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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

10:00 a.m.

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

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—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

Senator Thomas M. George of the 20th District offered the following invocation:

Heavenly Father, as we get ready to proceed with our work today, please bless us with Your presence. Please give my fellow Senators and I the strength and the wisdom we need to take on the tasks ahead. Please bless the Senate staff and the people who work with us so that they have the wisdom and the strength to assist us in our chores.

In God's name, we pray. Amen.

The President pro tempore, Senator Richardville, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

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.

Senator Thomas moved that Senators Clarke, Gleason, Scott and Whitmer be temporarily excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Gleason, Clarke, Garcia and Whitmer entered the Senate Chamber.

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Tuesday, September 22, and are available at the legislative website:

Senate Bill Nos.	846	847	848	849	850	851	852	853
House Bill No.	5448							

Messages from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

September 22, 2009

Pursuant to Section 29 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, please be advised of the following reappointments to office:

Civil Rights Commission

Ms. Lisa P. Peeples-Hurst, a Democrat, of 2532 Bristol Terrace, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085, county of Berrien, is reappointed for a term expiring December 31, 2013.

Mr. J. Michael Zelle, an Independent, of 5175 Candlewood Drive, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439, county of Genesee, is reappointed for a term expiring December 31, 2013.

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

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

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:08 a.m.

11:08 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Jelinek, Brown, Hardiman, Pappageorge and Van Woerkom entered the Senate Chamber.

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 Garcia 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 bills:

Senate Bill No. 641, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 456, entitled "An act to amend 1966 PA 346, entitled "An act to create a state housing development authority; to define the powers and duties of the authority; to establish a housing development revolving fund; to establish a land acquisition and development fund; to establish a rehabilitation fund; to establish a conversion condominium fund; to create certain other funds and provide for the expenditure of certain funds; to authorize the making and purchase of loans, deferred payment loans, and grants to qualified developers, sponsors, individuals, mortgage lenders, and municipalities; to establish and provide acceleration and foreclosure procedures; to provide tax exemption; to authorize payments instead of taxes by nonprofit housing corporations, consumer housing cooperatives, limited dividend housing corporations, mobile home park corporations, and mobile home park associations; and to prescribe criminal penalties for violations of this act," (MCL 125.1401 to 125.1499c) by adding chapter 3B," by repealing enacting section 1.

Senate Bill No. 671, entitled

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled "Michigan business tax act," by amending section 267 (MCL 208.1267). The bills were placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

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

Senator Scott entered the Senate Chamber.

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

Senate Bill No. 634

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 634, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1280c.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Anderson offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 2, following line 3, by inserting:

"Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 159 of the 95th Legislature is enacted into law."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Senator Thomas requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 465

Yeas—16

Anderson
 Barcia
 Basham
 Brater

Cherry
 Clark-Coleman
 Clarke
 Gleason

Hunter
 Jacobs
 Olshove
 Prusi

Scott
 Switalski
 Thomas
 Whitmer

Nays—21

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

Excused—0**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Richardville

Protest

Senator Cropsey, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the adoption of the amendment offered by Senator Anderson to Senate Bill No. 634 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the amendment be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cropsey’s statement is as follows:

I appreciate the desire of the previous speaker to reduce bullying in our schools. While I can’t speak for any other Senator, I suspect that every other member shares that desire, as I do.

C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital recently reported on bullying in their September 2009 issue. Here’s what they found: “One out of five parents give their children’s secondary school a borderline or failing grade (a ‘D’ or ‘F’) for prevention of bullying and school violence, while one in ten parents give their children’s primary school a borderline or failing grade. Results did not differ by whether parents lived in states with bullying prevention laws or not.”

Clearly, current laws across the country are not addressing the real factors in reducing bullying. In the same vein, the problem with Senate Bill No. 159 is two-fold. One, it’s written in a way to guarantee lawsuits against just about every single school employee and school district. Second, it does not address the real issues behind bullying. A classic case is what happened in Ann Arbor just two weeks ago. Words were exchanged on a school bus. The bus driver addressed the situation and stopped the exchange of words. The students left the bus, and later there was an assault in a private house. The bus driver called the police, as other students had to be taken home. Some people are asking why the driver didn’t stay to monitor the situation.

Even though Ann Arbor schools already has programming to address this, the Department of Civil Rights is now demanding that the Ann Arbor schools offer specific programs to reduce behavior that happens off school property after school. That’s just one of the cans of worms opened by the federal courts. Even if a school stops every single bully, if another bully emerges, the school can be liable for significant monetary damages. Our very own Department of Civil Rights appears to want the Ann Arbor schools liable for civil damages for not addressing off-site, off-time incidents.

I believe every one of us wants to reduce bullying; I most certainly do. But national data clearly points out that we have to find a more effective tool than merely saying, “Train your employees to stop bullying.” Senate Bill No. 159 is a good-faith effort to address bullying, but it does not take into account the two recent federal court decisions. It won’t stop bullying, and it will cost our schools likely hundreds of millions of dollars. It needs significant legal effort, which I have been working on.

If you want every bullying incident to be a lawsuit, vote for this amendment. If you want to vote for a bill that protects both students and schools, then vote against this amendment. I would hope that we would turn down this amendment.

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. 466**Yeas—37**

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

Nays—0**Excused—0****Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Anderson's statement is as follows:

I rise in support of this legislation and to offer an amendment in the same spirit as this legislation came forth. This amendment would tie-bar Senate Bill No. 634 to Senate Bill No. 159, which would compel local schools across our state to develop a model policy for addressing bullying in our schools.

Realizing how critical these first few years are in a child's education and how important they are to their development, it is imperative that schools adopt a policy for intervening when a student is showing signs of experiencing academic difficulty. However, we cannot ignore the responsibilities we have to provide a safe learning environment for these and all students.

I offer this amendment today because it is also imperative that we compel our public schools to protect students from bullying in the academic environment by adopting a policy to deal with this destructive behavior. Senate Bill No. 159 has been sitting in the Committee on Education without even a hearing, and meanwhile, our children continue to be victimized by bullying in Michigan schools.

I urge members today to support my amendment and take a step toward addressing the destructive bullying that is taking place in our public schools. All students in our state deserve a safe and conducive learning environment. We need to do what we can to provide that.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Allen, Barcia, Kahn, Jansen, Pappageorge, Kuipers and Jacobs introduced

Senate Bill No. 860, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 90, entitled "Youth employment standards act," by amending section 4 (MCL 409.104), as amended by 1996 PA 438.

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

Senator Gilbert introduced

Senate Bill No. 861, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 254, entitled "The motor carrier act," by amending section 2 of article IV (MCL 478.2), as amended by 2008 PA 584.

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

Senator Gilbert introduced

Senate Bill No. 862, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 119, entitled "Motor carrier fuel tax act," by amending section 2 (MCL 207.212), as amended by 2006 PA 346.

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

Senator Gilbert introduced

Senate Bill No. 863, entitled

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 10 (MCL 247.660), as amended by 2007 PA 210.

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

Statements

Senator Hardiman stated that had he been present on September 22 when the votes were taken on the passage of the following bills, he would have voted "yea":

Senate Bill No. 715

Senate Bill No. 726

Senate Bill No. 722

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

The great writer James Baldwin said, "We are responsible for the world in which we find ourselves, if only because we are the only sentient force which can change it." It is my responsibility to work to change what I believe to be broken and what my constituents and other people across Michigan believe to be broken. It is my responsibility to work to change insurance rate setting so that one person does not have to pay to subsidize another person.

Insurance rates should be fair for every Michigan citizen. Insurance rates should be affordable. No one should find themselves in the unpleasant situation of being forced to break the law and drive without insurance because they cannot afford a monthly bill of \$1,000 or more. And no one should be forced to give up their car, give up their ability to drive to work, to drive to the store, and to drive to church because they cannot afford the insurance bill.

Insurance rate setting has to change. I will keep fighting for change until I see it happen.

Recess

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 11:29 a.m.

11:54 a.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Conference Reports

Senator Garcia submitted the following:

FIRST CONFERENCE REPORT

The Committee of Conference on the matters of difference between the two Houses concerning **Senate Bill No. 250, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for certain powers and duties of the department of military and veterans affairs, other state agencies, and local units of government related to the appropriations; and to provide for the preparation of certain reports related to the appropriations.

Recommends:

First: That the House recede from the Substitute of the House as passed by the House.

Second: That the Senate and House agree to the Substitute of the Senate as passed by the Senate, amended to read as follows:

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for certain powers and duties of the department of military and veterans affairs, other state agencies, and local units of government related to the appropriations; and to provide for the preparation of certain reports related to the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this act, the amounts listed in this part are appropriated for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, from the funds indicated in this part. The following is a summary of the appropriations in this part:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY:

Full-time equated unclassified positions.....	7.0	
Full-time equated classified positions	985.0	
GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 146,149,800
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers		1,686,500
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$ 144,463,300
Federal revenues:		
Total federal revenues.....		77,347,300
Special revenue funds:		
Total local revenues.....		1,295,100
Total private revenues.....		1,471,200

	For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2010
Total other state restricted revenues	\$ 27,924,200
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 36,425,500
Sec. 102. HEADQUARTERS AND ARMORIES	
Full-time equated unclassified positions.....	7.0
Full-time equated classified positions	125.0
Headquarters and armories—85.0 FTE positions.....	\$ 10,959,700
Unclassified military personnel.....	665,000
Military appeals tribunal	\$ 900
Michigan emergency volunteers	5,000
State active duty	100,100
Challenge program—40.0 FTE positions	4,737,000
Homeland security.....	1,000,000
Military family relief fund	600,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 18,067,700
Appropriated from:	
IDG, challenge grant	262,100
IDG, community health.....	100,000
IDG, state police.....	900,000
IDG, human services	424,400
Federal revenues:	
DOD-DOA-NGB	5,747,200
Special revenue funds:	
Local-school aid fund.....	1,295,100
Rental fees.....	346,400
Mackinac Bridge authority.....	70,000
Private donations	826,800
Military family relief fund	600,000
Private-parent pay revenue	104,400
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 7,391,300
Sec. 103. MILITARY TRAINING SITES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES	
Full-time equated classified positions	181.0
Military training sites and support facilities—181.0 FTE positions	\$ 24,482,600
Military training sites and support facilities test projects	100,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 24,582,600
Appropriated from:	
Federal revenues:	
DOD-DOA-NGB	23,139,400
Special revenue funds:	
Test project fees.....	100,000
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 1,343,200
Sec. 104. DEPARTMENTWIDE APPROPRIATIONS	
Departmentwide accounts.....	\$ 1,946,500
Special maintenance - state	651,200
Special maintenance - federal	5,300,000
Military retirement	3,407,800
Counter narcotic operations.....	50,000
Starbase grant	2,322,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 13,677,500
Appropriated from:	
Federal revenues:	
DOD-DOA-NGB	9,288,100
Federal counternarcotic revenues	50,000
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 4,339,400
Sec. 105. VETERANS ADVICE, ADVOCACY AND ASSISTANCE	
American legion	\$ 339,800
Disabled American veterans.....	280,800

	For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2010
Marine corps league	\$ 129,000
American veterans of World War II and Korea.....	178,100
Veterans of foreign wars.....	339,800
Michigan paralyzed veterans of America.....	63,500
Purple heart	60,500
Polish legion of American veterans.....	15,800
Jewish veterans of America.....	\$ 15,800
State of Michigan council - Vietnam veterans of America.....	61,100
Catholic war veterans	15,800
Veterans advice, advocacy and assistance grants for 4-1-10 to 9-30-10.....	1,529,600
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 3,029,600
Appropriated from:	
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 3,029,600
Sec. 106. GRAND RAPIDS VETERANS' HOME	
Full-time equated classified positions	513.0
Grand Rapids veterans' home—513.0 FTE positions	\$ 48,767,300
Board of managers	665,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 49,432,300
Appropriated from:	
Federal revenues:	
DVA-VHA	15,862,600
HHS, Medicaid	157,300
HHS, Medicare	2,452,700
Special revenue funds:	
Private - veterans' home post and posthumous funds	415,000
Income and assessments	15,304,700
Military family relief fund	250,000
Lease revenue	12,200
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 14,977,800
Sec. 107. D.J. JACOBETTI VETERANS' HOME	
Full-time equated classified positions	158.0
D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home—158.0 FTE positions	\$ 15,656,100
Board of managers	275,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 15,931,100
Appropriated from:	
Federal revenues:	
DVA-VHA	4,604,400
HHS, Medicare	562,400
HHS, Medicaid	10,300
Special revenue funds:	
Private - veterans' home post and posthumous funds	125,000
Military family relief fund	150,000
Income and assessments	5,741,100
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 4,737,900
Sec. 108. VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE	
Full-time equated classified positions	8.0
Veterans' affairs directorate administration—2.0 FTE positions	\$ 276,700
Veterans' trust fund administration—6.0 FTE positions.....	1,251,500
Veterans' trust fund grants	3,746,500
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 5,274,700
Appropriated from:	
Special revenue funds:	
Michigan veterans' trust fund.....	4,998,000
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 276,700
Sec. 109. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
Information technology services and projects	\$ 1,154,300
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 1,154,300

	For Fiscal Year Ending Sept. 30, 2010
Appropriated from:	
Federal revenues:	
DOD-DOA-NGB	\$ 123,900
DVA-VHA	\$ 339,000
HHS, Medicare	10,000
Special revenue funds:	
Income and assessments	351,800
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 329,600
Sec. 110. CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Special maintenance, remodeling and additions.....	\$ 15,000,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 15,000,000
Appropriated from:	
Federal revenues:	
DOD-DOA-NGB	15,000,000
Special revenue funds:	
State general fund/general purpose	\$ 0

PART 2
PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under part 1 for fiscal year 2009-2010 is \$64,349,700.00 and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2009-2010 is \$120,000.00. The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
MILITARY TRAINING SITES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES**

Payments in lieu of taxes	\$ 70,000
MICHIGAN VETERANS' TRUST FUND	
County counselor education and training expenses.....	\$ 50,000
TOTAL	\$ 120,000

Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this act are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Sec. 203. As used in this act:

- (a) "Department" means the department of military and veterans affairs.
- (b) "Director" means the director of the department of military and veterans affairs.
- (c) "DOD" means the United States department of defense.
- (d) "DOD-DOA-NGB" means the DOD department of the army, national guard bureau.
- (e) "DVA" means the United States department of veterans' affairs.
- (f) "DVA-VHA" means the DVA veterans' health administration.
- (g) "FTE" means full-time equated.
- (h) "HHS" means the United States department of health and human services.
- (i) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.
- (j) "Large veterans service organization" means a VSO that can certify that its membership exceeds 30,000 individuals.
- (k) "Medium veterans service organization" means a VSO that can certify that its membership is between 2,500 and 30,000 individuals.
- (l) "Small veterans service organization" means a VSO that can certify that its membership is between 1,000 and 2,499 individuals.
- (m) "VSO" means veterans service organization.

Sec. 204. The department of civil service shall bill the departments and agencies at the end of the first fiscal quarter for the 1% charge authorized by section 5 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963. Payments shall be made for the total amount of the billing by the end of the second fiscal quarter.

Sec. 205. (1) A hiring freeze is imposed on the state classified civil service. State departments and agencies are prohibited from hiring any new full-time state classified civil service employees and prohibited from filling any vacant state classified civil service positions. This hiring freeze does not apply to internal transfers of classified employees from 1 position to another within a department.

(2) The state budget director may grant exceptions to this hiring freeze when the state budget director believes that the hiring freeze will result in rendering a state department or agency unable to deliver basic services, causes loss of revenue

to the state, would result in the inability of the state to receive federal funds, or would necessitate additional expenditures that exceed any savings from maintaining a vacancy. The state budget director shall report quarterly to the chairpersons of the senate and house of representatives standing committees on appropriations the number of exceptions to the hiring freeze approved during the previous quarter and the reasons to justify the exception.

Sec. 208. Unless otherwise specified, the department shall use the Internet to fulfill the reporting requirements of this act. This requirement may include transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients identified for each reporting requirement or it may include placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or services, or both, are available. Preference should be given to goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable quality. In addition, preference should be given to goods or services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of comparable quality.

Sec. 210. The director of each department receiving appropriations in part 1 shall take all reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. Each director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.

Sec. 211. The departments and agencies receiving appropriations in part 1 shall receive and retain copies of all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. The department shall follow all federal guidelines and state laws regarding short-term and long-term retention of records.

Sec. 213. The department shall consult with the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on military and veterans affairs regarding the projected closing or consolidation of any national guard armories.

Sec. 214. It is the intent of the legislature that, should the necessary legislation be enacted and funding become available, funds be appropriated for state military cemeteries in Crawford and Dickinson counties.

Sec. 221. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for information technology, departments and agencies shall pay user fees to the department of information technology for technology-related services and projects. These user fees shall be subject to provisions of an interagency agreement between the departments and agencies and the department of information technology.

Sec. 223. Amounts appropriated in part 1 for information technology may be designated as work projects and carried forward to support technology projects under the direction of the department of information technology. Funds designated in this manner are not available for expenditure until approved as work projects under section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

Sec. 225. (1) Due to the current budgetary problems in this state, out-of-state travel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 shall be limited to situations in which 1 or more of the following conditions apply:

- (a) The travel is required by legal mandate or court order or for law enforcement purposes.
- (b) The travel is necessary to protect the health or safety of Michigan citizens or visitors or to assist other states in similar circumstances.
- (c) The travel is necessary to produce budgetary savings or to increase state revenues, including protecting existing federal funds or securing additional federal funds.
- (d) The travel is necessary to comply with federal requirements.
- (e) The travel is necessary to secure specialized training for staff that is not available within this state.
- (f) The travel is financed entirely by federal or nonstate funds.

(2) If out-of-state travel is necessary but does not meet 1 or more of the conditions in subsection (1), the state budget director may grant an exception to allow the travel. Any exceptions granted by the state budget director shall be reported on a monthly basis to the senate and house of representatives standing committees on appropriations.

(3) Not later than January 1 of each year, each department shall prepare a travel report listing all travel by classified and unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be submitted to the chairs and members of the senate and house of representatives standing committees on appropriations, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director. The report shall include the following information:

- (a) The name of each person receiving reimbursement for travel outside this state or whose travel costs were paid by this state.
- (b) The destination of each travel occurrence.
- (c) The dates of each travel occurrence.
- (d) A brief statement of the reason for each travel occurrence.
- (e) The transportation and related costs of each travel occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues, and the proportion funded with other revenues.
- (f) A total of all out-of-state travel funded for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

Sec. 226. The department shall not take disciplinary action against an employee for communicating with a member of the legislature or his or her staff.

Sec. 227. Sixty days prior to the public announcement of the intention to sell any department property, the department shall submit notification of that intent to the appropriate senate and house appropriations subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

Sec. 228. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by a principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal services for bonding activities and for those activities that the attorney general authorizes.

Sec. 232. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

(2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for state restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

(3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for local contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

(4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for private contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

Sec. 233. Not later than September 30, 2010, the department shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the close of the fiscal year. This report shall summarize the projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report shall be transmitted to the office of the state budget, the chairpersons of the senate and house appropriations committees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

Sec. 234. Any fiscal year 2009-2010 unused general fund/general purpose funds identified by the department of military and veterans affairs as lapsed funds shall be transferred to the appropriation for special maintenance-state in part 1 and shall be used for the repair and maintenance of state-owned armories.

Sec. 235. The department of military and veterans affairs shall seek partnerships with United States armed forces reserve units for the colocation of activities, including sharing in the acquisition and costs for facilities.

HEADQUARTERS AND ARMORIES

Sec. 301. The department may charge reasonable rental and equipment usage fees for renting an armory or using the distance learning network. The fee shall include the cost of overtime compensation, insurance coverage, and any maintenance required.

Sec. 302. (1) The funds appropriated in this act for private donations to the challenge program shall be considered state restricted revenue, and unexpended funds remaining at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse to the general fund but shall be carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

(2) The department may charge a parent or guardian of a participant in the challenge program a fee for participating in the program if the participant is a member of a family with an income that exceeds 200% of the federal poverty guidelines as published by the United States department of health and human services. The amount charged the parent or guardian shall not exceed the per-student state share cost of administering the program. The parent or guardian shall be notified of any charge to be assessed under this subsection prior to enrollment of the child in the program.

(3) The department shall take steps to recruit candidates to the challenge program from economically disadvantaged areas, including those with low-income and high-unemployment backgrounds.

Sec. 304. The department will partner with the department of human services to identify youth who may be eligible for the challenge program from those youth served by department of human services programs. These eligible youth shall be given priority for enrollment in the program.

VETERANS ADVICE, ADVOCACY, AND ASSISTANCE

Sec. 501. (1) The department shall develop and operate a program which will provide benefits counseling and representation to veterans of this state for the purpose of assisting veterans to obtain United States department of veterans affairs health, financial, and memorial benefits for which they are eligible. The department shall work to maximize the coordination between veterans service organizations and any other organization which assists veterans.

(2) The department shall create a 5-member veterans' advisory board to assist in matters pertaining to veterans advice, advocacy, and assistance, including recommendations concerning disbursement of any grant money. The department shall request that the state commanders group name candidates serving as president/commander from 2 large veterans service organizations, 2 medium veterans service organizations, and 1 small veterans service organization to serve on the advisory board. The veterans advisory board shall meet no less than twice a year, without reimbursement by the department.

(3) The duties of the veterans advisory board shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Serving as a liaison between grant recipients, the department, and the legislature.

- (b) Assisting in recognizing any deficiencies in the grant process and performance.
 - (c) Providing a forum regarding veterans issues.
 - (d) Suggesting changes in department programs that would help keep pace with changing veterans needs.
 - (e) Providing a direct contact with the veterans administration regarding updates on procedures.
 - (f) Creating an awareness to make sure that grant recipients are performing the services intended.
 - (g) Representing a voice for veterans service organizations.
 - (h) Providing for a sounding board for grant recipients.
 - (i) Assisting the department in establishing criteria for grant awards.
 - (j) Assisting the department in developing plans, reviewing service delivery, and identifying goals to better assist veterans in applying for and receiving benefits from the federal, state, and local governments.
 - (k) Providing testimony, if requested, to legislative committees.
- (4) The funds appropriated in part 1 for veterans advice, advocacy, and assistance shall be distributed to the following organizations in the amounts listed for the period of October 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010: American legion, \$339,800.00; disabled American veterans, \$280,800.00; marine corps league, \$129,000.00; American veterans of World War II and Korea, \$178,100.00; veterans of foreign wars, \$339,800.00; Michigan paralyzed veterans of America, \$63,500.00; purple heart, \$60,500.00; Polish legion of American veterans, \$15,800.00; Jewish veterans of America, \$15,800.00; state of Michigan council - Vietnam veterans of America, \$61,100.00; and Catholic war veterans, \$15,800.00.
- (5) Of the appropriations in part 1 for veterans advice, advocacy, and assistance grants for the period of April 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010, \$1,529,600.00 shall be distributed by the department in the form of 5 grants: 2 large veterans service organizations, 2 small veterans service organizations, and 1 specialized grant for the 6-month period beginning April 1, 2010. The specialized grant shall be awarded to a group specializing in advocacy for paralyzed veterans. The department, while utilizing advice provided by the veterans advisory board establishing grant criteria, is solely responsible for determination of the amounts and recipients of these grants.
- (6) Money used for grants to veterans service organizations shall be used only for salaries, wages, related personnel costs, in-state training, and equipment for accredited veteran service advocacy officers and necessary support and managerial staff. Training shall be provided for service advocacy officers and shall be conducted by accredited advocacy officers.
- (7) To receive a grant from the money appropriated in part 1, a veterans service organization or a veterans service organization which is part of a combination of organizations receiving a grant shall meet the following eligibility requirements:
- (a) Be congressionally chartered by the United States congress.
 - (b) Be an active participating member of the Michigan veterans organizations' rehabilitation and veterans service committee and abide by its rules, guidelines, and programs.
 - (c) Demonstrate the receipt of monetary or service support from its own organization.
 - (d) Comply with the department's and the legislature's requirements of accounting audits, service work activity, accounting of recoveries, listing of volunteer hours, budget requests, and other requirements specified in subsection (3). Each veterans service organization receiving a grant from the money appropriated in part 1 shall provide a copy of the most recent audit report to the department not later than May 1, 2010.
 - (e) For a veterans service organization founded after September 30, 1989, be in operation and providing service to Michigan veterans for not less than 2 years before receiving an initial state grant. During this 2-year period of time, the organization shall file a listing of service work activity and an accounting of recoveries with the department, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees on military affairs, and the state budget office on forms as prescribed by the department.
- (8) A veterans service organization receiving a grant from the money appropriated in part 1 shall file with the department an accounting of its expenditures, audited and certified by a certified public accountant, within 120 days after the organization's fiscal year end. Each veterans service organization shall provide 5 copies of a listing of all service activity, an accounting of recoveries, and a listing of volunteer hours for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 to the department by January 31, 2010. Each organization shall include a listing of expenditures by spending category, including a listing of individual salaries of each officer and administrative staff. The listing of volunteer hours shall include the hours, services, and donations provided to residents of the Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home. Each veterans service organization shall provide a copy of the most recent and completed internal revenue service form 990 to the department at the end of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. A veterans service organization receiving a grant from the money appropriated in part 1 shall use the forms recommended by the Michigan veterans organizations rehabilitation and veterans service committee for filing reports required by this act. The department shall provide a report not later than June 1, 2010 to the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on state police and military and veterans affairs, and the state budget office detailing the most recent expenditure information provided by the veterans service organizations. The department shall also provide within that report specific notification whether any veterans service organization receiving a grant from the money appropriated in part 1 failed to comply with the reporting requirements of this section.

(9) The veterans service directors committee and the department shall take steps to improve the coordination of veterans benefits counseling in the state to maximize the effective and efficient use of taxpayer dollars in this goal and to ensure that every veteran is served.

(10) To accomplish the goal of subsection (9), the veterans service directors committee and the department shall take steps to increase their responsibility in the administration, management, oversight, and outreach of the delivery of services to veterans. The veterans service directors committee and the department shall involve county veterans counselors and representatives from the Michigan veterans trust fund to work in concert to identify, implement, and evaluate steps to do all of the following:

(a) Increase the veterans service directors committee and the department's role in working directly with the United States department of veterans' affairs to enhance the delivery of services to Michigan veterans.

(b) Increase the number of initial claims filed with the United States department of veterans' affairs on behalf of veterans for service-connected disability or pension benefits. The veterans service directors committee and the department may work toward either an absolute increase of approved claims or an increase in the percentage of Michigan veterans with approved claims.

(c) Develop methods to increase rates of recovery paid by the United States department of veterans' affairs to Michigan veterans either by an increase in compensation paid per approved claim or an increase in compensation paid on a per capita basis.

(d) Expand training opportunities for veterans service organization service officers.

(e) Increase either the number or percentage of Michigan veterans enrolled in the veterans affairs health care system.

(f) Publicize the availability, benefit, and value of burial in the Fort Custer and Great Lakes national cemeteries.

(g) Review each grant recipient's performance under the program and require that performance be a major consideration in the future funding of each grant recipient.

(h) Identify areas of redundancy which may exist among services provided by veterans service organizations grantees, Michigan veterans trust fund county committees, and county veterans counselors and provide a proposal on how any redundancies may be minimized and identify specific cost savings which could result.

(11) Each veterans service organization receiving a grant from the money appropriated in part 1 shall file a report with the department not later than May 1, 2010 detailing the following information:

(a) Training completed by each veterans service officer employed by or working on behalf of the veterans service organization.

(b) A roster of the cases that each veterans service organization is serving or processing, including if those cases have been completed or are still pending, whether those cases have been initiated and completed by the veterans service organization, and which cases have been referred to and by county veterans counselors, congressional or senate offices, or any other organizations that serve veterans.

(12) The veterans advisory board, the Michigan association of county veterans counselors, and the department shall create a report of the efforts to complete the goals outlined in this section and shall provide suggestions on how a more effective and efficient veterans benefit counseling program may best be designed for implementation for fiscal year 2010-2011. This report shall be delivered to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees no later than March 1, 2010.

(13) The department shall record any additional administrative costs for collecting and compiling the information from subsections (8) and (11) and also provide this information with the reports required under subsection (8).

(14) The veterans affairs directorate shall design and operate an advocacy program to coordinate with other organizations which assist veterans, including county counselors and other groups, to ensure referrals between groups occur when warranted and to provide the veterans of the state with the most cost-effective and comprehensive counseling services possible. The department shall also take steps to become certified with the United States department of veterans affairs to assist in this task.

(15) The veterans affairs directorate shall deliver progress reports regarding the activities of the advocacy program to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on state police and military and veterans affairs, with the first report due not later than April 1, 2010 and the second report due not later than October 1, 2010.

(16) The department shall issue performance standards to each veterans service organization grant recipient. It is the intent of the legislature that compliance with these performance standards shall be the basis for funding for future years. Failure to meet any or all of the performance standards may result in that organization losing funding in future years, and the department shall forward to the senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees on state police and military and veterans affairs corrective action and penalty recommendations.

VETERANS' HOMES

Sec. 601. Appropriations in this act for the Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall not be used for any purpose other than for veterans and veterans' families.

Sec. 602. The Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home, together with the department and the department of management and budget, shall produce and deliver to the senate and house of representatives

appropriations subcommittees on state police and military affairs an annual written report. The report shall include an accounting of member populations and bed space available; a description and accounting of services and activities provided to members; financial information; current state nursing home licensure status; the steps required for Medicaid certification, including a listing of any personnel, equipment, supplies, or budgetary increases required; and whether or not steps are being taken toward Medicaid certification. The annual report shall be submitted to the senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees on military affairs no later than February 1, 2010.

Sec. 603. The money appropriated in this act for the boards of managers may be expended for facility improvements, the purchase and repair of equipment and furnishings, member services, and other purposes that benefit the Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home.

Sec. 605. The department shall, prior to altering the spending plan by the board of managers of post and posthumous funds, report to the appropriate senate and house appropriations subcommittees 30 days prior to that action and shall indicate the rationale for that decision.

Sec. 606. The department shall conduct a feasibility study to determine at least 3 means by which to increase operational efficiencies at the Grand Rapids veterans' home. The department shall submit this study to the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees no later than April 1, 2010.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE

Sec. 703. By April 1, 2010, the department shall submit to the senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees on military affairs and the state budget office a detailed annual report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund for fiscal year 2008-2009. The report shall include information on grants provided from the emergency grant program, including details concerning the methodology of allocations, the selection of emergency grant program authorized agents, and a detailed breakdown of trust fund expenditures for that year. The report shall also provide an update on the department's efforts to reduce program administrative costs and restore the Michigan veterans' trust fund corpus to its original amount of \$50,000,000.00.

Sec. 704. The Michigan veterans affairs directorate administration and the Michigan veterans' trust fund administration shall take steps to assist the county veterans counselors of the state to obtain training necessary for the execution of their duties.

Sec. 705. It is the intent of the legislature that the department create incentives for all counties in the state to fund at least 1 full-time county veteran's counselor for the purpose of assisting veterans with obtaining federal veterans benefits that they may be eligible to receive. The incentives could include, but not be limited to, matching funds or sharing IT resources from the department for counties to use in maximizing benefits received by Michigan veterans.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Sec. 801. The appropriations in part 1 for the department of military and veterans affairs design and construction projects are contingent upon the availability of federal and state restricted funds for financing.

Sec. 802. (1) The director shall allocate lump-sum appropriations made in this bill consistent with statutory provisions and the purposes for which funds were appropriated. Lump-sum allocations shall address priority program or facility needs and may include, but are not limited to, design, construction, remodeling and addition, special maintenance, major special maintenance, energy conservation, and demolition.

(2) The state budget director may authorize that funds appropriated for lump-sum appropriations shall be available for no more than 3 fiscal years following the fiscal year in which the original appropriation was made. Any remaining balance from allocations made in this section shall lapse to the fund from which it was appropriated pursuant to the lapsing of funds as provided in the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Sec. 803. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.

Third: That the Senate and House agree to the title of the bill to read as follows:

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for certain powers and duties of the department of military and veterans affairs, other state agencies, and local units of government related to the appropriations; and to provide for the preparation of certain reports related to the appropriations.

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Conferees for the Senate

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Point of Order

Senator Cropsey raised the Point of Order that the conference committee report was in violation of joint rule 10, as it contains language not within the powers of the conferees to consider.

The President pro tempore, Senator Richardville, sustained the Point of Order and referred the bill back to the Conference Committee.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported

House Bill No. 5055, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 30101, 30102, 30103, and 30104 (MCL 324.30101, 324.30102, 324.30103, and 324.30104), section 30101 as amended by 2006 PA 275, section 30102 as added by 1995 PA 59, section 30103 as amended by 2006 PA 33, and section 30104 as amended by 2008 PA 276, and by adding section 30106a.

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.

Patricia L. Birkholz
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, 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 Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported

House Bill No. 5221, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by repealing part 205 (MCL 324.20501 to 324.20519).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Patricia L. Birkholz
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported

House Bill No. 5222, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by repealing part 317.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Patricia L. Birkholz
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported

House Bill No. 5223, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 3118 and 3120 (MCL 324.3118 and 324.3120), section 3118 as amended by 2008 PA 2 and section 3120 as added by 2004 PA 91.

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

Patricia L. Birkholz
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Basham and Gleason
Nays: None
The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs submitted the following:
Meeting held on Monday, September 21, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building
Present: Senators Birkholz (C), Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Joint Subcommittee on Capital Outlay submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower
Present: Senators McManus(C), Jelinek, Brown, Cropsey, Pappageorge, Switalski, Cherry, Clark-Coleman and Scott
Excused: Senator Hardiman

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Conference Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs (SB 250) submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Garcia (C), Cropsey and Barcia

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Conference Committee on Judiciary (SB 249) submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Cropsey (C), Kahn and Brater

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Conference Committee on Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth (SB 243) submitted the following:
Meeting held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building
Present: Senators Jansen (C), George and Scott

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Conference Committee on Agriculture (SB 237) submitted the following:
Meeting held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Brown (C), Jelinek and Scott

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations -**Subcommittee -**

Capital Outlay - Thursday, September 24, 9:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)
(CANCELED)

Conference Committees -

Corrections (HB 4437) - Thursday, September 24, 9:00 a.m., Room 424, Capitol Building (373-8080)

Environmental Quality/Natural Resources (HB 4446) - Thursday, September 24, 11:00 a.m., Room 426, Capitol Building (373-8080)

General Government (SB 245) - Thursday, September 24, 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Military and Veterans Affairs (SB 250) - Thursday, September 24, 9:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Finance - Thursday, September 24, 11:00 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-1758)

Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency - Thursday, September 24, 9:00 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212) (CANCELED)

Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees - Thursday, December 3, 2:00 p.m., Room H-252, Capitol Building (373-0575)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, September 29, 9:30 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:55 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Richardville, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, September 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

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Secretary of the Senate