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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, March 9, 2006.

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
Birkholz—present
Bishop—present
Brater—excused
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—excused
Toy—present
Van Woerkom—present

Pastor Matt McPhillips of Court Street Baptist Church of Port Huron offered the following invocation:

Father, we thank You for this day. As we come before You, we ask for wisdom for the Senators and their staffs as they go about the business of the state for the great residents of the state of Michigan. We ask You to grant them discernment, Lord, to see through the clouds of politics and personal issues and seek out the best interest of our state.

Lord, we ask protection for them and their families, Lord, as they lead our great state. Lord, we ask You today especially for those who would be members of our state who are serving in the military overseas that You would grant them safety and protection in their units and their families while they are away. Lord, help our Governor as she leads us, Lord, that the decisions that are made would be wise and discerning, Lord.

We thank You for Your goodness today. In Christ's name. Amen.

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

Senators Emerson and Brown entered the Senate Chamber.

Recess

Senator Schauer moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:05 a.m.

10:24 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators McManus, Cropsey, Bishop, Van Woerkom, Jelinek, Goschka, Birkholz, George, Kuipers, Cassis, Stamas, Hardiman, Johnson, Garcia, Toy, Sikkema, Allen, Hammerstrom and Sanborn entered the Senate Chamber.

A quorum of the Senate was present.

Motions and Communications

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

Senator Schauer moved that the Committee on Technology and Energy be discharged from further consideration of the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 71.

A resolution to memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to increase funding for home heating assistance to cope with the rise in natural gas costs expected this winter.

On which motion Senator Hammerstrom moved that further consideration of the resolution be postponed for today.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Schauer requested the yeas and nays.

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

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 130

Yeas—22

Allen
Birkholz
Bishop
Brown
Cassis
Cropsey

Garcia
George
Gilbert
Goschka
Hammerstrom
Hardiman

Jelinek
Johnson
Kuipers
McManus
Patterson

Sanborn
Sikkema
Stamas
Toy
Van Woerkom

Nays—13

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

Excused—2

Brater	Thomas
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Schauer's statement is as follows:

Senate Resolution No. 71 was introduced with bipartisan support on October 12, 2005, and referred to the Committee on Technology and Energy, in anticipation of the increased heating costs that Michigan residents would face this winter.

Senate Resolution No. 71 needs to be discharged today because it is important that we send this request to Washington now. Just this week on Tuesday, the U.S. Senate agreed to an additional \$1 billion into the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, otherwise known as LIHEAP. However, it is unknown when or whether the U.S. House will take up that resolution or that legislation. Even the State House is moving its own resolution urging Congress and the President to act.

Senate Resolution No. 71 needs to be discharged because in three weeks, colleagues, the protection from utility shut-offs that Michigan seniors and low income residents have had from Michigan's winter protection plan will end for most people on March 31st.

We need to discharge Senate Resolution No. 71 now so that we can consider and pass it today to send the U.S. House and the President the message that Michigan needs them to act now, as the U.S. Senate was willing to do on Tuesday to increase the funding for LIHEAP before the opportunity for additional federal funding passes and before the most vulnerable Michigan residents winter protection plans run out.

We need to discharge Senate Resolution No. 71 because the committee has refused to schedule a hearing on this resolution and time is running out.

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

Senate Bill No. 246

The motion prevailed.

The following communication was received:
Department of Human Services

February 28, 2006

Pursuant to Section 1002 of P.A. 147 of 2005, we are enclosing a copy of the following report:

<u>Type of Report</u>	<u>Facility</u>	<u>Report #</u>	<u>License #</u>
Special Investigation Report	Woodland Center	2005C0207027	CS470245817

This report was performed in compliance with the requirements of P.A. 116 of 1973 as amended, and the Administrative Rules for Child Caring Institutions. The report may also be viewed on our website, within 48 hours, under "News, Publications and Information" at the following address: <http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/>.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact Miriam E.J. Bullock at 517-373-8383.

Sincerely,
Marianne Udow

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, March 8:
House Bill Nos. 4455 4502 5603 5648 5649 5650

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Wednesday, March 8, and are available at the legislative website:

Senate Bill Nos. 1120 1121

**House Bill Nos. 5825 5826 5827 5828 5829 5830 5831 5832 5833 5834 5835 5836 5837 5838
5839 5840**

The following bill was announced:

Senate Bill No. 318, entitled

A bill to amend 1964 PA 154, entitled "Minimum wage law of 1964," by amending section 4 (MCL 408.384), as amended by 1997 PA 2.

(The motion was made on June 29, 2005, to discharge the Committee on Commerce and Labor and consideration postponed. See Senate Journal No. 63 of 2005, p. 1013.)

The question being on the motion to discharge the Committee on Commerce and Labor from further consideration of the bill,

Senator Cropsey moved that the previous question be ordered.

The motion prevailed.

The question being on the motion to discharge,

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

Senator Stamas moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of General Orders, be placed on its immediate passage:

Senate Bill No. 318

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

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

Senate Bill No. 318

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 318, entitled

A bill to amend 1964 PA 154, entitled "Minimum wage law of 1964," by amending section 4 (MCL 408.384), as amended by 1997 PA 2.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Sikkema offered the following substitute:

Substitute (S-5).

The question being on the adoption of the substitute,

Senator Kuipers moved that the previous question be ordered on the adoption of amendments and passage of the bill.

The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Sikkema requested the yeas and nays.

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

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

Roll Call No. 131

Yeas—35

Allen
Barcia

Clarke
Cropsey

Jacobs
Jelinek

Sanborn
Schauer

Basham
Birkholz
Bishop
Brown
Cassis
Cherry
Clark-Coleman

Emerson
Garcia
George
Gilbert
Goschka
Hammerstrom
Hardiman

Johnson
Kuipers
Leland
McManus
Olshove
Patterson
Prusi

Scott
Sikkema
Stamas
Switalski
Toy
Van Woerkom

Nays—0

Excused—2

Brater

Thomas

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. 132

Yeas—35

Allen
Barcia
Basham
Birkholz
Bishop
Brown
Cassis
Cherry
Clark-Coleman

Clarke
Cropsey
Emerson
Garcia
George
Gilbert
Goschka
Hammerstrom
Hardiman

Jacobs
Jelinek
Johnson
Kuipers
Leland
McManus
Olshove
Patterson
Prusi

Sanborn
Schauer
Scott
Sikkema
Stamas
Switalski
Toy
Van Woerkom

Nays—0

Excused—2

Brater

Thomas

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Hardiman moved to reconsider the vote by which the following bill was passed:

Senate Bill No. 318

The motion did not prevail, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Statements

Senators Sikkema, Sanborn, Basham, Scott, Goschka and Clark-Coleman asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Sikkema's statement is as follows:

A few short weeks ago, the Governor in her State of the State message challenged the Michigan Legislature to pass a minimum wage increase. Today the Michigan Senate, I think, has unanimously done so. In fact, the minimum wage increase that we have passed is significantly larger than the bill we amended, which was introduced by a member of the other side of the aisle. It is also an increase above the petition drive that is currently being circulated by various interest groups. The petition drive that is being circulated asks the voters to increase the minimum wage to \$6.85 an hour next January. What we just passed increases the state minimum wage to \$6.95 on October 1 of this year; meaning, quite clearly, that passage of the ballot initiative—and I would argue the circulation of the ballot initiative—represents a decrease in the state minimum wage that would be in this legislation.

This legislation goes even further. It increases the state minimum wage to \$7.15 an hour next July; and then \$7.40 an hour in July of 2008. Now there are some pluses and minuses to increasing the state minimum wage. Let's all be honest about that. There are some obvious pluses for the people affected. I think one of the good economic arguments made by advocates of increasing the minimum wage—that I accept and is true—is that that money does go directly into the economy. I think that that is right; I think it does. We have not had an increase in the state minimum wage in nine years. If you look over the history of the increases in the minimum wage in Michigan and nationally, that is a relatively long period of time.

There is some downside. I don't think there should be any question in the minds of most people that certain industries, particularly the hospitality industry which is important in this state, could suffer some cost increase. That is a fact of any time you raise the cost of doing business, whether it's the price of labor or the price of raw materials that go into a business. So raising the minimum wage is not without some problems. But, all in all, I think it is the right thing to do at the right time.

I, for one, to be totally candid about this, I do not think placing increases of the minimum wage in the state Constitution is the right thing to do. It is our responsibility as the Senate and the House and the Governor to make those decisions. To lock it into the state Constitution and to lock inflationary increases in the state Constitution, regardless of the economy, regardless of the business challenges faced by the employers who have to pay this, I think, would be a mistake.

The passage of this bill by the Senate today increases everybody's minimum wage, regardless of whether you are a waiter or a waitress working in the hospitality industry, regardless if you are working for a small company, or if you're doing other kinds of labor. This minimum wage increase affects everybody.

I have to note, a little tongue-in-cheek, as I was doing the research on this. It is even larger than the one proposed by Senator John Kerry when he was campaigning for President. He only advocated a \$7.00 increase by 2007, and we have raised it to \$7.15 and then \$7.40. This increase—going from \$5.15 to \$6.95 in October and then the \$7.15 next July and \$7.40 in July of 2008—represents a 44 percent increase in less than two years. I think it's a significant step. It's not without its problems, but I hope the House passes it and the Governor signs it.

Senator Sanborn's statement is as follows:

Please allow me to begin by thanking the chairman of Judiciary for agreeing to allow that we continue hearings on the important matters on which I am beginning to speak.

When I stood here last week, I told you about the tragedy in my district and the actions by the Department of Corrections that allowed it to happen. When we held a hearing on this matter, Patricia Caruso, director of Corrections, told us that the buck stops with her. I appreciated her forthrightness, and I took her at her word.

Now, a week later, the new message being put out by Corrections and some members of the media is that "It is the conservative Republican Legislature's fault. They cut and cut and cut when it comes to the budget, and as a result, this tragedy was simply allowed to happen."

I stand before you to say that this is simply not the case. I am dismayed and disappointed and angry that yet another state department has decided to blame the Legislature for failing to appropriate money for the needs that the Governor never informed us of. I wonder if the administration is now supplying Corrections with the DHS playbook, which says that when things go wrong because of internal problems, do everything in your power to shift the attention and blame to the Legislature. Maybe both the DOC and DHS should adopt CYA as one of their new acronyms.

The investigation into what went wrong in the Selepak case is ongoing, but that hasn't stopped Corrections and the Governor from laying the blame at our feet and saying that if we had given Corrections more money, this could have been

avoided. The Governor didn't ask for more parole officers nor did the Department of Corrections. We gave the Governor exactly what she said she needed. The problem is that this is not one of those situations where throwing money at the problem will make it go away. This is a matter of poor decisions and a lack of accountability, not one of dollars and cents.

Is it really a matter of money when it comes to following the law? How much more money does Corrections need to follow their own policies—\$1 million, \$2 million, \$10 million? What we need to remember is that the people of this state demand accountability from the government, and as the elected representatives of the people, we are the ones in charge of asking the tough questions. That is why I want answers.

I want answers not only for myself, but I want answers for the family members of Melissa and Scott Berels who have contacted me and let me know how special these two young people truly were. I want answers for Scott's junior high teacher who called my office to tell me that Scott was an absolutely wonderful young man. I want answers for their neighbors who have seen this tragedy rock their community. I want answers for every parent in this state who is now afraid that we are not doing enough to protect their children from convicted felons. I want answers so that if needed, this body can create legislation that will protect its citizens in this state from either losing their life or losing the life of their loved ones in a similar situation to this.

Director Caruso, I have not forgotten what you said at the first hearing. The buck really does stop with you, and I hope that you'll remember that when you appear at the next hearing to deliver the results of your investigation because you ultimately are responsible for the actions of your department.

Senator Basham's statement is as follows:

It is a great day in the Michigan Senate when Senators on both sides of the aisle can agree that the working poor, who play by the rules, deserve an increase in the minimum wage; because, after all, it's been nine years. And if we'd have kept up with inflation, the minimum wage today would be \$8.50, not \$7.40. So, certainly, after nine years, it's time for us to act.

I don't think this was premature. I hope it wasn't political. But for those folks who deserve a minimum wage, one thing that we're even forgetting here, they still don't have an increase in minimum wage and we're still not giving them a living wage.

And me, personally, I think that if we can lock it into the Constitution—there was some mention about the Constitution, that minimum wage should not be locked into the Constitution. If we can lock into the Constitution the right to bear arms, then certainly we should lock into the Constitution the right for a hardworking person in this state to have a decent living or wage, paid for a fair day's work and a fair day's wage.

So for all those reasons, I still think that although we've passed some action in this Senate, it's not enough. So I look forward to this debate, and I'm glad it's being taken up. I'm glad that the Senate passed an increase in minimum wage, and I certainly hope that the House moves forward on this bill also. Also I'm looking forward to seeing what happens on the ballot this November.

Senator Birkholz stated that had she been present on March 8 when the vote was taken on the passage of the following bill, she would have voted "yea":

House Bill No. 5063

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

From my website and this is from Grosse Pointe Park. "Fortunately, I have a good driving record so my insurance is not off the charts. However, it is still costly enough that I may have to find a second job just to make my house payments each month. I live a very modest lifestyle, bordering on poor as it is. I have no extra money left for clothing and barely enough for food and gas once my standard monthly bills are paid. I have no credit card debt, despite the fact that my priorities focus on striving to live a healthy lifestyle, something becoming increasingly harder to do with the cost of living rising every day and no raise in pay to go with that.

As someone who qualifies for the senior citizen category, I would hope that there would be discounts given to us on auto insurance as well. With no points and no accidents on my record at the age of 56, even a reduction by \$20 to \$30 a month on my car insurance would immediately allow me to pay for a much needed doctor visit for a health condition I treat, or at least have extra gas money for the drive to work each day.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views and suggestions."

Senator Goschka's statement is as follows:

I rise in very strong support for the bill that we just passed on minimum wage. I take note that it passed unanimously, and coming from the hourly ranks myself, I can attest firsthand how vitally important it is that we took this step today. Many of us have been able to look at our e-mails, look at our constituent calls, and after all, frankly, we are here in this Legislature to represent the people who put us here.

I think the message of today should be one to the Governor. It is critical that when this bill reaches her desk for the good of the workers of the state of Michigan that she signed this bill immediately. This bill passed unanimously. It's a message. We believe strongly as a Legislature in the workers in the state of Michigan. I hope and trust that our Governor will sign this bill immediately when it comes to her desk. That is what the people of our state would expect and would desire. I hope just as we have listened to the people of the state that she certainly will as well.

Senator Clark-Coleman's statement is as follows:

You know, this just really goes to show what we can do when we all come together for the will of the people. This is a great piece of legislation. This goes to show that we are really concerned about the needs of the working poor. You know, this is a great day in the Senate, and I can't help but thank our great Governor Jennifer Granholm for calling for us to pass this legislation, for pulling us together, and in her State of the State message asking for this legislation. We have got a great Governor who is pushing for the little people, and I just want to thank you all for supporting her.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Cropsey introduced

Senate Bill No. 1123, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 5827 (MCL 600.5827) and by adding chapter 30 and section 5840.

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

Senators Kuipers, Van Woerkom, Cassis, Leland, Hammerstrom, Sikkema, Allen, Clark-Coleman, Thomas, Johnson and Patterson introduced

Senate Bill No. 1124, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1278a.

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

Senators Scott, Clark-Coleman, Johnson, Toy, Clarke, Thomas, Barcia, Leland and Hardiman introduced

Senate Bill No. 1125, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 331, entitled "Michigan consumer protection act," by amending sections 2, 3, and 5 (MCL 445.902, 445.903, and 445.905), section 2 as amended by 1984 PA 91 and section 3 as amended by 2004 PA 462.

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

Senators Garcia and Goschka introduced

Senate Bill No. 1126, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 319, 634, 649, and 650 (MCL 257.319, 257.634, 257.649, and 257.650), section 319 as amended by 2004 PA 362 and section 634 as amended by 1988 PA 346.

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

Senators Garcia, Jelinek, Patterson, Hammerstrom and Goschka introduced

Senate Bill No. 1127, entitled

A bill to amend 1941 PA 205, entitled "An act to provide for the construction, establishment, opening, use, discontinuing, vacating, closing, altering, improvement, and maintenance of limited access highways and facilities ancillary to those highways; to permit the acquiring of property and property rights and the closing or other treatment of intersecting roads for these purposes; to provide for the borrowing of money and for the issuing of bonds or notes payable from special funds for the acquisition, construction or improvement of such highways; and to provide for the receipt and expenditure of funds generated from the facilities," by amending section 2 (MCL 252.52), as amended by 2002 PA 150.

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

Senators Garcia, Jacobs, Jelinek, Goschka, Toy and Kuipers introduced

Senate Bill No. 1128, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 295, entitled "Support and parenting time enforcement act," (MCL 552.601 to 552.650) by adding section 15a.

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

Senators McManus, Goschka, George and Toy introduced

Senate Bill No. 1129, entitled

A bill to amend 1899 PA 44, entitled "An act to provide for the publication and distribution of publications, laws, and documents, reports of the several officers, boards of officers and public institutions of this state now or hereafter

to be published; to provide for the replacing of publications lost by fire or otherwise; to provide for the publication and distribution of the Michigan manual; to provide for duties of certain state and local government departments and agencies; to establish certain funds; and to provide for certain penalties and remedies,” (MCL 24.1 to 24.37) by adding section 39.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

Senators George, Toy, Goschka and McManus introduced

Senate Bill No. 1130, entitled

A bill to amend 1945 PA 78, entitled “An act to declare the area of the state of Michigan,” by amending the title and sections 1 and 2 (MCL 2.1 and 2.2).

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

House Bill No. 4455, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 2227.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

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

House Bill No. 4502, entitled

A bill to amend 1964 PA 283, entitled “Weights and measures act,” by amending section 31 (MCL 290.631), as amended by 2002 PA 208.

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

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

House Bill No. 5603, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 5141.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

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

House Bill No. 5648, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending section 478 (MCL 168.478).

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

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

House Bill No. 5649, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending section 479 (MCL 168.479).

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

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

House Bill No. 5650, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending section 477 (MCL 168.477), as amended by 1999 PA 219.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

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

Committee Reports

The Committee on Families and Human Services reported

House Bill No. 5258, entitled

A bill to amend 1981 PA 230, entitled “Michigan economic and social opportunity act of 1981,” by amending section 11 (MCL 400.1111), as amended by 2003 PA 123.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Bill Hardiman
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hardiman, Sanborn, Jacobs and Clark-Coleman

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Environmental Quality submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators McManus (C) and Barcia

Excused: Senator Goschka

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations -

Subcommittees -

Community Health Department - Tuesday, March 14, 2:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-7946)

Environmental Quality Department - Tuesday, March 14, 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-1725)

Family Independence Agency/House Human Services Department - Thursday, March 16, 1:30 p.m., House Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-1801)

Higher Education - Monday, March 13, Saginaw Valley State University, Curtiss Hall, Emeriti Room, University Drive, University Center; and Wednesday, March 15, 3:30 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-1760)

Judiciary and Corrections - Tuesday, March 14, 3:00 p.m., Room 402, Capitol Building (373-3760)

K-12, School Aid, Education - Thursday, March 16, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building; and Monday, March 20, 10:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-6960)

Natural Resources Department - Wednesday, March 15, 3:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-1725)

Transportation Department - Tuesdays, April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16 and May 23, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2523)

Banking and Financial Institutions - Thursday, March 16, 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2417)

Government Operations - Wednesday, March 15, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-0797) (CANCELED)

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs - Tuesday, March 14, 3:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-3447)

Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs - Wednesday, March 15, 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-1707)

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:06 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate