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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Senator Tony Stamas of the 36th District offered the following invocation:

Dear heavenly Father, as we stand before You and each other today, we ask for Your wisdom, Your grace, and Your mercy. It's Your wisdom we need as we debate the business before this chamber today. Help each of us to serve our districts with excellence, integrity, and to make decisions which are in the best interest of the state and its citizens. It's Your grace we need as we seek to positively impact all of those in this great state. Help us to remember each day what we wish for our families and that those are the same dreams and goals families in our districts and our state hope for, and let it drive us in the decisions which we face.

We pray for our Governor, our Lieutenant Governor, the Michigan Senate, and the Michigan House—the leaders of this state—to exercise the powers You've given us with wisdom and compassion. Watch over us this day, Father.

We thank You for all of Your blessings that You bestow upon us faithfully each day. Amen.

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

### Motions and Communications

Senators Jacobs and Bishop entered the Senate Chamber.

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

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

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

April 18, 2007

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3.203(c), I am hereby re-referring Senate Bills 392 and 393 from the Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee to the Judiciary Committee.

Respectfully yours,  
Michael D. Bishop  
Senate Majority Leader

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communications were received:  
Department of Treasury

April 16, 2007

Please find attached one copy of the Personal Property Audit Quarterly Report for the period January 1, 2007 - March 31, 2007. The report is required by Public Act 345 of 2006, the General Government Appropriations Act. Section 947 of the Act provides, in part, as follows:

- (1) Of the \$5,856,800.00 included in part 1 for the revenue enhancement program, \$5,356,000.00 shall be used for revenue collection enhancement activities including auditing functions.
- (2) The department of treasury shall submit quarterly progress reports to the senate and house of representatives standing committees on appropriations subcommittees on general government and the senate and house fiscal agencies, regarding personal property tax audits funded under subsection (1). The report shall include the number of audits, revenue generated, and number of complaints received by the department related to the audits.

April 16, 2007

Please find attached one copy of the Principal Residence Exemption Compliance Program Quarterly Report for the period January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007. The report is required by Public Act 345 of 2006, the General Government Appropriations Act. Section 947 of the Act provides, in part, as follows:

- (1) Of the \$5,856,800.00 included in part 1 for the revenue enhancement program, \$5,356,000.00 shall be used for revenue collection enhancement activities including auditing functions.

- (3) The \$500,000.00 balance of the \$5,856,800.00 shall be used for the principal residence exemption compliance program. Along with other program costs, expenditures shall include the development of a statewide web-based database created for the purpose of enforcing the principal residence exemption compliance program. The department shall submit quarterly progress reports that include the number of exemptions denied and the revenue received under this program. The legislative auditor general shall complete a performance audit of the principal residence exemption compliance program prior to April 1, 2007. Revenue generated to the state from the principal residence exemption compliance program shall be used to reimburse the state general fund for the \$500,000.00 appropriation prior to any other allocation. Additional funds from the revenue enhancement program and carry-forward appropriations may be used to support costs in excess of \$500,000.00.

Sincerely,  
Frederick Headen, Director  
Bureau of Local Government Services

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the following official bill was printed on Tuesday, April 17, and is available at the legislative website:

**Senate Bill No. 400**

### Messages from the House

Senator Garcia entered the Senate Chamber.

#### **Senate Bill No. 220, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1) and ordered that it be given immediate effect. Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

#### **Senate Bill No. 221, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 3, 11, 11g, 11j, 22a, 22b, 26b, 31a, 51a, 51c, 65, 81, and 147 (MCL 388.1603, 388.1611, 388.1611g, 388.1611j, 388.1622a, 388.1622b, 388.1626b, 388.1631a, 388.1651a, 388.1651c, 388.1665, 388.1681, and 388.1747), sections 3, 11, 11g, 11j, 22a, 22b, 26b, 31a, 51a, 51c, 81, and 147 as amended and section 65 as added by 2006 PA 342; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-3) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-3), ordered that it be given immediate effect and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "An act to make appropriations to aid in the support of the public schools and the intermediate school districts of the state; to make appropriations for certain other purposes relating to education; to provide for the disbursement of the appropriations; to supplement the school aid fund by the levy and collection of certain taxes; to authorize the issuance of certain bonds and provide for the security of those bonds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to create certain funds and provide for their expenditure; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 3, 11, 11g, 11j, 17b, 22a, 22b, 26b, 31a, 51a, 51c, 65, 81, and 147 (MCL 388.1603, 388.1611, 388.1611g, 388.1611j, 388.1617b, 388.1622a, 388.1622b, 388.1626b, 388.1631a, 388.1651a, 388.1651c, 388.1665, 388.1681, and 388.1747), sections 3, 11, 11g, 11j, 17b, 22a, 22b, 26b, 31a, 51a, 51c, 81, and 147 as amended and section 65 as added by 2006 PA 342; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

### Third Reading of Bills

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

**Senate Bill No. 16**

**Senate Bill No. 347**

**Senate Bill No. 348**

**Senate Bill No. 350**

**Senate Bill No. 59**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 16, entitled**

A bill to establish the prostate cancer research fund in the department of community health; to provide for the distribution of money from the fund; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain agencies and officials; and to provide for appropriations.

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. 52

**Yeas—37**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

Barcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 347, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending sections 437 and 440 (MCL 206.437 and 206.440), section 437 as added by 2005 PA 249 and section 440 as amended by 2005 PA 160, and by adding section 435.

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. 53****Yeas—37**

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

**Nays—0****Excused—1**

Barcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Birkholz's statement is as follows:

The legislation which you have in front of you now is Senate Bill No. 347. Many of you will remember our discussions about this, but I wanted to remind you that this is a very important day in Michigan's history because we are about to set up a checkoff procedure to allow people to donate to breast cancer research, one of the most pervasive problems with cancer in Michigan and in the United States.

As some of you may recall, I introduced this legislation when I was a member of the House, and because our Governor, Governor Engler, at the time did not want to increase the number of lines on the new income tax form, he did veto it. I ended up forgiving him for that, but he vetoed my bill which passed the House and the Senate unanimously.

So today we have the opportunity to set up a new procedure. We have set up in this bill and in the following bill a whole procedure dealing with checkoffs requiring a floor, requiring a contribution level, and requiring oversight. Today we will pass the breast cancer checkoff procedure.

The fund is named Amanda's Fund. It's named for Amanda Price who many of you have now met. She works in my office; a good friend and a breast cancer survivor. So we're very proud to have the fund named after her. We are very proud to have her continue to be a spokesperson for women's breast cancer issues and to remind women to get their checkups.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 348, entitled**

A bill to establish the Amanda's fund for breast cancer research in the department of community health; to provide for the distribution of money from the fund; to prescribe the duties and powers of certain agencies and officials; and to provide for appropriations.

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. 54****Yeas—37**

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

**Nays—0****Excused—1**

Barcia

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Barcia entered the Senate Chamber.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 350, entitled**

A bill to establish the animal welfare fund in the department of agriculture; to provide for the distribution of money from the fund; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain agencies and officials; and to provide for appropriations.

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. 55****Yeas—37**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—1**

Gilbert

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jacobs' statement is as follows:

I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 350, the income tax checkoff box for a fund to promote adoptions, improve information about family planning, and approve grants to specified organizations whose missions include providing protection and preventing abuse of their clients. These clients often have no advocates, no representatives, nor rights.

The bill was recognized by the committee as humane and socially responsible and was unanimously voted out of committee with little discussion or debate. Today we will vote on this bill. Unfortunately, the number of children being abused, abandoned, or neglected will not be reduced by this legislation. That's because the bill promotes birth control, protection from abuse, and adoption of dogs and cats. It encourages the proper care of animals pursuant to the Michigan anti-cruelty laws. It proposes to award grants to animal control and animal protection shelters, along with other nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is to increase the number of dogs and cats that are sterilized and adopted.

This is a good bill. It is humane, practical, and socially responsible. I voted for the bill and a bipartisan committee was unanimous in its support. But I could not help but recognize the irony of the professed sense of social responsibility of some of my colleagues when it comes to dogs and cats as they continue to oppose similar compassionate treatment of women.

A major portion of Michigan's Medicaid costs are pregnancy-related costs. We could lower these costs substantially by increasing the resources available for family planning services. Yet the paltry Healthy Michigan Fund Pregnancy Prevention Program budget is in danger of being slashed even further. In addition, for several years, we have urged our colleagues to do the right thing in supporting contraceptive equity legislation for women.

The current bill, Senate Bill No. 42, would require employers to provide prescription drug coverage to include coverage for women and contraceptive drugs. In 2006, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission released a declaratory ruling which held that the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act clearly prohibits employers from excluding contraceptives from coverage, since to do so would indicate treating women differently based on their sex.

Yet my bill, introduced on January 24, is still languishing in committee. Meanwhile, the legislation before us, the income tax checkoff box for animal welfare, was introduced on March 14, and here we are a month later moving it forward. How ironic that my cat and my dog are afforded the very expedient health protections which women are denied.

Well, I will soon be introducing legislation which will address and allow a checkoff for family planning services for men and women in Michigan. But, in the meantime, I wholly support Senate Bill No. 350. I suggest that my colleagues do vote for this, but that we do look at the big picture.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 59, entitled**

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to

authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 247.651 to 247.675) by adding section 9c.

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. 56**

**Yeas—37**

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

**Nays—1**

Basham

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Basham's statement is as follows:

This bill is well-intentioned. We do have a problem with Michigan's roads, but along with looking at funding, we need to tie any revenue increase to funding of Michigan's roads to what our past history has been. It has not been very well. Our truck weight limits are 84,000 pounds over all neighboring states which have the same weather conditions as Michigan, yet we want to look at funding alone and we don't want to look at weight limits.



Also this happened under a couple of administrations, so this is not a partisan comment, but we've used porous concrete on our bridges. These are bridges which the engineers have approved, yet they're porous and now hunks of concrete are falling off and actually injuring people and falling on cars. A number of those bridges are in my district. It's on the front page of the *Detroit Free Press* if you've read the *Free Press* in the last couple of weeks.

So we need to look at how we construct our roads. We need to make sure we have warranties on road work. We need to make sure that we reduce truck weight limits. I've polled my constituents and to go down a row of toll roads, that's something which Indiana did; they sold off their roads to a private person so they could collect fees. We know what fees have done when you compare a public crossing like the Blue Water Bridge; they charge you \$1.75 to cross. It's publicly-owned, but yet, if you go across the Ambassador Bridge, you pay \$3.25. If you go across the Mackinac Bridge, you pay \$2.25.

When we look at going down a road of privatizing Michigan's resources, our roads and our bridges, and we don't look at how they're constructed and we don't look at our truck weight limits, how heavy they are and the impact they have, you only have to drive down a freeway in the right two lanes and then drive down in the left lane and see a difference. Obviously, it's from trucks which are 84,000 pounds over other states' weight limits.

For those reasons and many more, even though this legislation is well-intended, I will be voting against it.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**General Orders**

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

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

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, having assumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 285, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending section 47 (MCL 169.247), as amended by 2001 PA 250.

Substitute (S-4).

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

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

**Senate Bill No. 3, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," by amending sections 2, 5, and 11 (MCL 169.202, 169.205, and 169.211), section 2 as amended by 2001 PA 250, section 5 as amended by 1999 PA 237, and section 11 as amended by 1996 PA 590, and by adding section 48.

Substitute (S-2).

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

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

**Senate Bill No. 284, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled "Michigan campaign finance act," (MCL 169.201 to 169.282) by adding section 48.

Substitute (S-2).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 1, line 8, after "**AUTHORIZED**" by striking out "**IN WRITING**".
2. Amend page 2, line 17, after "**AUTHORIZED**" by striking out "**IN WRITING**".
3. Amend page 3, line 10, after "**WHO**" by inserting "**KNOWINGLY**".

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

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

**Senate Bill No. 152, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 3902 (MCL 324.3902).

Substitute (S-3).

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

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:  
**Senate Bill No. 362, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 3902 (MCL 324.3902).

Substitute (S-3).

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

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:  
**Senate Bill No. 123, entitled**

A bill to amend 1982 PA 162, entitled “Nonprofit corporation act,” by amending sections 106, 133, 141, 143, 151, 404, 405, 407, 413, 441, 446, 451, 521, 525, 1103, and 1144 (MCL 450.2106, 450.2133, 450.2141, 450.2143, 450.2151, 450.2404, 450.2405, 450.2407, 450.2413, 450.2441, 450.2446, 450.2451, 450.2521, 450.2525, 450.3103, and 450.3144), sections 1103 and 1144 as added by 1984 PA 209, and by adding section 406a.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 6, line 27, after “**SHAREHOLDERS**” by striking out “**AND**” and inserting “**OR**”.
2. Amend page 7, line 1, after “**SHAREHOLDERS**” by inserting “**OR MEMBERS**”.

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

### Resolutions

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

**Senate Resolution No. 25**

The motion prevailed.

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

**Senate Resolution No. 39**

**Senate Resolution No. 40**

**Senate Resolution No. 41**

**Senate Resolution No. 42**

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senator Clarke offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 39.**

A resolution to recognize April 16-21, 2007, as Public Health Week in Michigan.

Whereas, The Michigan Constitution, Article IV, Section 51, states, “The public health and general welfare of the people of the state are hereby declared to be matters of primary public concern”; and

Whereas, Michigan’s public health system is dedicated to protecting the health of its citizens, including working to minimize health threats caused by terrorist acts, accidents, infectious diseases, pandemic influenza, natural disasters, and other incidents; and

Whereas, The 100th anniversary of the state’s public health laboratory—the second-oldest in the United States—is an occasion to celebrate the valuable contributions made to protect public health by our state laboratorians throughout this past century; and

Whereas, Local health departments and tribal organizations have been collaborating with state and federal agencies since 2002 to strengthen the capacity to respond to public health emergencies in Michigan; and

Whereas, It is important that we recognize the contributions of those individuals and organizations toward making Michigan a healthier place to live; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize April 16-21, 2007, as Public Health Week in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Association for Local Public Health, the Michigan Public Health Association, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and Michigan’s 2007 Hometown Health Heroes in recognition of their important and ongoing commitment to keeping Michigan healthy and safe.

Senators Anderson, Barcia, Basham, Birkholz, Brater, Cherry, Clark-Coleman, Garcia, George, Gleason, Hardiman, Pappageorge, Prusi, Richardville, Scott and Switalski were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Jacobs, Clarke, Gleason, Whitmer, Switalski, Olshove, Prusi, Anderson, Brater, Cherry, Pappageorge, Thomas, Brown, Patterson, Sanborn, Birkholz, Cassis, Jansen, Gilbert, Van Woerkom, Bishop, Basham, Richardville, Hardiman, George, Jelinek, Stamas, Cropsey and Kahn offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 40.**

A resolution marking the 62nd anniversary of the end of the Holocaust and declaring April 18, 2007, as Holocaust Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The horrors of the Holocaust should never be forgotten. This year marks the 62nd anniversary of the end of the Holocaust, which was ruthlessly and tragically carried out by Nazi Germany under the leadership of Adolph Hitler and his collaborators; and

Whereas, The Holocaust involved the genocide of millions of innocent Jewish men, women, and children and other minorities throughout Europe. In addition, there was an enormity of suffering inflicted on the many survivors through mistreatment, brutalization, violence, torture, slave labor, involuntary medical experimentation, death marches, and numerous other acts of cruelty that have come to be known as “crimes against humanity”; and

Whereas, In the past 62 years, the Holocaust has provided the people of the world with a critical lesson in the importance of compassion, caring, and kindness. The Holocaust also has served as a reminder of the dangers inherent in bigotry, racism, and intolerance in the world; and

Whereas, Recognition of the 62nd anniversary of the end of World War II and the liberation of the concentration camps is crucial. We encourage all Americans to commemorate the occasion through reflection, acts of compassionate caring, and learning about the terrible consequences and lessons of the Holocaust; and

Whereas, On April 18, 2007, we recognize the Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony, *Legacies of Justice*, in memory of the 62nd anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps and the subsequent prosecution under international law of the major Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg, Germany; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body mark the 62nd anniversary of the end of the Holocaust and declare April 18, 2007, as Holocaust Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

Senators Barcia, Clark-Coleman, Garcia and Scott were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Olshove, Cherry, Barcia, Basham, Clarke, Gleason, Switalski, Clark-Coleman and Anderson offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 41.**

A resolution designating September 2007 as Children’s Internet Safety Month.

Whereas, The Internet is one of the most effective tools available for purposes of education and research and gives children the means to make friends and freely communicate with peers and family anywhere in the world; and

Whereas, It is vital to the well-being of children that the Internet offer them a wholesome environment to explore and that its capacity to deliver pornographic material to the innocent be responsibly monitored and effectively screened; and

Whereas, Children are ill-equipped to cope with lurid Internet content and cyberpredators and are at risk in their own homes, schools, and libraries; and

Whereas, Parents, religious and government leaders, educators, and rational-thinking people everywhere are concerned about children’s Internet safety, Web manipulation by the unscrupulous, and the rising tide of pornographic Web sites; and

Whereas, Objectionable material, such as violent, obscene, or sexually-explicit adult material may be received by a minor in an unsolicited form; and

Whereas, It is imperative that Michigan parents, guardians, grandparents, teachers, and family members, along with churches, business and community leaders, and organizations, be alerted to the pervasiveness and danger of pornography on the Internet. Support of this public service initiative will improve the Internet culture within their own spheres of influence; and

Whereas, The century of instant global communication holds great promise for achieving better understanding among people of the world. A broader resolve is heralded to protect the safety of children in order that the Internet not be perceived as an instrument of cunning pornographic invitation to the young, but as evidence of profound respect for human dignity, creative inquiry, and commitment to excellence; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby commemorate September 2007 as Children’s Internet Safety Month and express our support for efforts to protect our children against harmful Internet materials; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Jennifer Granholm and Lieutenant Governor John Cherry.

Senators Birkholz, Brater, Garcia, George, Gilbert, Hardiman, Pappageorge, Prusi, Richardville and Scott were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Bishop offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 42.**

A resolution declaring April 2007 as Financial Literacy for Youth Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The informed use of credit and other financial products and services benefits individual consumers and promotes economic growth; and

Whereas, Financial literacy encourages greater economic self-sufficiency, higher levels of homeownership, and enhances retirement security, particularly among low- and moderate-income citizens; and

Whereas, The past decade has seen declining personal savings rates, increased bankruptcy filings, and rising percentages of family income devoted to servicing household debt; and

Whereas, Only 26 percent of 18- to 21-year-olds reported that their parents actively taught them how to manage money; and

Whereas, A 2006 study by the Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy found that high school seniors know even less about credit cards, retirement funds, insurance, and other personal finance basics than seniors did five years ago; and

Whereas, A 2006 survey by the National Council of Economic Education found that a decreasing number of states include personal finance in their educational standards for students in kindergarten through 12th grade; and

Whereas, Personal financial education is essential to ensure that our youths are prepared to manage credit and debt and become responsible workers, heads of households, investors, entrepreneurs, business leaders, and citizens; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby declare April 2007 as Financial Literacy for Youth Month in the state of Michigan to raise public awareness about the need for increased financial literacy in our schools and among our children and the serious problems that are associated with a lack of understanding about personal finances; and be it further

Resolved, That the Michigan Senate calls on each parent, school, business, community organization, and unit of government to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities.

Senators Anderson, Barcia, Basham, Birkholz, Brater, Cherry, Clarke, Garcia, George, Gilbert, Gleason, Hardiman, Kuipers, Pappageorge, Prusi, Richardville, Scott and Switalski were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

Senator Van Woerkom introduced

**Senate Bill No. 401, entitled**

A bill to amend 1995 PA 279, entitled "Horse racing law of 1995," (MCL 431.301 to 431.336) by adding section 20a. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Senator Switalski introduced

**Senate Bill No. 402, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 310e (MCL 257.310e), as amended by 2004 PA 362.

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

Senator Kuipers introduced

**Senate Bill No. 403, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1278b (MCL 380.1278b), as amended by 2006 PA 623.

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

Senator Jelinek introduced

**Senate Bill No. 404, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Jelinek introduced

**Senate Bill No. 405, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 11 and 17b (MCL 388.1611 and 388.1617b), as amended by 2006 PA 342.

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

Senators Brater and Switalski introduced

**Senate Bill No. 406, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 43509, 43532, 43533, 43536, and 48721 (MCL 324.43509, 324.43532, 324.43533, 324.43536, and 324.48721), sections 43509, 43533, and 43536 as amended by 1996 PA 585, section 43532 as amended by 2002 PA 108, and section 48721 as added by 1995 PA 57.

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

Senator Thomas introduced

**Senate Bill No. 407, entitled**

A bill to amend 2005 PA 280, entitled "Corridor improvement authority act," by amending section 5 (MCL 125.2875).

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

Senator Thomas introduced

**Senate Bill No. 408, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 255, entitled "Commercial redevelopment act," by amending sections 5 and 18 (MCL 207.655 and 207.668), section 5 as amended by 1980 PA 448 and section 18 as amended by 1984 PA 342.

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

Senator Thomas introduced

**Senate Bill No. 409, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 2111 (MCL 500.2111), as amended by 2002 PA 492.

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

Senators Brown, Basham, Hunter, Barcia, Kahn, Jelinek and Pappageorge introduced

**Senate Bill No. 410, entitled**

A bill to amend 1986 PA 32, entitled "Emergency telephone service enabling act," by amending the title and sections 101, 102, 201, 202, 203, 205, 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 312, 319, 320, and 401 (MCL 484.1101, 484.1102, 484.1201, 484.1202, 484.1203, 484.1205, 484.1301, 484.1302, 484.1303, 484.1306, 484.1307, 484.1308, 484.1312, 484.1319, 484.1320, and 484.1401), the title as amended by 1994 PA 36, sections 102 and 303 as amended by 1999 PA 80, section 201 as amended by 1999 PA 78, section 205 as amended by 1998 PA 23, sections 301 and 401 as amended by 2006 PA 249, section 308 as amended by 1994 PA 29, section 319 as added by 1989 PA 36, and section 320 as amended by 1998 PA 122, and by adding sections 401a, 401b, and 401c.

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

Senators Basham, Brown, Cherry, Barcia, Gleason, Hunter and Prusi introduced

**Senate Bill No. 411, entitled**

A bill to amend 1986 PA 32, entitled "Emergency telephone service enabling act," by amending sections 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 410, 412, 413, 502, 504, 506, 601, 602, 605, 712, 714, 716, and 717 (MCL 484.1402, 484.1403, 484.1404, 484.1405, 484.1406, 484.1407, 484.1408, 484.1410, 484.1412, 484.1413, 484.1502, 484.1504, 484.1506, 484.1601, 484.1602, 484.1605, 484.1712, 484.1714, 484.1716, and 484.1717), sections 403, 404, 405, and 406 as amended by 1999 PA 81, sections 407, 410, and 412 as added by 1999 PA 78, section 408 as amended by 2006

PA 74, section 413 as added and section 717 as amended by 2006 PA 249, section 601 as amended and section 605 as added by 1999 PA 80, section 602 as amended by 2004 PA 515, and sections 712, 714, and 716 as added by 1999 PA 79; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Senators Basham and Pappageorge introduced

**Senate Bill No. 412, entitled**

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," (MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594) by adding section 261d.

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

Senator Patterson introduced

**Senate Bill No. 413, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 11, 20, and 22b (MCL 388.1611, 388.1620, and 388.1622b), as amended by 2006 PA 342, and by adding section 12.

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

Senators Kahn, George and Garcia introduced

**Senate Bill No. 414, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending section 17b (MCL 388.1617b), as amended by 2006 PA 342.

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

### Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Garcia's statement is as follows:

As some of you may have been aware, I have been gone for an extended period of time on a sabbatical of sorts. I'm back now. It's nice to be back, although I miss the weather in Arizona.

What I intend to do here is to discuss the missed record roll call votes which I had during my absence. I want to begin with March 14, record Roll Call No. 29, I would have voted "yes"; on March 15, record Roll Call Nos. 30, 31, and 32, I would have voted "yes"; on March 21, record Roll Call Nos. 33, 34, and 39, I would have voted "yes."

I just would like to point out that record Roll Call No. 39 was Senate Bill No. 220, which was the supplemental which authorized a number of cuts in the budget, and I just want to go on record as saying that I definitely would have voted "yes" for that.

On March 27, record Roll Call Nos. 42 and 43, I would have voted "yes"; on March 28, record Roll Call Nos. 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, and 50, I would have voted "yes"; and on April 17, record Roll Call No. 51, I would have voted "yes."

Senator Scott's statement is as follows:

More than 100 years ago, Booker T. Washington said, "It is the individual that exercises the most patience, forbearance and self-control in the midst of trying conditions that wins."

Well, I am the living example of that patience, forbearance, and self-control. I have listened to your arguments. I have been respectful of your positions, and I have tolerated your resistance. And yes, these have been trying conditions not just for me, but to the thousands of Michigan drivers who have been refused fair and equitable treatment in securing automobile insurance.

But be forewarned. I intend to win, as I ask you yet again to consider these bills that will bring honesty and integrity to insurance rates in Michigan. It's a sad day when we can take up bills regarding animals that are truly loved, but these are taxpayers who pay taxes in this state and cannot get their bill heard and voted on.

Senator George's statement is as follows:

Following up with what the Senator from the 1st District was referring to, this is a resolution which we adopted today recognizing this week as Public Health Week in Michigan. As the Senator from the 1st District remarked, that is one of the charges in our state Constitution that we attend to matters of public health. It is the 100th anniversary of the state's public health laboratory.

Yesterday, several of us were able to join with members of the Department of Community Health and members of the public health community in recognizing hometown public health heroes, including a physician from my own district. These are health care providers and administrators who have done notable work in emergency preparedness in making our communities safer or in reducing the incidence of chronic diseases in their communities. So they were recognized yesterday in the Capitol as part of Public Health Week.

In continuing with that theme today, colleagues, we have the opportunity to join in the Senate Pedometer Challenge which is being sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield. If you signed up for that or, staff, if you signed up for it, today is your chance starting in just a few minutes on the Capitol lawn to pick up your pedometer and to begin your walking for the next six weeks. So I hope to see many of you out there on the Capitol lawn once we adjourn.

### Committee Reports

The Committee on Transportation reported

**Senate Bill No. 265, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 2 and 698 (MCL 257.2 and 257.698), section 2 as amended by 2004 PA 19 and section 698 as amended by 1998 PA 247.

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.

Judson S. Gilbert II

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gilbert, Kahn, Van Woerkom and Basham

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Transportation reported

**Senate Bill No. 360, entitled**

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 11e and 11f (MCL 247.661e and 247.661f), section 11e as amended by 2006 PA 141 and section 11f as added by 2006 PA 140.

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.

Judson S. Gilbert II  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Gilbert, Kahn, Van Woerkom and Basham

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 Transportation submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Gilbert (C), Kahn, Van Woerkom and Basham

Excused: Senator Gleason

The Committee on Judiciary reported

##### **Senate Bill No. 25, entitled**

A bill to amend 1982 PA 204, entitled "Deaf persons' interpreters act," by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (MCL 393.502, 393.503, 393.504, 393.505, 393.506, 393.507, and 393.508), section 8 as amended by 1988 PA 435, and by adding sections 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 8a, and 8b.

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.

Wayne Kuipers  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kuipers, Cropsey, Sanborn, Patterson, Whitmer, Clarke and Prusi

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Judiciary reported

##### **House Bill No. 4208, entitled**

A bill to amend 1982 PA 204, entitled "Deaf persons' interpreters act," by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (MCL 393.502, 393.503, 393.504, 393.505, 393.506, 393.507, and 393.508), section 8 as amended by 1988 PA 435, and by adding sections 3a, 8a, and 8b.

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.

Wayne Kuipers  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Kuipers, Cropsey, Sanborn, Patterson, Whitmer, Clarke and Prusi

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 Judiciary submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 12:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Kuipers (C), Cropsey, Sanborn, Patterson, Whitmer, Clarke and Prusi

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism reported

##### **Senate Bill No. 400, 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 impose and provide for the disposition of an administrative fee; 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 section 2 (MCL 207.552), as amended by 2005 PA 267.

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.

Jason E. Allen  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Allen, Gilbert, Stamas, Clarke and Hunter

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 Commerce and Tourism submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Allen (C), Gilbert, Stamas, Clarke and Hunter

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism submitted the following:

Meeting held on Monday, April 16, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., The Great Lakes Maritime Center, 51 Water Street, Port Huron

Present: Senators Allen (C), Gilbert, Stamas and Clarke

Excused: Senator Hunter

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on General Government submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Pappageorge (C), Garcia and Anderson

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Transportation submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Hardiman (C), Cropsey and Anderson

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Natural Resources submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 12:00 noon, Room 405, Capitol Building

Present: Senators McManus (C), Jelinek and Brater

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Agriculture submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Brown (C), Jelinek and Scott

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on K-12, School Aid, Education submitted the following:  
Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building  
Present: Senators Jelinek (C), Brown, Garcia, Switalski and Clark-Coleman

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Families and Human Services submitted the following:  
Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building  
Present: Senators Jansen (C), Hardiman and Jacobs

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Judiciary and Corrections submitted the following:  
Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building  
Present: Senators Cropsy (C), Kahn and Brater

#### Scheduled Meetings

##### Appropriations -

###### Subcommittees -

**Capital Outlay** - Thursday, April 19, 9:00 a.m., House Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-8080)

**Community Colleges** - Monday, April 23, 1:30 p.m., Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor; Friday, May 11, 9:00 a.m., Bay de Noc Community College, Joseph Heirman University Center, 2001 N. Lincoln Road, Escanaba; and Wednesday, May 16, 9:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Community Health Department** - Thursdays, April 19, April 26, May 3 and May 17, 2:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

**Environmental Quality Department** - Thursdays, April 19, April 26, May 3 and May 10, 1:00 p.m., and Tuesday, May 15, 4:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Higher Education** - Friday, April 20, 10:00 a.m., Saginaw Valley State University, Curtiss Hall, Emeriti Room, 7400 Bay Road, University Center; Monday, April 23, 10:00 a.m., Eastern Michigan University, Student Center, Room 310, 900 Oakland Street, Ypsilanti; Friday, April 27, 10:00 a.m., Calvin College, Bunker Interpretive Center, 1750 East Beltline, Grand Rapids; and Friday, May 11, 2:00 p.m., Michigan Technological University, Advanced Technology Development Center, 1402 East Sharon Avenue, Houghton (373-2768)

**Judiciary and Corrections** - Tuesday, April 24, and Wednesdays, May 2, May 9 and May 16, 3:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Natural Resources Department** - Tuesdays, April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 15, 12:00 noon, Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Education** - Thursday, April 19, 2:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-6920)

**Energy Policy and Public Utilities** - Thursdays, April 19 and April 26, 1:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-7350)

Senator Cropsy moved that the Senate adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:06 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, April 19, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.