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10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator John J.H. Schwarz.

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

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

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

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

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

Dear God, we come before You this morning on this beautiful fall day to ask for Your guidance in our work and Your presence in our midst. Most of all, we ask for Your comforting effect on a nation tense with concern, bewildered by fear, and angered by attack. Keep us strong, keep us calm, and keep us safe.

We acknowledge the many blessings and bounty You have shed on this nation. We cherish the diversity, the inclusiveness, and the freedom of worship as part of our lives. We recognize Your hand in all that makes us what we are.

Now be with us as we go about our work today. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Motions and Communications

Senator Hoffman entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Emerson moved that Senator Murphy be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, October 17:
House Bill Nos. 4690 5091

The Secretary announced the printing and placement in the members' files on Wednesday, October 17, of:
House Bill No. 5205

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

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

Senate Bill No. 682

Senate Bill No. 683

Senate Bill No. 684

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 682, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 84, entitled "Of divorce," by amending section 17a (MCL 552.17a), as amended by 1990 PA 243.

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. 355

Yeas—34

Bennett	Garcia	Leland	Scott
Bullard	Gast	McCotter	Shugars
Byrum	Goschka	McManus	Sikkema
Cherry	Gougeon	Miller	Smith
DeBeaussaert	Hammerstrom	North	Steil
DeGrow	Hart	Peters	Stille
Dingell	Hoffman	Schuette	Van Regenmorter
Dunaskiss	Johnson	Schwarz	Young
Emerson	Koivisto		

Nays—0

Excused—3

Emmons

Murphy

Vaughn

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schwarz

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 683, entitled

A bill to amend 1966 PA 138, entitled "The family support act," by amending sections 1, 1a, and 5 (MCL 552.451, 552.451a, and 552.455), sections 1 and 1a as amended by 1990 PA 237 and section 5 as amended by 1996 PA 5.

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. 356**Yeas—34**

Bennett

Garcia

Leland

Scott

Bullard

Gast

McCotter

Shugars

Byrum

Goschka

McManus

Sikkema

Cherry

Gougeon

Miller

Smith

DeBeaussaert

Hammerstrom

North

Steil

DeGrow

Hart

Peters

Stille

Dingell

Hoffman

Schuette

Van Regenmorter

Dunaskiss

Johnson

Schwarz

Young

Emerson

Koivisto

Nays—0**Excused—3**

Emmons

Murphy

Vaughn

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schwarz

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 684, entitled

A bill to amend 1970 PA 91, entitled "Child custody act of 1970," by amending section 2 (MCL 722.22), as amended by 1999 PA 156.

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. 357**Yeas—34**

Bennett	Garcia	Leland	Scott
Bullard	Gast	McCotter	Shugars
Byrum	Goschka	McManus	Sikkema
Cherry	Gougeon	Miller	Smith
DeBeussaert	Hammerstrom	North	Steil
DeGrow	Hart	Peters	Stille
Dingell	Hoffman	Schuette	Van Regenmorter
Dunaskiss	Johnson	Schwarz	Young
Emerson	Koivisto		

Nays—0**Excused—3**

Emmons	Murphy	Vaughn
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schwarz

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Statements

Senators Gougeon, Koivisto, Scott, Hammerstrom, Goschka, Leland, Garcia and Miller asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gougeon's statement, in which Senator Goschka concurred, is as follows:

This morning Senator Koivisto and I are sending around a notice that we are forming a caucus on the issue of steel and mining in the Senate. Senator Koivisto will have more details of a proposed first meeting. My purpose up here is to tell you that this Senator believes that the steel industry and the mining industry in the state of Michigan are in deep trouble and that we, as Senators and legislators in this state, need to take a look at these industries and determine if there are, in fact, ways that we can assist them.

I am concerned as a citizen of this state and as a Senator that the amount of steel being shipped from outside the United States into this country has had a very negative effect, especially with the announcement of the bankruptcy of our third largest steel producer, Bethlehem Steel. The negative effect that cheap, subsidized steel has coming from countries outside the United States could, in fact, put our steel industry and our mining industry in this nation, and particularly in this state, in peril. Therefore, I believe it incumbent upon us as legislators that we form this caucus, that we take a look at this issue, and determine if, in fact, we can assist in the salvation of this industry. To do nothing, I think, is a drastic mistake by the part of this Legislature.

Senator Koivisto's statement, in which Senator Goschka concurred, is as follows:

To elaborate further on what Senator Gougeon said, the caucus will hold its first meeting next Wednesday morning at eight o'clock. A lot of what's happening in the steel industry and the mining industry is caused by the import problem. However, there are some things that can be done at the state level. And we would like to start a dialog going at how the state can be proactive in trying to preserve what we have within the industry and maybe even enhance what we have within the industry. Those that are able to survive during these tough times will be there for many, many years, but it's a matter of survival. The state can be proactive, and we'd like to start a dialog going about how we can be proactive in that respect.

What really shook me the other day was to see Bethlehem Steel declare bankruptcy—the Number 3 steelmaker in the US. If they're not immune from this, then you can imagine what the smaller steel companies are facing. So, hopefully, you'll show an interest. If you've signed up, we will notify each office. It's going to be Wednesday morning in the Farnum Building, Room 210—coffee, donuts, and just a little dialog. We'll probably have somebody from the industry there to elaborate and at least share their insight and questions that we may have about what's going on in the industry.

I would think that an industry that's in this shape right now would find it very refreshing that somebody actually cares at the state level, instead of constantly just getting lip service from politicians. Maybe somebody will look at what can actually be done to help these industries survive. So it's an important issue for us, and hopefully, some of you will show up and participate in the dialog about the industry.

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

I have introduced today Senate Bill No. 762 because I have received so many letters from my district and outside of my district regarding these lending institutions that are in our community. Many financial institutions have abandoned the small-loan market, leaving many consumers without traditional access to small-sum, short-term credit loans that enables them to meet immediate needs. This has opened the door to companies offering check-cashing services or payday loans.

Payday loans are marketed as a quick and easy way to get cash. However, consumers who are unable to repay the entire loan often find themselves in a worse financial situation. So, again, I am introducing a bill today that would create a licensing and regulatory mechanism for payday lending to safeguard consumers against deceptive practices. The bill would eliminate the charging of exorbitant fees and prohibit the ability to roll over or refinance the same loans.

This bill would require lenders to inform consumers about the terms of the loans and provide a clear description of their repayment obligations, so that borrowers know exactly what to expect when they borrow money. Such disclosure is necessary in order for consumers to make an informed credit decision because what's happening, Mr. President, is that people are borrowing money and before they can pay this money back, they have to re-borrow that same money. So they continuously borrow on their next payday.

This bill would also require the commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services to track these businesses by requiring every payday lender to file an annual report of its business activities. The bill would also require the commissioner to establish a complaint process for consumers who fall victim to predatory practices, require every payday lending establishment to furnish a \$50,000 bond in order to insure its financial stability, and provide the Attorney General with the same powers and authority in enforcing the law as provided for under the Michigan Consumer Protection Act.

I believe this bill establishes provisions that are fair to both the lender and the borrower and which appropriately addresses the consumer protection concerns that I have. And I will continue to raise this issue about the payday lending industry.

Senator Hammerstrom's statement is as follows:

Colleagues, this morning, on behalf of Senator Joanne Emmons, I want to extend best wishes to Jean Kordenbrock, a member of her staff who is going to be leaving to become the executive director for the Women's Commission. I know Jean will serve the Women's Commission with the same enthusiasm and integrity that she gave to this body.

I want to personally thank her for making it very pleasant when I had to step in for Senator Emmons. She has been a joy to work with.

Jean, thank you for all your hard work on the Senate floor, and the best of luck to you as you go on to this new challenge.

Senator Goschka's statement is as follows:

I very much appreciate the steel mining caucus that is beginning. Coming from the ranks of labor and being a member in good standing of the United Steel Workers of America Local 12934, I stand in full and total support of what these two Senators are doing. They are spearheading a movement to bring back steel in the state of Michigan, as well as throughout the country.

We must absolutely be about the business of working on behalf of the steel industry, as well as for all laborers throughout the state. This is a wonderful day in which we are taking the bull by the horns, as it were, in addressing a very important issue—not just for business, but for laborers. Coming from the ranks of the blue-collar rank and file, I am very proud to be a member of this new caucus.

Senator Leland's statement is as follows:

I have in my district in far west and northwest Detroit several nonprofit housing groups that I represent. Two of them that come to mind are Blight Busters, which some of you have read about over the years, and in my neighborhood, I have another housing group called the Rosedale Park Improvement Development Corporation. I've got a group called Brightmoor in my community that develops homes for nonprofit.

Some time ago, those groups came to me, and they requested that I get involved in working on a package of bills that deal with predatory lending practices. As a result of some of those discussions with those nonprofit housing groups and my familiarity with the problem in my district in far west and northwest Detroit, I have put together a package of bills that I will be introducing today. I hope that some of you members on both sides of the aisle will co-sponsor the package of bills.

I just want to read a statement for the Journal and hope that when I'm done, many of you members will approach me and get on board.

Predatory lending is the practice of unfair and abusive lending that is used by some lenders to pressure homeowners, particularly older, uninformed, and inexperienced homeowners, into high-cost and unaffordable loans. Such loans typically include inflated interest rates, outrageous costs, and unaffordable repayment terms.

Although most subprime lenders may be legitimate lenders that do not engage in predatory practices, the growth of the subprime market has created new opportunities for predatory lending, which has promoted the need to protect unsuspecting consumers from unscrupulous practices.

The bills that I am introducing would establish consumer protections for all mortgage loans by prohibiting lenders from encouraging default on a loan, charging fees for products or services that are not provided, financing credit insurance and other costly products designed to merely increase the lender's profit, and limiting late payment fees.

The bills would provide special provisions for high-cost home loans by prohibiting repeated refinancing or flipping of loans, requiring counseling on the advisability and appropriateness of a home loan, and prohibiting lending without consideration of the borrower's ability to repay.

The consumer protection remedies provided in these bills would be in addition to other consumer protections and remedies available by the law. The bills would also allow the Attorney General and the commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services to enforce the act.

I also want to tell you that my good friend, Senator Valde Garcia, has introduced a package of predatory lending bills this week that will be doing some similar things, and hopefully, we can work together on a bipartisan package to deal with the issue of predatory lending.

Senator Garcia's statement is as follows:

I, too, have introduced a package of bills on predatory lending, and I look forward to working with members on both sides of the aisle to protect consumers. So I look forward to a good and pleasant discussion of the issues.

Senator Miller's statement is as follows:

Last week, I had a very dear friend of mine and a great businessman in Macomb County pass away. I had the privilege to know this man just about my entire adult life, and his name was Peter Roehl.

In his family, his father Carl Roehl and other family members established the largest public golf course in the state of Michigan, and it's located in Sterling Heights, known as Maple Lane Golf Course. It has been in the forefront for golf for decades in this state and Macomb County. At one time in the '60s and '70s, over one thousand people a day played golf at Maple Lane Golf Course. Peter Roehl was a man who had great vision and followed in his father's footsteps to develop this golf course. He also was a certified public accountant, so he was a very professional man who worked not only at the golf course business, but also in the accounting business where he was a partner in a great firm.

His life was filled with much involvement and hard work. He also was the president of the Detroit Golf Club located over on Woodward and 6 Mile. He spent time being a member of that golf course and also had the distinct privilege of being the president of that golf club.

Peter passed away from the dreaded disease of cancer. He fought very hard to overcome this disease, but he also fought very hard to set examples for his family and his wife of 30 years. They enjoyed much time together, and I just felt very saddened by the loss of him. His voice is silenced, but everyone who had the privilege to know Peter Roehl will miss his guidance, his laughter, and his involvement in being a leader in this state.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Shugars introduced
Senate Bill No. 746, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 284, entitled "Business corporation act," by amending section 213 (MCL 450.1213).
The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

Senator Shugars introduced
Senate Bill No. 747, entitled

A bill to amend 1993 PA 23, entitled "Michigan limited liability company act," (MCL 450.4101 to 450.5200) by adding section 204a.

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

Senator Hammerstrom introduced

Senate Bill No. 748, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending sections 3801, 3807, 3809, 3811, 3815, 3819, and 3829 (MCL 500.3801, 500.3807, 500.3809, 500.3811, 500.3815, 500.3819, and 500.3829), as added by 1992 PA 84, and by adding sections 3830 and 3830a.

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

Senator Bullard introduced

Senate Bill No. 749, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 350, entitled "The nonprofit health care corporation reform act," by amending sections 451, 455, 459, 461, 465, 469, and 479 (MCL 550.1451, 550.1455, 550.1459, 550.1461, 550.1465, 550.1469, and 550.1479), as added by 1994 PA 40, and by adding sections 480 and 480a.

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

Senator Gast introduced

Senate Bill No. 750, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," by amending section 353c (MCL 18.1353c), as amended by 2001 PA 112.

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

Senator Hammerstrom introduced

Senate Bill No. 751, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2950 (MCL 600.2950), as amended by 1999 PA 268.

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

Senator Johnson introduced

Senate Bill No. 752, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2950a (MCL 600.2950a), as amended by 1999 PA 268.

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

Senator Johnson introduced

Senate Bill No. 753, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 15b of chapter IV (MCL 764.15b), as amended by 1999 PA 269.

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

Senator Hammerstrom introduced

Senate Bill No. 754, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 15c of chapter IV (MCL 764.15c), as amended by 1999 PA 269.

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

Senators Emerson, Young and Scott introduced

Senate Bill No. 755, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2529 (MCL 600.2529), as amended by 1999 PA 268.

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

Senators Hart, Young and Scott introduced

Senate Bill No. 756, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 22 of chapter XVI (MCL 776.22), as amended by 1994 PA 418.

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

Senator Hammerstrom introduced

Senate Bill No. 757, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 288, entitled "Probate code of 1939," by amending sections 1, 2, 2c, and 14 of chapter XIIA (MCL 712A.1, 712A.2, 712A.2c, and 712A.14), section 1 as amended by 2000 PA 46, section 2 as amended by 2000 PA 55, and sections 2c and 14 as amended by 1998 PA 474.

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

Senator Johnson introduced

Senate Bill No. 758, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 15 of chapter IV (MCL 764.15), as amended by 2000 PA 208.

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

Senators Hammerstrom, Bennett, Sikkema, North, Bullard, Goschka and Johnson introduced

Senate Bill No. 759, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending section 57 (MCL 169.257), as amended by 1996 PA 590, and by adding sections 58 and 59.

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

Senators Bennett, Hammerstrom, Steil and McManus introduced

Senate Bill No. 760, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 30a, 500f, 500g, 501a, 505, 509n, 509r, 509gg, 544c, 644k, 690, 862, 863, 954, and 972 (MCL 168.30a, 168.500f, 168.500g, 168.501a, 168.505, 168.509n, 168.509r, 168.509gg, 168.544c, 168.644k, 168.690, 168.862, 168.863, 168.954, and 168.972), section 501a as amended by 1995 PA 87, section 509n as amended by 1999 PA 216, sections 509r and 509gg as added by 1994 PA 441, section 544c as amended by 1999 PA 219, and section 972 as amended by 1989 PA 26.

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

Senators Bullard, North, Goschka, McCotter and Steil introduced

Senate Bill No. 761, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 411 (MCL 750.411), as amended by 2000 PA 339.

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

Senators Scott, Young, Peters, Smith and Leland introduced

Senate Bill No. 762, entitled

A bill to regulate deferred deposit loans for issued checks; to provide for licensing and fees; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; and to provide for penalties.

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

House Bill No. 4690, entitled

A bill to enter into the interstate compact for the supervision of adult offenders; and for related purposes.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill.

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

House Bill No. 5091, entitled

A bill to allow state agencies and units of local government to place the national motto in public buildings in this state.

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 Local, Urban and State Affairs.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Health Policy reported

Senate Bill No. 499, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by repealing chapter 37 (MCL 500.3701 to 500.3728).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Dale L. Shugars
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Shugars, Hammerstrom, Byrum and Emerson

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Health Policy reported

Senate Bill No. 500, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 244 (MCL 500.244), as amended by 1992 PA 182.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Dale L. Shugars
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Shugars, Hammerstrom, Byrum and Emerson

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Health Policy reported

House Bill No. 4562, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 9205a.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Dale L. Shugars
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Shugars, Hammerstrom, Schwarz and Byrum

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Health Policy submits the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, October 16, 2001, at 3:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Shugars (C), Hammerstrom, Schwarz, Byrum and Emerson

The Committee on Financial Services reported

Senate Bill No. 666, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 834 (MCL 500.834), as amended by 2000 PA 378; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

Bill Bullard, Jr.
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Bullard, Shugars, Garcia, Miller and Leland

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Financial Services submits the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, October 17, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Bullard (C), Shugars, Garcia, Miller and Leland

Absent: Senator Dunaskiss

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported

Senate Bill No. 430, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 75106 (MCL 324.75106), as added by 1995 PA 58.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

Ken Sikkema
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Sikkema, Dunaskiss and Gast

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported

Senate Resolution No. 112.

A resolution to urge the Department of Natural Resources not to approve any leases that may result in slant drilling under the Great Lakes prior to completion of the goals and objectives of the Senate Great Lakes Conservation Task Force.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 65, p. 1722.)

With the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Ken Sikkema
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Sikkema, Dunaskiss and Gast

Nays: None

The resolution was placed on the order of Resolutions.

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs reported

House Bill No. 4626, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 11104, 11108, 11130, 11135, 12101, 12102, 12103, 12109, and 12112 (MCL 324.11104, 324.11108, 324.11130, 324.11135, 324.12101, 324.12102, 324.12103, 324.12109, and 324.12112), sections 11104 and 11130 as amended by 1998 PA 139 and sections 12101, 12102, 12103, and 12109 as amended by 1998 PA 140, and by adding sections 11108a, 11131, and 11153.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-3) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

Ken Sikkema
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Sikkema, Dunaskiss and Gast

Nays: Senator Peters

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs submits the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, October 16, 2001, at 2:00 p.m., Room 810, Farnum Building
Present: Senators Sikkema (C), Dunaskiss, Gast and Peters
Excused: Senator Young

The Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs reported
House Bill No. 4156, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 198, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of plant rehabilitation districts and industrial development districts in local governmental units; to provide for the exemption from certain taxes; to levy and collect a specific tax upon the owners of certain facilities; to provide for the disposition of the tax; to provide for the obtaining and transferring of an exemption certificate and to prescribe the contents of those certificates; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state tax commission and certain officers of local governmental units; and to provide penalties," by amending the title and section 11 (MCL 207.561), section 11 as amended by 1996 PA 446.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Bill Schuette
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Schuette, McCotter, Leland and Peters

Nays: Senator Steil

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs reported

House Bill No. 4548, entitled

A bill to amend 1992 PA 147, entitled "Neighborhood enterprise zone act," by amending section 10 (MCL 207.780).

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

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

Bill Schuette
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Schuette, McCotter, Steil, Leland and Peters

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs reported

House Bill No. 4771, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled "Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act," by amending section 16 (MCL 125.1516).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Bill Schuette
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Schuette, McCotter, Steil, Leland and Peters

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs submits the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, October 16, 2001, at 1:10 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building
Present: Senators Schuette (C), McCotter, Steil, Leland and Peters

The Committee on Judiciary reported

House Bill No. 4174, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 5735 (MCL 600.5735).
With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

William Van Regenmorter
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Regenmorter, Bullard, Schuette, Peters, Dingell and Scott

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Judiciary reported

House Bill No. 4448, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 6013 (MCL 600.6013),
as amended by 1993 PA 78.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

William Van Regenmorter
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Regenmorter, McCotter, Bullard and Schuette

Nays: Senators Peters, Dingell and Scott

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Judiciary submits the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, October 17, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Van Regenmorter (C), McCotter, Bullard, Schuette, Peters, Dingell and Scott

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Judiciary submits the following:

Hearing held on Tuesday, October 16, at 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Van Regenmorter (C), McCotter, Bullard, Schuette, Peters, Dingell and Scott

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Joint Capital Outlay submits the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, October 18, 2001, at 8:45 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Gast (C), Schwarz, McManus, Gougeon, Johnson, Koivisto, Smith and Young

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations - Wednesday, October 24, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-6960)

Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs - Tuesday, October 23, 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-7946)

Government Operations - Thursday, October 25, 1:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-1707)

Great Lakes Conservation Task Force - Tuesday, October 30, 6:00 p.m., City of Port Huron Municipal Office Center, 100 McMorran Boulevard, Port Huron; Monday, November 5, 6:00 p.m., St. Joseph Public Library, 500 Market, St. Joseph; Monday, November 26, 6:00 p.m., Saginaw Valley State University, Curtis Center, 2250 Pierce Road, University Center (373-0797)

Health Policy - Tuesday, October 23, 3:00 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-0793)

Senator Hammerstrom moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:33 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Schwarz, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, October 23, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate.

