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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

10:00 a.m.

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

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

Clarke—present
Cropsey—present

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

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

Senator Nancy Cassis of the 15th District offered the following invocation:

Routine...Early this morning I got up, made coffee, and turned on the news. A catchy jingle caught my attention, dear God. "We're all in this together," went the melodic phrase. Ah, I said, this little jingle is filled with meaning, and I think You sent it my way as I was clearing my mind for an appropriate Tuesday Senate prayer.

Dear God, sometimes we get so distracted and so involved in the minutia of the daily this and that that we overlook and forget that we are not alone; that there is so much to be grateful for—our family, our friends, our colleagues, our incredible opportunity to do good as Senators of this great state.

Your message this morning is clear and resplendent: We are all in this together. Don't sweat the small stuff. Have the courage to connect with each other. Put aside winning at the expense of someone losing. These times truly call out to us, "We are all in this together." Shall we use it to come together constructively? Shall we find the courage and take the responsibility to discover a rhyme and reason to work together for the common good because, after all, we are in this together?

Dear Lord, we pray, let us go forward from this moment, filled with heartfelt compassion for the difficulties, the hardships, and the strains faced by real people afflicting our state and nation. Help us to find renewed strength in working together, harmony, and respect for all.

Thy will will be done. We are all Your instruments for the good. We are all in this together. Amen.

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

#### **Motions and Communications**

#### Recess

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

10:33 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Gilbert, Brown, Kuipers, Patterson, Van Woerkom, Stamas, Jansen, Richardville, Kahn, Birkholz, George, Bishop and Allen entered the Senate Chamber.

The following communication was received: Department of State

Administrative Rules Notice of Filing

April 9, 2009

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 Natural Resources and the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2007-007-NR (Secretary of State Filing #09-04-05) on this date at 1:20 p.m. for the Department of Natural Resources, entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species."

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 L. Houston, Departmental Supervisor
Office of the Great Seal

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received: Joint Committee on Administrative Rules

# Waiver of Remaining Session Days

April 23, 2009

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules has by a concurrent majority vote, waived the remaining session days, pursuant to MCL 24.245a(1), for the proposed rule set dated March 16, 2009 as follows: Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth—Director's Office—Unarmed Combat (2008-007 LG).

According to MCL 24.245a(2), if the Committee waives the remaining session days, the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules may immediately file the rule.

Sincerely, Representative Dudley Spade Chair

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

# COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., Room 405, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Van Woerkom, Barcia and Clarke Absent: Senators Pappageorge (C) and Kuipers

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, April 23: **House Bill Nos.** 4565 4715 4781 4782

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

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 322 at 10:08 a.m. Enrolled Senate Bill No. 195 at 10:10 a.m.

The Secretary announced that the following official bills and joint resolutions were printed on Thursday, April 23, and are available at the legislative website:

Senate Bill Nos. 451 452 453 454 455 456 457 458 Senate Joint Resolution J House Bill Nos. 4821 4822 4823 4824 4825 4826 House Joint Resolution S

The Secretary announced that the following official bills and joint resolution were printed on Friday, April 24, and are available at the legislative website:

Senate Bill Nos. 459 460 462 463 464 465 466 467 468 469 461 House Bill Nos. 4827 4828 4829 4830 4831 **House Joint Resolution** T

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Messages from the House

# Senate Bill No. 363, entitled

A bill to regulate recreational vehicle dealers, manufacturers, wholesalers, warrantors, and their representatives; to regulate dealings between recreational vehicle manufacturers, wholesalers, warrantors, and dealers; to regulate dealings between consumers and recreational vehicle manufacturers, wholesalers, warrantors, and dealers; to prohibit certain trade practices; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; and to provide remedies.

The House of Representatives has amended the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 25, line 15, by striking out "Senate Bill No. 362" and inserting "House Bill No. 4781".

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

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

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

Senator Cropsey moved that Senators Hardiman and Garcia be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

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, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, designated Senator Sanborn as Chairperson.

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

#### Senate Bill No. 313, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," by amending section 241 (MCL 18.1241), as amended by 1999 PA 8.

# Senate Bill No. 163, entitled

A bill to amend 1935 PA 59, entitled "An act to provide for the public safety; to create the Michigan state police, and provide for the organization thereof; to transfer thereto the offices, duties and powers of the state fire marshal, the state oil inspector, the department of the Michigan state police as heretofore organized, and the department of public safety; to create the office of commissioner of the Michigan state police; to provide for an acting commissioner and for the appointment of the officers and members of said department; to prescribe their powers, duties, and immunities; to provide the manner of fixing their compensation; to provide for their removal from office; and to repeal Act No. 26 of the Public Acts of 1919, being sections 556 to 562, inclusive, of the Compiled Laws of 1929, and Act No. 123 of the Public Acts of 1921, as amended, being sections 545 to 555, inclusive, of the Compiled Laws of 1929," by amending section 4 (MCL 28.4).

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

#### Resolutions

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

# Senate Resolution No. 40

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senators Jelinek, Hunter, Van Woerkom and Anderson offered the following resolution:

#### Senate Resolution No. 40.

A resolution to recognize June 24, 2009, as Older Michiganian's Day, honoring our state's population of older citizens. Whereas, More than 1.8 million citizens age 60 and older make Michigan their home and deserve our utmost respect and gratitude for their many contributions to our communities and our state. Older citizens play a vital role in cities and towns all across our great state; and

Whereas, Older Michiganians are active supporters of Michigan's economy, workforce, charities, religious institutions, local communities, and institutions of government. This group is one of our state's greatest resources of understanding our past and improving our future. They are truly a foundation upon which we can build a better tomorrow; and

Whereas, This invaluable group of citizens is being honored and admired for their many contributions to the state of Michigan. They are an indispensable source of knowledge and inspiration; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body declare June 24, 2009, as the second annual Older Michiganian's Day. It is our hope that on this day all Michiganians will honor the older citizens and their lives and recognize the many contributions they have made to Michigan communities; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Region IV Area Agency on Aging with our highest respect. Senators Barcia, Cassis, Cherry, Clarke, Cropsey, Gleason, Kuipers, Olshove, Pappageorge, Richardville, Scott and Switalski were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Cropsey, Kuipers and Kahn offered the following resolution:

# Senate Resolution No. 41.

A resolution to urge the Michigan Department of Corrections to implement nondenominational prison congregation programs within our prisons.

Whereas, Michigan citizens face a higher rate of victimization than the people of any of our neighboring Great Lake states. Many of these violent offenses are committed by individuals who have previously been convicted of a crime. The continual prison influx of previous offenders has resulted in almost 60 percent of the yearly prison intake constituting felons in the community who are sent to prison due to parole violations, probation violations, or committing a new offense; and

Whereas, Our responsibility for the public safety of Michigan's citizens requires us, as a state, to find ways to reduce the victimization of citizenry. Developing a successful prisoner reform program to help incarcerated individuals become less inclined to re-offend by giving former offenders a stake in our communities and making our communities part of the solution will bridge the wide gap between prison life and our society as a whole; and

Whereas, One model of reaching out to prisoners is the prison congregation concept. In these programs, community churches partner with prisoners to create joint prison/community congregations. Members of a church in the community worship with prisoners inside the institution and provide additional spiritual and practical assistance to the prisoners. Such programs give the prisoner a stake in the community to which they will be released and prepare the prisoner for life after serving their sentence. By integrating a prisoner into a church community, the prisoner takes a giant step toward becoming a member of the entire community and reducing recidivism; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Michigan Department of Corrections to implement nondenominational prison congregation programs within our prisons; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections.

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 question being on the adoption of the resolution,

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

The motion prevailed.

Senators Barcia, Cassis, Clarke, Gleason and Pappageorge were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

Senator Sanborn introduced

# Senate Bill No. 470, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," (MCL 436.1101 to 436.2303) by adding section 1029.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform.

Senators Sanborn, Kahn, Barcia and Pappageorge introduced

# Senate Bill No. 471, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 19 (MCL 211.19), as amended by 2002 PA 267.

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

Senators Sanborn, Kahn, Barcia and Pappageorge introduced

# Senate Bill No. 472, 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.

Senators Barcia, Kuipers, Pappageorge, Cropsey and Kahn introduced

# Senate Bill No. 473, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 37a of chapter VII (MCL 767.37a), as amended by 2006 PA 655.

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

Senators Kuipers, Pappageorge, Cropsey and Kahn introduced

# Senate Bill No. 474, entitled

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," by amending section 35 (MCL 791.235), as amended by 1998 PA 315.

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

Senators Pappageorge, Kuipers, Cropsey and Kahn introduced

#### Senate Bill No. 475, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," by amending section 261 (MCL 18.1261), as amended by 2008 PA 133.

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

Senators Kahn, Kuipers, Pappageorge and Cropsey introduced

# Senate Bill No. 476, entitled

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," (MCL 791.201 to 791.285) by adding section 14a. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators George, Kuipers, Pappageorge, Allen, Cropsey and Kahn introduced

# Senate Bill No. 477, entitled

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," (MCL 791.201 to 791.285) by adding section 67c. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Sanborn, Pappageorge, Cropsey and Kahn introduced

# Senate Bill No. 478, entitled

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," (MCL 791.201 to 791.285) by adding section 7b. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Switalski introduced

# Senate Bill No. 479, entitled

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," by amending section 34 (MCL 791.234), as amended by 2006 PA 167.

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

Senators Kahn and Birkholz introduced

#### Senate Bill No. 480, entitled

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled "Michigan business tax act," by amending section 515 (MCL 208.1515), as amended by 2007 PA 145.

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

Senators Kahn and Hunter introduced

#### Senate Bill No. 481, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 350, entitled "The nonprofit health care corporation reform act," (MCL 550.1101 to 550.1704) by adding section 416e.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform.

Senators Kahn and Hunter introduced

# Senate Bill No. 482, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3406s.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Regulatory Reform.

Senators Allen, Barcia and Birkholz introduced

# Senate Bill No. 483, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 43523, 43528, and 43531 (MCL 324.43523, 324.43528, and 324.43531), as amended by 2008 PA 347.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation.

Senator Jansen introduced

# Senate Bill No. 484, entitled

A bill to amend 1982 PA 204, entitled "Deaf persons' interpreters act," (MCL 393.501 to 393.509) by adding section 8f.

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

#### House Bill No. 4565, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," (MCL 436.1101 to 436.2303) by adding section 1029.

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 and Regulatory Reform.

# House Bill No. 4781, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 216 and 719a (MCL 257.216 and 257.719a), section 216 as amended by 2008 PA 539 and section 719a as amended by 1996 PA 136, and by adding sections 38a, 49a, and 74a.

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 Commerce and Tourism.

# House Bill No. 4782, entitled

A bill to regulate recreational vehicle dealers, manufacturers, wholesalers, warrantors, and their representatives; to regulate dealings between recreational vehicle manufacturers, wholesalers, warrantors, and dealers; to regulate dealings between consumers and recreational vehicle manufacturers, wholesalers, warrantors, and dealers; to prohibit certain trade practices; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; and to provide remedies.

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 Commerce and Tourism.

# **Statements**

Senators Brater, Switalski, Scott, Allen and Pappageorge asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brater's statement is as follows:

Mr. President and colleagues, today is Equal Pay Day in the state of Michigan and indeed across the country. It is the day that women have to work. This is an issue that affects the wallets of everyone in this chamber and all of our constituents, so it is an important issue. It is today, April 28th, the day that we mark that women on average have to work until in order to make on average the amount that men made in the last twelve months or the last calendar year. So women have to work an extra four months on average in order to make an equal amount of pay.

So, today, the Senator from the 23rd District and I are introducing bills, once again, to bring women in the Michigan workforce on par with men in equal pay by amending the Elliot-Larsen act to prohibit this type of discrimination. I would like to say on a positive note that we have made some progress this year. The first bill that President Obama signed into law was the Lilly Ledbetter Act, which allowed women to recover in court money that they may have lost by discovering that they had been paid unequally over the years by an employer. So that was a great step forward, and we do celebrate that today.

But still women on average in the United States are making only 78 cents on a dollar that a man earns, and in Michigan, unfortunately, that amount is even worse. It is 72 cents on the dollar. Currently, Michigan is ranked 44th in the United States for women's wage parity with men. Despite the very talented workforce of women we have in the state of Michigan, it's just not right.

A study put out by the American Association of University Women found that women right out of college working fulltime already earn 20 percent less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field. Years after graduation, the gap widens. This is despite the fact that women generally have higher GPAs, including in math and science.

The research also shows that ten years after graduation, college-educated men working full-time have more authority in the workplace than do their female counterparts. Men are more likely to be involved in hiring and—I know it is sometimes difficult to hear some of these facts, but they are documented—firing, supervising others, and setting pay. Ten years after graduation, women are more likely than men to have completed some graduate education.

Men and women remain segregated by college major, with women making up to 79 percent of education majors and men making up to 82 percent of engineering majors. This segregation is found in the workplace as well, where women make up 74 percent of the education field and men make up 84 percent of the engineering and architecture fields. So we do have a lot of work to do encouraging girls to go into the fields of math and science and in finding ways to support them in those educational efforts while they are in their elementary, middle school, and high school years.

We will mark Pay Equity Day with a press conference at the Capitol at noon. I invite you all to join us there, and I will be introducing these bills today, along with the Senator from the 23rd District.

# Senator Switalski's statement is as follows:

I wanted to introduce my intern, Trina Minter, who has served me faithfully this past semester and is on her last day here. She is a student in business administration at Central Michigan University and is also an employee of the city of Detroit. So she is someone who brings a lot to the party, and I have made great use of her. She has done some excellent work studying some background to school nutrition and healthy choices for kids in food. She did a great report for me on that and she did a huge report on domestic violence for me that have been very instructive.

I am going to miss her. She has done a great job. She is about three-quarters of the way through her degree, and she has done a great job. So I hope the Senate will say hail and farewell to Trina. I am sure we will see her again.

# Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

Before I make my remarks, as I do every day, I also want to honor one of our staffers who was here with us from Central Michigan University, who did a fantastic job in my office. On behalf of my staff and myself, Olympia, we want to thank you for all that you did. We want to thank CMU for loaning you to us. From the staff and myself, we have the President's book, Barack Obama, *The Audacity of Hope*, and we thank you. We will, certainly, always remember you and the great work that you did for us. God bless you and thank you.

None of us are perfect, and we all make mistakes. Ideally, we learn from those mistakes, and we correct them and move on. We still have to correct the mistakes we are seeing in the cost of auto insurance for many of our citizens. Hardworking Michigan families rely on their cars to get mothers and fathers to work and children to schools and day care.

If you can't afford to make your auto insurance payments, then you have an extremely difficult time getting to work, getting your children to school, and taking care of the basic necessities of your life. We require all motorists to carry auto insurance coverage, and yet, we have not acted to make sure that insurance is affordable for our citizens no matter where they live.

The writer Audre Lorde said, "We are not prefect, but we are stronger and wiser than the sum of our errors." We can prove Ms. Lorde right by acting today to bring fairness and affordability to auto insurance in Michigan.

#### Senator Allen's statement is as follows:

Today, I also am seeing a Central Michigan University intern depart from us. Adam has done a phenomenal job working in Team Allen's office. He is working on his degree, a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration.

Originally from Ethiopia, his family moved to the Grand Rapids area, and he went to Forest Hills Eastern High School, where he excelled in soccer and track. He is intending to apply to go to Georgetown University and is a member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at Central.

He has done a great job as an assistant, helping out with enthusiasm and learning what it is to be a Senator's staffer. We are grateful for his hard work and his internship, and we will miss him. We wish him well in the future. Adam, thank you very much. We appreciate it very much.

#### Senator Pappageorge's statement is as follows:

I missed last Thursday's session. I was at my 55th college reunion at West Point. As a result, I missed two votes. Had I been here, I would have voted "yes" on record Roll Call Nos. 132 and 133; they were Senate Bill Nos. 149 and 150.

It was great reunion, by the way. A lot of people couldn't come—they sent their fathers—but other than that, it was a great event.

# **Committee Reports**

The Committee on Education reported

Senate Bill No. 455, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 866 (MCL 168.866).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Wayne Kuipers Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kuipers, Van Woerkom, Cassis, Whitmer and Gleason

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Kuipers (C), Van Woerkom, Cassis, Whitmer and Gleason

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Patterson (C), Brown, Birkholz, Kuipers, Richardville, Olshove and Clarke

Excused: Senator Thomas

# COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 1:15 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Cassis (C), Jansen, Jacobs, Cherry and Whitmer

Excused: Senators Gilbert and Pappageorge

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on the Department of Community Health submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators Kahn (C), Cherry, George, Stamas, Barcia and Switalski

Excused: Senator Pappageorge

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Community Colleges submitted the following:

Meeting held on Friday, April 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Kellogg Community College, Severin Classroom Building, Room A-206, 450 North Avenue, Battle Creek

Present: Senator Hardiman (C)

Excused: Senators Garcia and Clark-Coleman

#### **Scheduled Meetings**

Appropriations - Wednesday, April 29, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-6960)

Subcommittees -

Capital Outlay - Thursday, May 7, 9:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

**Community Colleges -** Monday, May 11, 10:00 a.m., Alpena Community College, Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center, Room 400, 665 Johnson Street, Alpena; and Wednesday, May 20, 9:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Community Health Department -** Thursdays, April 30, May 7 and May 21, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

**Environmental Quality Department -** Wednesdays, May 6, May 13 and May 20, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Higher Education -** Monday, May 4, 10:30 a.m., Northwood University, Sloan Family Building for Aftermarket Studies, 400 Whiting Drive, Midland; Friday, May 15, 10:00 a.m., University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Michigan League, Vandenberg Room, 911 North University Street, Ann Arbor; Thursday, May 14, 9:00 a.m., and Wednesday, May 20, 9:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Judiciary and Corrections -** Tuesdays, May 5, May 12 and May 19, 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

**K-12, School Aid, Education -** Tuesdays, May 5, May 12 and May 19, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Natural Resources Department -** Tuesday, May 5, 12:00 noon or later immediately following session, Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building; and Tuesday, May 19, 12:00 noon or later immediately following session, Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Banking and Financial Institutions - Wednesday, April 29, 9:00 a.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-3543)

Commerce and Tourism - Wednesday, April 29, 9:00 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2413)

**Economic Development and Regulatory Reform -** Wednesday, April 29, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-7670)

Energy Policy and Public Utilities - Thursday, April 30, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-7350)

Finance - Thursday, April 30, 11:00 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-1758)

Health Policy - Wednesday, April 29, 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-0793)

**Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees -** Thursdays, June 4, September 10 and December 3, 2:00 p.m., Room H-252, Capitol Building (373-0575)

Michigan Capitol Committee - Thursday, April 30, 3:30 p.m., Room 426, Capitol Building (373-1972)

**State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee -** Friday, May 8, 8:30 a.m., Michigan Hall of Justice Conference Center, Conference Room 1S69, 925 West Ottawa Street, Lansing (373-0212)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:59 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI Secretary of the Senate