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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, January 14, 2009.

12:00 noon.

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the state of Michigan, the Senators of the 95th Legislature of the state of Michigan assembled in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol at Lansing this day (being the second Wednesday of January 2009), at twelve o'clock noon, and were 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.

District	Name	District	Name
1st	Hansen Clarke	20th	Thomas M. George
2nd	Martha G. Scott	21st	Ron Jelinek
3rd	Irma Clark-Coleman	22nd	Valde Garcia—excused
4th	Samuel Buzz Thomas III	23rd	Gretchen Whitmer
5th	Tupac A. Hunter—excused	24th	Patricia L. Birkholz
6th	Glenn S. Anderson	25th	Judson S. Gilbert II
7th	Bruce Patterson	26th	Deborah Cherry
8th	Raymond E. Basham	27th	John J. Gleason
9th	Dennis Olshove	28th	Mark C. Jansen
10th	Michael Switalski	29th	Bill Hardiman—excused
11th	Alan Sanborn	30th	Wayne Kuipers—excused
12th	Michael D. Bishop	31st	Jim Barcia—excused
13th	John Pappageorge	32nd	Roger Kahn, M.D.
14th	Gilda Z. Jacobs	33rd	Alan L. Cropsey
15th	Nancy Cassis	34th	Gerald Van Woerkom
16th	Cameron Brown	35th	Michelle McManus—excused
17th	Randy Richardville	36th	Tony Stamas
18th	Liz Brater—excused	37th	Jason E. Allen
19th	Vacant	38th	Michael A. Prusi

Senator Deborah Cherry of the 26th District offered the following invocation:

Our Heavenly Father, as we gather in this chamber together today, let us remember all that You have bestowed on us. In this new year, let us be reminded that in our public service, we are responsible for serving You and the people of this great state. We ask that You guide our minds and our hearts when we make decisions in this marvelous place. Keep us mindful of the responsibility that we bear as we consider that which is best for our state and its citizens. Keep us honest, humble, and that we may bring honor to the office that we hold in glory to You.

May we put aside our political differences and work together on the many issues that confront all of us. Today marks a new year and a new beginning for the very important job we have ahead as we guide our state to a better place for the citizens of Michigan.

Grant this Senate, the House, our Lieutenant Governor, and Governor the wisdom and strength to know Your will as we begin our deliberations today.

In Your name, we pray. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

Senator Cropsey moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the Mackinac Center to film today's session from the press section of the Senate floor.

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

Senator Cropsey moved that Senators Garcia, Kuipers, Hardiman and McManus be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Anderson moved that Senators Hunter, Barcia and Brater be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Thomas entered the Senate Chamber.

The following communication was received and read:

Office of the Senate Democratic Leader

December 18, 2008

With this letter, I officially resign my position as Michigan Senator - 19th District at the end of the day, January 2, 2009. I leave my position to become a member of the 111th Congress as U.S. Representative for Michigan's 7th District.

It has been my pleasure to serve as a member of the Michigan House representing the people of the Battle Creek area and the people of Calhoun and Jackson counties in the Senate for the past 12 years. I am grateful to the voters who have entrusted me with the responsibility and privilege of being their voice in Lansing. I am also indebted to my staff who has served my constituents with distinction.

I wish my colleagues and all employees who support the Michigan Legislature well, and look forward to continuing to serve the people of Michigan in my new role.

Sincerely,
Mark H. Schauer
Senate Democratic Leader
District 19

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Cropsey moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 27, at 10:00 a.m. The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Resolutions

Senator Cropsey moved that rule 3.204 be suspended to permit immediate consideration of the following resolutions:

Senate Resolution No. 1

Senate Resolution No. 2

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1

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

Senator Cropsey offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 1.

A resolution notifying the Governor and the House of Representatives that the Senate is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Resolved by the Senate, That the Secretary of the Senate inform the Governor and the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is present and that the Senate is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Cassis, Gleason, Jacobs, Kahn and Pappageorge were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Cropsey offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 2.

A resolution for the adoption of temporary Standing Rules of the Senate.

Resolved by the Senate, That the Standing Rules of the Senate in effect on December 30, 2008, be hereby adopted as the temporary Standing Rules of the Senate.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senators Cassis, Gleason, Jacobs, Kahn and Pappageorge were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Cropsey offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

A concurrent resolution granting authority for adjournment for more than 2 days.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That each house hereby grants unto the other permission to adjourn for not more than 15 intervening calendar days at such times as each house shall determine at any time during the 2009 and 2010 regular sessions.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Senators Cassis, Gleason, Jacobs, Kahn and Pappageorge were named co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

The following communication was received and read:

Office of the Auditor General

December 30, 2008

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report:

Performance audit of Prisoner Transportation, Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. McTavish, C.P.A.

Auditor General

The audit report was referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform.

Certified List of Representatives

The following communication was received and read:

Department of State

January 9, 2009

Enclosed, please find a certified listing of the candidates elected to the office of State Representative at the November 4, 2008 general election. A copy of the official returns certified for the election is also provided for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Thomas

Director of Elections

State of Michigan
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I, Terri Lynn Land, Secretary of State and Custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, certify that the persons named on the attached listing were duly elected at the November 4, 2008 General Election to the Office of State

Representative for a term commencing on January 1, 2009 and ending on January 1, 2011, as shown by the official returns certified for the election and placed on file in this office.

[SEAL]

In witness whereof, I have hereto attached my signature and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, at Lansing, on January 9, 2009.

Terri Lynn Land
Secretary of State

Members-Elect of the House of Representatives

District	Party	Name	Address
1	Dem	Timothy Bledsoe	936 Lincoln Road, Grosse Pointe 48230
2	Dem	LaMar Lemmons, Jr.	14157 Fairmount Drive, Detroit 48205
3	Dem	Bettie Cook Scott	17160 Gravier Street, Apt. 6A, Detroit 48224
4	Dem	Coleman A. Young II	3430 East Jefferson Avenue, #438, Detroit 48207
5	Dem	Bert Johnson	36 Eason Street, Detroit 48203
6	Dem	Fred Durhal, Jr.	4270 Tireman Avenue, Detroit 48204
7	Dem	Jimmy Womack	2310 West McNichols Road, Detroit 48221
8	Dem	George Cushingberry, Jr.	18201 Cherrylawn Street, Detroit 48221
9	Dem	Shanelle Jackson	9730 West Outer Drive, Apt. 102, Detroit 48223
10	Dem	Gabe Leland	19403 West Warren Avenue, Apt. 2, Detroit 48228
11	Dem	David E. Nathan	14351 Woodmont Avenue, Detroit 48227
12	Dem	Rashida Tlaib	P.O. Box 9380, Detroit 48209
13	Dem	Andrew James Kandrevas	13400 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate 48195
14	Dem	Ed Clemente	1704 Riverbank Street, Lincoln Park 48146
15	Dem	Gino H. Polidori	22950 Park Street, Dearborn 48124
16	Dem	Bob Constan	5527 Heather Lane, Dearborn Heights 48125
17	Dem	Andy Dillon	26284 Graham Road, Redford Township 48239
18	Dem	Richard LeBlanc	36267 Canyon Drive, Westland 48186
19	Rep	John J. Walsh	35041 Pembroke Avenue, Livonia 48152
20	Dem	Marc R. Corriveau	P.O. Box 5251, Northville 48167
21	Dem	Dian Slavens	P.O. Box 871212, Canton Township 48187
22	Dem	Douglas A. Geiss	25680 Greenlawn Court, Taylor 48180
23	Dem	Deb Kennedy	19034 Seaton Drive, Brownstown 48193
24	Dem	Sarah Roberts	23148 Francis Street, St. Clair Shores 48082
25	Dem	Jon M. Switalski	31705 Forest Lane, Warren 48093
26	Dem	Marie Donigan	503 Poplar Avenue, Royal Oak 48073
27	Dem	Ellen Cogen Lipton	26330 Hendrie Boulevard, Huntington Woods 48070
28	Dem	Lesia Liss	27472 Haverhill Drive, Warren 48092
29	Dem	Tim Melton	2285 Snellbrook Road, Auburn Hills 48326
30	Rep	Tory Rocca	12481 Starlite Court, Sterling Heights 48312
31	Dem	Fred Miller	P.O. Box 46274, Mt. Clemens 48046
32	Dem	Jennifer Haase	34886 Maplewood Lane, Richmond 48062
33	Rep	Kim Meltzer	20585 Leelanau Trail, Clinton Township 48038
34	Dem	Woodrow Stanley	2211 Brownell Boulevard, Flint 48504
35	Dem	Vincent Gregory	29501 Red Leaf Drive, Southfield 48076
36	Rep	Pete Lund	6881 Muirfield Drive, Shelby Township 48316
37	Dem	Vicki Barnett	29271 Glencastle Court, Farmington Hills 48336
38	Rep	Hugh D. Crawford	46275 West 11 Mile Road, Novi 48374
39	Dem	Lisa Brown	P.O. Box 251532, West Bloomfield 48325
40	Rep	Chuck Moss	1184 Dorchester Road, Birmingham 48009
41	Rep	Marty Knollenberg	5064 Christy Court, Troy 48098
42	Dem	Harold L. Haugh	19464 Candlelight Street, Roseville 48066
43	Rep	Gail Haines	2384 Lake Angelus Lane, Lake Angelus 48326
44	Rep	Eileen Kowall	2333 Cumberland Drive, White Lake 49393
45	Rep	Tom McMillin	1261 Oakwood Court, Rochester Hills 48307
46	Rep	James Marleau	3181 Sandoval Drive, Lake Orion 48360
47	Rep	Cindy Denby	9787 Amanda Drive, Fowlerville 48836
48	Dem	Richard E. Hammel	6343 West Clovis Avenue, Flushing 48433
49	Dem	Lee Gonzales	2460 Murphy Road, Flint 48504
50	Dem	Jim Slezak	2246 Oak Shade Drive, Davison 48423

51	Rep	Paul Scott	P.O. Box 193, Grand Blanc 48480
52	Dem	Pam Byrnes	17381 North M-52, Chelsea 48118
53	Dem	Rebekah Warren	234 8th Street, Ann Arbor 48103
54	Dem	Alma Wheeler Smith	5540 Five Mile Road, South Lyon 48178
55	Dem	Kathy Angerer	P.O. Box 157, Dundee 48131
56	Dem	Kate Ebli	P.O. Box 2141, Monroe 48161
57	Dem	Dudley Spade	P.O. Box 157, Tipton 49287
58	Rep	Kenneth Kurtz	223 West Pearl Street, Coldwater 49036
59	Rep	Matt Lori	14941 Roberts Shore Drive, Constantine 49042
60	Dem	Robert B. Jones	3228 West Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo 49006
61	Rep	Larry DeShazor	3082 Muirfield Drive, Portage 49024
62	Dem	Kate Segal	108 Pinehurst Lane, Battle Creek 49015
63	Rep	James Bolger	216 West Mansion Street, Marshall 49068
64	Dem	Martin J. Griffin	705 South Grinnell Street, Jackson 49203
65	Dem	Mike Simpson	1925 Springport Road, #8, Jackson 49202
66	Rep	Bill Rogers	4878 Pine Eagles Court, Brighton 48116
67	Dem	Barb Byrum	P.O. Box 27344, Lansing 48909
68	Dem	Joan Bauer	1821 Moores River Drive, Lansing 48910
69	Dem	Mark S. Meadows	P.O. Box 4041, East Lansing 48826
70	Dem	Mike Huckleberry	1738 Vining Road, Greenville 48838
71	Rep	Rick Jones	P.O. Box 115, Grand Ledge 48837
72	Rep	Justin Amash	P.O. Box 8145, Kentwood 49518
73	Rep	Tom Pearce	5530 Sunfish Lake Avenue, Rockford 49341
74	Rep	Dave Agema	P.O. Box 855, Jenison 49429
75	Dem	Robert Dean	P.O. Box 6861, Grand Rapids 49516
76	Dem	Roy Schmidt	1127 Van Ess Avenue NW, Grand Rapids 49504
77	Rep	Kevin J. Green	4754 Karel Jean Court SW, Wyoming 49519
78	Rep	Sharon Tyler	886 Plym Road, Niles 49120
79	Rep	John Proos	P.O. Box 804, St. Joseph 49085
80	Rep	Tonya L. Schuitmaker	29924 60th Avenue, Lawton 49065
81	Rep	Phil Pavlov	1577 South Allen Road, St. Clair 48079
82	Rep	Kevin Daley	3387 Daley Road, Attica 48412
83	Dem	John Espinoza	121 Wells Street, Crosswell 48422
84	Dem	Terry L. Brown	107 Clara Street, Pigeon 48755
85	Rep	Richard J. Ball	5370 West Garrison Road, Laingsburg 48848
86	Rep	Dave Hildenbrand	2700 Timpson Avenue SE, Lowell 49331
87	Rep	Brian N. Calley	10198 Butler Road, Portland 48875
88	Rep	Bob Genetski	107 Park Street, Saugatuck 49453
89	Rep	Arlan B. Meekhof	9128 Oak Creek Lane, West Olive 49460
90	Rep	Joseph Haveman	151 Sorrento Drive, Holland 49423
91	Dem	Mary Valentine	P.O. Box 421, Muskegon 49443
92	Dem	Doug Bennett	2339 Windy Ridge Drive, Muskegon 49442
93	Rep	Paul E. Opsommer	315 East Main Street, DeWitt 48820
94	Rep	Kenneth B. Horn	516 South Main Street, Frankenmuth 48734
95	Dem	Andy Coulouris	P.O. Box 2005, Saginaw 48605
96	Dem	Jeff Mayes	4297 Zander Drive, Bay City 48706
97	Rep	Tim Moore	P.O. Box 865, Farwell 48622
98	Rep	Jim Stamas	P.O. Box 592, Midland 48641
99	Rep	Bill Caul	1830 Woodland Drive, Mt. Pleasant 48858
100	Rep	Goeff Hansen	P.O. Box 167, Hart 49420
101	Dem	Dan Scripps	P.O. Box 885, Northport 49670
102	Rep	Darwin L. Booher	11278 70th Avenue, Evart 49631
103	Dem	Joel A. Sheltroun	2225 Gray Road, West Branch 48661
104	Rep	Wayne A. Schmidt	P.O. Box 25, Traverse City 49685
105	Rep	Kevin A. Elsenheimer	7205 McDermott Drive, Kewadin 49648
106	Dem	Andy Neumann	503 West Washington Avenue, Alpena 49707
107	Dem	Gary McDowell	10820 Glen Street, Rudyard 49780
108	Dem	Judy Nerat	N-4834 R-1 Drive, Wallace 49893
109	Dem	Steven W. Lindberg	P.O. Box 322, Marquette 49855
110	Dem	Michael A. Lahti	913 Quincy Street, Hancock 49930

CERTIFICATION
NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

Based on an examination of the election returns received by the Secretary of State for the November 4, 2008 general election, we, the undersigned members of the Board of State Canvassers, certify that the following report is a true statement of the votes cast at the election for the offices and ballot proposals certified by this Board.

We further certify that the persons named on the attached listing were duly elected for the indicated offices.

We further certify that State Proposal 08-1 and State Proposal 08-2 were adopted.

In Witness Whereof, we have subscribed our names
at Lansing, Michigan this 24th day of November 2008.

Erane C. Washington-Kendrick, Chairperson
Norman D. Shinkle, Vice Chairperson
James L. Waters, Member
Lyn R. Bankes, Member

The following communication was received:
Certificate of Need Commission

January 13, 2009

In accordance with Section 22215(4) of the Public Health Code, PA 368 of 1978, as amended, I am forwarding a copy of the Michigan CON Commission's revisions to the CON Review Standards for MRI Services for your review. Listed below is the required "concise summary of the expected impact of the proposed final action."

The proposed language changes include the following:

1. Definitions for "acquiring a hospital," "host hospital," and "licensed site" clarified based on current Department practice.
2. Clarified language under Section 6(2)(b) & (b)(i), renewal of lease for long-term (acute) care hospitals (LTACH) and subsequent addition of beds for LTACHs and the host hospital respectively, based on current Department practice.
3. Updated Appendix A.
4. Re-calculated the bed need with the base year of 2006 and the planning year of 2011. Updated Appendix C. (The bed need numbers will become effective with the effective date of the standards.)
5. Other technical changes.

The Commission took final action to approve the revisions at its December 9, 2008 meeting.

The law provides that the Commission is to submit any final standard to the Joint Legislative Committee on CON, as well as to the Governor, for them to consider potential disapproval of the final standards. Legislative disapproval is to be expressed by concurrent resolution, adopted by each house of the Legislature. The statute provides that the Legislature and Governor shall have 45 calendar days to act on any disapproval, provided the 45 days shall include not less than 9 legislative session days. This review period is to start on the day after submission, provided that is a day when there is legislative session in at least one house of the Legislature. If legislative or gubernatorial disapproval does not occur within that time, then this final CON Review Standards for Hospital Beds will take effect.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 734-764-2178, or the Commission's staff person, Brenda Rogers at 517-241-3349 or email rogersbre@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,
Ed Goldman
Chairperson

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Department of Transportation

January 13, 2009

Pursuant to Section 384(2) of Public Act 275 of 2008, attached is a report intended to fulfill the requirements of the following language:

The department will report on a quarterly basis to both the house and senate appropriations committees on any expenditures relative to the process identified in subsection (1).

Sec. 384(1) The state transportation department is allowed to finish the Detroit River international crossing (DRIC) study provided that activity associated with finishing the DRIC study shall not bind the state in any way to construction. Certain preliminary activities which are necessary to prepare a proposal for a decision by the legislature are allowed as long as they do not bind the state. Those activities include all of the following:

- (a) Applications for permits and approvals.
- (b) Preliminary design engineering work.

(c) Preliminary utility planning and relocation.

(d) Preliminary financial and funding arrangements.

The report includes a listing of internal, consultant, and total study expenditures to-date through the end of the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2009, two charts detailing expenditures by year and source of funds, and monthly progress reports for the quarter detailing the history of the consultant team's efforts on behalf of the department.

The Michigan Department of Transportation takes great pride in the way we are conducting the DRIC study. We urge you to visit the project Web site, www.partnershipborderstudy.com, where a wealth of additional information regarding study data and activities has been available since 2005. All material attached to this memo will be made available on the project Web site if not already posted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (517) 373-3946 or DeCookR@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,
Ronald K. DeCook, Director
Office of Governmental Affairs

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that pursuant to Rule 2.109 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following expense reports have been filed with the Secretary of the Senate for the quarter from July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008, and are available in the Secretary's office during business hours for public inspection:

Committee

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

Chairperson

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Messages from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received and read:

January 6, 2009

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following appointment and reappointment to state office under Sections 16121 and 18305 of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16121 and 333.18305:

Michigan Board of Occupational Therapists

Ms. LoRon N. Polk of 2875 Doncaster Drive, Canton, Michigan 48188, county of Wayne, succeeding Joseph Gavan, whose term has expired, representing the general public, for a term commencing January 6, 2009 and expiring December 31, 2009.

Mr. William M. Sisco, M.A., M.S., OTR, of 1705 Grovenburg Road, Holt, Michigan 48842, county of Ingham, reappointed to represent occupational therapists, for a term expiring December 31, 2012.

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Bishop introduced
Senate Joint Resolution A, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 13 and 54 of article IV, to limit the legislative session and to repeal term limits for legislators first serving in 2011 or later.

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

Senator Jansen introduced
Senate Bill No. 1, entitled

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled "Michigan business tax act," by amending section 281 (MCL 208.1281), as added by 2007 PA 145.

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

Senator Sanborn introduced
Senate Bill No. 2, entitled

A bill to create a small business ombudsman's office and a small business compliance advisory panel; and to provide for certain powers and duties of certain state officers and agencies.

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

Senator Jansen introduced
Senate Bill No. 3, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 1, entitled "Of the statutes," by amending section 3 (MCL 8.3) and by adding section 3x.

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

Senator Jansen introduced
Senate Bill No. 4, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7o (MCL 211.7o), as amended by 2006 PA 681.

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

Senator Jansen introduced
Senate Bill No. 5, entitled

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," (MCL 421.1 to 421.75) by adding section 22c.

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

Senator Jansen introduced
Senate Bill No. 6, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 759e.

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

Senator Gleason introduced
Senate Bill No. 7, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 476 and 482 (MCL 168.476 and 168.482), section 476 as amended by 2005 PA 71 and section 482 as amended by 1998 PA 142, and by adding sections 473a and 484.

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

Senator Gleason introduced

Senate Bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to amend 1999 PA 276, entitled "Banking code of 1999," by amending sections 1201, 1202, and 3711 (MCL 487.11201, 487.11202, and 487.13711).

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

Senator Gleason introduced

Senate Bill No. 9, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 951 and 952 (MCL 168.951 and 168.952), section 951 as amended by 1993 PA 45 and section 952 as amended by 1993 PA 137.

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

Senator Richardville introduced

Senate Bill No. 10, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 40107b.

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

Senator Gleason introduced

Senate Bill No. 11, entitled

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

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

Senator Hardiman introduced

Senate Bill No. 12, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending section 6 (MCL 169.206), as amended by 2003 PA 69, and by adding section 48.

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

Senator Hardiman introduced

Senate Bill No. 13, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 306, entitled "Administrative procedures act of 1969," by amending section 45 (MCL 24.245), as amended by 2004 PA 491, and by adding section 45b.

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

Senator Hardiman introduced

Senate Bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 16901 (MCL 333.16901), as added by 1995 PA 126.

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

Senator Hardiman introduced

Senate Bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to permit the establishment and maintenance of long-term health care savings accounts; to provide for certain tax credits and deductions; to prescribe the requirements of and restrictions on long-term health care savings accounts; and to provide penalties and remedies.

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

Senator Hardiman introduced

Senate Bill No. 16, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 30 (MCL 206.30), as amended by 2007 PA 154.

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

Senator Hardiman introduced

Senate Bill No. 17, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 288, entitled "An act to establish a Michigan work-study program for qualified resident students attending eligible postsecondary schools and employed by qualified employers; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies," by amending section 3 (MCL 390.1373).

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

Senator Allen introduced

Senate Bill No. 18, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 25 (MCL 205.75), as amended by 2007 PA 69.

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

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

Good afternoon to all my colleagues. We have a fresh start. This is a new year and a new beginning for our last two years—the majority of us—so let's just start off by doing the right thing.

I saw one of the bills that I have been fighting for, that one of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle introduced, and I am going to be happy to sign onto this bill. You know, I always tell you it's me today and you tomorrow. Now we are hurting all over this state. But if we just learn that when one of us has some problems that we come to their aid, and maybe we can stop it from happening all over this state.

But anyway, I am glad to see all of you back. Let's get ready to do something about one of the most important things that we can do for this whole state because it stops people from doing the wrong things.

You know, self-preservation is the first law of the land, but we can help by passing these bills. It is a new day. We will have a new President on January 20, and his thing is "we can." So, yes, we can. We can work together and make Michigan a better state—a state in which we make sure that all people in this state are treated the same. We can stop using the zip codes, and we can deal with people on an individual basis. That is what my bills will be doing.

So I am just asking you, let's get started and do what is right. Yes, we can; yes, we can, and yes, we will, right?

Recess

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:30 p.m.

12:59 p.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Messages from the House

The following message was received and read:

January 10, 2009

By direction of the House of Representatives, I hereby notify you that a quorum of the House of Representatives has convened pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution and is ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Further, I am directed by the House to notify you that the House of Representatives has elected Representative Andy Dillon as Speaker and Richard J. Brown as Clerk.

Very respectfully,
Richard J. Brown, Clerk
House of Representatives

Scheduled Meetings

Energy Policy and Public Utilities - Thursday, January 22, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-7350)

Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency - Monday, January 26, 10:00 a.m., Room 426, Capitol Building (373-0212)

Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates - Friday, January 23, 12:00 noon, Oakland County Executive Office Building, Oakland County Conference Center, Waterford Room, Building 41-West, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford (373-0212)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, January 27, 9:30 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 1:00 p.m.

In pursuance of the order previously made, the President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate

