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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Garcia—present
George—present
Gilbert—present
Gleason—present
Hardiman—present
Hunter—present
Jacobs—present
Jansen—present
Jelinek—present
Kahn—present
Kuipers—present
McManus—present
Olshove—present

Pappageorge—present
Patterson—present
Prusi—present
Richardville—present
Sanborn—present
Schauer—present
Scott—present
Stamas—present
Switalski—present
Thomas—present
Van Woerkom—present
Whitmer—present

Reverend Michael Koetje of Second Reformed Church of Grand Haven offered the following invocation:

Sovereign God, we bow before You this day and at the opening of this session to praise Your holy name and to give You all the honor and glory. With humble gratitude, we thank You for Your gifts of creation, salvation, and the very way You care for us in Your creation out of Your eternal love and faithfulness. For Your blessings, we thank You, gracious God—for the blessings of living at this time in history, in this great country, in this beautiful state.

Today, as these Senators gather together to represent the people of the state of Michigan, bless their work, bless their discussions and decisions, that they may rise out of God-ordained wisdom, justice, truth, and a Christ-like love for the people they represent. May the policies and laws that are created not only in this room, but in every branch and at every level of our state's government be for the good of the people which will then bring glory to You—a God whose mercy, justice, and righteousness flows like an endless river.

We pray for this state, for Congress, for our Governor, for our courts, our President, and for the Supreme Court. May they know that You have called them to serve and find joy in their service. Bless each of them with good health and strength so that they may serve unhindered. Bless their homes and families. Bless not only their work, but also their leisure and play.

We pray for the people they represent, especially in light of our economic situation. For those without employment, may we strive to create opportunities for employment. For those who are hungry, may we fight against poverty in our policies and laws. For those who wrestle with addictions, use us to give them hope and a future. For those raising families, help us in our decisions regarding schools, education, safe communities, and opportunities to prosper.

For our country and our world, we pray for peace and for the peace of Christ to invade our hearts and homes. We look to the day of Christ's return where Your peace will flourish forever in the eternal kingdom, where justice will reign, and where love will always be the law of the land.

These things we pray, and this we look forward to, O Sovereign God. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

Senator Thomas moved that Senator Hunter be temporarily excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Recess

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

11:45 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Pappageorge, McManus, Garcia, Cassis and Hunter entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Cropsey moved that Senator Kuipers be temporarily excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Cropsey moved that the Committee on Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies be discharged from further consideration of the following bills:

House Bill No. 5996, entitled

A bill to amend 1855 PA 105, entitled "An act to regulate the disposition of the surplus funds in the state treasury; to provide for the deposit of surplus funds in certain financial institutions; to lend surplus funds pursuant to loan agreements secured by certain commercial, agricultural, or industrial real and personal property; to authorize the loan of surplus funds to certain municipalities; to authorize the participation in certain loan programs; to authorize an appropriation; and to prescribe the duties of certain state agencies," (MCL 21.141 to 21.147) by adding section 5.

House Bill No. 5997, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," (MCL 125.2001 to 125.2094) by adding section 7a.

House Bill No. 5998, entitled

A bill to amend 1965 PA 314, entitled "Public employee retirement system investment act," by amending section 13 (MCL 38.1133), as amended by 2000 PA 307.

House Bill No. 5999, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 239, entitled "McCauley-Traxler-Law-Bowman-McNeely lottery act," by amending section 41 (MCL 432.41), as amended by 1997 PA 72.

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

Senator Cropsey moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on General Orders, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

House Bill No. 5996

House Bill No. 5997

House Bill No. 5998

House Bill No. 5999

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Messages from the House

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

Senate Bill No. 53

House Bill No. 4120

House Bill No. 4507

Senate Bill No. 868

Senate Bill No. 239

Senate Bill No. 218

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 213, entitled

A bill to require providers of retail electric service to establish a renewable energy program; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; to authorize the creation and implementation of wind energy resource zones; to ensure transmission infrastructure to deliver wind energy; to provide for expedited transmission line siting authority; to provide incentives for establishing wind generation facilities; to provide for condemnation authority; and to provide for sanctions.

The House of Representatives has appointed Reps. Accavitti, Angerer and Palsrok as conferees to join with Sens. Birkholz, Richardville and Olshove.

The bill was referred to the Conference Committee on July 25, 2008.

House Bill No. 5282, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending sections 2213b, 3406f, 3503, 3519, 3521, 3525, and 3539 (MCL 500.2213b, 500.3406f, 500.3503, 500.3519, 500.3521, 500.3525, and 500.3539), section 2213b as amended by 1998 PA 457, section 3406f as added by 1996 PA 517, section 3503 as amended by 2006 PA 366, sections 3519 and 3539 as amended by 2005 PA 306, and sections 3521 and 3525 as added by 2000 PA 252, and by adding chapter 37A.

The House of Representatives has nonconcurrent in the Senate substitute (S-5) and appointed Reps. Corriveau, Virgil Smith and Ball as conferees.

The message was referred to the Secretary for record.

House Bill No. 5283, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 350, entitled "The nonprofit health care corporation reform act," by amending sections 308, 401e, 402b, 608, and 610 (MCL 550.1308, 550.1401e, 550.1402b, 550.1608, and 550.1610), section 401e as added by 1996 PA 516, section 402b as amended by 1999 PA 7, and section 608 as amended by 1991 PA 73, and by adding section 220; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has nonconcurred in the Senate substitute (S-4) and appointed Reps. Corriveau, Virgil Smith and Ball as conferees.

The message was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senate Bill No. 1038, entitled

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled "Michigan business tax act," by amending section 111 (MCL 208.1111), as amended by 2007 PA 207.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-11) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-11) and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

The following communication was received and read:

Office of the Speaker of the House

July 25, 2008

Pursuant to PA 96 of 2007, we make the following joint appointment to the Legislative Commission on Efficiency:

Mr. David M. Leonard, 6383 Redington Drive, SE, Ada, Michigan 49301, for a term of three years.

If you have any questions please call Sarah Gonzales Triplett at (517) 373-1865.

Sincerely,
Andy Dillon
Speaker of the House

Michael D. Bishop
Senate Majority Leader

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communications were received and read:

Office of the Senate Majority Leader

August 5, 2008

Pursuant to Joint Rule 3, the House having non-concurred in the Senate substitute (S-5) to House Bill 5282, I hereby appoint the following members to sit on the conference committee:

Senator Thomas George

Senator Jason Allen

Senator Hansen Clarke

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

August 5, 2008

Pursuant to Joint Rule 3, the House having non-concurred in the Senate substitute (S-4) to House Bill 5283, I hereby appoint the following members to sit on the conference committee:

Senator Thomas George

Senator Jason Allen

Senator Hansen Clarke

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Respectfully yours,
Michael D. Bishop, Majority Leader
State Senate, 12th District

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communications were received and read:
Office of the Senate Majority Leader

August 7, 2008

Pursuant to PA 189 of 2008, (MCL 324.32803(1)(a)), I am making the following appointments to the water resources conservation advisory council:

Mr. Mark Lemons, c/o Pfizer, Inc., 7000 Portage Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001, an individual representing business and manufacturing interests.

Mr. Jon Allan, 406 Oxford, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, an individual representing public utilities.

Ms. Donna Stine, 5819 Bois Isle, Haslett, Michigan 48840, an individual representing a statewide angler association.

Mr. Scott Piggott, 5226 N. Wacousta Road, Fowler, Michigan 48835, an individual representing a statewide agricultural organization.

If you have any questions please call Bill Sullivan in my office at 373-2417.

August 13, 2008

Pursuant to Section 13 of the Local Government Fiscal Responsibility Act, 1990 PA 72, MCL 141.1213, I am nominating the following person to serve on the Review Team to Undertake a Local Management Review of the Township of Three Oaks:

Mr. Bret Witkowski, 3275 Lincoln Avenue, St. Joseph, Michigan 49095, county of Berrien.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bill Sullivan in my office at 3-2417.

Sincerely,
Michael D. Bishop
Senate Majority Leader

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received and read:
Office of the Senate Majority Leader

September 3, 2008

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2.104(c), I am requesting that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education hold a hearing on the appointments of Richard A. Flynn and Michael R. Kramer to the Oakland University Board of Control and make a written recommendation to the Government Operations and Reform Committee on the appointments.

Sincerely,
Senator Michael D. Bishop, Chairman
Government Operations and Reform Committee

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communications were received and read:
Office of the Auditor General

July 29, 2008

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Performance audit of Child Development and Care Program Payments, Department of Human Services.

August 5, 2008

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Performance audit of Information Technology Investment Management Practices, Michigan Department of Information Technology.

August 19, 2008

Enclosed is a copy of the financial statements, together with the Auditors' Report, of the Bureau of State Lottery for the six-month periods ended March 31, 2008 and 2007.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call me; Scott M. Strong, C.P.A., Deputy Auditor General; or Laura J. Hirst, C.P.A., Audit Division Administrator, who administers our contractual audits.

September 3, 2008

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Performance audit of the Program Investigation Section Processes to Identify Improper Payments, Bureau of Medicaid Financial Management and Administrative Services, Medical Services Administration, Department of Community Health.

Sincerely,
Thomas H. McTavish, C.P.A.
Auditor General

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

The following communication was received:
Department of State

Administrative Rules
Notice of Filing

July 30, 2008

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed at 12:58 p.m. this date, administrative rule (08-07-02) for the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, State Housing Development Authority, entitled "Michigan State Housing Development Authority - General Rules."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under sections 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,
Terri Lynn Land
Secretary of State
Robin Houston, Office Supervisor
Office of the Great Seal

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Emergency Telephone Service Committee

August 1, 2008

Today we have sent to you via electronic transmission, the 2008 Annual 9-1-1 Report to the Legislature as required by MCL 484.1412. The report is mandated by P.A. 32 of 1986, as amended and is due to the Michigan Legislature on Friday, August 1, 2008.

We are happy to present this report to you and feel as though the report reflects the progress of Michigan's 9-1-1 system in 2007 and our current "to date" status. In addition to meeting the statute's requirements, the report is highly informative on Michigan's 9-1-1 system reflecting the activities of the ETSC and the State 9-1-1 Administrative Office. We believe the report also sets the stage for future progress of our state's 9-1-1 system.

We welcome any comments or questions that you may have. Please direct those inquiries to Harriet Miller-Brown, State 9-1-1 Administrator at (517) 336-6414 or millerhr@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,
Harriet Miller-Brown
State 9-1-1 Administrator

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Department of Education

August 4, 2008

To prepare Michigan's students with the knowledge and skills needed for the jobs in the 21st Century, the State of Michigan has enacted a rigorous new set of statewide graduation requirements that are among the best in the nation. With these new graduation requirements, students will be well-prepared for future success in college and the workplace.

Pursuant to MCL 380.1278b (15), I submit the attached 2008 Annual Report of the Michigan Department of Education on the implementation of the Michigan Merit Curriculum. This report details the activities the department has undertaken to implement this section and section 1278a and to assist public schools in implementing the requirements.

If you need further information, or would like to discuss this report in greater detail, please contact me.
 Sally Vaughn, Ph.D.
 Deputy Superintendent/
 Chief Academic Officer

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
 Department of State

August 7, 2008

Pursuant to Section 224(5) of Public Act 177 of 2006, please find enclosed the required report. The report details “the costs incurred and revenue expended to meet the requirements of this subsection.” The report is required relative to the issuance of “old blue” license plates with a standard white plate.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
 Douglas A. Novak, Director
 Office of Government Affairs

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
 Michigan Economic Development Corporation

August 8, 2008

On April 9, 2008, the Strategic Economic Investment and Commercialization Board (the “Commercialization Board”) approved the request for proposed business plans for the 2008 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund business plan competition (“RFP”). Consistent with the requirements of MCL 125.2088k(8), I am writing to provide you with the Commercialization Board’s Decision Document, Final Resolution of the Commercialization Board (the “Resolution”) and attachments to the Resolution relating to the approval of the RFP.

Sincerely,
 Cindy Douglas
 Director of Program Administration

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that pursuant to Rule 2.109 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following expense reports have been filed with the Secretary of the Senate for the quarter from January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008, and are available in the Secretary’s office during business hours for public inspection:

Committee

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

Chairperson

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

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Thursday, July 24, for her approval the following bills:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 852 at 2:50 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1267 at 2:52 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1268 at 2:54 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1270 at 2:56 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1367 at 2:58 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1351 at 3:00 p.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1352 at 3:02 p.m.

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Monday, July 28, for her approval the following bills:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 170 at 11:16 a.m.
Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1107 at 3:28 p.m.

The Secretary announced that the following official bills and joint resolutions were printed on Thursday, July 24, and are available at the legislative website:

House Bill Nos.	6315	6316	6317	6318	6319	6320	6321	6322	6323	6324	6325	6326	6327	6328
	6329	6330	6331	6332	6333	6334	6335	6336	6337	6338	6339	6340	6341	6342
	6343	6344	6345	6346	6347	6348	6349	6350	6351	6352	6353	6354	6355	6356
	6357	6358	6359	6360	6361									
House Joint Resolutions	FFF	GGG	HHH	III	JJJ									

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Friday, July 25, and are available at the legislative website:

Senate Bill Nos. 1443 1444 1445 1446 1447 1448 1449 1450 1451 1452

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Thursday, August 14, and are available at the legislative website:

House Bill Nos. 6362 6363 6364 6365 6366 6367 6368 6369 6370 6371 6372 6373 6374 6375
6376 6377 6378 6379 6380 6381

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Thursday, August 21, and are available at the legislative website:

House Bill Nos. 6382 6383 6384 6385 6386 6387 6388 6389 6390 6391

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Thursday, September 4, and are available at the legislative website:

House Bill Nos. 6392 6393 6394 6395 6396 6397

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

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

Senate Bill No. 1195

Senate Bill No. 1344

Senate Bill No. 1401

Senate Bill No. 1353

Senate Bill No. 1374

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1195, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," by amending section 88o (MCL 125.2088o), as added by 2005 PA 215.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Van Woerkom offered the following substitute:

Substitute (S-3).

The substitute 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. 526**Yeas—37**

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

Nays—0**Excused—1**

Kuipers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1344, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 1205 (MCL 500.1205), as amended by 2001 PA 228.

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. 527**Yeas—37**

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

Nays—0

Excused—1

Kuipers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1401, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending section 1239 (MCL 500.1239), as amended by 2007 PA 187.

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. 528

Yeas—37

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

Nays—0

Excused—1

Kuipers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1353, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 435 (MCL 206.435), as amended by 2008 PA 162.

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. 529

Yeas—37

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

Nays—0

Excused—1

Kuipers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1374, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 63, entitled "History, arts, and libraries act," by amending the title and section 2 (MCL 399.702), section 2 as amended by 2008 PA 85, and by adding section 9.

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. 530

Yeas—37

Allen	Clark-Coleman	Jacobs	Richardville
Anderson	Clarke	Jansen	Sanborn
Barcia	Cropsey	Jelinek	Schauer
Basham	Garcia	Kahn	Scott
Birkholz	George	McManus	Stamas
Bishop	Gilbert	Olshove	Switalski
Brater	Gleason	Pappageorge	Thomas

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Whitmer

Nays—0

Excused—1

Kuipers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

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

The motion prevailed, and the President pro tempore, Senator Richardville, designated Senator Brater as Chairperson.

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

House Bill No. 5996, entitled

A bill to amend 1855 PA 105, entitled "An act to regulate the disposition of the surplus funds in the state treasury; to provide for the deposit of surplus funds in certain financial institutions; to lend surplus funds pursuant to loan agreements secured by certain commercial, agricultural, or industrial real and personal property; to authorize the loan of surplus funds to certain municipalities; to authorize the participation in certain loan programs; to authorize an appropriation; and to prescribe the duties of certain state agencies," (MCL 21.141 to 21.147) by adding section 5.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

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

House Bill No. 5997, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled "Michigan strategic fund act," (MCL 125.2001 to 125.2094) by adding section 7a.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

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

House Bill No. 5998, entitled

A bill to amend 1965 PA 314, entitled "Public employee retirement system investment act," by amending section 13 (MCL 38.1133), as amended by 2000 PA 307.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:
House Bill No. 5999, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 239, entitled "McCauley-Traxler-Law-Bowman-McNeely lottery act," by amending section 41 (MCL 432.41), as amended by 1997 PA 72.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

Resolutions

Senator Cropsey moved that further consideration of the following resolutions be postponed for today:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22

Senate Resolution No. 181

The motion prevailed.

The question was placed on the adoption of the following resolution consent calendar:

Senate Resolution No. 213

Senate Resolution No. 215

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senators Sanborn, Barcia, Birkholz, Kahn, Jansen, Van Woerkom and Hardiman offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 213.

A resolution declaring November 2008 as Michigan Long-Term Care Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The United States Department of Health and Human Services has reported that 60 percent of Michigan residents over the age of 65 will need long-term care services at some point, with more than 40 percent of this group requiring nursing home care and another 30 percent in-home assistance; and

Whereas, The United States Census Bureau has projected that the population of Michigan residents age 65 and older will increase by nearly 70 percent to more than 2 million by 2030; and

Whereas, In 2006, the average annual cost of care in Michigan for nursing home services was \$70,445, over \$32,500 for assisted living, and \$18 per hour for non-skilled, in-home aid, with all three continuing to increase at a rate outpacing the Consumer Price Index; and

Whereas, The American Association of Long-Term Care Insurance estimates that by 2020, the cost for today's 60-year-old will be in the \$80,000 to \$120,000 range for a single year of care in a nursing home or assisted-living facility, which would entirely or nearly deplete the financial assets of most in just a year or two; and

Whereas, A 2006 AARP study indicated that most Americans age 45 or over were less informed than they thought regarding long-term care, which was evidenced by the less than 8 percent of them who could estimate the cost for nursing home care to within +/- 20 percent of its national average and the nearly 60 percent who believed that Medicare would cover the costs for an extended nursing home stay when it usually doesn't; and

Whereas, The Governor's office and the AARP have noted that low levels of consumer awareness and many common misperceptions regarding the most essential long-term care issues significantly contributed to the very apparent lack of planning and financial preparedness on the part of a significant majority of Michigan and United States residents aged 45 and over; and

Whereas, Almost all long-term care experts are predicting that the next 10 to 30 years will see even sharper increases in the demand for services and its associated costs. It has become contingent on Michigan citizens to recognize this critical situation, and with the assistance and cooperation of state and federal government and businesses of all sizes, they will begin to take the appropriate steps to ensure that their individual and family long-term care needs can be met, which will improve the odds that their latter years can be "golden years"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body declare November 2008 as Michigan Long-Term Care Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage every citizen to take the steps necessary to ensure a caring, worry-free future for themselves and their loved ones.

Senators Cherry, Clarke, Gleason, Pappageorge, Schauer, Scott, Switalski and Thomas were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Switalski, Olshove and Sanborn offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 215.

A resolution honoring Dr. Albert L. Lorenzo upon his retirement as president of Macomb Community College, where he served with distinction from July 1979 to July 2008, nearly 30 years.

Whereas, Dr. Lorenzo, a highly-respected educator and innovator, was the fourth and longest-serving president in Macomb Community College's 54-year history; and

Whereas, Dr. Lorenzo began his career in public accounting and then joined the faculty of Macomb Community College in 1966 as an assistant professor of business, and later served as business manager, controller, and vice president for business of the College between 1968 and 1979, before being named its president; and

Whereas, During his term as president, Dr. Lorenzo shepherded the development of Macomb Community College into one of the largest, most-respected, and preeminent community colleges in the nation. It has an annual unduplicated headcount of more than 50,000 students taking courses at three major campuses, a technical education center, locations throughout the community, and via distance learning; and

Whereas, Dr. Lorenzo's visionary leadership brought many innovations to Macomb Community College, including the creation of Michigan's first university center located on a community college campus that became the model most replicated by other states. The College now has an enrollment larger than many of the state's private colleges and some of its smaller public universities and—unprecedented—will soon house a medical school in partnership with Michigan State University; and

Whereas, In addition to the many buildings and innovative programs added under his leadership, Dr. Lorenzo always put the education and well-being of our young adults first, believing that every student can succeed if provided the right learning environment, instruction, and support; and

Whereas, In a similar fashion, Dr. Lorenzo established strong ties within the community and developed practical and very successful workforce development programs, including the establishment of Michigan's most successful M-TEC (Michigan Technical Education Center) that prepares our citizens for gainful employment and strengthens our local and state economy; and

Whereas, Dr. Lorenzo served on several civic, community, education, and corporate boards and organizations, including St. Joseph Healthcare, the Henry Ford Health System, Huntington Banks of Michigan, the Industrial Technology Institute, Macomb Community Bank, and the Detroit Zoo. He also served on several national advisory boards and received commission appointments from three Michigan governors; and

Whereas, Dr. Lorenzo was a member of Governor Granholm's Council on Economic Advisors, Governor Engler's Workforce Commission, and Lieutenant Governor Cherry's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth; and

Whereas, Dr. Lorenzo's pragmatic approaches to leadership, planning, and organizational development were the focus of a number of publications and national speaking engagements, and he contributed to nearly three dozen books and monographs and authored several articles for national journals; and

Whereas, Being the driving force behind Macomb Community College's success, Dr. Lorenzo brought many local, state, and national recognitions and awards to the College and himself, including ten major leadership awards, two doctoral degrees, President of the Year award presented by three national associations, Citizen of the Year award presented by the March of Dimes, and Lifetime Achievement Award in Education presented by the Detroit Italian-American Community; and

Whereas, Dr. Lorenzo both distinguished Macomb Community College, which has grown in stature, prominence, and reputation under his leadership, and himself as an outstanding citizen and a model leader among educators; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby offer our congratulations, thanks, and best wishes as we salute Dr. Albert L. Lorenzo upon his announced retirement; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Dr. Albert L. Lorenzo on the occasion of his retirement reception on September 19, 2008, as evidence of our esteem for his many accomplishments and his distinguished career as president of Macomb Community College and as a renowned education leader.

Senator Kuipers entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator George offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 214.

A resolution of tribute offered to honor Kerry K. Chartkoff, Director of the Capitol Tour and Information Service.

Whereas, With the retirement of Kerry Chartkoff from the Michigan Legislature after 20 years of extraordinary service, the people of Michigan will lose a tremendous talent and a woman of uncommon dedication, who has served the Legislature and state so admirably during a very important time in our history. From the beginning of her tenure in 1988, when she became a member of the team restoring the Michigan State Capitol, to her present position as director of the Capitol Tour and Information Service, Kerry has left behind a long list of amazing accomplishments, and we celebrate together today her passionate leadership and selfless service to the citizens of Michigan; and

Whereas, Born in San Diego, California, Kerry grew up in a military family, moving frequently and attending several schools before graduating from Santa Ana Valley High School in Santa Ana, California. She attended Santa Ana Community College, transferring her junior year to the University of California, Los Angeles, where she met the love

of her life, Joseph Chartkoff, with whom she just celebrated 43 years of marriage. After earning her Bachelor of Arts degree from UCLA, Kerry also completed three years of graduate work there, continuing her studies in anthropology and archaeology; and

Whereas, For several years, Kerry worked with the UCLA Museum of Cultural History, and, as a consultant in archaeology, conducted international archaeological survey and excavation projects with her husband. She also directed cultural resource management programs for various state and federal agencies. In 1971, Kerry moved to Michigan with her husband, who had accepted a position at Michigan State University, and became actively involved in raising her two boys, Zachary and Eli. She was also an early member of the Bailey Neighborhood Association and the East Lansing Historical Association; and

Whereas, In 1988, Kerry began her tenure with the Michigan Legislature and became an invaluable member of the team, along with Jerry Lawler, restoring the Michigan State Capitol. She also served as research historian and chair of special projects, including overseeing portrait and historic battle flag collections. In 1990, Kerry became chair of Save the Flags, a state program dedicated to the preservation, research, and display of Michigan's collection of 265 Civil War, Spanish-American War, and World War I battle flags. With her unique historic expertise, Kerry has led this program through the years, producing one of the most successful grassroots historic conservation programs in the state, for which she also received the annual Governor John B. Swainson Award for contributions to Michigan history; and

Whereas, Kerry was named Michigan State Capitol Historian in 1992. As the first person to hold this office, she has been responsible for researching, interpreting, and maintaining our National Historic Landmark structure. She has also maintained an archive of information and images relating to the building. Her commitment to caring for the Capitol Building and ensuring that it stands as a true public forum has endeared her to all who share her love for history and have been touched by her enthusiasm for our unique State Capitol. Since 1995, Kerry has also directed the Capitol Tour and Information Service, managing a staff of fifteen and providing tours to approximately 125,000 visitors annually, which is one of the highest numbers of tour visitors for state capitols in the country; and

Whereas, Through the years, Kerry has authored many scholarly publications, including several for *Michigan History* magazine and the *Michigan Manual*. Kerry was also responsible for the successful application of the Michigan State Capitol for a 1992 National Trust for Historic Preservation Honor Award. She curated a year-long exhibit for the Michigan Historical Museum on Michigan's Civil War battle flags called "Rally Round the Flags," and she co-curated the Michigan Historical Museum's first international exhibit, a collaborative event between Italy and Michigan called "Tommaso Juglaris: A Capitol Artist." Always willing to share her expertise and love of history with others, Kerry has taught classes at MSU on the history and restoration of the Capitol and on the symbolism and preservation of the state's collection of Civil War battle flags; and

Whereas, Everyone who has worked with Kerry in the Capitol and throughout the community has been very impressed by her intelligence, professionalism, and enthusiasm in every endeavor. The people of Michigan owe Kerry a great debt of gratitude for her hard work and commitment to preserving Michigan's history. She has given much in time and talent, and her contributions will benefit Michigan citizens for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor Kerry K. Chartkoff; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Kerry Chartkoff as evidence of our high esteem.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform,

Senator Cropsey moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

Senator Cropsey moved that rule 3.204 be suspended to name the entire membership of the Senate and the Lieutenant Governor as co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

Senator Basham offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 31.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize Congress to reduce the price of traditional passports, by directly lowering the cost to consumers or by offering fully refundable federal income tax deductions to citizens who live in border states.

Whereas, To ensure greater national security, the United States government now has stricter identification standards in place to gain re-entry into the United States. A passport is currently required in order to enter the United States by air. Starting in June of 2009, a passport may also be required for all ground crossings, including re-entry from Mexico and Canada. The Department of Homeland Security has also stated that, in the future, a passport may become one of a new breed of identity documents necessary for even domestic tasks, including boarding airplanes for flights that stay entirely within the United States. It is, therefore, becoming evident that passports will become a document that even citizens not traveling overseas will need, including for domestic and non-travel-related reasons; and

Whereas, Three-quarters of all travelers enter the United States through our 163 land ports of entry. Michigan residents have traditionally been able to move back and forth across the Canadian border with a \$25 driver's license or a birth certificate for identification. The free flow of consumer and tourist traffic between Canada and Michigan is a boost to the Michigan and national economies. Conversely, inhibiting citizens from crossing the border could negatively affect the local and national economies; and

Whereas, More residents, especially those of border states like Michigan, should be encouraged to obtain a traditional, fully functioning passport in order to comply with federal laws and to aid in border crossings. Despite a recent Government Accountability Office investigation that showed citizens being overcharged, traditional passports have seen recent price increases that sometimes put the price at over \$100. A \$100 cost will be prohibitive for many residents and discourage free travel, or it will force citizens into newer "passport-lite" alternatives that are of limited utility and encroach upon the privacy and sovereignty of state documents. A federal subsidy that reduces the price of traditional federal passports to \$50, either through a direct price reduction or fully refundable tax deduction, could allay the cost and encourage passport purchases and free travel, thus aiding the economy. These reductions should come out of the monies the federal government would ordinarily receive and not from reimbursement costs the federal government uses for security checks or initial passport processing by clerks or other local government officials; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we memorialize Congress to reduce the price of traditional passports, by directly lowering the cost to consumers or by offering fully refundable federal income tax deductions to citizens who live in border states; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform,

Senator Cropsey moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

Senator Cropsey moved that the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Cherry, Clark-Coleman, Clarke, Gleason, Scott, Switalski and Thomas were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Kuipers introduced

Senate Bill No. 1453, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 61701, 61703, 61704, 61705, 61706, 61707, 61718, and 61727 (MCL 324.61701, 324.61703, 324.61704, 324.61705, 324.61706, 324.61707, 324.61718, and 324.61727), as added by 1995 PA 57.

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

Senators Whitmer, Clarke, Scott, Clark-Coleman, Gleason, Schauer, Switalski, Olshove, Cherry and Barcia introduced **Senate Bill No. 1454, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 16g of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16g), as amended by 2002 PA 630.

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

Senators Clarke, Scott, Clark-Coleman, Gleason, Schauer, Switalski, Whitmer, Olshove, Cherry and Barcia introduced **Senate Bill No. 1455, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 147b (MCL 750.147b), as added by 1988 PA 371, and by adding section 377d.

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

Senators Scott and Clark-Coleman introduced

Senate Bill No. 1456, entitled

A bill to provide compensation to individuals who are wrongfully incarcerated for crimes; to make appropriations for the compensation of wrongfully incarcerated individuals; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; and to provide remedies.

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

Senator Cassis introduced

Senate Bill No. 1457, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 176, entitled "An act to create a commission relative to labor disputes, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the mediation and arbitration of labor disputes, and the holding of elections thereon; to regulate the conduct of parties to labor disputes and to require the parties to follow certain procedures; to regulate and limit the right to strike and picket; to protect the rights and privileges of employees, including the right to organize and engage in lawful concerted activities; to protect the rights and privileges of employers; to make certain acts unlawful; and to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for violations of this act," by amending section 14 (MCL 423.14) and by adding section 14a.

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

Senator Gleason introduced

Senate Bill No. 1458, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 196, entitled "An act to prescribe standards of conduct for public officers and employees; to create a state board of ethics and prescribe its powers and duties; and to prescribe remedies and penalties," by amending sections 1 and 2 (MCL 15.341 and 15.342), section 1 as amended by 1980 PA 481 and section 2 as amended by 1984 PA 53.

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

Senators Gilbert, Kahn, Jansen, Richardville, McManus, Cropsey, Sanborn and Olshove introduced

Senate Bill No. 1459, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 811e (MCL 257.811e), as amended by 2006 PA 562, and by adding sections 811r and 811s.

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

Senators Gilbert, Olshove and Jelinek introduced

Senate Bill No. 1460, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 27 (MCL 211.27), as amended by 2003 PA 274.

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

Senator Gilbert introduced

Senate Bill No. 1461, entitled

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 1 (MCL 247.651).

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

Senator Gilbert introduced

Senate Bill No. 1462, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," (MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding sections 20b, 20c, and 642a.

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

Statements

Senators Cherry and Scott asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cherry's statement is as follows:

"LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is with a great deal of respect for all of his accomplishments that we join the family of Navy Petty Officer First Class Ross L. Toles III in remembering his significant contributions to the people of the state of Michigan and for his service to the United States. He was a man devoted to his family and committed to his work, and his cherished memory will not fade from the hearts and minds of those who knew and loved him.

Raised in Davison, Michigan, Toles was very involved with his wife and three sons and was a positive light in the lives of everyone who knew him. He raised a family who believed in the role of loyalty to family and country to the highest order. He was considered by his co-workers as a vibrant, free-spirited person who was always willing to lend a helping hand; and by his Lieutenant Commander as being the best in the field of public works and construction battalions.

The mission of the United States Navy is to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas. In the process of doing this, the Navy works to instill 3 core values of honor, courage, and commitment into the hearts and minds of every one of its officers. Through his allegiance to our nation, Ross has exhibited honor by dedicating almost 20 years of his life in the U.S. Navy and by making the ultimate sacrifice—his life. Ross was a great example of what a Navy officer should strive to become.

During his service, he earned several awards and decorations that included the 2007 Selres Sailor of the Year Award, 2 Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, 2 Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medals, 2 National Defense Service Medals, 3 Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, a Navy 'E' Ribbon, and a Humanitarian Service Medal.

Just shy of serving 20 years with the Navy, Petty Officer First Class Ross L. Toles' life was cut short on June 18, 2008, in Pakika province, Afghanistan, while assigned to a reconstruction team. His dedication to his work and his vibrant style will be missed.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated in remembrance of Navy Petty Officer First Class Ross L. Toles III. May his family accept this tribute as a symbol of the high regard in which his memory is held by the people of Michigan."

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Navy Petty Officer First Class Ross L. Toles III.

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

Jesse Owens, the world-class four-time Olympic gold medalist in track and field once explained his success by saying, "One chance is all you need." I find that a wonderful and optimistic reminder when one is facing seemingly insurmountable odds. This is from a man who was the grandson of a slave and the son of a sharecropper. He was a sickly child who grew up in the ghetto, working at odd jobs to help his family. But one chance is all you need, and that chance came from a junior high school track coach who recognized his potential.

But that chance was hardly his last. In May 1935, in a span of 45 minutes, Owens had a chance to set three world track and field records at a Big Ten meet in Ann Arbor. He equaled the world record for the 100-yard sprint and set world records in the long jump, 220-yard sprint, and the low hurdles. The following year, he took four gold medals in the Berlin Olympics in the long jump, 100-meter sprint, the 200-meter sprint, and a relay. You can be sure he ran thousands of heats at less than record-breaking times, but all it took was one chance to break the record.

And that's what I'm counting on with all my statements and all my requests. All it takes is one chance, one moment, one opportunity when you all will listen, understand, and then act to move my bills.

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Ad Hoc Committee on Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) Study submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Cropsy (C) and Richardville

Excused: Senator Thomas

Scheduled Meetings

Administrative Rules - Thursday, September 11, 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-6476)

Agriculture - Thursday, September 11, 9:00 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-1635)

Agriculture and Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation - Wednesday, September 10, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-1635)

Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs and Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation - Wednesday, September 10, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-1635) (CANCELED)

Appropriations - Wednesday, September 10, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-6960)

Subcommittees -

Higher Education - Thursday, September 25, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Human Services Department and Families and Human Services - Thursday, September 11, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

Conference Committees -

Choice in Purchase of Electricity (HB 5524) - Wednesday, September 10, 9:00 a.m., Room 424, Capitol Building (373-8538)

Portfolio Standard for Renewable Energy (SB 213) - Wednesday, September 10, 3:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-3447)

Energy Policy and Public Utilities - Thursday, September 11, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-7350)

Families and Human Services and Human Services Department Appropriations Subcommittee - Thursday, September 11, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-0797)

Health Policy - Wednesday, September 10, 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-0793)

Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation and Agriculture - Wednesday, September 10, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-1777)

Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation, Agriculture and Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs - Wednesday, September 10, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-1777) (CANCELED)

Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency - Friday, September 26, 9:00 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates - Tuesday, September 30, 12:00 noon, Oakland County Executive Office Building, Conference Center/West Oakland Room, Building 41-West, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford (373-0212)

Michigan Law Revision Commission - Wednesday, September 24, 9:00 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, Agriculture and Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation - Wednesday, September 10, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-3447) (CANCELED)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, September 23, 9:30 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 12:24 p.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Richardville, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

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Secretary of the Senate