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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

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 Garcia—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

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

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

Senator Raymond E. Basham of the 8th District offered the following invocation:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this day, that we are here safely gathered together. We thank You for Your bountiful goodness.

We pray for strength, wisdom, and clarity of thought as we deliberate and consider the issues confronting this great state. We would ask that You guide us in a united effort for the common good. We ask also that Your grace and mercy rest upon this State Legislature, our Governor, and national leaders as we work together to create and administer good public policy for the benefit of all.

It is in Your name that we pray. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

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

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

Recess

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:06 a.m.

10:52 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Garcia, Gilbert, Richardville, Van Woerkom, George, Hardiman, Bishop, Jansen, Cassis, Pappageorge, Kuipers, Jelinek, Kahn, Nofs, Allen and Birkholz entered the Senate Chamber.

The following communications were received and read:

Office of the Senate Majority Leader

June 2, 2010

Pursuant to Joint Rule 3, the Senate having non-concurred in the House substitute (H-1) to Senate Bill 1151 appoints the following members to sit on the conference committee:

Senator Bill Hardiman, Chair

Senator Ron Jelinek

Senator Irma Clark-Coleman

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

June 2, 2010

Pursuant to Joint Rule 3, the Senate having non-concurred in the House substitute (H-1) to Senate Bill 1152 appoints the following members to sit on the conference committee:

Senator Roger Kahn, Chair

Senator John Pappageorge

Senator Deborah Cherry

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

June 2, 2010

Pursuant to Joint Rule 3, the Senate having non-concurred in the House substitute (H-1) to Senate Bill 1154 appoints the following members to sit on the conference committee:

Senator Ron Jelinek, Chair

Senator Cameron Brown

Senator Michael Switalski

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

June 2, 2010

Pursuant to Joint Rule 3, the Senate having non-concurred in the House substitute (H-1) to Senate Bill 1161 appoints the following members to sit on the conference committee:

Senator Michelle McManus, Chair

Senator Ron Jelinek

Senator Liz Brater

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

June 2, 2010

Pursuant to Joint Rule 3, the Senate having non-concurred in the House substitute (H-4) to Senate Bill 1163 appoints the following members to sit on the conference committee:

Senator Ron Jelinek, Chair

Senator Cameron Brown

Senator Michael Switalski

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely, Senator Michael D. Bishop Majority Leader State Senate, 12th District

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communications were received:

Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation

June 7, 2010

Pursuant to MCL 500.2409, the Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation is required to make a determination as to whether a reasonable degree of competition in the workers' compensation insurance market exists. Be advised that the State of Competition in the Workers' Compensation Insurance Market report is attached to this correspondence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jenita Moore, Deputy Commissioner for Policy at (517) 373-1866.

June 7, 2010

Pursuant to MCL 500.2213b(7), the Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation is required to issue an annual report compiling the gross written premium for short-term or one-time limited duration policies or certificates issued in Michigan during the preceding calendar year. Be advised that the annual report required by MCL 500.2213b(7) is attached to this correspondence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jenita Moore, Deputy Commissioner for Policy at (517) 373-1866.

June 7, 2010

Pursuant to MCL 500.3721, the Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation is required to make a determination as to whether a reasonable degree of competition in the small employer carrier health market exists on a statewide basis. Be advised that the State of Competition in the Small Employer Carrier Health Insurance Market report is attached to this correspondence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Jenita Moore, Deputy Commissioner for the Policy at (517) 373-1866.

Felicia A. Barnes, Executive Secretary Policy Division

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Cropsey moved that the following bill, now on the order of the order of General Orders, be referred to the Committee on Government Operations:

Senate Bill No. 731, entitled

A bill to create the Michigan quality community care council; to prescribe the powers and duties of the council; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments; and to provide for the transfer of programs, employees, and funds. The motion prevailed.

The Secretary announced that the following House bill was received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, June 2: **House Bill No.** 6097

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Monday, June 7, for her approval the following bill:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1097 at 10:27 a.m.

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Wednesday, June 2, and are available at the legislative website:

Senate Bill Nos. 1353 1354 1355 1356 1357 1358 1359 1360 House Bill Nos. 6226 6227 6228 6229 6230 6231 6232 6233 6234

The Secretary announced that the following official bills were printed on Thursday, June 3, and are available at the legislative website:

Senate Bill Nos. 1361 1362 1363 1364 1365 1366 1367 1368 1369 1370 House Bill Nos. 6235 6236

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

June 4, 2010

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following appointment to state office under Section 21 of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1421:

Michigan State Housing Development Authority

Mr. Douglas H. Graham, a Democrat, of 743 Harmon Street, Birmingham, Michigan 48009, county of Oakland, succeeding Marianne Udow-Phillips, who has resigned, is appointed for a term commencing June 4, 2010 and expiring March 10, 2011.

June 4, 2010

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following appointment and reappointments to state office under Section 67 of the Michigan Code of Military Justice of 1980, 1980 PA 523, MCL 32.1067:

Military Appeals Tribunal

Mr. Thomas L. Dorwin of 3220 Lakeshore Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, county of Chippewa, succeeding Michael Zehnder, whose term has expired, is appointed to represent civilians licensed to practice law in this state, for a term commencing June 4, 2010 and expiring April 16, 2014.

Ms. Judy E. Bregman of 17262 Sandgate Place, West Olive, Michigan 49460, county of Ottawa, is reappointed to represent civilians licensed to practice law in this state, for a term expiring April 16, 2011.

Mr. John P. Charters of 777 Great Oaks Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, county of Oakland, is reappointed to represent civilians licensed to practice law in this state, for a term expiring April 16, 2011.

Mr. James K. Naddeo of 13448 Chateau Cove Drive, Holly, Michigan 48442, county of Oakland, is reappointed to represent civilians licensed to practice law in this state, for a term expiring April 16, 2012.

Mr. Charles A. Palmer of 15043 Classic, Bath, Michigan 48808, county of Clinton, is reappointed to represent civilians licensed to practice law in this state, for a term expiring April 16, 2011.

June 4, 2010

I respectfully submit to the Senate, pursuant to Section 6 of Article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the following appointment and reappointments to office pursuant to Section 2 of 1968 PA 1, MCL 10.72:

Michigan Women's Commission

Ms. Jayashree Kommareddi of 8426 Warwick Groves Court, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439, county of Genesee, succeeding Ronda Stryker, whose term will expire, is appointed for a term commencing July 16, 2010 and expiring July 15, 2013.

Ms. Donna L. Budnick of 5153 Hurd Road, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740, county of Emmett, is reappointed for a term commencing July 16, 2010 and expiring July 15, 2013.

Ms. Sally Shaheen Joseph of 6263 Stonegate Parkway, Flint, Michigan 48532, county of Genesee, is reappointed for a term commencing July 16, 2010 and expiring July 15, 2013.

Ms. Patricia M. Lowrie of 4365 Stoneycroft Drive, Okemos, Michigan 48864, county of Ingham, is reappointed for a term commencing July 16, 2010 and expiring July 15, 2013.

Ms. Alexandra S. Matish of 2002 Alice, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103, county of Washtenaw, is reappointed for a term commencing July 16, 2010 and expiring July 15, 2013.

Sincerely, Jennifer M. Granholm Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

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 Hardiman 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 bill:

Senate Bill No. 1343, entitled

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled "Michigan business tax act," by amending section 434 (MCL 208.1434), as amended by 2009 PA 240.

The bill 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: **House Bill No. 5274, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 303, 625n, 732a, and 904d (MCL 257.303, 257.625n, 257.732a, and 257.904d), sections 303, 732a, and 904d as amended by 2008 PA 463 and section 625n as amended by 2008 PA 539, and by adding section 304.

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.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Senator Cropsey moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on its immediate passage:

House Bill No. 5274

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

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

Senate Bill No. 978

Senate Bill No. 979

Senate Bill No. 1015

Senate Bill No. 1016

Senate Bill No. 1017

Senate Bill No. 1266

Senate Bill No. 1251

House Bill No. 5274

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 978, entitled

A bill to amend 2003 PA 260, entitled "Tax reverted clean title act," by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 211.1022 and 211.1023).

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. 283

Yeas—35

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

Nays—1

Clarke

Excused—2

Stamas Whitmer

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 979, entitled

A bill to amend 2003 PA 258, entitled "Land bank fast track act," by amending sections 3 and 23 (MCL 124.753 and 124.773).

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Hunter offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 7, line 17, after "COUNTY" by striking out "FORECLOSING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT" and inserting "EXECUTIVE, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY".
- 2. Amend page 7, line 19, after "CITY" by inserting a comma and "WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR AND THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE QUALIFIED CITY".

The amendments were adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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. 284 Yeas—34

Clark-Coleman Allen Jansen Patterson Barcia Jelinek Prusi Cropsey Richardville Basham Garcia Kahn **Kuipers** Sanborn Birkholz George McManus Bishop Gilbert Scott

Brater Gleason Hardiman Brown Cassis Hunter Jacobs Cherry

Nofs Olshove Pappageorge Switalski Thomas Van Woerkom

Nays—2

Anderson Clarke

Excused—2

Stamas Whitmer

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1015, entitled

A bill to amend 2003 PA 258, entitled "Land bank fast track act," by amending section 2 (MCL 124.752).

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. 285 Yeas-35

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

Nays—1

Clarke

Excused—2

Stamas Whitmer

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1016, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 711. 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. 286

Yeas-34

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

Nays-2

Anderson Clarke

Excused—2

Stamas Whitmer

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1017, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 78m (MCL 211.78m), as amended by 2006 PA 498.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Allen offered the following substitute:

Substitute (S-2).

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

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. 287

Yeas—35

Allen Cherry Jacobs Patterson Anderson Clark-Coleman Jansen Prusi Barcia Cropsey Jelinek Richardville Basham Garcia Kahn Sanborn Birkholz George Kuipers Scott Bishop Gilbert McManus Switalski Brater Gleason Nofs Thomas Van Woerkom Brown Hardiman Olshove

Cassis Hunter Pappageorge

Nays—1

Clarke

Excused—2

Stamas Whitmer

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1266, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7gg (MCL 211.7gg), as added by 2003 PA 261.

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. 288 Yeas—36

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

Excused—2

Stamas Whitmer

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1251, 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 2009 PA 209.

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. 289 Yeas—35

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

Nays—1

Cassis

Excused—2

Stamas Whitmer

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 5274, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 219, 303, 319, 625n, 626, 732a, and 904d (MCL 257.219, 257.303, 257.319, 257.625n, 257.626, 257.732a, and 257.904d), section 219 as amended by 2005 PA 317, sections 303, 319, 626, 732a, and 904d as amended by 2008 PA 463, and section 625n as amended by 2008 PA 539, and by adding section 304.

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. 290		Yeas—31					
Allen Barcia Basham Birkholz Bishop Brater Brown Cassis	Cherry Clark-Coleman Cropsey George Gilbert Gleason Hardiman Hunter		Jacobs Jansen Jelinek Kahn Kuipers McManus Nofs Olshove		Pappageorge Patterson Prusi Richardville Sanborn Scott Van Woerkom		
Nays—5							
Anderson Clarke	Garcia		Switalski		Thomas		
Excused—2							
Stamas	Whitmer						
Not Voting—0							

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,

The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the full title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows:

"An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to regulate the introduction and use of certain evidence; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date,".

The Senate agreed to the full title.

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:

This bill is the bill that deals with the interlock system for repeat drunk drivers. As many people in this body know, drunk driving remains a serious issue in Michigan. What many people forget is that when someone gets caught driving while drunk, the odds are that alcohol abuse and addiction have ramifications throughout their family, community, creditors, employers, children, friends, etc.

Over the last few years, we have done a good job of reducing injuries and deaths associated with impaired driving. This bill and the others in the package begin challenging us at the task of addressing the addiction that leads to drunk driving in the first place.

Judge Harvey Hoffman of Eaton County is a national leader in the sobriety court and drug treatment court movement. He has presented at conferences nationally and internationally. As he testified in our committee, between the loss of driving rights and the fairly-high financial sanctions for impaired driving, he said, "We have created an unlicensed, uninsured, untreated, and dangerous underclass of alcoholic drivers in our state.

These bills will begin to change that. They would allow an alcohol-addicted driver to drive once again with a restricted license, as long as there was an ignition interlock system installed on every car that the driver would have access to. Then they would be able to get their license, but the interlock ignition would check their BAC before they drive, while they were driving, and even during the day while they were not driving. If they were to violate while driving, they would have five minutes to find a safe spot to pull over, and then the system would automatically shut down their vehicle. The authorities would then have to reset the ignition interlock.

The BAC level would be randomly checked during the day, even when not driving, to ensure that they would not be drinking. The driver would have 24 hours to report to authorities, or if their car refused to start and run, they would then have to report to the appropriate authorities.

Colleagues, these bills will help deal with a real-life solution to a real-life problem. The amendment that we put in the bill this morning helps deal with the technical change that all of the stakeholders have agreed to. I urge your support for this bill and the others in the package when they are returned from the House.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator McManus introduced

Senate Bill No. 1371, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," by amending section 1019 (MCL 339.1019), as amended by 1992 PA 253.

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

Senator McManus introduced

Senate Bill No. 1372, entitled

A bill to require verification that public contracts are performed by employees who are entitled to work in the United States; to prohibit an employer from discharging certain employees while employing an illegal alien; to prescribe acceptable methods for verifying legal presence in the United States; to condition the eligibility of employers to perform certain public contracts on participation in the federal immigrant verification system; to create duties and responsibilities for certain state and local departments, agencies, and officers; to require promulgation of rules; and to provide civil remedies and criminal penalties.

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

Senators Nofs, Bishop, Pappageorge, Basham and Kahn introduced

Senate Bill No. 1373, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 7212, 7403, and 7404 (MCL 333.7212, 333.7403, and 333.7404), as amended by 2002 PA 710.

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

Senators Gleason, Barcia, Scott, Gilbert, Anderson, Hunter, Cherry and Olshove introduced

Senate Bill No. 1374, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.532) by adding section 278. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Gilbert, Gleason, Pappageorge, Brater and Kuipers introduced

Senate Bill No. 1375, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending section 7cc (MCL 211.7cc), as amended by 2008 PA 198.

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

Senators Cropsey and Stamas introduced

Senate Bill No. 1376, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code," by amending sections 1209, 2519, 3207, 7105, 7411, 7414, 7817, 7821, and 7910 (MCL 700.1209, 700.2519, 700.3207, 700.7105, 700.7411, 700.7414, 700.7817, 700.7821, and 700.7910), sections 1209, 2519, and 7105 as amended and sections 7411, 7414, 7817, 7821, and 7910 as added by 2009 PA 46 and section 3207 as added by 2006 PA 299, by amending the headings of the parts of article VII, by amending the heading of article VIII, and by designating sections 8101 and 8102 as part 1 and sections 8201 to 8206 as part 2 of article VIII and adding headings for those parts.

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

Senators Clarke, Cropsey and Stamas introduced

Senate Bill No. 1377, entitled

A bill to amend 1968 PA 251, entitled "Cemetery regulation act," by amending section 16 (MCL 456.536), as amended by 2008 PA 478.

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

Senators Stamas, Cropsey and Clarke introduced

Senate Bill No. 1378, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 255, entitled "Prepaid funeral and cemetery sales act," by amending section 12 (MCL 328.222), as amended by 2004 PA 21.

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

House Bill No. 6097, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 7704 (MCL 500.7704), as amended by 2006 PA 671.

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 Banking and Financial Institutions.

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:

Religion scholar Roy L. Smith said, "Each morning puts us on trial and each evening passes judgment." Unless we take action later today in committee, we will be judged wanting at the end of this day because we will once again fail to have acted on auto insurance reform.

In our current economy, just about everyone is struggling to keep on top of their bills. Nearly everyone has seen their savings accounts, their retirement accounts, and their paychecks shrink. But our bills don't shrink along with our available money. In Michigan, people don't have the option of ignoring their car insurance bill unless they want to break the law.

You and I could shrink that bill for our constituents if we would take action on auto insurance reform. Too many Michigan citizens are paying far more than they should to insure their cars. We need to reform auto insurance now, so that at the end of the day, we know we will be judged well on our actions because we will have done what is needed for the people of this great state.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs reported

House Concurrent Resolution No. 41.

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the federal Food Desert Oasis Act to encourage the location of grocery stores in certain communities.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 21, p. 360.)

With the recommendation that the concurrent resolution be adopted.

Gerald Van Woerkom Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Woerkom, Gleason and Basham

Nays: None

The concurrent resolution was placed on the order of Resolutions.

The Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs reported

House Bill No. 4726, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 321a (MCL 257.321a), as amended by 2004 PA 362.

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.

Gerald Van Woerkom Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Woerkom, Birkholz, Gleason and Basham

Navs: None

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

The Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs reported

House Bill No. 4893, entitled

A bill to amend 1953 PA 181, entitled "An act relative to investigations in certain instances of the causes of death within this state due to violence, negligence or other act or omission of a criminal nature or to protect public health; to provide for the taking of statements from injured persons under certain circumstances; to abolish the office of coroner and to create the office of county medical examiner in certain counties; to prescribe the powers and duties of county medical examiners; to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions of this act; and to prescribe a referendum thereon," by amending section 5 (MCL 52.205), as amended by 2006 PA 569.

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.

Gerald Van Woerkom Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Van Woerkom, Birkholz and Gleason

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 Local, Urban and State Affairs submitted the following: Meeting held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Van Woerkom (C), Birkholz, Gleason and Basham

Excused: Senator Allen

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Community Health submitted the following: Meeting held on Thursday, May 27, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

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

Excused: Senators George and Stamas

Scheduled Meetings

Agriculture and Bioeconomy - Thursday, June 10, 9:00 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-1635)

Appropriations - Wednesday, June 9, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-6960) **Subcommittee -**

State Police and Military Affairs - Tuesday, June 22, 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday, June 23, 3:00 p.m.; and Thursday, June 24, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Health Policy - Wednesday, June 9, 3:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-0793)

Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees - Tuesday, June 15, 2:00 p.m., Room H-65, Capitol Building (373-0575)

Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs - Thursday, June 10, 9:00 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2413)

Transportation - Wednesday, June 9, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-7708)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn. The motion prevailed, the time being 11:31 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI Secretary of the Senate