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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, March 18, 1998.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Connie B. Binsfeld.

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

Bennett—present  
Berryman—present  
Bouchard—present  
Bullard—present  
Byrum—present  
Cherry—present  
Cisky—present  
Conroy—present  
DeBeussaert—present  
DeGrow—present  
Dingell—present  
Dunaskiss—present  
Emmons—present

Gast—present  
Geake—present  
Gougeon—present  
Hart—present  
Hoffman—present  
Jaye—present  
Koivisto—present  
McManus—present  
Miller—present  
North—present  
O'Brien—present  
Peters—present  
Posthumus—present

Rogers—present  
Schuette—present  
Schwarz—present  
Shugars—present  
A. Smith—present  
V. Smith—present  
Stallings—absent  
Steil—present  
Stille—present  
Van Regenmorter—present  
Vaughn—present  
Young—present

Senator Bill Bullard, Jr., of the 15th District offered the following invocation:

On this day after the feast of St. Patrick, we ask for Your strength, wisdom, and probably in many cases healing power.

Let patience and understanding guide us through controversial and difficult decisions that we face, and let the spirit of goodwill toward all of Your creatures prevail. We ask this of You, O Lord. Amen.

### **Motions and Communications**

Senators Dunaskiss, Emmons and V. Smith entered the Senate Chamber.

The Secretary announced that the following House bill was received in the Senate and filed on Tuesday, March 17:  
**House Bill No. 5491**

Senator V. Smith moved that Senator Miller be temporarily excused from today's session.  
The motion prevailed.

### **Messages from the Governor**

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

March 17, 1998

There are herewith presented for consideration and confirmation by the Senate, the following reappointments to office:

#### **Construction Safety Standards Commission**

Mr. Vernon B. Watwood, Jr., 1031 Crestwood Glade, Hancock, Michigan 49930, county of Houghton, as a member representing the general public, succeeding himself, for a term expiring on March 18, 2001.

Ms. Cheryl Lynn Hughes, 4413 Davlind Drive, Holt, Michigan 48842, county of Ingham, as a member representing construction management, succeeding herself, for a term expiring on March 18, 2001.

Mr. Martin Ross, 4744 Ridge Crest, Williamsburg, Michigan 49690, county of Grand Traverse, as a member representing construction labor, succeeding himself, for a term expiring on March 18, 2001.

March 17, 1998

There is herewith presented for consideration and confirmation by the Senate, the following appointment to office:

#### **Michigan Appellate Defender Commission**

Mr. Carl L. Gromek, 4304 Shady Hill, Lansing, Michigan 48917, county of Ingham, as a member representing the Michigan Court of Appeals, succeeding Ms. Ella Williams of Detroit, who has resigned, for a term expiring on May 24, 1998.

March 17, 1998

There are herewith presented for consideration and confirmation by the Senate, the following reappointments to office:

#### **Personnel Agency Board**

Ms. Marcia Marie Sayles, 12258 Woodlands Court, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, county of Wayne, as a member representing the general public, succeeding herself, for a term expiring on September 30, 2001.

Mr. Gary F. Rupert, 1905 Landmark Court, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103, county of Washtenaw, as a member representing professionals, succeeding himself, for a term expiring on September 30, 2001.

Ms. Joanne L. Mansfield, 1831 Ayrshire Drive, Commerce Township, Michigan 48390, county of Oakland, as a member representing private employment agencies, succeeding herself, for a term expiring on September 30, 1998.

Sincerely,  
John Engler  
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

### Recess

Senator DeGrow moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the President.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:04 a.m.

10:36 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Schuette, Jaye, Bouchard, Miller, Schwarz, Gougeon, Gast, Cisky, Geake, Steil, North, McManus and Hoffman entered the Senate Chamber.

### Messages from the House

#### House Bill No. 5532, entitled

A bill to make certain appropriations for the department of community health for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; and to provide for the expenditure of those certain appropriations.

The House of Representatives has nonconcurrent in the Senate substitute (S-1) and appointed Reps. Ciaramitaro, Emerson and Johnson as conferees.

The message was referred to the Secretary for record.

### Third Reading of Bills

Senator Posthumus entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator DeGrow moved that consideration of the following bills be postponed for today:

**Senate Bill No. 789**

**Senate Bill No. 256**

**Senate Bill No. 830**

**Senate Bill No. 865**

**Senate Bill No. 897**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

#### **Senate Bill No. 945, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 57j.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator DeGrow moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed temporarily.

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

#### **Senate Bill No. 184, entitled**

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled "An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of the department of social services and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 2a (MCL 722.112a), as added by 1994 PA 349.

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. 115

Yeas—37

Bennett  
Berryman

Dingell  
Dunaskiss

Koivisto  
McManus

Schwarz  
Shugars

Bouchard	Emmons	Miller	Smith, A.
Bullard	Gast	North	Smith, V.
Byrum	Geake	O'Brien	Steil
Cherry	Gougeon	Peters	Stille
Cisky	Hart	Posthumus	Van Regenmorter
Conroy	Hoffman	Rogers	Vaughn
DeBeaussaert	Jaye	Schuetter	Young
DeGrow			

**Nays—0**

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—1**

Stallings

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senators Shugars and Jaye moved that they be named co-sponsors of the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 184**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 700, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 16174 and 16221 (MCL 333.16174 and 333.16221), section 16174 as amended by 1993 PA 80 and section 16221 as amended by 1996 PA 594.

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. 116**

**Yeas—37**

Bennett	Dingell	Koivisto	Schwarz
Berryman	Dunaskiss	McManus	Shugars
Bouchard	Emmons	Miller	Smith, A.
Bullard	Gast	North	Smith, V.
Byrum	Geake	O'Brien	Steil
Cherry	Gougeon	Peters	Stille
Cisky	Hart	Posthumus	Van Regenmorter
Conroy	Hoffman	Rogers	Vaughn
DeBeaussaert	Jaye	Schuetter	Young
DeGrow			

**Nays—0**

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—1**

Stallings

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senator Shugars moved that he be named co-sponsor of the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 700**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 866, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2950a (MCL 600.2950a), as amended by 1997 PA 115.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Van Regenmorter offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 9, following line 22, by inserting:

"(26) A PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDER THAT IS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT INVALID ON THE GROUND THAT IT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH 1 OR MORE OF THE REQUIREMENTS ADDED BY THAT AMENDATORY ACT." and renumbering the remaining subsection.

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

Senator Van Regenmorter offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 1, line 6, after "the" by inserting "FAMILY DIVISION OF".
2. Amend page 10, line 2, after "by" by inserting "THE FAMILY DIVISION OF".

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

Senator Van Regenmorter offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 4, following line 19, by inserting:

"(H) STATEMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONTAINED IN A SINGLE FORM WHENEVER PRACTICABLE."

The amendment 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. 117****Yeas—37**

Bennett	Dingell	Koivisto	Schwarz
Berryman	Dunaskiss	McManus	Shugars
Bouchard	Emmons	Miller	Smith, A.
Bullard	Gast	North	Smith, V.
Byrum	Geake	O'Brien	Steil
Cherry	Gougeon	Peters	Stille
Cisky	Hart	Posthumus	Van Regenmorter
Conroy	Hoffman	Rogers	Vaughn
DeBeaussaert	Jaye	Schuette	Young
DeGrow			

**Nays—0**

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—1**

Stallings

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 874, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2950 (MCL 600.2950), as amended by 1997 PA 115.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator A. Smith offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 11, following line 7, by inserting:

"(28) A PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDER THAT IS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT INVALID ON THE GROUND THAT IT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH 1 OR MORE OF THE REQUIREMENTS ADDED BY THIS AMENDATORY ACT." and renumbering the remaining subsection.

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

Senator A. Smith offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 6, following line 9, by inserting:

"(H) STATEMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONTAINED IN A SINGLE FORM WHENEVER PRACTICABLE."

The amendment 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. 118**

**Yeas—37**

Bennett	Dingell	Koivisto	Schwarz
Berryman	Dunaskiss	McManus	Shugars
Bouchard	Emmons	Miller	Smith, A.
Bullard	Gast	North	Smith, V.
Byrum	Geake	O'Brien	Steil
Cherry	Gougeon	Peters	Stille
Cisky	Hart	Posthumus	Van Regenmorter
Conroy	Hoffman	Rogers	Vaughn
DeBeaussaert	Jaye	Schuette	Young
DeGrow			

**Nays—0**

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—1**

Stallings

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 1007, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 839.

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. 119**

**Yeas—37**

Bennett	Dingell	Koivisto	Schwarz
Berryman	Dunaskiss	McManus	Shugars
Bouchard	Emmons	Miller	Smith, A.
Bullard	Gast	North	Smith, V.
Byrum	Geake	O'Brien	Steil
Cherry	Gougeon	Peters	Stille
Cisky	Hart	Posthumus	Van Regenmorter
Conroy	Hoffman	Rogers	Vaughn
DeBeaussaert	Jaye	Schuette	Young
DeGrow			

**Nays—0**

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—1**

Stallings

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to consideration of the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 945, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 57j. (This bill was read a third time earlier today and consideration postponed. See p. 403.)

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senators Peters and Geake offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 1, following line 3, after "SHALL" by striking out "ADOPT GUIDELINES" and inserting "DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTING PLAN".

2. Amend page 1, following line 3, after "AND" by striking out "GUIDELINES" and inserting "SHALL DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTING PLAN".

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

The President pro tempore, Senator Schwarz, assumed the Chair.

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. 120**

**Yeas—37**

Bennett	Dingell	Koivisto	Schwarz
Berryman	Dunaskiss	McManus	Shugars

Bouchard	Emmons	Miller	Smith, A.
Bullard	Gast	North	Smith, V.
Byrum	Geake	O'Brien	Steil
Cherry	Gougeon	Peters	Stille
Cisky	Hart	Posthumus	Van Regenmorter
Conroy	Hoffman	Rogers	Vaughn
DeBeaussaert	Jaye	Schuetter	Young
DeGrow			

**Nays—0**

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—1**

Stallings

In The Chair: Schwarz

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

### **General Orders**

Senator DeGrow 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 Schwarz, designated Senator Dingell as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President pro tempore, Senator Schwarz, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bills:

**Senate Bill No. 890, entitled**

A bill to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled "Single business tax act," by amending section 52 (MCL 208.52).

**Senate Bill No. 944, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 57b (MCL 400.57b), as added by 1995 PA 223.

The bills were 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. 872, entitled**

A bill to amend 1941 PA 122, entitled "An act to establish a revenue division of the department of treasury; to prescribe its powers and duties as the revenue collection agency of the state; to prescribe certain powers and duties of the state treasurer; to create the position and to define the powers and duties of the state commissioner of revenue; to provide for the transfer of powers and duties now vested in certain other state boards, commissions, departments and offices; to prescribe certain duties of and require certain reports from the department of treasury; to provide procedures for the payment, administration, audit, assessment, levy of interests or penalties on, and appeals of taxes and tax liability; to prescribe its powers and duties if an agreement to act as agent for a city to administer, collect, and enforce the city income tax act on behalf of a city is entered into with any city; to provide an appropriation; to abolish the state board of tax administration; and to declare the effect of this act," by amending section 28 (MCL 205.28), as amended by 1993 PA 13, and by adding section 30c.

Substitute (S-1).

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

1. Amend page 5, line 1, after "(1)" by inserting "THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2002,".
2. Amend page 8, line 3, after "INQUIRY" by striking out the comma and "WHETHER A FINAL LETTER OR OTHERWISE,".



3. Amend page 9, line 12, after "NOTICE" by inserting "OF INTENT TO ASSESS".
4. Amend page 9, line 12, after "INCLUDES" by striking out "FINAL".
5. Amend page 9, line 15, after "IN" by striking out the balance of the subdivision and inserting "A DOCUMENT DESCRIBED IN SECTION 7(H) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.207."

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. 957, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 10c.

Substitute (S-1).

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.

### Resolutions

Senator DeGrow moved that consideration of the following resolutions be postponed for today:

**Senate Resolution No. 71**

**Senate Resolution No. 134**

**Senate Resolution No. 154**

The motion prevailed.

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

**Senate Resolution No. 160**

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senators Young, Vaughn, Cherry, V. Smith, Hart, Berryman and O'Brien offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 160.**

A resolution of tribute commemorating the 27th Anniversary banquet of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services.

Whereas, It is with the greatest pleasure that the members of the Michigan Senate commemorate the 27th Anniversary banquet of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS). This occasion, scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 1998, at Cobo Hall in Detroit, is the largest Arab-American event in Michigan, with over 2,000 expected in attendance. It is a most appropriate opportunity to convey our sincere regard for the positive and productive role ACCESS has played in the lives of members of the Arab-American community; and

Whereas, ACCESS, with its wide- range of services, including family counseling, day care, a teen clinic, and other important educational and social programs, has helped to make the transition to life in America better and more understandable for many new Arab-American immigrants who have made this southeast Michigan community their home. It provides needed assistance and support for people coping with a new language, and helps them to understand the laws and regulations of our form of government and marked differences in culture and tradition; and

Whereas, A bridge to understanding and success in a new land, ACCESS, through its programs and bilingual newsletter, has reached out to become an integral part of the community. ACCESS-sponsored instructors teach both English and Arabic languages, and new Americans who need answers to questions concerning health care, employment, and opportunities for education and training find that they have a place to come for help and advice. In hosting such events as festivals and dances, ACCESS also draws people together in an atmosphere of enjoyment and mutual support, further establishing itself as a center of community activity and contributing to the cultural richness and diversity of our Great Lake state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That highest tribute be hereby accorded in commemoration of the 27th Anniversary banquet of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services being celebrated on April 4, 1998, in Detroit; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the organizers of this event as evidence of our esteem and best wishes for the continued success of their endeavors to help and encourage others in the Arab-American community.

Senators DeBeaussaert and Schwarz were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Berryman offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 161.**

A resolution to encourage the Michigan Jobs Commission and the Governor to work with officials of Ameritech and the city of Lansing to identify alternatives to closing Ameritech's customer care center in Lansing.

Whereas, The recent announcement that Ameritech will close its customer care center in Lansing has shocked Michigan's capital city and the 400 employees slated to lose their jobs or face relocation. This decision was made public with little warning to community leaders and the men and women who have worked at the center and earned it good ratings for the quality of its service; and

Whereas, The unexpected announcement of the loss of 400 jobs in Lansing is especially disturbing because of the fact that Lansing became a twenty-four-hour service center in the fall of 1997. Some of the individuals faced with the prospect of moving have faced the same situation with Ameritech in the very recent past; and

Whereas, While business decisions are influenced by numerous factors, it is appropriate to encourage everyone involved to explore all possible alternatives to disrupting so many lives. The impact of this proposal will certainly be felt far beyond the 400 men and women facing major changes or unemployment. With the resources of Lansing and Michigan, there may be other ways to meet the corporation's needs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we encourage the Michigan Jobs Commission and the Governor to work with officials of Ameritech and the city of Lansing to identify alternatives to closing Ameritech's customer care center in Lansing; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the office of the Governor, officials of Ameritech, the office of the Mayor of Lansing, and the Michigan Jobs Commission.

Pursuant to rule 3.204, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Berryman offered the following concurrent resolution:

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 74.**

A concurrent resolution to encourage the Michigan Jobs Commission and the Governor to work with officials of Ameritech and the city of Lansing to identify alternatives to closing Ameritech's customer care center in Lansing.

Whereas, The recent announcement that Ameritech will close its customer care center in Lansing has shocked Michigan's capital city and the 400 employees slated to lose their jobs or face relocation. This decision was made public with little warning to community leaders and the men and women who have worked at the center and earned it good ratings for the quality of its service; and

Whereas, The unexpected announcement of the loss of 400 jobs in Lansing is especially disturbing because of the fact that Lansing became a twenty-four-hour service center in the fall of 1997. Some of the individuals faced with the prospect of moving have faced the same situation with Ameritech in the very recent past; and

Whereas, While business decisions are influenced by numerous factors, it is appropriate to encourage everyone involved to explore all possible alternatives to disrupting so many lives. The impact of this proposal will certainly be felt far beyond the 400 men and women facing major changes or unemployment. With the resources of Lansing and Michigan, there may be other ways to meet the corporation's needs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we encourage the Michigan Jobs Commission and the Governor to work with officials of Ameritech and the city of Lansing to identify alternatives to closing Ameritech's customer care center in Lansing; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the office of the Governor, officials of Ameritech, the office of the Mayor of Lansing, and the Michigan Jobs Commission.

Pursuant to rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

### Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Stille, Bennett, Steil, Jaye, Cisky, Gougeon, Bullard, Dunaskiss, Hoffman, Geake, Gast and Shugars introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1020, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 57a (MCL 400.57a), as added by 1995 PA 223.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

Senators Jaye, Bullard and Dunaskiss introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1021, entitled**

A bill to repeal local acts prohibiting or restricting Sunday hunting.

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

Senator Jaye introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1022, entitled**

A bill to provide for the surrender of fishing rights by Indian tribes that engage in or authorize others to engage in casino gaming.

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

Senator Jaye introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1023, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 48735 (MCL 324.48735), as added by 1995 PA 57.

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

Senators Jaye, Steil and Dunaskiss introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1024, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 1503.

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

### Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Conroy's statement is as follows:

Today we passed Senate Bill No. 700, which is a bill that deals with the licensing of physicians in this state. This legislation was supported by both doctor groups: the osteopaths and the medical doctors. I appreciate the legislation being taken up. It was as a result of a physician who has had a substantial amount of problems in terms of suits and allegations of poor practice against him when he was practicing in Manitoba, Canada. Apparently, we were not able to investigate those claims and allegations because we didn't have a law allowing our medical department to do that.

This bill allows for the scrutiny we need to make on physicians who apply for a license in this state, either from out of country or if they are members of the military. In either case, we will be able to scrutinize their application. They have to sign a waiver to allow us to do that in the application process. We will make sure that these doctors are well qualified. And I must say, that 99.9 percent of the doctors we have in this state are well qualified and do a good job; it's just that this was a little bit of a hole in the application process that got filled today. It will prevent in the future any doctors from applying who haven't had admirable service in a different state or nation. So I appreciate the support of my colleagues today. Senate Bill No. 700 should move through the House as quickly as possible and get signed by the Governor.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

### Motions and Communications

The following communication was received and read:

Office of the Senate Majority Leader

March 18, 1998

Pursuant to Senate Rule 1.105, I hereby appoint the members below to the following Conference Committee:

HB 5532      Senator Robert Geake, Chair  
                   Senator John Schwarz  
                   Senator Joe Conroy

Please make this communication part of the official Senate record.

Sincerely,  
 Dick Posthumus  
 Senate Majority Leader

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator DeGrow moved that the Senate adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 12:21 p.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Schwarz, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, March 19, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI  
Secretary of the Senate.