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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, January 31, 2001.

6:00 p.m.

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

The roll was called by the Secretary of the Senate, who announced that a quorum was present.

Bennett—present
Bullard—present
Byrum—present
Cherry—present
DeBeaussaert—present
DeGrow—present
Dingell—excused
Dunaskiss—present
Emerson—present
Emmons—present
Gast—present
Goschka—present

Gougeon—present
Hammerstrom—present
Hart—present
Hoffman—excused
Jaye—present
Johnson—present
Koivisto—present
Leland—present
McCotter—present
McManus—present
Miller—present
Murphy—present

North—present
Peters—present
Schuette—present
Schwarz—excused
Shugars—present
Sikkema—present
Smith—present
Steil—present
Stille—present
Van Regenmorter—present
Vaughn—excused
Young—present

Senator Leon Stille of the 32nd District offered the following invocation:

Dear God, in this opening day of a new session, in the day of direction-setting by our Governor, we again come to You for guidance and wisdom. May the work of this Legislature be pleasing to You and in the best interest of all of our citizens that they might prosper in this great state and experience the joys and rewards befitting them.

We ask for Your blessing on this assembly and on our Governor that his message will be strong and encouraging, and that we continue our positive work as You would have it done. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Motions and Communications

Senator Murphy entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Emmons moved that Senators Dunaskiss and North be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons moved that Senator Schwarz be excused from this week's sessions. The motion prevailed.

He is attending a meeting of the American Legacy Foundation Board of Directors as treasurer.

Senator Emerson moved that Senators Miller and Peters be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Emerson moved that Senators Vaughn and Dingell be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

The following communication was received:

Department of Transportation

January 26, 2001

Public Act 69 of 1993, entitled the "Michigan Heritage Routes," requires the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to report to the Governor and the Legislature those routes designated as Michigan Heritage Routes during the preceding year.

We are pleased to report that I-94BL in the city of Marshall and US-2 in Iron County have been designated as Michigan Heritage Routes. Local governmental agencies, businesses, property owners and MDOT have drawn together to preserve, improve and promote these routes as the finest examples of unique travel experiences in our state.

These additional routes bring the total number of designated Heritage Routes to ten. Included are sections of: US-41 in Keweenaw County, M-123 in Chippewa and Luce Counties, M-119 in Emmet County, M-125 in the city of Monroe, M-25 in the city of Bay City, M-15 from Ortonville in Oakland County to Bay City, M-1, Woodward Avenue and M-179 in Allegan and Berry Counties.

The Heritage Route Program is a worthwhile endeavor and we invite you to share our enthusiasm. If you have any questions, please call Louis H. Lambert, Deputy Director, Bureau of Transportation Planning or Pete Hanses, Transportation Planner, Statewide Planning Section at (517) 335-2934.

Sincerely,
Gregory J. Rosine
Director

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Emmons moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the House escort committee to use the center aisle. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Emmons moved that rule 3.901 be suspended to allow photographs to be taken from the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

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

Senator Emmons moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow guests admittance to the Senate floor. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senator Peters entered the Senate Chamber.

Recess

Senator Emmons moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the President. The motion prevailed, the time being 6:04 p.m.

6:43 p.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Miller, Dunaskiss and North entered the Senate Chamber.

Joint Convention

The Sergeant at Arms announced that a committee from the House of Representatives who, through their Chairperson, Representative Voorhees, reported that the House was ready to meet with the Senate in Joint Convention.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Posthumus, announced that the hour had arrived for the meeting of the two Houses in Joint Convention.

Senator Emmons moved that the Senate recess for the purpose of proceeding to the Hall of the House of Representatives for Joint Convention.

The motion prevailed, the time being 6:45 p.m.

(For proceedings in Joint Convention, see House Journal No. 3, p. 48.)

The Senate reconvened at the expiration of the recess at 7:50 p.m., and pursuant to rule 1.101, in the absence of the Presiding Officers, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary of the Senate.

The Secretary of the Senate announced that the Senate had attended the Joint Convention in the Hall of the House of Representatives and had received the State of the State message of Governor Engler.

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations, Joint Senate/House - Thursday, February 8, 11:00 a.m., House Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-6960)

Education - Wednesday, February 7, 3:00 p.m., Room 810, Farnum Building (373-7350)

Government Operations - Thursday, February 1, 1:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-1707)

Judiciary - Wednesday, February 7, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-6920)

Senator Emmons moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 7:51 p.m.

The Secretary of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, February 1, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate.

