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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, June 15, 2005.

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

Emerson—present
Garcia—present
George—present
Gilbert—present
Goschka—present
Hammerstrom—present
Hardiman—present
Jacobs—present
Jelinek—present
Johnson—present
Kuipers—present
Leland—present
McManus—present

Olshove—present
Patterson—present
Prusi—present
Sanborn—present
Schauer—present
Scott—present
Sikkema—present
Stamas—present
Switalski—present
Thomas—present
Toy—present
Van Woerkom—present

Senator Deborah Cherry of the 26th District offered the following invocation:

Lord, we thank You for blessing us with this beautiful day and the opportunities before us to come together and serve You. As we make decisions today, we pray for Your strength and guidance. As we meet each challenge that this day has to offer, we are assured of Your leadership and presence.

Lord, Your truth and purity is ever present in our minds as we work to serve the citizens of the extraordinary state of Michigan to our utmost abilities. Amen.

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

Recess

Senator Schauer moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:03 a.m.

11:31 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Stamas, Sikkema, Jelinek, Brown, Bishop, Sanborn, Bernero, McManus, Allen, Cassis, Thomas, Emerson, Brater, Switalski, Toy, Gilbert, Patterson, Van Woerkom, Kuipers, George, Cropsey, Johnson, Hammerstrom and Birkholz entered the Senate Chamber.

A quorum of the Senate was present.

Messages from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

June 14, 2005

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

Asparagus Marketing Program Advisory Board

Ms. Sarah J. Greiner of 2542 North 128th Avenue, Hart, Michigan 49420, county of Oceana, succeeding Bernice Shafer, whose term has expired, representing northern-central growers, for a term commencing June 14, 2005 and expiring August 16, 2007.

Mr. Frederick J. Tubbs of 3748 North Oceana Drive, Hart, Michigan 49420, county of Oceana, succeeding Mark Trommater, whose term has expired, representing northern-central growers, for a term commencing June 14, 2005 and expiring August 16, 2007.

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

June 14, 2005

Please be advised of the following corrections regarding the June 1, 2005 letter filed with your office pursuant to Section 50504 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.50504:

Michigan Forest Finance Authority Board of Directors

Mr. Shawn P. Hagan of 33687 Lake Gerald Road, Toivola, Michigan 49965, county of Houghton, appointed to represent **owners of nonindustrial, private forestland**, for a term commencing June 1, 2005 and expiring May 31, 2007.

Mr. Warren H. Suchovsky of N9677 County Road 577, Stephenson, Michigan 49887, county of Menominee, appointed to represent **commercial logging contractors**, for a term commencing June 1, 2005 and expiring May 31, 2007.

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

The message was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Messages from the House

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

- Senate Bill No. 352**
- House Bill No. 4434**
- Senate Bill No. 189**
- Senate Bill No. 514**
- Senate Bill No. 515**
- Senate Bill No. 516**
- Senate Bill No. 517**
- Senate Bill No. 518**

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 282, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding sections 9115a and 9115b.

Substitute (H-3).

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

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

Roll Call No. 239

Yeas—38

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Sanborn
Barcia	Clarke	Jelinek	Schauer
Basham	Cropsey	Johnson	Scott
Bernero	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Birkholz	Garcia	Leland	Stamas
Bishop	George	McManus	Switalski
Brater	Gilbert	Olshove	Thomas
Brown	Goschka	Patterson	Toy
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Prusi	Van Woerkom
Cherry	Hardiman		

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the title as amended.

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 Hammerstrom 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 Bishop as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President pro tempore, Senator Birkholz, having assumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 268, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of corrections and certain state purposes related to corrections for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for reports; to provide for the creation of certain advisory committees and boards; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the department of corrections, certain other state officers and agencies, and certain advisory committees and boards; to provide for the collection of certain funds; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by certain state agencies.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 9, following line 1, by inserting:
 "Newberry correctional facility - Newberry—345.4 FTE positions.....100
 Average population.....1,144".
2. Amend page 10, line 25, after "population" by striking out "884" and inserting "880".
3. Amend page 13, line 5, after "projects" by striking out "15,838,900" and inserting "15,532,800" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
4. Amend page 23, following line 22, by inserting:
 "Sec. 409. By January 1, 2006, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on the potential for expansion of Michigan state industries clothing textile manufacturing and sales in the private market of clothing textiles not currently being manufactured in Michigan."
5. Amend page 31, line 18, after "agencies" by inserting "either located in or with jurisdiction".

The Senate agreed to the substitute, as amended, 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. 269, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education and certain other purposes relating to education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, school districts, and other governmental bodies; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by certain legal entities and state agencies.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 4, line 14, by striking out "2,576,700" and inserting "2,560,840".
2. Amend page 4, line 22, by striking out "793,000" and inserting "777,140".
3. Amend page 7, line 8, by striking out "15,011,900" and inserting "16,011,900".
4. Amend page 7, line 15, by striking out "82,100" and inserting "1,082,100".
5. Amend page 7, line 18, by striking out "23.0" and inserting "20.0".
6. Amend page 7, line 19, by striking out "23.0" and inserting "20.0" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The Senate agreed to the substitute, as amended, 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. 280, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; to provide for the expenditure of those appropriations; to provide for certain reports and

the consideration of those reports; to provide for the disposition of other income received by the various state agencies; to provide for certain emergency powers; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain committees, certain state agencies, and certain employees.

Substitute (S-2).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 11, line 16, by striking out “21,945,100” and inserting “21,591,300”.
2. Amend page 12, line 1, by striking out “17,203,000” and inserting “16,849,200” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The Senate agreed to the substitute, as amended, 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. 277, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; 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.

Substitute (S-2).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 6, line 26, by striking out “1,177,700” and inserting “1,169,100”.
2. Amend page 7, line 8, by striking out “427,600” and inserting “419,000” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The Senate agreed to the substitute, as amended, 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. 281, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the state transportation department and certain transportation purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to create certain funds and programs; to prescribe requirements for certain railroad and bus facilities; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state departments and officials and local units of government; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-2).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 14, line 11, by striking out “163,276,100” and inserting “161,680,000”.
2. Amend page 14, line 19, by striking out “163,276,100” and inserting “161,680,000”.
3. Amend page 15, line 19, by striking out “49,311,400” and inserting “41,998,200”.
4. Amend page 15, line 22, by striking out “80,000” and inserting “0”.
5. Amend page 16, line 3, by striking out “27,986,500” and inserting “20,593,300”.
6. Amend page 16, line 22, by striking out “163,276,100” and inserting “161,680,000”.
7. Amend page 16, line 23, by striking out “18,811,400” and inserting “11,498,200”.
8. Amend page 17, line 1, by striking out “80,000” and inserting “0” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
9. Amend page 39, following line 16, by inserting:

“Sec. 642. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall install traffic signals at the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and McClumpha Road in Plymouth Township, Wayne County, and at the intersection of King Road and Telegraph Road in Brownstown Township, Wayne County.

Sec. 643. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall complete construction of the I-96 and Wixom Road interchange project.”

10. Amend page 51, following line 6, by inserting:

“Sec. 736. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall work with intercity rail and bus passenger carriers to coordinate intercity passenger transportation in Michigan. The department shall assist in the coordination of intercity routes, schedules, and facilities.”

The Senate agreed to the substitute, as amended, 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 Hammerstrom 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 at the head of the Third Reading of Bills calendar:

- Senate Bill No. 268**
- Senate Bill No. 269**
- Senate Bill No. 280**
- Senate Bill No. 277**
- Senate Bill No. 281**

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

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 268, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of corrections and certain state purposes related to corrections for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for reports; to provide for the creation of certain advisory committees and boards; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the department of corrections, certain other state officers and agencies, and certain advisory committees and boards; to provide for the collection of certain funds; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by certain state agencies.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Scott offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 6, following line 18, by inserting:

“Hepatitis C testing and treatment..... 1,150,000”

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Scott offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 45, following line 22, by inserting:

“Sec. 911. Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for health care, the department shall spend not less than \$1,150,000.00 for hepatitis C testing and treatment.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Cropsey offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 11, line 1, after “population” by striking out “1,477” and inserting “1,481”.

The amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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. 240

Yeas—22

Allen	Garcia	Jelinek	Sanborn
Birkholz	George	Johnson	Sikkema
Bishop	Gilbert	Kuipers	Stamas
Brown	Goschka	McManus	Toy
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Van Woerkom
Cropsey	Hardiman		

Nays—16

Barcia	Cherry	Jacobs	Schauer
Basham	Clark-Coleman	Leland	Scott

Bernero
Brater

Clarke
Emerson

Olshove
Prusi

Switalski
Thomas

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Birkholz

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Hammerstrom moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.
The question being on the motion to reconsider,
Senator Hammerstrom moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed for today.
The motion prevailed.

Senators Johnson, Switalski and Cropsey asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson's statement is as follows:

I would like to commend Senator Cropsey and the subcommittee for their efforts to maintain the educational program for those individuals who are incarcerated. As I indicated to the body earlier, it meant a heck of a lot to my family, my sister, and her children. The education that my brother-in-law received made a big difference in their world, or he may have become a three-time loser and be there forever.

Most of those individuals who are serving time have not had or finished their high school education, and to receive that GED gives them a much better opportunity to go out there and become gainfully employed, as it did for Ken Allbriton, my brother-in-law.

I know Senator Cropsey was under a lot of pressure. I know what the House did. What they did, I think, is inexcusable, and I applaud the Senator and thank him.

Senator Switalski's statement is as follows:

Like most things in this world, there are good and bad in this bill. On the good side, I concur completely with the previous speaker and the eloquent speech she made and also that which the committee chairman made about the importance of the education programs in the Corrections budget. I fully support their maintenance in there, and I am very happy with that aspect of the bill.

On the other hand, I thought the committee chair was even more convincing when he talked about the micromanaging in terms of some health issues. It seems that which we have an instance of that where the Governor proposed closing the least efficient facility, and now we are keeping that one open and closing a more efficient facility. That would be bad management in my opinion, and therefore, I am opposed to the bill.

Senator Cropsey's statement is as follows:

I rise in support of the legislation not because I like this legislation. The fact is, if I had my druthers, it would be very different. However, we do not have an unlimited amount of money that we can spend. We have a budget process. We have revenue estimates that were considerably lower than when the Governor came out with her budget. In order to meet the budget target that I was given, closing the one facility, the smaller facility, was not going to meet that budget target. It is with great reluctance that I have put forth this budget. But we must balance the budget. I believe very firmly in public safety. I believe that those people who are currently in prison deserve to be there, but they belong there. For public safety, many of them need to be kept there, and that public safety should trump budget considerations.

Keeping that in mind, the employee contract negotiated by this administration increases the Department of Corrections costs by almost \$100 million, yet the budget that she submitted shorts the department about \$25 million to pay for contract and benefit increases. Somehow the department has to find \$25 million to pay for that contract that is short. By the way, I do not begrudge any prison employee the contract increases that have been given to him or her. These men and women put their lives on the line every single day working with some of the most violent, dangerous people in our society.

You all have a one-page listing of \$350 million that the department has cut from its cooperation over the last four years. We have reduced staff by over 1,800, found efficiencies, closed camps and centers, and combined operations.

We have left thousands of beds unfunded, and therefore, vacant, through additional major facilities being closed. I hear regularly from my corrections officers in my district that the reduced level of staffing is potentially impairing safety in the prisons.

Meanwhile, in the eight years that we all expect to serve in the Senate, over 8 million crimes will be reported in Michigan. There will be over 5 million victims of crime, and unfortunately, many of them repeat victims. On average, that's 72 crimes per day in each Senate district, 365 days a year. While crime does not occur everywhere with the same frequency, while you serve here, the constituents of your district will suffer an average of over 210,000 crimes. Over 130,000 of your constituents will be victims of crimes, including an average of over 11,000 victims of a violent crime.

There are 50,000 felony convictions every year in our court system. Of those, there are 6,000 murders and rapes that are reported every year. Over 11,000 other sexual assaults are reported every year, and every year Michigan has room for less than 5,000 new felons. If every available bed were used for sex offenders, we would have room for less than one-third of all sex offenders and have no room for any murderers, armed robbers, home invaders, drunk drivers who kill, or any other type of felony.

We currently house over 49,000 prisoners. Another estimated 40,000 to 60,000 felons who have been convicted are still running loose. In other words, we have about 100,000 convicted, prison-eligible prisoners, but only 50,000 beds. However, we must balance this budget.

I believe that the fat is gone. The Governor has proposed—and unfortunately, I have to agree—to begin cutting even more into the muscle of the department.

What have we tried to save in this program? We have tried to save the educational programs that are listed in the budget. To have a person go out into the Department of Corrections and not have a GED or some other level of education, you are just asking prisoners to go out and re-victimize in society. Do I want to close a prison? No, I do not want to close a prison. At the same time, when the Governor proposed her budget, we have had to find \$30 million in additional cuts. When I contacted the Department of Corrections on the additional cuts, they said that probably two to three prisons would have to be closed. When I asked which prisons, they basically said, “You are on your own.” I don't blame them for saying that. It's just that that's a fact that I have to live with.

I've made a proposal to close a facility up at Newberry. I do not want to close Newberry. I do not want to close Michigan Youth Correctional Facility. However, we have to balance the budget. I am hoping that the department and this administration—the Governor—will eventually come through and say, “Give us the actual targets when leadership meets, and try to figure out if we can keep all the prisons open or if something will have to be closed.”

At this point, the administration has said something has to be closed and probably two or three will have to be closed. I am taking a look at it and trying to do it, by closing a couple of facilities coming under the Newberry prison. The door is still open for negotiations. The door is still open as we look at these different prisons to find out where can we make efficiencies, and in the end, I hope we don't have to close anything, but no prison, no city that has a prison should count on their prison being held sacrosanct because almost any single one of them could be cut.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 269, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education and certain other purposes relating to education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, school districts, and other governmental bodies; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by certain legal entities and state agencies.

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. 241

Yeas—37

Allen	Clarke	Jacobs	Sanborn
Barcia	Cropsey	Jelinek	Schauer
Bernero	Emerson	Johnson	Scott
Birkholz	Garcia	Kuipers	Sikkema
Bishop	George	Leland	Stamas
Brater	Gilbert	McManus	Switalski
Brown	Goschka	Olshove	Thomas
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Toy
Cherry	Hardiman	Prusi	Van Woerkom
Clark-Coleman			

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—1

Basham

In The Chair: Birkholz

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Hammerstrom moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

The question being on the motion to reconsider,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed for today.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Schauer moved that Senator Basham be temporarily excused from the balance of today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Basham entered the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 280, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; to provide for the expenditure of those appropriations; to provide for certain reports and the consideration of those reports; to provide for the disposition of other income received by the various state agencies; to provide for certain emergency powers; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain committees, certain state agencies, and certain employees.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Prusi offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 27, by striking out "3,493,200" and inserting "3,447,600".
2. Amend page 3, line 7, by striking out "3,604,800" and inserting "3,559,200".
3. Amend page 4, line 12, by striking out "2,026,100" and inserting "2,006,000".
4. Amend page 4, line 14, by striking out "2,563,400" and inserting "2,531,400".
5. Amend page 4, line 15, by striking out "4,450,900" and inserting "4,435,800".
6. Amend page 4, line 17, by striking out "1,902,500" and inserting "1,880,300".
7. Amend page 5, line 9, by striking out "11,261,400" and inserting "11,172,000".
8. Amend page 5, line 13, by striking out "1,187,200" and inserting "1,180,300".
9. Amend page 5, line 27, by striking out "528,100" and inserting "521,200".
10. Amend page 6, line 4, by striking out "7,677,700" and inserting "7,666,900".
11. Amend page 6, line 19, by striking out "1,310,300" and inserting "1,299,500".
12. Amend page 6, line 22, by striking out "18,844,100" and inserting "18,628,400".
13. Amend page 7, line 5, by striking out "19,417,500" and inserting "19,201,800".
14. Amend page 7, line 9, by striking out "2,305,500" and inserting "2,290,600".
15. Amend page 7, line 24, by striking out "1,336,200" and inserting "1,321,300".
16. Amend page 8, line 1, by striking out "4,397,900" and inserting "4,375,900".
17. Amend page 8, line 16, by striking out "2,013,200" and inserting "1,991,200".
18. Amend page 8, line 19, by striking out "506.0" and inserting "515.0".
19. Amend page 8, line 19, by striking out "47,444,000" and inserting "48,494,000".
20. Amend page 9, line 10, by striking out "114,086,200" and inserting "115,136,200".
21. Amend page 9, line 13, by striking out "2,935,600" and inserting "2,898,500".
22. Amend page 9, line 26, by striking out "4,458,500" and inserting "4,421,400".

23. Amend page 10, line 2, by striking out “30,553,900” and inserting “30,171,200”.
 24. Amend page 10, line 23, by striking out “33,094,400” and inserting “32,711,700”.
 25. Amend page 11, line 16, by striking out “21,945,100” and inserting “21,720,200”.
 26. Amend page 12, line 1, by striking out “17,203,000” and inserting “16,978,100” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Schauer requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 242

Yeas—19

Barcia	Cherry	Jacobs	Schauer
Basham	Clark-Coleman	Kuipers	Scott
Bernero	Clarke	Leland	Switalski
Brater	Emerson	Olshove	Thomas
Cassis	Garcia	Prusi	

Nays—19

Allen	George	Jelinek	Sikkema
Birkholz	Gilbert	Johnson	Stamas
Bishop	Goschka	McManus	Toy
Brown	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Van Woerkom
Cropsey	Hardiman	Sanborn	

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Birkholz

Senators Prusi and Cherry offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 27, by striking out “3,493,200” and inserting “3,477,500”.
2. Amend page 3, line 7, by striking out “3,604,800” and inserting “3,589,100”.
3. Amend page 4, line 12, by striking out “2,026,100” and inserting “2,019,200”.
4. Amend page 4, line 14, by striking out “2,563,400” and inserting “2,552,400”.
5. Amend page 4, line 15, by striking out “4,450,900” and inserting “4,445,700”.
6. Amend page 4, line 17, by striking out “1,902,500” and inserting “1,894,800”.
7. Amend page 5, line 9, by striking out “11,261,400” and inserting “11,230,600”.
8. Amend page 5, line 13, by striking out “1,187,200” and inserting “1,184,800”.
9. Amend page 5, line 27, by striking out “528,100” and inserting “525,700”.
10. Amend page 6, line 4, by striking out “7,677,700” and inserting “7,674,000”.
11. Amend page 6, line 19, by striking out “1,310,300” and inserting “1,306,600”.
12. Amend page 6, line 22, by striking out “18,844,100” and inserting “18,769,700”.
13. Amend page 7, line 5, by striking out “19,417,500” and inserting “19,343,100”.
14. Amend page 7, line 9, by striking out “2,305,500” and inserting “2,300,400”.
15. Amend page 7, line 24, by striking out “1,336,200” and inserting “1,331,100”.
16. Amend page 8, line 1, by striking out “4,397,900” and inserting “4,390,300”.
17. Amend page 8, line 16, by striking out “2,013,200” and inserting “2,005,600”.
18. Amend page 8, line 19, by striking out “506.0” and inserting “509.0”.

19. Amend page 8, line 19, by striking out “47,444,000” and inserting “47,806,000”.
20. Amend page 9, line 10, by striking out “114,086,200” and inserting “114,448,200”.
21. Amend page 9, line 13, by striking out “2,935,600” and inserting “2,922,800”.
22. Amend page 9, line 26, by striking out “4,458,500” and inserting “4,445,700”.
23. Amend page 10, line 2, by striking out “30,553,900” and inserting “30,421,900”.
24. Amend page 10, line 23, by striking out “33,094,400” and inserting “32,962,400”.
25. Amend page 11, line 16, by striking out “21,945,100” and inserting “21,867,600”.
26. Amend page 12, line 1, by striking out “17,203,000” and inserting “17,125,500” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, resumed the Chair.

Senators Prusi and Cherry offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 27, by striking out “3,493,200” and inserting “3,478,200”.
2. Amend page 3, line 7, by striking out “3,604,800” and inserting “3,589,800”.
3. Amend page 4, line 12, by striking out “2,026,100” and inserting “2,019,500”.
4. Amend page 4, line 14, by striking out “2,563,400” and inserting “2,552,900”.
5. Amend page 4, line 15, by striking out “4,450,900” and inserting “4,446,000”.
6. Amend page 4, line 17, by striking out “1,902,500” and inserting “1,895,200”.
7. Amend page 5, line 9, by striking out “11,261,400” and inserting “11,232,100”.
8. Amend page 5, line 13, by striking out “1,187,200” and inserting “1,185,000”.
9. Amend page 5, line 27, by striking out “528,100” and inserting “525,900”.
10. Amend page 6, line 4, by striking out “7,677,700” and inserting “7,674,200”.
11. Amend page 6, line 19, by striking out “1,310,300” and inserting “1,306,800”.
12. Amend page 6, line 22, by striking out “18,844,100” and inserting “18,773,400”.
13. Amend page 7, line 5, by striking out “19,417,500” and inserting “19,346,800”.
14. Amend page 7, line 9, by striking out “2,305,500” and inserting “2,300,600”.
15. Amend page 7, line 24, by striking out “1,336,200” and inserting “1,331,300”.
16. Amend page 8, line 1, by striking out “4,397,900” and inserting “4,390,700”.
17. Amend page 8, line 16, by striking out “2,013,200” and inserting “2,006,000”.
18. Amend page 8, line 19, by striking out “506.0” and inserting “509.0”.
19. Amend page 8, line 19, by striking out “47,444,000” and inserting “47,788,000”.
20. Amend page 9, line 10, by striking out “114,086,200” and inserting “114,430,200”.
21. Amend page 9, line 13, by striking out “2,935,600” and inserting “2,923,500”.
22. Amend page 9, line 26, by striking out “4,458,500” and inserting “4,446,400”.
23. Amend page 10, line 2, by striking out “30,553,900” and inserting “30,428,500”.
24. Amend page 10, line 23, by striking out “33,094,400” and inserting “32,969,000”.
25. Amend page 11, line 16, by striking out “21,945,100” and inserting “21,871,400”.
26. Amend page 12, line 1, by striking out “17,203,000” and inserting “17,129,300” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

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. 243

Yeas—34

Allen	Clarke	Jacobs	Sanborn
Barcia	Cropsey	Jelinek	Schauer
Basham	Emerson	Johnson	Scott
Bernero	Garcia	Kuipers	Sikkema
Birkholz	George	Leland	Stamas
Bishop	Gilbert	McManus	Thomas
Brater	Goschka	Olshove	Toy
Brown	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Van Woerkom
Clark-Coleman	Hardiman		

Nays—4

Cassis

Cherry

Prusi

Switalski

Excused—0**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Hammerstrom moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

The question being on the motion to reconsider,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed for today.

The motion prevailed.

Protest

Senator Cassis, under her constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 280 and moved that the statements she made during the discussion of the amendments be printed as her reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cassis’ first statement is as follows:

One of the priorities our citizens recognize as very significant is safety in our neighborhoods, communities, and states. For Governor Granholm to arbitrarily propose closing three State Police posts and shift the positions elsewhere is patently unfair.

If the Governor were serious about budget savings, she could have used an even hand and equitably close all State Police posts with responsibility for covering townships. But this is not the case. Her proposal is flawed, specifically with regard to the Groveland Post because the State Police will still have responsibility to patrol, and they will have to come all the way from Oak Park. Much of this area is state land, and therefore, must have State Police patrol.

I am going to read to you something very briefly that the Michigan State Police director stated publicly, Mr. Sturdivant. He stated, “Full patrol services will continue to be provided by troopers from neighboring posts. The MSP remains committed to providing essential police patrol services to all areas of the state not covered by a dedicated police department.” Well, if they have to come all the way from Oak Park, that’s a two-hour drive. That is going to increase costs, so actually in summary, these proposals may end up costing the state money.

So I urge a “yes” vote on the Prusi amendment.

Senator Cassis’ second statement is as follows:

Groveland and Rose Townships have been responsible. In fact, they have saved the state dollars, as has been mentioned, by providing the building and the maintenance for this post. With our calculations, we come with a dollar figure of \$50,000 administratively for one secretary and a telephone.

Importantly, the good Senator from Waterford has identified where dollars can come from within the budget—responsibility and accountably. That’s what the *Price of Government* is all about.

This area’s rural citizens can ill-afford a tax increase. In addition, most of the land, as I mentioned, is state-owned. So development won’t be occurring on the state-owned land, and therefore, will not contribute to any tax revenue that could go to pay for police services.

The current Governor has proposed this closing. If I were Governor, I would not do so.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 277, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; 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 question being on the passage of the bill,

Senators Prusi and Clarke offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 19, line 12, by striking out all of section 604.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Schauer 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. 244

Yeas—16

Barcia	Cherry	Jacobs	Schauer
Basham	Clark-Coleman	Leland	Scott
Bernero	Clarke	Olshove	Switalski
Brater	Emerson	Prusi	Thomas

Nays—22

Allen	Garcia	Jelinek	Sanborn
Birkholz	George	Johnson	Sikkema
Bishop	Gilbert	Kuipers	Stamas
Brown	Goschka	McManus	Toy
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Van Woerkom
Cropsey	Hardiman		

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

Senator Prusi offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 20, line 11, after “section.” by inserting “The department shall document a savings of at least 5% over fiscal year 2004-05 year costs with any privatization proposal prior to any such plan being employed.”.

The amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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. 245

Yeas—38

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Sanborn
Barcia	Clarke	Jelinek	Schauer
Basham	Cropsey	Johnson	Scott
Bernero	Emerson	Kuipers	Sikkema
Birkholz	Garcia	Leland	Stamas
Bishop	George	McManus	Switalski
Brater	Gilbert	Olshove	Thomas
Brown	Goschka	Patterson	Toy

Cassis
Cherry

Hammerstrom
Hardiman

Prusi

Van Woerkom

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Hammerstrom moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

The question being on the motion to reconsider,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed for today.

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 281, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the state transportation department and certain transportation purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to create certain funds and programs; to prescribe requirements for certain railroad and bus facilities; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state departments and officials and local units of government; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Prusi offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 6, line 25, by striking out “889,500” and inserting “1,064,200”.
2. Amend page 6, line 26, by striking out “24,600” and inserting “26,400”.
3. Amend page 6, line 27, by striking out “71,800” and inserting “77,100”.
4. Amend page 7, line 12, by striking out “13,452,400” and inserting “13,634,200”.
5. Amend page 11, line 14, by striking out “995,796,200” and inserting “995,614,400”.
6. Amend page 12, line 3, by striking out “232,201,200” and inserting “232,019,400”.
7. Amend page 12, line 18, by striking out “17,966,200” and inserting “19,003,600”.
8. Amend page 12, line 24, by striking out “40,969,800” and inserting “42,007,200” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Schauer requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 246

Yeas—16

Barcia
Basham
Bernero
Brater

Cherry
Clark-Coleman
Clarke
Emerson

Jacobs
Leland
Olshove
Prusi

Schauer
Scott
Switalski
Thomas

Nays—22

Allen	Garcia	Jelinek	Sanborn
Birkholz	George	Johnson	Sikkema
Bishop	Gilbert	Kuipers	Stamas
Brown	Goschka	McManus	Toy
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Van Woerkom
Cropsey	Hardiman		

Excused—0**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Senator Scott offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 41, line 21, after “expenses.” by striking out the balance of the subsection.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Hammerstrom 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. 247**Yeas—13**

Basham	Clarke	Leland	Scott
Bernero	Emerson	Prusi	Switalski
Brater	Jacobs	Schauer	Thomas
Clark-Coleman			

Nays—25

Allen	Cropsey	Hardiman	Patterson
Barcia	Garcia	Jelinek	Sanborn
Birkholz	George	Johnson	Sikkema
Bishop	Gilbert	Kuipers	Stamas
Brown	Goschka	McManus	Toy
Cassis	Hammerstrom	Olshove	Van Woerkom
Cherry			

Excused—0**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Senator Schauer offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 14, line 25, by striking out “7,200,000” and inserting “8,200,000”.

2. Amend page 15, line 12, by striking out “15,294,200” and inserting “16,294,200”.

3. Amend page 45, line 8, by striking out “6,100,000” and inserting “7,100,000” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.
Senator Schauer requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 248**Yeas—18**

Barcia	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Schauer
Basham	Clarke	Leland	Scott
Bernero	Emerson	Olshove	Switalski
Brater	George	Prusi	Thomas
Cherry	Gilbert		

Nays—20

Allen	Cropsey	Jelinek	Sanborn
Birkholz	Garcia	Johnson	Sikkema
Bishop	Goschka	Kuipers	Stamas
Brown	Hammerstrom	McManus	Toy
Cassis	Hardiman	Patterson	Van Woerkom

Excused—0**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

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. 249**Yeas—35**

Allen	Cherry	Jacobs	Sanborn
Barcia	Cropsey	Jelinek	Schauer
Basham	Emerson	Johnson	Sikkema
Bernero	Garcia	Kuipers	Stamas
Birkholz	George	Leland	Switalski
Bishop	Gilbert	McManus	Thomas
Brater	Goschka	Olshove	Toy
Brown	Hammerstrom	Patterson	Van Woerkom
Cassis	Hardiman	Prusi	

Nays—3

Clark-Coleman	Clarke	Scott
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Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Hammerstrom moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

The question being on the motion to reconsider,

Senator Hammerstrom moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed for today.

The motion prevailed.

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:29 p.m.

2:49 p.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

General Orders

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Sanborn, designated Senator Bishop as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Sanborn, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 271, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the family independence agency and certain state purposes related to public welfare services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to create funds; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agency; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain individuals, local governments, and state departments, agencies, and officers.

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.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on its immediate passage at the head of the Third Reading of Bills calendar:

Senate Bill No. 271

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

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 271, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of human services and certain state purposes related to public welfare services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to create funds; to provide for the imposition of fees; to provide for reports; to provide for the disposition of fees and

other income received by the state agency; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain individuals, local governments, and state departments, agencies, and officers.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Scott offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 7, line 27, by striking out “25,061,000” and inserting “29,881,900”.
2. Amend page 8, line 1, by striking out “13,905,500” and inserting “16,580,600”.
3. Amend page 8, line 2, by striking out “2,545,600” and inserting “3,035,300”.
4. Amend page 8, line 3, by striking out “2,664,800” and inserting “3,177,400”.
5. Amend page 8, line 5, by striking out “7,807,100” and inserting “9,308,800”.
6. Amend page 8, line 21, by striking out “21,257,700” and inserting “26,257,700”.
7. Amend page 8, line 22, by striking out “32,515,900” and inserting “37,515,900” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Schauer requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 250

Yeas—17

Barcia	Clark-Coleman	Olshove	Switalski
Basham	Clarke	Prusi	Thomas
Bernero	Jacobs	Schauer	Toy
Brater	Leland	Scott	Van Woerkom
Cherry			

Nays—20

Allen	Cropsey	Hammerstrom	McManus
Birkholz	Garcia	Hardiman	Patterson
Bishop	George	Jelinek	Sanborn
Brown	Gilbert	Johnson	Sikkema
Cassis	Goschka	Kuipers	Stamas

Excused—0

Not Voting—1

Emerson

In The Chair: Sanborn

Senator Hardiman offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 53, following line 15, by inserting:
“(x) Representatives of faith-based organizations.”.

The amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Brater offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 5, line 15, by striking out “459,352,800” and inserting “464,352,800”.
2. Amend page 6, line 7, by striking out “293,961,000” and inserting “298,961,000” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Schauer requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 251**Yeas—18**

Barcia	Clark-Coleman	Olshove	Switalski
Basham	Clarke	Prusi	Thomas
Bernero	Emerson	Schauer	Toy
Brater	Jacobs	Scott	Van Woerkom
Cherry	Leland		

Nays—20

Allen	Cropsey	Hammerstrom	McManus
Birkholz	Garcia	Hardiman	Patterson
Bishop	George	Jelinek	Sanborn
Brown	Gilbert	Johnson	Sikkema
Cassis	Goschka	Kuipers	Stamas

Excused—0**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

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. 252**Yeas—24**

Allen	Cassis	Hammerstrom	Patterson
Barcia	Cropsey	Hardiman	Sanborn
Basham	Garcia	Jelinek	Sikkema
Birkholz	George	Johnson	Stamas
Bishop	Gilbert	Kuipers	Toy
Brown	Goschka	McManus	Van Woerkom

Nays—14

Bernero	Clarke	Olshove	Scott
Brater	Emerson	Prusi	Switalski
Cherry	Jacobs	Schauer	Thomas
Clark-Coleman	Leland		

Excused—0**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Sanborn

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Hammerstrom moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.
The question being on the motion to reconsider,
Senator Hammerstrom moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed for today.
The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Allen, Olshove, Goschka, Barcia and Birkholz introduced
Senate Bill No. 583, entitled

A bill to amend 2002 PA 593, entitled "Michigan next energy authority act," by amending section 2 (MCL 207.822).
The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Technology and Energy.

Senators Olshove, Allen, Goschka, Barcia and Birkholz introduced
Senate Bill No. 584, entitled

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled "Michigan renaissance zone act," by amending section 8a (MCL 125.2688a),
as amended by 2004 PA 430.

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

The Associate President pro tempore, Senator Barcia, assumed the Chair.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Leland's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, I was excused for part of session on June 14, and had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on the following: Roll Call Nos. 225, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 233, 234, 235, 236, and 237. I would have voted "no" on the following: Roll Call Nos. 223, 224, 226, and 232.

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Basham's statement is as follows:

I missed a vote on Senate Bill No. 269, and had I been here, I would have voted "yes." The reason I wasn't here is I was meeting with some folks upstairs in Room 405 from my district. I apologize for not getting down the steps fast enough, but I would have voted "yes" on Senate Bill No. 269.

Also just to let the members know that Ontario became the seventh Canadian province territory, joining Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut, to require clean, smoke-free indoors in all restaurants and bars with no allowance for smoking rooms. In addition, Nova Scotia announced it will bring forth 100 percent workplace legislation this autumn.

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

You know, earlier today it was mentioned about Detroit's insurance, I guess, and me standing up for insurance every day. You know, it's not just Detroit; it's all over, and it's according to the kind of car that you drive and your driving record. That's what I want for all over this state.

So I am going to read you one today that I have from my Grosse Pointe area. "My car insurance has gone up to \$4,200 a year. I have two cars in the house, and there has been one accident only in the last ten years. That is part of the reason for this and nothing else. Both of my cars are in the garage at night and Grosse Pointe Park is not a high crime area."

So I think it is time for us to really get down to business and deal with these insurance rates. We are the legislators, and I am just grateful that this workgroup will be meeting in Detroit on the 27th. I will be encouraging folks to come out. So, hopefully, this legislator will start doing something about insurance here.

I am grateful that the Governor and the insurance commissioner are now working on some remedies to help just that.

Senator Birkholz's statement is as follows:

Members, tomorrow morning I have a deal for you. You can have breakfast and you can learn something, and then you can vote to help Michigan's economy and to help our children. This caucus has taken—both sides of the aisle—a strong supporting message about early childhood. We have said, "We support it." Now is the time to really step up to the plate and not gut early childhood funding any more than it has already been gutted.

Tomorrow you can hear an economist from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis speaking on the economic return of the investment in early childhood education. He will be right here, in the Mackinac Room at 8 a.m., and his name is Rob Grunewald. He is internationally respected in the area of early childhood and monetary return for our investment. At 8 a.m., a good Michigan breakfast—not a foo-foo breakfast—in the Mackinac Room at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

I hope you will all be there and join us, the early childhood education caucus, and hear well-respected, peer-reviewed research on the importance of investing in early childhood.

Senator McManus' statement is as follows:

I have a very important announcement. Yesterday, as you all know, we had the annual legislative gun shoot where legislators, both State House members and Senators, were able to participate and compete against each other. I just would like to announce some winners.

There was a turkey obstacle course there, in terms of shooting the particular turkey, and the three top winners were Senator Birkholz, and she has visual proof, but we certainly won't show that in front of the cameras here; and Senator Gilda Jacobs and Senator McManus.

We're not quite sure why Senator Patterson didn't compete against three women, but maybe next year.

I would ask each one of you to visit each one of their desks and see what a great shot they are.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions reported

Senate Bill No. 540, entitled

A bill to amend 1987 PA 173, entitled "Mortgage brokers, lenders, and servicers licensing act," by amending section 2 (MCL 445.1652), as amended by 2002 PA 4.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Michael D. Bishop
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Bishop, Sanborn, Leland, Olshove and Clark-Coleman

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, June 9, 2005, at 12:00 noon, Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Bishop (C), Sanborn, Leland, Olshove and Clark-Coleman

Excused: Senators Van Woerkom and Stamas

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations -

Subcommittees -

Judiciary and Corrections - Tuesday, June 21, 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, 1st Floor, Boji Tower (373-3760)

K-12, School Aid, Education and Education - Thursday, June 16, 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-6960)

Education and K-12, School Aid, Education Appropriations Subcommittee - Thursday, June 16, 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-6920)

Finance - Thursday, June 16, 9:00 a.m., Room 424, Capitol Building (373-1758)

Local, Urban and State Affairs - Thursday, June 16, 1:00 p.m. or later immediately following session, Room 110, Farnum Building (373-1707)

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 3:38 p.m.

The Associate President pro tempore, Senator Barcia, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, June 16, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate