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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, February 4, 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  
Anderson—present  
Barcia—present  
Basham—present  
Birkholz—excused  
Bishop—present  
Brater—present  
Brown—present  
Cassis—present  
Cherry—present  
Clark-Coleman—present  
Clarke—present  
Cropsey—present

Garcia—excused  
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—present  
Switalski—present  
Thomas—present  
Van Woerkom—present  
Whitmer—present

Reverend Richard Dalton of Going to Help Mission of Metro Detroit offered the following invocation:

A word from Daniel: "Now I praise and extol and honor the king of heaven for all his works are right and his ways are just. Those who walk in pride he is able to humble." From the Old Testament prophet Micah, Chapter 6:8: "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious and whose law is truth, we ask You to guide and bless our State Senators assembled in this chamber today. Bless their families and all of the people of Michigan throughout this year.

In these challenging days, let this assembly consider those in each of our cities, each of our suburbs, and each rural community. We thank You for the blessings of family, friends, work, commerce, faith, freedom, and our wonderful Michigan heritage.

I ask You, Jesus, who is both judge and sovereign, may each Senator serve the people and help in stewarding the many resources of Michigan, impartially enacting laws in the fear of God. Amen.

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

### Motions and Communications

Senator McManus entered the Senate Chamber.

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

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

Senator Cropsey moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of Senator Nofs admittance to the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

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

Senator Cropsey moved that rule 3.901 be suspended to allow photographs to be taken from the Senate floor.  
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

### 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.

10:14 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Nofs introduced Tim Booth, 2009 recipient of the Home Depot NMPA Humanitarian Award for his efforts in the nation's largest 9/11 blood drive; Roger Curtis, president of the Michigan International Speedway; and presented Mr. Booth with a Special Tribute.

During the recess, Senators Clarke, Kahn, Kuipers, Allen, Richardville, Stamas and Whitmer entered the Senate Chamber.

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

**House Bill Nos. 5773 5774 5775 5776 5777 5778**

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

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

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, designated Senator Sanborn as Chairperson.

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

**Senate Bill No. 1001, 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 section 1c (MCL 247.651c), as amended by 1982 PA 438.

**House Bill No. 4723, entitled**

A bill to amend 1996 PA 376, entitled "Michigan renaissance zone act," by amending section 3 (MCL 125.2683), as amended by 2008 PA 217, and by adding section 8g.

**Senate Bill No. 1071, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 204, entitled "The children's ombudsman act," by amending section 10 (MCL 722.930), as amended by 2004 PA 560.

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:

**House Bill No. 5626, entitled**

A bill to amend 1981 PA 80, entitled "Fiscal stabilization act," by amending the title and sections 3, 4, 8, and 9 (MCL 141.1003, 141.1004, 141.1008, and 141.1009), the title and sections 3, 8, and 9 as amended by 1987 PA 279 and section 4 as amended by 2002 PA 444.

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.

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

**House Bill No. 4724, entitled**

A bill to provide for certain duties of certain state agencies.

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.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:  
**Senate Bill No. 794, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 1084.

Substitute (S-1).

The following is the amendment to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 1, line 11, by striking out "**PROGRAM**" and inserting "**PROJECT**".

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. 795, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 303, 322, 625n, 732a, and 904d (MCL 257.303, 257.322, 257.625n, 257.732a, and 257.904d), sections 303, 732a, and 904d as amended by 2008 PA 463, section 322 as amended by 2008 PA 462, and section 625n as amended by 2008 PA 539.

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.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

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

Senator Jansen entered the Senate Chamber.

Senators Scott, Hunter, Clark-Coleman and Clarke introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 1105, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled "An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to provide for a restructuring of the manner in which energy is provided in this state; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 460.1 to 460.11) by adding section 9d.

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

Senator Switalski introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 1106, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 710e (MCL 257.710e), as amended by 2008 PA 43.

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

Senators Gilbert, Jansen, Barcia, Allen, Gleason, Olshove, Nofs, Kahn, Richardville, Birkholz, Hardiman and Cropsey introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 1107, entitled**

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 7mm.

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

Senators Gilbert, Gleason, Nofs and Allen introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1108, entitled**

A bill to amend 1909 PA 283, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and add to the laws relating to the establishment, opening, discontinuing, vacating, closing, altering, improvement, maintenance, and use of the public highways and private roads; the condemnation of property and gravel therefor; the building, repairing and preservation of bridges; maintaining public access to waterways under certain conditions; setting and protecting shade trees, drainage, and cutting weeds and brush within this state; providing for the election or appointment and defining the powers, duties, and compensation of state, county, township, and district highway officials; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending sections 6 and 8 of chapter IV (MCL 224.6 and 224.8), section 6 as amended by 2006 PA 598 and section 8 as amended by 1994 PA 320.

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

Senators Gleason, Nofs, Allen and Gilbert introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1109, entitled**

A bill to amend 1966 PA 261, entitled "An act to provide for the apportionment of county boards of commissioners; to prescribe the size of the board; to provide for appeals; to prescribe the manner of election of the members of the county board of commissioners; to provide for compensation of members; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 3 (MCL 46.403).

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

Senators Allen, Gleason, Nofs and Gilbert introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1110, entitled**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending sections 252, 254, 267, and 269 (MCL 168.252, 168.254, 168.267, and 168.269), section 254 as amended by 1999 PA 218 and section 269 as amended by 1990 PA 7.

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

Senators Allen, Birkholz, Barcia, Cropsey, Pappageorge, Basham, Clarke, Hunter and Kuipers introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1111, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 255, entitled "Commercial redevelopment act," by amending sections 12a, 14, and 15 (MCL 207.662a, 207.664, and 207.665), section 12a as added by 2008 PA 227.

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

Senators Clarke, Birkholz, Barcia, Cropsey, Pappageorge, Basham, Hunter and Kuipers introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1112, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 255, entitled "Commercial redevelopment act," by amending sections 9, 10, 11, and 12 (MCL 207.659, 207.660, 207.661, and 207.662), section 9 as amended by 1993 PA 340 and section 12 as amended by 2008 PA 227.

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

Senators Birkholz, Barcia, Cropsey, Allen, Pappageorge, Basham, Clarke, Hunter and Kuipers introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1113, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 255, entitled "Commercial redevelopment act," by amending sections 3, 4, 6, and 8 (MCL 207.653, 207.654, 207.656, and 207.658), sections 3 and 4 as amended by 2008 PA 227 and section 6 as amended by 1980 PA 407.

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

Senators Barcia, Birkholz, Basham, Allen, Cropsey, Pappageorge, Clarke, Hunter and Kuipers introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1114, entitled**

A bill to amend 1996 PA 381, entitled "Brownfield redevelopment financing act," by amending section 2 (MCL 125.2652), as amended by 2007 PA 204.

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

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. 5626**

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:

**House Bill No. 4610**

**Senate Bill No. 980**

**Senate Bill No. 723**

**Senate Bill No. 724**

**House Bill No. 5626**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4610, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 72101, 72102, and 72110 (MCL 324.72101, 324.72102, and 324.72110), section 72101 as amended by 1997 PA 129 and sections 72102 and 72110 as added by 1995 PA 58.

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. 33**

**Yeas—23**

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| Allen   | George   | Kahn        | Richardville |
| Barcia  | Gilbert  | Kuipers     | Sanborn      |
| Bishop  | Gleason  | McManus     | Stamas       |
| Brown   | Hardiman | Nofs        | Van Woerkom  |
| Cassis  | Jansen   | Pappageorge | Whitmer      |
| Cropsey | Jelinek  | Patterson   |              |

**Nays—13**

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| Anderson | Clark-Coleman | Jacobs  | Scott     |
| Basham   | Clarke        | Olshove | Switalski |
| Brater   | Hunter        | Prusi   | Thomas    |
| Cherry   |               |         |           |

**Excused—2**

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| Birkholz | Garcia |
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**Not Voting—0**

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect,  
 The recommendation was not concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving not voting therefor.  
 Senator Cropsey moved that the bill be given immediate effect.  
 The question being on the motion to give the bill immediate effect,  
 Senator Cropsey moved the further consideration of the bill be postponed for today.  
 The motion prevailed.

### Protest

Senator Switalski, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of House Bill No. 4610 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”  
 The motion prevailed.

Senator Switalski’s statement is as follows:

I rise in opposition to House Bill No. 4610. I think the essence of this is, I think, I fear that we are putting at risk about \$25 million in federal money, if not more. Although I respect what my good friend Senator Brown is trying to do, I believe the essence of it is that we will be overruling the department and setting policy from the Legislature. The federal grants require that the department be preeminent in this area and that they set the policy. So I cannot support the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

#### Senate Bill No. 980, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 698 (MCL 257.698), as amended by 1998 PA 247, and by adding section 682c.

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. 34

#### Yeas—29

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| Allen         | Clarke   | Jacobs      | Richardville |
| Anderson      | Cropsey  | Jelinek     | Scott        |
| Barcia        | George   | Kahn        | Stamas       |
| Basham        | Gilbert  | Olshove     | Switalski    |
| Bishop        | Gleason  | Pappageorge | Thomas       |
| Brater        | Hardiman | Patterson   | Van Woerkom  |
| Cherry        | Hunter   | Prusi       | Whitmer      |
| Clark-Coleman |          |             |              |

#### Nays—7

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| Brown  | Jansen  | McManus | Sanborn |
| Cassis | Kuipers | Nofs    |         |

#### Excused—2

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| Birkholz | Garcia |
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#### 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. 723, 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 certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 11 (MCL 722.121), as amended by 1980 PA 232, and by adding section 3g.

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. 35**

**Yeas—36**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—2**

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| Birkholz | Garcia |
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**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. 724, 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 certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 11b (MCL 722.121b), as amended by 2007 PA 217.

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. 36**

**Yeas—36**

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| Allen    | Clark-Coleman | Jansen  | Prusi        |
| Anderson | Clarke        | Jelinek | Richardville |
| Barcia   | Cropsey       | Kahn    | Sanborn      |



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| Basham | George   | Kuipers     | Scott       |
| Bishop | Gilbert  | McManus     | Stamas      |
| Brater | Gleason  | Nofs        | Switalski   |
| Brown  | Hardiman | Olshove     | Thomas      |
| Cassis | Hunter   | Pappageorge | Van Woerkom |
| Cherry | Jacobs   | Patterson   | Whitmer     |

**Nays—0**

**Excused—2**

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| Birkholz | Garcia |
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**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Richardville

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 5626, entitled**

A bill to amend 1981 PA 80, entitled "Fiscal stabilization act," by amending the title and sections 3, 4, 8, and 9 (MCL 141.1003, 141.1004, 141.1008, and 141.1009), the title and sections 3, 8, and 9 as amended by 1987 PA 279 and section 4 as amended by 2002 PA 444.

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. 37**

**Yeas—30**

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| Allen    | Clark-Coleman | Jacobs      | Richardville |
| Anderson | Clarke        | Jansen      | Sanborn      |
| Barcia   | Cropsey       | Jelinek     | Scott        |
| Basham   | George        | McManus     | Stamas       |
| Bishop   | Gilbert       | Olshove     | Thomas       |
| Brater   | Gleason       | Pappageorge | Van Woerkom  |
| Cassis   | Hardiman      | Prusi       | Whitmer      |
| Cherry   | Hunter        |             |              |

**Nays—6**

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| Brown | Kuipers | Patterson | Switalski |
| Kahn  | Nofs    |           |           |

**Excused—2**

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| Birkholz | Garcia |
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**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Richardville

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 authorize certain cities and counties to issue general obligation bonds or obligations to fund an operating deficit or projected operating deficit; to prescribe the powers and duties of the state administrative board; to provide for the levy of ad valorem property taxes to pay the principal and interest on the bonds or obligations; to prescribe certain conditions related to the bonds or obligations; and to provide remedies for enforcement of this act.”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**Statements**

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cassis’ statement is as follows:

I would like to share with you some observations from my last State of the State address last night. First, our Governor has shared with us, as Senators, a mutual journey. We have been on a mutual journey together. At times it has been a difficult one, but our Governor indeed deserves thanks for staying on the Michigan road; thanks for her public service. Thank you, Governor Granholm. I would have had one wish last night—that our Governor would have extended her hand and her passionate heart to all members of the Legislature. In this, our toughest crisis, we need everyone working together.

Governor, in our final year together, you have my hand and my heart. There are items to forge agreement. We have done this before. Where there are differences, let’s build understanding; let’s build that bridge of understanding. And to that end, I offer this difference that I heard last night and one that is also coming from the federal government. Specifically, the Governor’s idealism is that government creates jobs and that the economy benefits from government intervention, government incentives, and government subsidies at the taxpayers’ expense.

In reality, our majority caucus view of history and the American Dream believes that economic growth comes from individual creativity, individual innovation, and individual entrepreneurship—if only government would get out of the way. Remove the obstacles, the burdens, and let individuals take the risk in a level playing field, not one where a person has to lose so that another person can win; a level playing field that embraces fair and balanced taxes; broad-based tax relief, not targeted tax breaks; not bad tax policy, giving rise to refundable credits—incentives with very limited demonstrable results.

Unfortunately, our administration has become addicted to and hooked on incentivized credits, special subsidies to select special interests. And this is enabling behavior fostering an atmosphere of dependency on government.

In contrast, what is needed for our state in transition is a 12-step plan, a 12-step program to wean Michigan off of this addiction, this dependency. The goal would be a government that knows its limitations, knows what it can do, and knows what it can’t do. What it can do is create a business climate that improves things for everyone, not just a select few—a pro-job environment, an economy spurred by private, unfettered entrepreneurship and opportunity, and supported by a first-class educational system.

Let us build this bridge together, all three branches of government, fostering all the best that Michigan has to offer. We share this campus and this Capitol. We share the highest aspirations and expectations of all Michiganians.

Senator Scott’s statement is as follows:

I just want to thank everyone who wore red today for the national Go Red for Women heart health awareness campaign. And those of you who didn’t, make sure you do tomorrow.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death among women. More women die of cardiovascular disease than the next five causes of death combined, including all forms of cancer. Sixty-four percent of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease have no previous symptoms. Research has shown that 80 percent of cardiac events in women could be prevented if women made the right choices for their hearts. This year, talk to your doctor about your heart health, and encourage the women in your life to do the same.

I also want to encourage my colleagues to join me and Senator Birkholz for a Children’s Caucus issue briefing next Wednesday, February 10, at 11:30 a.m. in the Mackinac Room. Dr. Lawrence Schweinhart, president of HighScope, and

Ms. Judy Samelson, executive director of the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, will be addressing us. Don't worry, we'll also feed you. Please let either Senator Birkholz or myself know if you or your staff can attend.

Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." As legislators, we give our talents, our time, and our best ideas to the people we serve. We do this to make a difference for the better in their lives.

Before our time here ends—most of us will be packing up and moving on next December—we need to fix our broken auto insurance system. Virtually everyone who pays for their auto insurance will tell you that they pay too much; they are charged unfairly for things that have no bearing on their driving record. We have the power to fix these wrongs; to create an auto insurance system that is fair to all drivers. We have the power to leave the Senate knowing that we did right for our constituents on a number of issues, including auto insurance.

New bills have been introduced, so let's give them proper consideration, give them our approval, and do what we know is right for the people of Michigan.

### Committee Reports

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Reforms and Restructuring submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators Bishop (C), Gilbert, George, Kuipers, Prusi, Hunter and Cherry

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

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

Excused: Senator Patterson

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Health Policy submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at 3:07 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators George (C), Sanborn, Allen, Clarke, Gleason and Jacobs

Excused: Senator Patterson

### Scheduled Meetings

**Appropriations and House Appropriations** - Thursday, February 11, 11:00 a.m., House Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-6960)

#### Subcommittees -

**Agriculture** - Wednesday, February 17, 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Community Colleges** - Thursday, February 18, 1:30 p.m., Lansing Community College, Administration Building Board Room, 610 North Capitol Avenue; Friday, February 26, 10:30 a.m., Muskegon Community College, Stevenson Center, Room 1100, 221 South Quarterline Road, Muskegon; Monday, March 1, 1:30 p.m., Schoolcraft Community College, VisTaTech Center, Sutherland Room, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia (373-2768)

**Economic Development and House Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee** - Wednesday, February 17, 10:30 a.m., Room 426, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Higher Education** - Friday, February 19, 10:00 a.m., Saginaw Valley State University, Curtiss Hall, 7400 Bay Road, University Center; Monday, February 22, 10:00 a.m., Western Michigan University, Room 2028, Brown Hall, 1903 West Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo; Monday, March 1, 10:00 a.m., Madonna University, Franciscan Center, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia; and Monday, March 8, 10:30 a.m., Ferris State University, Interdisciplinary Resource Center, 1301 South State Street, Big Rapids (373-2768)

**Human Services Department and Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs** - Wednesday, February 10, 12:30 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2768)

**Judiciary and Corrections** - Tuesday, February 16, 3:00 p.m.; Wednesday, February 17, 9:00 a.m.; Tuesdays, February 23, 2:30 p.m., March 2 and March 9, 2:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

**K-12, School Aid, Education** - Wednesday, February 17, and Thursday, February 18, 9:00 a.m., and Tuesdays, February 23, March 2 and March 9, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**State Police and Military Affairs** - Tuesday, February 16, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

**Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** - Wednesday, February 10, 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-3447)

**Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs and Human Services Department Appropriations Subcommittee** - Wednesday, February 10, 12:30 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2413)

**State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee** - Tuesday, February 23, 9:30 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

**Transportation** - Tuesday, February 9, 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-7708)

Senator Cropsey moved that the Senate adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:09 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Richardville, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

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Secretary of the Senate