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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, June 25, 1997.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Connie B. Binsfeld.

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

Bennett—present  
Berryman—excused  
Bouchard—present  
Bullard—present  
Byrum—present  
Carl—present  
Cherry—present  
Cisky—present  
Conroy—present  
DeBeaussaert—present  
DeGrow—present  
Dingell—present  
Dunaskiss—present

Emmons—excused  
Gast—present  
Geake—present  
Gougeon—present  
Hart—present  
Hoffman—present  
Koivisto—present  
McManus—present  
Miller—present  
North—present  
O'Brien—present  
Peters—present  
Posthumus—present

Rogers—present  
Schuette—present  
Schwarz—present  
Shugars—present  
A. Smith—present  
V. Smith—present  
Stallings—present  
Steil—present  
Stille—excused  
Van Regenmorter—present  
Vaughn—present  
Young—present

Reverend David Henderson of the First Presbyterian Church in Sault Ste. Marie offered the following invocation:

O Lord, we are mindful of the fact that You are neither Democrat or Republican these days. We are mindful this morning as we gather here in this room, men and women of us all, that we are sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, and that when we entered the room where these folks are, their faces light up and we become their children again.

So, we come this morning, Lord, again as Your children. We pray for wisdom and discernment in our debate and our decision-making process. We ask that we be able to consider the point of everyone and anyone, that we may be able to see hope in it and to see some bit of the truth in it, that it might be helpful to us.

We are knowledgeable, Lord, that somewhere in the center of most debates and controversies, perhaps it is more often than not that Your truth lies. Help us in our debating and our decision-making process to seek that truth. May we be aware of the fact that if we are pulling apart in opposite directions, it is Your spirit that stands in the middle of us to pull us back together.

We come asking for prayers for family and friends. If we come with a heavy heart, bring to us today a sense of joy and laughter. If a storm inside our lives is raging, we ask You to calm our fears. Be with us today in new and surprising ways. Help us to cherish the old and to make way for the new for we behold You today, Lord, in our midst making all things new, even we ourselves. Help us to believe that what we are doing today is making a difference in the world. We pray this in Your strong and powerful name, in the name of the Creator, the Great Spirit, the Mother and Father of us all, in the name of the Carpenter in Nazareth we pray. Amen.

### Motions and Communications

Senators Bullard and Hart entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator DeGrow moved that Senator Bouchard be temporarily excused from today's session.  
The motion prevailed.

Senator DeGrow moved that Senators Stille and Emmons be excused from today's session.  
The motion prevailed.

Senator DeGrow moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guest of Senator North admittance to the Senate floor.

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

Senator V. Smith moved that Senator Berryman be excused from today's session.  
The motion prevailed.

The following communication was received:

Office of the Auditor General

June 23, 1997

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or executive digest:

Performance Audit of Workers' Compensation Administration, Employee Health Management, Department of Management and Budget.

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

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 Tuesday, June 24:  
**House Bill Nos. 4029 4030 4031 4526 4620 4738 4740**

The Secretary announced the printing and placement in the members' files on Tuesday, June 24 of:  
**Senate Bill No. 619**

The Secretary announced that the Majority Leader has made the appointment of the following conference committees:

**Senate Bill No. 164** - Senators McManus, Gast and Koivisto.

**Senate Bill No. 166** - Senators Steil, Gast and O'Brien.

**Senate Bill No. 167** - Senators McManus, Gast and A. Smith.

**Senate Bill No. 168** - Senators McManus, Gast and Koivisto.

**Senate Bill No. 169** - Senators Geake, Steil and Conroy.

**Senate Bill No. 171** - Senators DeGrow, Steil and A. Smith.

**Senate Bill No. 172** - Senators Cisky, Hoffman and Vaughn.

**Senate Bill No. 173** - Senators Cisky, Hoffman and Vaughn.

**Senate Bill No. 174** - Senators Hoffman, DeGrow and O'Brien.

The conference committee appointments were approved, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

**Messages from the Governor**

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

June 24, 1997

There are herewith presented for consideration and confirmation by the Senate, the following reappointments to office:

**Ski Area Safety Board**

Mr. Arthur L. Tebo, P.O. Box 519, 1580 N. Shore, Walloon Lake, Michigan 49796, county of Charlevoix, as a member representing Lower Peninsula ski area managers, succeeding himself, for a term expiring on June 8, 2001.

Mr. James D. MacInnes, 4751 Arbutus Lane, Beulah, Michigan 49617, county of Benzie, as a member representing Lower Peninsula ski area managers, succeeding himself, for a term expiring on June 8, 2001.

Sincerely,  
John Engler  
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Bouchard entered the Senate Chamber.

**Messages from the House**

Senator V. Smith moved that the Senate proceed to consideration of the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 225, entitled**

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," (MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594) by adding section 353d.

The motion did not prevail.

Senator V. Smith requested the yeas and nays.

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

The motion did not prevail, a majority of the members not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 378**

**Yeas—17**

Byrum  
Cherry  
Conroy  
DeBeaussaert  
Dingell

Hart  
Koivisto  
Miller  
O'Brien

Peters  
Smith, A.  
Smith, V.  
Stallings

Steil  
Van Regenmorter  
Vaughn  
Young

**Nays—18**

Bennett  
Bouchard

DeGrow  
Dunaskiss

Hoffman  
McManus

Rogers  
Schuette

Bullard	Gast	North	Schwarz
Carl	Geake	Posthumus	Shugars
Cisky	Gougeon		

**Excused—3**

Berryman	Emmons	Stille
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**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

**Senate Bill No. 305, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 160a. Substitute (H-2).

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

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

**Roll Call No. 379****Yeas—35**

Bennett	DeGrow	McManus	Shugars
Bouchard	Dingell	Miller	Smith, A.
Bullard	Dunaskiss	North	Smith, V.
Byrum	Gast	O'Brien	Stallings
Carl	Geake	Peters	Steil
Cherry	Gougeon	Posthumus	Van Regenmorter
Cisky	Hart	Rogers	Vaughn
Conroy	Hoffman	Schuette	Young
DeBeaussaert	Koivisto	Schwarz	

**Nays—0****Excused—3**

Berryman	Emmons	Stille
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**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect, The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

The Senate agreed to the full title of the bill.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senators V. Smith, Byrum, Dingell, Posthumus, Cherry and O'Brien asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator V. Smith's statement is as follows:

I had moved while we were on Messages From the House to go to item number 3, which was Senate Bill No. 225.

The reason that I had moved to go to item number 3, Senate Bill No. 225, is that we wanted to have that issue taken up and voted on today. We also felt that since this issue has been passed by the Senate, it's been passed by the House and the changes in the House, in our estimation, were acceptable, we wanted to see this money spent. We wanted to see the \$69 million that was in here used to deal with the pothole problem as it exists today. We recognize that the Governor has a transportation package, we recognize that he has a plan for the future, and we are willing to negotiate over that package and over the future. But we felt it was important to try to address the concerns of roads in as an immediate a fashion as possible. Since this bill was a negotiated bill which had bipartisan support, it had the \$69 million available to it. We just thought that this was the time, now was the opportunity, we need to pass this bill and send it to the Governor's desk. I would hope that the Governor, even though he's threatening the veto of this bill, would sign it; that we would act responsibly, get it on his desk and move forward with this issue.

We don't mind negotiating at all, but we want to make sure that these potholes and the concerns of our constituents are addressed immediately. We don't want to play politics with this issue and we want to move forward and move forward as expeditiously as possible.

Senator Byrum's statement is as follows:

I supported moving Senate Bill No. 225 for immediate consideration by this body today and placing it at the head of the calendar. It is important to address fixing our roads and now is the time. Senate Bill No. 225 has largely been negotiated. It has passed overwhelmingly in both houses. This side of the aisle stands ready to act. I ask respectfully to the other side of the aisle—if not now, when? If not now, why?

Senator Dingell's statement is as follows:

I also voted to take item three and pull it to the head of the agenda for a reason. Yesterday my friend and colleague from the 19th District said that he wanted bipartisan support for Senate Bill No. 225. By golly, he has got it. By golly, we want to do it as job one. By golly, we want to make money available to spend right now on repairing roads and it is like pulling teeth. If we do not get cracking and darn quick, the snow will start flying before the road repair equipment will be able to operate, which will mean that we will see crocus again before roads start getting repaired. Yesterday we turned down a chance to immediately put \$100 million to work in this year's budget, not next year, as some people have said—\$100 million put it to work this year. Here we are talking \$60 million and we can put it to work right now. Get the ball rolling so that perhaps by October we will be repairing roads. If we wait much longer, you might as well take your time and wait for next year's construction season.

Senator Posthumus' first statement is as follows:

I think the previous speakers have asked some good questions and they deserve answers. I want to thank them for the bipartisan support we've had on this bill. The reason not to act on it today is, in fact, unless one wants to play politics. We would act on it today if one wants to play politics. We could send it to the Governor and try to put him a position to veto it, so that the other side of the aisle can say well, we've kind of embarrassed the Governor. On the other hand, because we believe it's important that this bill be signed into law, it seems to me that we ought to take the time to try and convince the Governor to sign it. It doesn't do any good just to put it on his desk and have it vetoed. That doesn't put one penny into roads this summer. We passed this bill back in March along with a number of other bills because we wanted to have the contracts let in April so that we would have roadwork done this entire summer. In fact, the House let it sit there until last week, now we have it. Whether we pass it today, or whether we pass it next week, the contracts won't really be let until August and the roadwork won't be started until September or October. Unfortunately, now they probably can't even use the entire \$69 million because of that. Hopefully they can, but that bill had to be changed in order to allow some of that to be used next year, because the House waited so long. I want to have this bill passed before we leave and I fully intend to vote for this bill before we leave. But, I also fully intend to make sure that in the process of working on the transportation package for next year, and in the discussions with the Governor, to make sure we get the Governor's support so that we have a signature on this bill so that we actually have dollars in the roads.

I am sorry the previous speaker wanted to make a political statement about this. The roads are not a democrat or republican problem, they are all of our problems and we've got to figure out real ways to put real dollars in, not just try and make a political statement. I think if we passed it today, we would be merely making a political statement. But if we can have the time to convince the Governor now that the bill's come back, and as we work on the transportation package, I believe we can convince the Governor to sign this. I believe then we will get some dollars into the roads. Very honestly, since we are going to be here until July 3, it doesn't make any difference if we pass it this week or next week; with the exception of this, it gives us time to get the Governor to agree to sign it, so that then we can actually put dollars in the road.

Senator Posthumus' second statement is as follows:

For the previous speaker to say that the Governor's a problem and doesn't understand the need to put money in the roads, makes me think that he hasn't been around for the last six months. Maybe he's been sleeping, I don't think it's been part of Rip Van Winkle. Clearly, the Governor's put forward a proposal and has been out trying to get votes from both parties, which even included a tax increase that quite frankly, many of our members don't even support, let alone some of your members. So I think to say that the Governor doesn't understand the problem, is about as ridiculous as one can get.

Senator Cherry's statement is as follows:

It's heartening to hear the Majority Leader indicate to us that it is his intention to at least move this bill by July 3. I can understand his concern. We don't want the Governor to veto this bill either. It is an important bill. It is real money. It will assist us in this construction season. As he pointed out, it may be in the latter part of the construction season, but at least it means road repair, road maintenance this year. That is worthwhile.

I can say that the dynamics around this bill surprise me a bit. This clearly was the approach that the Majority party here wanted to pursue at the time. If I recall the debate, we on this side of the aisle wanted to dip in and use a little extra of the BSF money and up the \$69 million, but when it was all said and done, we all agreed and voted for this bill. It was in that respect a very bi-partisan approach over here.

It surprised me that when the bill was in the House that there was some reluctance on the part of the Minority members over there to take the bill up and proceed with it this way. They felt that it was an inappropriate use of the BSF. Ultimately the House did work its way through that problem and the bill is now here. I can assure the Majority Leader that it is not our desire to encourage a gubernatorial veto on this bill. We want the bill dealt with expeditiously. If this week and an additional week really does help in bringing the Governor around on the issue, then I guess we can wait a week, too, because as the good Senator says, it's an important bill and it has real money. On the basis that he has assured us that we'll deal with this bill by July 3, I find that to be acceptable, Madam President, and will wait till the time when it's appropriate to vote on the bill.

Senator O'Brien's statement is as follows:

I guess for one of the few times, I'm going to disagree with my Leader. I guess maybe it is acceptable in some fashion that we wait and do all of the above, but what I find to be most offensive is the thought that every time we turn around, the executive is saying, "The Legislature's this, the Legislature's that." You mean to tell me—and I'm glad the Republican leader printed his remarks—you mean to tell me at this stage of the game we have to go and convince John Engler to spend \$69 million to repair roads? I believe that's what I understand. If the question is, we don't want this bill vetoed, we need to go and convince the Governor to sign this bill to repair these roads. If that's the real question, then I don't know how you can even entertain that question.

That question begs to me that the Governor is the problem. He doesn't want to fix the roads. I can't tell if that's a Republican or a Democrat or liberal or conservative pothole when I hit it. Neither can your constituents. If at this late stage of the game, with the kind of shape these roads are in, if that's what we're down to—we've got to convince the Governor that our roads are bad—then this guy's got to be spending a lot of time in that airplane. He certainly isn't out on the road. If you have to, if we have to go and convince him—that's the shame of the matter. We need to convince the Governor that our roads are bad. You mean to tell me he doesn't know that now? Give me a break!

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

**House Bill No. 4520**

**Senate Bill No. 225**

The motion prevailed.

**Senate Bill No. 170, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the departments of attorney general, civil rights, civil service, management and budget, state, and treasury, the Michigan biologic products institute, the executive office, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; to provide for the expenditure of these appropriations; to provide for the funding of certain work projects; to provide for the imposition of certain fees; to establish or continue certain funds, programs, and categories; to prescribe certain requirements for bidding on state contracts; to provide for disposition of year-end balances for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain principal executive departments and state agencies, officials, and employees; and to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the various principal executive departments and state agencies.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1).

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,  
Senator DeGrow moved that the rule be suspended.

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

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

The substitute was not concurred in, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 380****Yeas—11**

Byrum	Dingell	Smith, A.	Vaughn
Cherry	Hart	Smith, V.	Young
Conroy	Peters	Stallings	

**Nays—24**

Bennett	DeGrow	Koivisto	Rogers
Bouchard	Dunaskiss	McManus	Schuetz
Bullard	Gast	Miller	Schwarz
Carl	Geake	North	Shugars
Cisky	Gougeon	O'Brien	Steil
DeBeaussaert	Hoffman	Posthumus	Van Regenmorter

**Excused—3**

Berryman	Emmons	Stille
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**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Posthumus' statement is as follows:

It's my extreme honor to have a guest here today who is a scholar athlete from my Alma Mater, Caledonia High School. His name is Chris Snoape. Chris capped off his very successful career at Caledonia High School by capturing the 1997 High School Boys Class B Individual State Tennis Championship, and at the same time, graduating with high academic honors. In addition to that State Championship, Christopher's amazing 103 wins vs. two losses four-year record at Caledonia included four OK Gold Conference Titles, four Class B Regional Championships and a trip to the State Championship Semifinals in 1996. I believe Chris is joined by his mother, Bev, and his grandfather, Al Post, here in the Senate. I know that the Senate really would like to join in congratulating him and wishing him the best as he has accepted a tennis scholarship to Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida. I'd like to ask Chris and his family to rise. We're very, very proud of you. I know I am as a former Caledonia graduate.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**General Orders**

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

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Binsfeld, designated Senator Dingell as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President, Lieutenant Governor Binsfeld, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bills:

**House Bill No. 4392, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 21052a.

**House Bill No. 4394, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3407a.

**Senate Bill No. 619, entitled**

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," by amending section 75 (MCL 421.75), as amended by 1995 PA 25.

**House Bill No. 4636, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 20129a (MCL 324.20129a), as added by 1995 PA 71.

The bills were placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**Resolutions**

Senator DeGrow moved that consideration of the following resolution be postponed for today:

**Senate Resolution No. 71**

The motion prevailed.

Senators McManus, Emmons and North offered the following concurrent resolution:

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 37.**

A concurrent resolution to approve a designated open space land application and a local open space land application on appeal.

Whereas, Section 36105(2) of Part 361, Farmland and Open Space Preservation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, being MCL § 324.36105, requires the state land use agency within the Department of Natural Resources to submit each application for a designated open space development rights easement, along with an analysis of its cost, to the legislature; and

Whereas, The legislature has reviewed the application for designated open space land for the Micklin Property in Benzie County and the local open space application on appeal for the Qua Property in Otsego County, and has determined that the lands in question qualify and that it is in the interest of the state of Michigan to enter into these easements; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the following designated open space land application and local open space land application on appeal, submitted by the state land use agency, Department of Natural Resources, is hereby approved by the Legislature, pursuant to the provisions of Part 361, Farmland and Open Space Preservation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. The properties are identified as follows:

Designated Open Space Land Application

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Size/Cost</u>
Micklin Property	Section 3 T25N,R15W Benzie County	51.4 acres \$653/yr.

Local Open Space Land Application on Appeal

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Size/Cost</u>
Qua Property	Section 32 T30N,R3W Otsego County	75.11 acres \$4,310/yr.

; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Natural Resources.

Pursuant to rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senators Young, Schwarz, Conroy, Dunaskiss and Hoffman were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.



Senator Dingell offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 72.**

A resolution urging the Departments of Agriculture and Community Health to update their standards for which ferret bites and rabies risk are assessed and act affirmatively to achieve clemency for Kodo, a ferret being executed on Monday, June 9, 1997, due to an innocent incidence of recent happening.

Whereas, Kodo the ferret, has been the catalyst for a movement towards changing out-dated and incorrect rules concerning the treatment of ferrets as pets in our state. The domestic ferret is believed to have been first domesticated approximately 2,500 years ago. Ferrets are a developed species and depends on mankind for their continued survival; and

Whereas, The domestic ferret arrived in the Americas on the first sailing ships around the turn of the century. They were bred for their fur and rodent control in ships, barns and silos. Ferrets did not disappear with the ban and proved their usefulness during WWII by running wires through conduits in the large bombers. In fact, they are still used to run fiber optic strands in long, twisting conduits; and

Whereas, Ferrets as pets began to rise in popularity in the 1970's. In those states where ferret ownership was restricted, sentiment began to grow toward easing or eliminating ownership restrictions. Today there are an estimated 10 - 12 million ferrets in the United States, making them the third most popular companion animal in the country; and

Whereas, For ferrets, horses, and a number of other species, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has, expressed uncertainty in the past, as to the period between rabies infection and the animal beginning to shed the virus. The CDC has recommended in all cases of bites that an individualized inquiry be made. This usually results in an order to kill the ferret. For unexplained reasons, horses are not so treated; and

Whereas, In February 1990, the first rabies vaccine was approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for use on ferrets. Rone Merieux, the IMRAB-3 vaccine, was shown to be at least 94.4% effective in preventing rabies in ferrets for up to one year following vaccination. This was verified through testing 90 ferrets, three times the number of animals required by the USDA. The vaccine has a proven effectiveness greater than 86.7%, the number required for dogs; and

Whereas, Three distinct studies have been conducted by U. Forster at the Paul Erlich Institute in Germany; J. Blancou, M. Aubert and M. Artois the French National Institute for the Study of Rabies; and J.F. Bell of the United States. All three studies show a mean time from onset of the symptoms until death of 4.2 days, with a maximum of seven days. These studies on three different rabies strains show that the ferret does not typically shed the virus; and

Whereas, The cities of St. Paul and St. Lewis Park, Minnesota, require only that the ferret be examined by a veterinarian familiar with small animals. If the ferret is found to be healthy, vaccinated or unvaccinated, it is released back to its owner. A conservative approach to establishing a quarantine would be to consider death as an easily recognized symptom of rabies and to establish the quarantine period at seven days. This is the maximum time from the initial onset of symptoms until death; and

Whereas, In light of these recent studies on shedding periods in ferrets and past studies regarding this issue, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has changed their kill and test policy and created a 10-day quarantine period for ferrets, recommended for most domestic ferret circumstances; and

Whereas, The quarantine period is not meant to prove that the animal does not have the rabies virus; just that it was not capable of passing on the disease at the time of the bite. An animal cannot pass on the virus until the virus is secreted by the salivary glands during the final stages of the disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Michigan Departments of Agriculture and Community Health enlighten their views on ferret quarantine policies, or the lack thereof, to make recommendations similar to those of the state of Massachusetts and to treat ferrets and their many owners with fairness and sympathy. The departments are also requested to realize the ferret's place next to the canine and feline friends in our Michigan families; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Robert Jacobs, Kodo's owner, as a symbol of our common cause.

Pursuant to rule 3.204, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senators Young, Stallings, Conroy and Gougeon were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Geake, Hart, Young and Shugars offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 77.**

A resolution to recognize suicide as a serious state and national problem and to encourage suicide prevention initiatives.

Whereas, Suicide is the ninth leading cause of all deaths in the state of Michigan and the third cause for young persons ages 15 through 24. In 1995, suicide claimed over 960 Michigan lives, a number greater than the number of homicides. In addition, suicide attempts adversely impact the lives of millions of family members across the country; and

Whereas, The suicide death rate has remained relatively stable over the past 40 years for the general population. However, the rate has nearly tripled for young persons. The suicide death rate is highest for adults over 65; and

Whereas, These deaths impose a huge unrecognized and unmeasured economic burden on the state of Michigan in terms of potential life lost, medical costs incurred, and the lasting impact on family and friends. This is a complex, multifaceted biological, sociological, and societal problem; and

Whereas, Even though many suicides are currently preventable, there is still a need for the development of more effective suicide prevention programs. Much more can be done, for example, to remove stigmas associated with seeking help for emotional problems. Prevention opportunities continue to increase due to advances in clinical research, in mental disorder treatments, in basic neuroscience, and in the development of new community-based initiatives. Suicide prevention efforts should be encouraged to the maximum extent possible; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we

- (1) Recognize suicide as a statewide problem and declare suicide prevention to be a state priority;
- (2) Acknowledge that no single suicide prevention program or effort will be appropriate for all populations or communities;
- (3) Encourage initiatives dedicated to preventing suicide, helping people at risk for suicide and people who have attempted suicide, promoting safe and effective treatment for persons at risk, supporting people who have lost someone to suicide, and developing an effective strategy for the prevention of suicide; and
- (4) Encourage the development, promotion, and accessibility of mental health services to enable all persons at risk for suicide to obtain these services without fear of any stigma.

Pursuant to rule 3.204, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senators Conroy, Dunaskiss, Emmons, Gougeon, Schwarz and Hoffman were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Bouchard offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 78.**

A resolution to memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to extend China's most favored nation trade status.

Whereas, Over the past seventeen years, the United States has traded with the world's most populous nation as a "most favored nation." While the period has included activities that have concerned American officials, businesses, and citizens, the People's Republic of China has made enormous strides in its participation in the global marketplace. This progress extends to many areas; and

Whereas, The increased trade with China has been a key element in the People's Republic of China's move to a more market driven economy after decades of a tightly controlled, closed system. The process of opening up a country to a free market economy and increased democracy benefits directly from the presence of American companies in China; and

Whereas, China's continuing development in trade is about to enter a new era with the incorporation of Hong Kong into the People's Republic of China this year. Extending most favored nation status will ensure that the ideals of democracy and the free market will continue to be a presence in the People's Republic. The alternative, denying most favored nation status to the world's largest nation, can only impede progress. The result would be crippling to the ultimate goals of greater free trade in the world and more of the world's people living with the opportunity to shape their own destiny; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the President and the Congress of the United States to extend China's most favored nation trade status; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, 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 resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations, Senator DeGrow moved that the rule be suspended.

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

Senator DeGrow moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Conroy, Stallings, Schwarz, Young and Hoffman were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Emmons, Hoffman, Bennett, Shugars, Dunaskiss, Carl and Gougeon offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 79.**

A resolution recognizing July 3, 1997, as the Cost of Government Day.

Whereas, Cost of Government Day is the date of the calendar year, counting from January 1, on which the average American worker has earned enough money to pay his or her annual federal, state and local tax burdens and the cost of government regulations; and

Whereas, According to the Americans for Tax Reform, the total cost of government for 1997 is estimated at \$3.519 billion or \$13,500 for every man, woman and child in America; and

Whereas, This means Americans will spend 183 days, more than half of the 1997 calendar year, working for the government; and

Whereas, Burdensome taxation and government regulation stifle economic development and job creation; and

Whereas, Positive tax and regulatory policies promote economic growth and the job creation which are essential to securing a prosperous future for the citizens of Michigan and the United States; and now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby call upon the Governor of the state of Michigan to recognize July 3, 1997, as the Cost of Government Day, and call this observance to the attention of all Michigan citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the coordinators of this observance and to the Office of the Governor of Michigan.

Pursuant to rule 3.204, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Young was named co-sponsor of the resolution.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

### **Introduction and Referral of Bills**

Senator Bouchard introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 618, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 11118b.

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

Senator Gougeon introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 620, entitled**

A bill to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled "Single business tax act," (MCL 208.1 to 208.145) by adding section 38f.

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

Senators Bullard, Shugars and Young introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 621, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.532) by adding section 266.

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

Senators Bullard, North and Young introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 622, entitled**

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 4a (MCL 205.54a), as amended by 1996 PA 435.

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

Senators Bullard, North and Shugars introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 623, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," (MCL 169.201 to 169.282) by adding section 40.

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

Senators Geake, Shugars and Steil introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 624, entitled**

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," by amending sections 33, 34, and 35 (MCL 421.33, 421.34, and 421.35), as amended by 1983 PA 164.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Human Resources, Labor and Veterans Affairs.

Senator Bennett introduced

**Senate Bill No. 625, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 217, 219, 233, 732, and 904 (MCL 257.217, 257.219, 257.233, 257.732, and 257.904), section 217 as amended by 1996 PA 59, section 219 as amended by 1985 PA 67, section 233 as amended by 1980 PA 398, section 732 as amended by 1996 PA 493, and section 904 as amended by 1994 PA 450; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Senator Bouchard introduced

**Senate Bill No. 626, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 303, 321a, 625a, 625i, and 625n (MCL 257.303, 257.321a, 257.625a, 257.625i, and 257.625n), section 303 as amended by 1996 PA 587, sections 321a and 625i as amended by 1996 PA 493, and section 625a as amended and section 625n as added by 1996 PA 491, and by adding sections 904c, 904d, 904e, 904f, 904g, and 915.

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

Senator Rogers introduced

**Senate Bill No. 627, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 5a, 8a, 44a, 258, 319, 319b, 625, 625b, and 625m (MCL 257.5a, 257.8a, 257.44a, 257.258, 257.319, 257.319b, 257.625, 257.625b, and 257.625m), section 8a as amended by 1994 PA 449, section 44a as added by 1993 PA 359, section 319 as amended by 1996 PA 587, section 319b as amended by 1996 PA 404, sections 625 and 625m as amended by 1996 PA 491, and section 625b as amended by 1994 PA 450, and by adding sections 23b and 204b.

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

Senators Steil, Gougeon and Shugars introduced

**Senate Bill No. 628, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 204, entitled "The children's ombudsman act," by amending sections 6 and 7 (MCL 722.926 and 722.927).

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

**House Bill No. 4029, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 10102 and 10104 (MCL 333.10102 and 333.10104).

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 Health Policy and Senior Citizens.

**House Bill No. 4030, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 310 (MCL 257.310), as amended by 1996 PA 205.

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 Health Policy and Senior Citizens.

**House Bill No. 4031, entitled**

A bill to amend 1972 PA 222, entitled "An act to provide for an official personal identification card; to provide for its form, issuance and use; to provide for certain duties of the secretary of state; and to prescribe certain penalties for violations," by amending section 2 (MCL 28.292), as amended by 1996 PA 204.

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 Health Policy and Senior Citizens.

**House Bill No. 4526, entitled**

A bill to create a state community policing assistance program; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state departments and officials; to create a fund in the department of treasury; and to provide for an appropriation.

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 Appropriations.

**House Bill No. 4620, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 307 (MCL 257.307), as amended by 1996 PA 205.

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 Health Policy and Senior Citizens.

**House Bill No. 4738, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 248 (MCL 257.248), as amended by 1993 PA 300, and by adding sections 1d, 1e, and 4c.

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 Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs.

**House Bill No. 4740, entitled**

A bill to amend 1981 PA 118, entitled "An act to regulate motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, dealers, and their representatives; to regulate dealings between manufacturers and distributors or wholesalers and their dealers; to regulate dealings between manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, dealers, and consumers; to prohibit unfair practices; to provide remedies and penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 13 and 14 (MCL 445.1573 and 445.1574).

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 Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs.

Senator DeGrow moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:04 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Binsfeld, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, June 26, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI  
Secretary of the Senate.

