them be safe, and let them be close to their families in these difficult times.

As we question whether we can afford or not afford our fire and police protection in our many communities, let us say that we can; to make the priorities that You would make to keep Your people—our people—safe in these most difficult times.

We ask all of this in Your holy name. Amen.

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

Recess

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:07 a.m.

10:51 a.m.

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

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

A quorum of the Senate was present.

Motions and Communications

Senator Cropsey moved that the following bill, now on the order of General Orders, be referred to the Committee on Health Policy:

Senate Bill No. 1116, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 162, entitled “Nonprofit corporation act,” by amending sections 123 and 217 (MCL 450.2123 and 450.2217), section 123 as amended by 2008 PA 482, and by adding section 746.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cropsey moved that the following bill, now on the order of General Orders, be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform:

House Bill No. 5029, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 204, entitled “Deaf persons’ interpreters act,” (MCL 393.501 to 393.509) by adding section 8f.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cropsey moved that the Committee on Commerce and Tourism be discharged from further consideration of the following bill:

House Bill No. 5121, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 382, entitled "Traxler-McCauley-Law-Bowman bingo act," by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 3a, 4a, 5c, 8, 9, 10, 10a, 11a, 11b, and 19 (MCL 432.102, 432.103, 432.103a, 432.104a, 432.105c, 432.108, 432.109, 432.110, 432.110a, 432.111a, 432.111b, and 432.119), the title as amended and sections 4a and 11a as added by 1999 PA 108, sections 2 and 9 as amended by 2008 PA 401, section 3 as amended by 2009 PA 41, sections 3a, 5c, 8, 10, 10a, and 11b as amended by 2006 PA 427, and section 19 as amended by 1995 PA 263, and by adding section 11d.

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

Senator Cropsey moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cropsey moved that the rules be suspended and that the following resolution, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the Resolutions calendar for consideration today:

Senate Resolution No. 134

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

The following communication was received and read:
Office of the Auditor General

April 13, 2010

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:
Performance audit of Statewide UNIX Security, Department of Technology, Management, and Budget.
Auditor General

The audit report was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The Secretary announced that pursuant to Rule 2.109 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following expense reports have been filed with the Secretary of the Senate for the quarter from October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, and are available in the Secretary's office during business hours for public inspection:

Committee

Agriculture and Bioeconomy
Appropriations
Banking and Financial Institutions
Campaign and Election Oversight
Commerce and Tourism
Economic Development and Regulatory Reform
Education
Energy Policy and Public Utilities
Families and Human Services
Finance
Government Operations and Reform
Health Policy
Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies
Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation
Judiciary
Local, Urban and State Affairs
Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs
Transportation

Chairperson

Senator Gerald Van Woerkom
Senator Ron Jelinek
Senator Randy Richardville
Senator Michelle McManus
Senator Jason Allen
Senator Alan Sanborn
Senator Wayne Kuipers
Senator Bruce Patterson
Senator Mark Jansen
Senator Nancy Cassis
Senator Michael Bishop
Senator Tom George
Senator Cameron Brown
Senator James Barcia
Senator Wayne Kuipers
Senator Gerald Van Woerkom
Senator Patricia Birkholz
Senator Jason Allen
Senator Jud Gilbert

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

Senate Bill Nos. 1257 1258 1259 1260 1261 1262 1263 1264 1265 1266

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Friday, April 16, and are available at the legislative website:

House Bill Nos. 6045 6046 6047

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

April 19, 2010

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 Executive Order 2009-21:

Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission

Mr. Mumtaz P. Haque of 4913 Seasons Drive, Troy, Michigan 48098, county of Oakland, is reappointed for a term commencing December 1, 2010 and expiring November 30, 2014.

Mr. Ramesh C. Verma of 45725 Jaslyn Lane, Novi, Michigan 48374, county of Oakland, is reappointed for a term commencing December 1, 2010 and expiring November 30, 2014.

Ms. H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D., of 708 Parkman Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, county of Oakland, is reappointed for a term commencing December 1, 2010 and expiring November 30, 2014.

Mr. Leslie Wong, Ph.D., of 1440 Center Street, Marquette, Michigan 49855, county of Marquette, is reappointed for a term commencing December 1, 2010 and expiring November 30, 2014.

Mr. Peter K. Wong of 211 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236, county of Wayne, is reappointed for a term commencing December 1, 2010 and expiring November 30, 2014.

April 19, 2010

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following reappointment to office under Section 13 of the Michigan Early Stage Venture Investment Act of 2003, 2003 PA 296, MCL 125.2243:

Michigan Early Stage Venture Investment Corporation

Mr. Thomas C. Kinnear of 2651 Hawthorne Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, county of Washtenaw, is reappointed to represent statewide organizations exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, for a term commencing June 14, 2010 and expiring June 13, 2013.

April 19, 2010

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Article V, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following reappointments to office under Sections 302 and 2502 of the Occupational Code, 1980 PA 299, MCL 339.302 and 339.2502:

Board of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons

Mr. James W. Sellman of 555 Spear Street, Saugatuck, Michigan 49453, county of Allegan, is reappointed to represent real estate brokers and salespersons, for a term commencing July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2014.

Ms. Sheri M. Sutherby-Fricke of 4249 15th Street, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192, county of Wayne, is reappointed to represent real estate brokers and salespersons, for a term commencing July 1, 2010 and expiring June 30, 2014.

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

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. 719, entitled

A bill to amend 1895 PA 198, entitled "An act to establish a law uniform with the laws of other states relating to the sealing of deeds and other written instruments," by amending section 2 (MCL 565.232).

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.

Senate Bill No. 720, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 1, entitled "Of the statutes," by amending section 3n (MCL 8.3n).

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.

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 Clarke as Chairperson.

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

Senate Bill No. 755, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 641 (MCL 168.641), as amended by 2005 PA 71.

Senate Bill No. 756, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 312 (MCL 168.312), as amended by 2006 PA 647.

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. 751, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 642c.

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.

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

Senate Bill No. 752, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 4, 5, and 614 (MCL 380.4, 380.5, and 380.614), section 4 as amended by 2008 PA 1, section 5 as amended by 2005 PA 61, and section 614 as amended by 2004 PA 419.

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.

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

Senate Bill No. 753, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 302 (MCL 168.302), as amended by 2005 PA 71.

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. 754, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 644g (MCL 168.644g), as amended by 2004 PA 293.

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.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Third Reading of Bills

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

Senate Bill No. 751

Senate Bill No. 752

Senate Bill No. 753

Senate Bill No. 754

Senate Bill No. 755

Senate Bill No. 756

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

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

Senate Bill No. 751

Senate Bill No. 752

Senate Bill No. 753

Senate Bill No. 754

Senate Bill No. 755

Senate Bill No. 756

Senate Bill No. 1100

Senate Bill No. 1101

Senate Bill No. 1102

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 751, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 642c.

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. 186

Yeas—32

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

Nays—6

Anderson	Cherry	Prusi	Scott
Brater	Jacobs		

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 752, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending sections 4, 5, 614, and 616 (MCL 380.4, 380.5, 380.614, and 380.616), section 4 as amended by 2008 PA 1, section 5 as amended by 2009 PA 205, section 614 as amended by 2004 PA 419, and section 616 as amended by 2003 PA 299.

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. 187

Yeas—31

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

Nays—7

Anderson	Brater	Jacobs	Scott
Barcia	Cherry	Prusi	

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 753, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending section 302 (MCL 168.302), as amended by 2005 PA 71.

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. 188**Yeas—31**

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

Nays—7

Anderson	Brater	Jacobs	Scott
Barcia	Cherry	Prusi	

Excused—0**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 754, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 644g (MCL 168.644g), as amended by 2004 PA 293.

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. 189**Yeas—32**

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

Nays—6

Anderson	Brater	Prusi	Scott
Barcia	Jacobs		

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 755, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending section 641 (MCL 168.641), as amended by 2005 PA 71.

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. 190

Yeas—31

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

Nays—7

Anderson	Brater	Jacobs	Scott
Barcia	Cherry	Prusi	

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 756, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending section 312 (MCL 168.312), as amended by 2006 PA 647.

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. 191**Yeas—31**

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

Nays—7

Anderson	Brater	Jacobs	Scott
Barcia	Cherry	Prusi	

Excused—0**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1100, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled “An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 1, 5, 5c, 5d, and 9 (MCL 722.111, 722.115, 722.115c, 722.115d, and 722.119), section 1 as amended by 2009 PA 155, section 5 as amended by 2007 PA 218, section 5c as amended by 2006 PA 580, section 5d as added by 2005 PA 133, and section 9 as added by 2002 PA 674.

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. 192**Yeas—38**

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1101, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 218, entitled “Adult foster care facility licensing act,” by amending sections 4, 5, and 13 (MCL 400.704, 400.705, and 400.713), sections 4 and 5 as amended by 1996 PA 194 and section 13 as amended by 2004 PA 281.

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. 193

Yeas—38

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1102, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending sections 20102, 20104, and 21313 (MCL 333.20102, 333.20104, and 333.21313), section 20102 as amended by 1990 PA 179.

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. 194**Yeas—38**

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

Nays—0**Excused—0****Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

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.

Senate Resolution No. 134.

A resolution to urge the United States Supreme Court to clarify that the right to bear arms applies to individuals.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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:

Article I, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and, of course, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution provides for the rights of an individual to bear arms. The primary purpose of this right to bear arms is to enable us to protect ourselves, our families, our possessions, our country, and our democracy. It also protects the private general uses of firearms and activities such as hunting and sporting activities.

The United States Supreme Court recently heard arguments in *McDonald v. City of Chicago*. The city of Chicago's handgun ban, enacted in 1982, is one of the most restrictive bans in our country. Those who assert that ban state that the right to bear arms is not the same as the fundamental rights of freedom of speech or religion. They maintain that the right to bear arms applies to state militias and not to individuals. This resolution will urge the United States Supreme Court to clarify that and state that the right to bear arms applies to individuals.

Let me quote from one of the sections of this resolution:

“Whereas, Article I, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution clearly affirms a right for individuals to bear arms. This provision prescribes that the primary purpose of the right to bear arms is not related solely to hunting but clearly allows Michigan citizens to be able to protect one’s self, family, and possessions from the private lawlessness of other persons or potential tyranny of governments.”

I urge the passage of this resolution and its conveyance to our United States Supreme Court.

Senator Birkholz offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 144.

A resolution designating April 19-26, 2010, as Michigan Conservation Week.

Whereas, The Michigan Senate has seen great value in the proper conservation of our natural resources with three previous annual celebrations of Conservation Week, taking the charge specifically provided to the Legislature in Article IV, Section 52 of the Michigan Constitution:

“The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the people. The legislature shall provide for the protection of the air, water and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment and destruction.”

; and

Whereas, We have celebrated land conservation, state parks, recycling, and our Great Lakes and other key environmental issues during the third week of April to center around the nation’s celebration of Earth Day on April 22, 2010; and

Whereas, The Senate has seen fit to again celebrate Conservation Week with another weeklong series of events designed to draw attention to the need to conserve our natural resources; and

Whereas, This year, the Senate has chosen to focus its efforts on the recent enactment of the Michigan recreation passport and the need to continue to educate the public in the mission to protect our waters and lands from invasive species; and

Whereas, Funding for our parks system is inadequate to protect our parks and ensure they are open for public access, and the threat of invasive species is the No. 1 threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem. The Michigan Senate has been active in passing legislation both to protect our parks and to guard against invasive species. We have also approved the Great Lakes Basin’s most comprehensive ballast water regulation law and remain the regional leader in instituting aggressive penalties to help provide deterrents to further encroachments of land and water invasives; and

Whereas, The Michigan Senate has taken specific action on Asian carp through resolutions requesting funding for electric barriers. One of its members joined in a lawsuit filed by the Michigan Attorney General to close the Chicago shipping canals, and another introduced legislation prohibiting the use of Asian carp as bait; and

Whereas, There is an increasing need for coordinated regional action to bring together all Great Lakes states to stop the spread of invasive species, including new threats from land and water invasives that will impact Michigan’s water quality, and in that quest, the Michigan Senate has helped support the founding of the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That for these and other significant reasons, the Michigan Senate declares April 19-26, 2010, as the fourth annual Conservation Week. During this week, we will take measures to educate the public and create awareness for threats posed by invasives and bring awareness to the new recreation opportunities that await Michigan citizens with the implementation of the Michigan recreation passport legislation; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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 Anderson, Barcia, Brater, Clarke, Jacobs, Nofs, Pappageorge and Richardville were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Birkholz’s statement is as follows:

I would like to remind you of a section of our Michigan Constitution Article IV, Section 52:

“The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the people. The legislature shall provide for the protection of the air, water and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment and destruction.”

Today, I offer Senate Resolution No. 144 to celebrate land conservation, state parks, recycling, and our Great Lakes and other key environmental issues during the third week of April. We center our celebration around Earth Day. We would again ask that you would help us declare and celebrate Conservation Week with a weeklong series of events focusing our efforts on the recent enactment of the Michigan recreation parks passport and the need to continue to educate the public in the mission to protect our waters and lands from invasive species.

The funding for our parks system is inadequate to protect our parks and ensure they are open for public access, and the threat of invasive species is the No. 1 threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem. The Michigan Senate has been active in the past in passing legislation to both protect our parks and guard against invasive species. We have also approved legislation to join in the Great Lakes Basin's most comprehensive ballast water regulation law and remain the regional leader in instituting aggressive penalties to help provide deterrents to further encroachments of land and water invasives.

In the past, we have taken specific action on the Asian carp through resolutions requesting funding for the electronic barriers. We joined in a lawsuit filed by Michigan's Attorney General to close the Chicago shipping canals and introduced legislation prohibiting the use of Asian carp as bait. We supported the increasing need for coordinated regional action to bring together all the Great Lakes states to stop the spread of invasive species, including those new threats from land and water invasives that will impact Michigan's water quality. In that quest, we have helped support the funding for the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus.

We have done a lot in the past, and yet, there is more to do. I hope you will join me this morning in supporting Senate Resolution No. 144, and join me in celebrating all this week and in continuing our work on Michigan's natural resources. Tomorrow morning, we will have members of the state parks board, the director of the DNRE, and several people who have been influential in working towards that proposal to now have a system for coming to Michigan state parks at a 60 percent reduced cost and taking care of the natural resources therein.

We look forward to tomorrow morning, and I hope that you will support the resolution.

Senators Patterson, Brown, Richardville and Kuipers offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 145.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to oppose a value added tax as suggested by Paul Volcker, chairman of President Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board.

Whereas, The long-term health of the American economy requires the federal government to match expenditures with revenue. Current projections indicate that we will add to our debt burden at an alarming rate over the next decade. While the expenditure side of the ledger must be addressed, it is likely that for Washington, D. C., the revenue side of the equation will be prominent in any plan they craft. Already, the stature of Paul Volcker, chairman of the Obama Administration's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, has been added to the side of those who support adopting a value added tax (VAT). This approach to addressing our budget problems is dangerous in the long run, given how much federal tax policies affect economic growth and vitality; and

Whereas, The VAT is often compared to a sales tax, but it is different in that it does not simply tax the consumer who purchases the product or service as the sales tax does. Instead, the VAT taxes each stage of production, from raw material to the consumer. At each stage, a business is allowed a credit against taxes already paid earlier in the production process by another business. From a spending point of view, this feature has the advantage of hiding much of the tax from easy view of taxpayers and voters. In theory, a VAT is less vulnerable to evasion than a simple sales tax, and it has been called the "ultimate cash cow" of revenue. We have no reason, however, to be confident that even a fiscally- and economically-sound tax that brings in tremendous revenue without crippling innovation and economic growth will be used to reduce our escalating debt; and

Whereas, Such a value added tax is common in Europe and other countries but would be a new feature in the American economy. Grafting such an alien tax feature on our system would distort our economy and add legions of new tax collectors to our Treasury Department bureaucracy. The VAT would impose a regressive tax system and cripple our international competitiveness, reducing our exports in an age when our trade deficit looks small only by comparison to our budget deficit. A value added tax is the wrong solution for Congress to grasp to solve a budget problem that Congress created; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to oppose a value added tax as suggested by Paul Volcker, chairman of President Obama's Economic Recovery Advisory Board; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, 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, 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 Finance.
The motion prevailed.
Senators Barcia, Nofs and Pappageorge were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Barcia and Cropsey offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 146.

A resolution to commemorate April 18-24, 2010, as Crime Victim's Rights Week and reaffirm our commitment to the Candlelight Vigil on April 21, 2010.

Whereas, As the state of Michigan continues to make strides in reducing the crime rate, we must remember that there are still far too many victims of crime. Indeed, the latest available statistics indicate Michigan families had to agonize with over 170,000 reported new victims of violent crime in 2008 alone, and research indicates that only roughly half of violent crimes are reported. Those who have suffered a violation of their person, property, or trust deserve to be treated with dignity and respect by our criminal and juvenile justice systems and by society at-large; and

Whereas, We recognize that our response to crime victims plays an important role in their efforts to rebuild their lives following the offense. Let all of us—policymakers, those in the criminal justice system, counselors, clergy members, and members of the general public—do what we can to respond to victims of crime with compassion and respect; and

Whereas, With the implementation of the crime victim's rights act in 1985 and the passage of the constitutional amendment in 1988, the state of Michigan has adopted some of the nation's most comprehensive laws to protect the rights of victims of crime and provide them certain essential services. All of us must do what we can to adhere not only to the victim's rights laws, but the spirit of those laws as well. Let us acknowledge that just as government must be open to its citizens, so our system of justice must be open to victims of crime; and

Whereas, The national theme for 2010 is based on the provisions in the Michigan Constitution crime victim rights language in Article I, Section 24, granting victims the right to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect. Let us all strive toward these rights and beyond until we create a world where fairness, dignity, and respect will be basic rights for everyone victimized by crime; and

Whereas, Through public and private efforts, our community has already taken important steps to ensure that our treatment of victims helps them to begin the healing. Let us gratefully acknowledge all those who work, often as volunteers, on behalf of crime victims. Those deserving recognition are the many law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victims service providers, corrections officers, parole and probation officers, counselors, physicians, health care professionals, and the many others whose dedication and service to crime victims helps to lessen trauma and assists in personal recoveries. Let us, in particular, express our appreciation for those victims and survivors of crime who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force not only to improve the rights and treatment of other victims of crime, but also to build a better, more just community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate the week of April 18-24, 2010, as Crime Victim's Rights Week and reaffirm our commitment to respect and enforce victims rights and address their needs with a Candlelight Vigil on April 21, 2010, at the State Capitol, and throughout the remainder of the year.

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.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Hunter, Anderson, Clark-Coleman, Garcia and Jansen introduced

Senate Joint Resolution V, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 8 to article XI, to disqualify a person who has been convicted of certain felonies from election or appointment to an elective office in this state.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight.

Senators Olshove, Brater, Jacobs, Clarke, Hunter, Basham, Birkholz and Scott introduced

Senate Bill No. 1267, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 21550 (MCL 324.21550), as amended by 2004 PA 390.

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

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cropsey's statement is as follows:

This past Friday, the Governor and the Michigan Department of Transportation were in Detroit and held, according to the *Detroit Free Press*, quote: "A pep rally doubling as a news conference" to support the building of a new Detroit River International Crossing, or DRIC bridge. The press conference talked about creating jobs, jobs, jobs.

My name was brought up, and I was accused of standing in the way of building the DRIC. Let me give you three of many reasons why I oppose the DRIC. First, if you look at the handout that I've distributed, according to their own data on the SEMCOG website, building the DRIC bridge won't start until 2021. Let me repeat that: According to a federally-required listing of transportation projects, there won't be a shovel in the ground on the DRIC for 11 years. No DRIC construction jobs for 11 years. No DRIC construction jobs for 11 years according to the website. Can everybody hear me? To be out there and telling folks that we are going to get jobs and we are going to get them right away is wrong.

Second, the folks at the press conference stated that there would be no taxpayer dollars involved, but everything would be paid for by the private sector and repaid by tolls. If you go to the SEMCOG website, you can find out how the DRIC is to be funded—by taxpayer-funded bonds; not private bonds, but taxpayer-backed bonds, which means, if the private sector partner goes belly up, like what is happening in other states, the taxpayers of the state of Michigan are on the hook. Plus, there is over \$100 million in new funding needed to link the DRIC bridge to existing highways. This is after we have already done \$240 million reconfiguring the highways down in the Detroit area so that it makes it easier access to the Ambassador Bridge.

Third, the Blue Water Bridge experience. This bridge was supposed to cost \$63 million to build; it took \$103 million. Now, just 14 years later, we have to fix the plaza that was designed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Three years ago, the fix to the plaza was roughly going to cost \$435 million; today, the cost is \$737 million. The Big Mac Bridge has never been re-decked, the Ambassador Bridge has never been re-decked, and yet, the Blue Water Bridge toll was just raised because it needs to be re-decked after just 20 years.

MDOT complains that we can't match federal funds and so does the Governor, and yet, they're proposing to spend untold millions of dollars on these two bridge projects. So if you're hoping that MDOT can rebuild bridges in your district or fix roads or widen highways, you might as well forget it. A vote for the DRIC bridge later on is going to be a vote to cancel hundreds of projects across this state.

Senator McManus' statement is as follows:

Last month, the Senate approved a package of bills that would sharpen the teeth in Michigan's campaign finance laws and make it more difficult for out-of-state groups to manipulate our elections. With the 2010 elections right around the corner, now is the time to act so voters can be assured our election process is clean and fair.

Senate Bill Nos. 692-695 and 999 would increase the penalties for voter fraud and allow the state to go after groups that commit fraud, not just individuals. This will help deter out-of-state groups from trying to buy our elections for their chosen candidates by overloading the system with phony voter registrations.

I would urge the House to act on these important reforms soon, so these safeguards can be in place in time for the November election.

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

H. Jackson Brown, Jr., the man who wrote *Life's Little Instruction Book*, said, "Nothing is more expensive than a missed opportunity." If we fail to act on auto insurance reform and bring relief to the people who have to buy these policies, then we will have missed a great opportunity. If we fail to act on auto insurance reform, then we will have allowed life to be ever more expensive for the people we serve.

We hear a lot of talk about Michigan being too expensive for business. If we fail to act on auto insurance reform, then Michigan is going to be too expensive for our citizens as well. Auto insurance reform needs to be at the top of our list of things to accomplish this year. Our constituents need this, and we need to take action now.

Senator Cassis' statement is as follows:

"Government is a trust and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people." These words were spoken by the 19th century American statesman Henry Clay from Kentucky. These words ring especially true in light of the *Detroit Free Press* exposé Sunday, April 18, linking the Granholm Administration with approving a deal with Arthur Blackwell, the appointed emergency manager of Highland Park, to pay him \$11,000 a month, "approved without a public hearing, as the law requires, and with retroactive pay, which state law forbids."

The headline underscores the *Detroit Free Press* question: “A trust betrayed?” Amazingly, Mr. Blackwell was kept on board in this job even after it was known that he had written himself checks. Unfortunately, the article goes on to say the Governor “lauded the efforts” of Mr. Blackwell.

Does this sound familiar? This comes to light on the heels of the RASCO scandal involving the possible raid of millions of state dollars. More probable, however, may be that the MEDC’s refundable grant could have led to milking other duped investors.

How many other ill-conceived, unsupervised administration bumbles will we hear about? Kudos to the *Detroit Free Press*’ courageous and thorough concern for the public trust, which depends on transparency.

Senator Brater’s statement is as follows:

Today is Equal Pay Day. Equal Pay Day is observed every year in April. This is the day that a woman must work to earn, on average, as much as a man earned, on average, in only 12 months of the previous year. So a woman must work through April of 2010 in order to earn, on average, what a man earned in the 12 months of 2009.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2009, the ratio of women’s and men’s median annual earnings reached almost 80.2 cents on the dollar for full-time, year-round workers. In Michigan, 59 percent of women have participated in the labor force but have earned only 72.4 cents on the dollar, so we’re even behind the national average of women earning 80 percent of what men earn, on average.

It is far past time to do away with this disparity that can be explained by nothing other than discrimination based on gender. This discrimination occurs both within occupations, where women are likely to be paid less than their male counterparts for doing the same work. Image if the women on this floor were to be paid 59 percent of what the men are paid? It would be obviously unfair and inequitable. The same is true in all other workplaces in the nation and in the state of Michigan.

Inequity occurs also in pay between jobs of comparable worth that tend to be distinguished by the gender of people who perform them. For example, housecleaning versus yard work, food service workers versus custodians. We should do away with these sex-stereotyped disparities, both in the type of jobs that are open to women and the amount that they’re paid once they’re in these occupations. These disparities affect all of us, especially the single-woman-headed households, of which there are many here in the state of Michigan and across the country.

A study put out by the American Association of University Women found that women right out of college working full-time already are earning 20 percent less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field. Three years after graduation, the gap widens; this, despite the fact that females generally have higher GPA’s, including in math and science.

The research also shows that ten years after graduation, college-educated men working full-time have more authority in the workplace than do their female counterparts. Men are more likely to be involved in hiring and firing, supervising others, and setting pay. Women who attend highly-selective colleges earn less than men from either highly- or moderately-selective colleges and about the same as men from minimally-selective colleges. Ten years after graduation, women are more likely than men to complete some graduate education.

So there are these numerous examples of discrimination in the workplace. I have introduced numerous times, including this session, Senate Bill No. 486, which has been sitting in committee without a hearing. I would urge the chair to take it up, and I ask that my remarks about Senate Bill No. 486, which would address these disparities and prohibit discrimination in pay based on gender and other protected classes that are listed in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, be printed in the Journal.

Senator Basham’s statement is as follows:

The Senator from the 33rd District is certainly entitled to make statements, certainly, as a result of being in the majority, but so am I as a member of the minority in the State Senate. The Senator from the 33rd District, certainly, has a right to his opinion, as do I. As a matter of fact, I have been reading all morning a number of editorials about a press conference that I attended last Friday. Folks, some of the comments made by public officials from both sides of the border last Friday said that the DRIC is a no-brainer. That was in the *Detroit News*.

The Governor was in full support of the DRIC, as was former-Governor Blanchard, as is former-Governor Engler, as is Ford Motor Company. One of the things that has come out that a lot of folks have not paid attention to is the fact that the auto industry is in full support because of delays at the current Ambassador Bridge—if we don’t have capacity to get the trucks across the bridge that are going for just-in-time delivery to just-in-case, which means they go back to warehousing auto parts.

You know, Brooks Patterson was certainly in support of the DRIC, as was Canadian Ambassador Gary Doer. Both members of the AFL-CIO were in support of DRIC, as was the Building Trades. We are talking about 10,000 shovel-ready jobs. The only thing holding up the DRIC is the Michigan Legislature. If you have a transportation project that is on a five-year plan; if the clearance is there and federal funding is there; if the legislation is there, and those things fall into place, work can begin immediately. You can move up a scheduled date that is doable in the state of Michigan. Some things don’t have to get mired down.

This basically is the only project—DRIC is the only project in Michigan that has all its clearances both on the Canadian side and the state of Michigan side and also federal clearances.

So, certainly, for the Michigan Legislature to play politics with a project that is as important as this is unconscionable. If you read the *PR Newswire* that I was reading this morning, it questions why we are even holding it up, why we are not moving it forward. It talks about truck traffic, it talks about jobs, and anyway, it talks about there are billions of dollars in commerce connected to this. There are homeland securities connected with another international border crossing.

You know, the owner of the 80-something-year-old DIBC, certainly, he would be opposed to it if he wants to continue to gross \$104 million a year. It is interesting that he doesn't want any competition. I guess if I owned the Ambassador Bridge, I would not want any competition either.

This issue here is bigger than about competition. This is about the growth of this state. If we don't build the DRIC in Michigan—and I think L. Brooks Patterson coined it best—they will build in Buffalo. The same arguments that the DIBC are using in Detroit, they are using the reverse arguments in Buffalo, New York, which has 14 lanes, and they do 50 percent of the traffic that the current Ambassador Bridge does.

So they want redundancy in Buffalo, and that is what the DBIC is talking about. But in Michigan, they are saying we have not enough capacity to warrant even building a second span. There are many, many reasons why we should proceed with a bridge that has all of its clearances and support of both governments, both Canada and the U.S., and Canada are our partners.

The biggest trading partner with Canada is Michigan, and we are tied together. We need to make sure that part and service and tourism can move freely from country to country. I would ask that my remarks be printed in the Journal and would hope that members would pay attention to both sides of this argument.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Finance reported

Senate Bill No. 962, entitled

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled "Michigan business tax act," by amending section 111 (MCL 208.1111), as amended by 2008 PA 433.

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, Pappageorge, Jansen, Jacobs, Cherry 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 15, 2010, at 11:09 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

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

The Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation reported

Senate Bill No. 1228, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 40114 (MCL 324.40114), as amended by 2009 PA 109.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

James A. Barcia
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Barcia, McManus and Cropsey

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation reported
Senate Resolution No. 134.

A resolution to urge the United States Supreme Court to clarify that the right to bear arms applies to individuals.
 (For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 27, p. 492.)

With the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

James A. Barcia
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Barcia, McManus and Cropsey

Nays: None

The resolution was placed on the order of Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Barcia (C), McManus and Cropsey

Excused: Senators Allen and Prusi

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations - Wednesday, April 21, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-6960)

Subcommittees -

Agriculture - Tuesdays, April 27 and May 4, 2:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

General Government - Thursdays, April 22, April 29, May 6 and May 13, 2:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-2768)

Judiciary and Corrections - Tuesdays, April 27, May 4 and May 11 (CANCELED), 3:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Natural Resources Department - Thursday, April 29, 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

State Police and Military Affairs - Thursdays, April 22, May 6 and May 13, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Transportation Department - Wednesday, April 21, 8:30 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-2768)

Campaign and Election Oversight - Wednesday, April 21, 12:00 noon, Room 405, Capitol Building (373-1725)

Health Policy - Wednesday, April 21, 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-0793)

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs - Wednesday, April 21, 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-3447)

Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs - Wednesday, April 21, 9:00 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2413)

Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors - Wednesday, May 5, 9:15 a.m., Room S-101, Capitol Building (373-5300)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, April 27, 9:30 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Transportation and House Transportation - Tuesday, April 27, 3:00 p.m., Room 519, South Tower, House Office Building (373-7708) (CANCELED)

Senator Brown moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 12:03 p.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Richardville, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate