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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 1.101, in the absence of the Presiding Officers, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary of the Senate.

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

Anderson—present
Bieda—present
Booher—present
Brandenburg—present
Casperson—present
Caswell—present
Colbeck—present
Emmons—present
Gleason—present
Green—present
Gregory—present
Hansen—present
Hildenbrand—present

Hood—present
Hopgood—present
Hune—present
Hunter—present
Jansen—present
Johnson—present
Jones—present
Kahn—present
Kowall—present
Marleau—present
Meekhof—present
Moolenaar—present
Nofs—present

Pappageorge—present
Pavlov—present
Proos—present
Richardville—present
Robertson—present
Rocca—present
Schuitmaker—present
Smith—present
Walker—present
Warren—present
Whitmer—present
Young—present

Reverend Michael Van Buren of Fellowship Reformed Church of Hudsonville offered the following invocation:

Our Lord and our God and our Creator and our Redeemer, what a blessing it is to be able to open this secular assembly with a spiritual prayer. You, through prayer, have led our state and our nation since their foundations. It is a privilege to humbly be part of this this morning. Your holy word makes it clear that all authority and all leadership comes from You and is empowered by You.

Now we ask Your blessings on these men and women who have been elected to this extremely important office. You lead this state and You lead this nation through them. So we beg Your Holy Spirit to gift them with Your wisdom, to guide them with Your light, to inspire them with Your example, and to uplift them by Your truth. Help every person here to understand and to feel, to know and to realize that every decision that they make, every vote that they cast, and every direction that they set affects the lives of thousands and thousands of people of this great state. So may they make those decisions with sincerity. As we are doing right now, dear God, may they bathe them in prayer.

Lord, heal our land and continue to make it the leader of our world. We are so privileged to be its citizens, and we thank You. We honor You for Your love for us. Lord, please, I beg You, bless these leaders, and bless our land.

We pray all this in our Lord's precious name. Amen.

The Secretary of the Senate led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

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

Motions and Communications

Senators Casperson, Young and Smith entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Meekhof moved that Senator Jansen be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hunter moved that Senator Johnson be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Jansen entered the Senate Chamber.

The following communications were received:
Department of State

Administrative Rules Notices of Filing

March 11, 2011

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth and the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2009-047-LG (Secretary of State Filing #11-03-05) on this date at 2:33 p.m. for the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, entitled "Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarettes."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

March 11, 2011

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth and the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2009-037-LG (Secretary of State Filing #11-03-06) on this date at 2:35 p.m. for the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, entitled "Fire Prevention."

These rules become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

March 11, 2011

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2009-021-NE (Secretary of State Filing #11-03-04) on this date at 2:31 p.m. for the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, entitled "State Aid for Recreational and Snowmobile Trails and Permanent Snowmobile Trail Easements."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(6) of 1969 PA 306. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

March 11, 2011

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46(1) of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, as amended, and Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Department of Treasury and the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2010-038-TY (Secretary of State Filing #11-03-03) on this date at 2:29 p.m. for the Department of Treasury, entitled "Charitable Gaming."

These rules take effect 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,
Ruth Johnson
Secretary of State
Robin L. Houston, Departmental Supervisor
Office of the Great Seal

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

March 9, 2011

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office:

Chair, Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board

Lorinda M. Wortz of 4144 S. Meridian Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864, county of Ingham, representing the religious community, succeeding Cynthia Williams, for a term expiring December 19, 2013.

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board

Shelley A. Kester of 6540 East Hillsdale Road, Cedar, Michigan 49621, county of Leelanau, representing volunteer providers, succeeding Scott M. Stevenson, for a term expiring December 19, 2013.

John H. Brown of 7879 Old Elm Court, Ada, Michigan 49301, county of Kent, representing the private sector, succeeding Tamara D. Vander Ark, for a term expiring December 19, 2013.

Mark S. McDaniel of 1057 Cambria Street, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, county of Ingham, representing parents, succeeding Abby B. Dart, for a term expiring December 19, 2013.

Thomas D. Zook of 3840 Old Elm Drive, S.E., Kentwood, Michigan 49512, county of Kent, representing professional providers of child abuse and neglect, succeeding Shirley Mann Gray, for a term expiring December 19, 2013.

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March 9, 2011

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office:

Michigan Civil Rights Commission

Jared I. Rodriguez of 113 Parkers Drive, Portland, Michigan 48875, county of Ionia, is reappointed for a term expiring December 31, 2014.

Deloris Hunt of 27256 Winterset Circle, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48834, county of Oakland, succeeding Eliya (Louis) Boji, for a term expiring December 31, 2014.

Sincerely,
Rick Snyder
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Messages from the House

Senate Bill No. 157, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1280c (MCL 380.1280c), as added by 2009 PA 204.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

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.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 158, entitled

A bill to amend 1947 PA 336, entitled "An act to prohibit strikes by certain public employees; to provide review from disciplinary action with respect thereto; to provide for the mediation of grievances and the holding of elections; to declare and protect the rights and privileges of public employees; and to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act," by amending the title and section 15 (MCL 423.215), section 15 as amended by 2009 PA 201.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that the bill be given immediate effect.

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.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

Senator Meekhof 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 Schuitmaker, designated Senator Warren as Chairperson.

Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Committee of the Whole recess subject to the call of the Chairperson.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:18 a.m.

10:29 a.m.

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chairperson, Senator Warren.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 223, entitled

A bill to amend 2005 PA 210, entitled "Commercial rehabilitation act," by amending sections 2 and 8 (MCL 207.842 and 207.848), as amended by 2008 PA 500.

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 Johnson entered the Senate Chamber.

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

Senate Resolution No. 25

Senate Resolution No. 26

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senator Booher offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 25.

A resolution proclaiming June 20-26, 2011, as Michigan Pollinator Week.

Whereas, Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

Whereas, Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

Whereas, Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as state forests and grasslands for decades; and

Whereas, Michigan provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize the week of June 20-26, 2011, as Michigan Pollinator Week, and we urge all citizens to recognize this observance; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Missaukee Conservation District with our highest esteem.

Senators Anderson, Brandenburg, Casperson, Emmons, Green, Hansen, Marleau and Proos were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Bieda, Marleau, Anderson, Gregory, Emmons, Jansen, Pappageorge, Caswell, Colbeck, Hunter, Whitmer, Kowall, Young, Smith, Hood, Gleason, Hopgood, Warren, Pavlov, Proos, Hildenbrand, Moolenaar, Walker and Casperson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 26.

A resolution to recognize and honor all American service personnel who honorably served our country during World War I.

Whereas, The passing of the last known surviving American World War I veteran, Frank Buckles from Charles Town, West Virginia, marks the end of an era, and it is appropriate that we take notice of the sacrifices of the World War I generation; and

Whereas, On April 16, 1917, United States President Woodrow Wilson ended the policy of absolute neutrality and entered World War I, known as the war to end all wars; and

Whereas, Between the years of 1917 and 1918, roughly 2 million Americans volunteered for the United States Army, and 3 million were drafted, totaling approximately 5 million valiant service personnel; and

Whereas, Approximately 175,000 of those who served in the armed forces during the war were Michigan residents; and

Whereas, The overall American soldier casualties from World War I totaled near 116,516; of which 5,000 were soldiers from Michigan. Additionally, approximately 15,000 Michigan soldiers were wounded; and

Whereas, While the individuals who have served in World War I came from a wide variety of backgrounds and interests, there was an undeniable, lifelong bond; and

Whereas, All American service personnel can look back on this distinguished history and take pride in their contributions; and

Whereas, It is with great pride and gratitude that we welcome this opportunity to salute these stalwart citizens for the many ways, both large and small, in which they have given of their time and energies to help whenever the need arose; and

Whereas, Our communities could not have functioned without the dedicated individuals who were willing to devote their lives to public service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby posthumously honor all American service personnel of the World War I era who gave strength to our nation in countless ways; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Michigan Historical Museum.

Senators Booher, Brandenburg, Green, Hansen, Richardville and Rocca were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

A concurrent resolution to revise the project costs of the Western Michigan University Sangren Hall Replacement project. (For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 14, p. 169.)

The House of Representatives has adopted the concurrent resolution and named Reps. Constan, Lindberg, Liss and Tyler as co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Secretary for record.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Kahn introduced

Senate Bill No. 266, 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 sections 11, 14, 15, 16, and 16a (MCL 207.561, 207.564, 207.565, 207.566, and 207.566a), section 11 as amended by 2007 PA 195, section 14 as amended by 2008 PA 457, section 15 as amended by 2010 PA 122, section 16 as amended by 1982 PA 417, and section 16a as amended by 2008 PA 306.

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

Senator Kahn introduced

Senate Bill No. 267, 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 sections 2, 4, 7, 9, and 10 (MCL 207.552, 207.554, 207.557, 207.559, and 207.560), section 2 as amended by 2010 PA 273, section 4 as amended by 2004 PA 437, section 7 as amended by 2008 PA 457, section 9 as amended by 2008 PA 516, and section 10 as amended by 1996 PA 1.

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

Senator Smith introduced

Senate Bill No. 268, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding chapter 21A.

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

Senator Schuitmaker introduced

Senate Bill No. 269, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 8401 (MCL 600.8401), as amended by 1999 PA 27.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

The following bill was announced:

House Bill No. 4158, entitled

A bill to regulate certain pricing of consumer items and the advertising of consumer items, goods, merchandise, and commodities; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local officials; to provide remedies and penalties; to make appropriations; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

(This bill was passed on March 15 and the motion for immediate effect postponed. See Senate Journal No. 24, p. 341.)

The question being on the motion to give the bill immediate effect,

The motion did not prevail, 2/3 of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Hunter requested the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, 1/5 of the members present voting therefor.

The motion did not prevail, 2/3 of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 70**Yeas—25**

Booher	Hansen	Kowall	Pavlov
Brandenburg	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Proos
Casperson	Hune	Meekhof	Richardville
Caswell	Jansen	Moolenaar	Robertson
Colbeck	Jones	Nofs	Schuitmaker
Emmons	Kahn	Pappageorge	Walker
Green			

Nays—12

Anderson	Gregory	Hunter	Warren
Bieda	Hood	Rocca	Whitmer
Gleason	Hopgood	Smith	Young

Excused—0**Not Voting—1**

Johnson

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

Senator Meekhof moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The question being on the motion to give the bill immediate effect,

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

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 163, entitled

A bill to amend 1963 PA 247, entitled "An act to define the term "newspaper" as used in the statutes of this state regarding publication of notices," by amending section 1 (MCL 691.1051); and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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. 71**Yeas—38**

Anderson	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Bieda	Hansen	Kowall	Robertson
Booher	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca
Brandenburg	Hood	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Casperson	Hopgood	Moolenaar	Smith

Caswell	Hune	Nofs	Walker
Colbeck	Hunter	Pappageorge	Warren
Emmons	Jansen	Pavlov	Whitmer
Gleason	Johnson	Proos	Young
Green	Jones		

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 164, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 2133 (MCL 324.2133), as added by 1995 PA 60.

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. 72

Yeas—38

Anderson	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Bieda	Hansen	Kowall	Robertson
Booher	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca
Brandenburg	Hood	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Casperson	Hopgood	Moolenaar	Smith
Caswell	Hune	Nofs	Walker
Colbeck	Hunter	Pappageorge	Warren
Emmons	Jansen	Pavlov	Whitmer
Gleason	Johnson	Proos	Young
Green	Jones		

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 118, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled “General sales tax act,” by amending section 6 (MCL 205.56), as amended by 2004 PA 173.

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. 73

Yeas—38

Anderson	Gregory	Kahn	Richardville
Bieda	Hansen	Kowall	Robertson
Booher	Hildenbrand	Marleau	Rocca
Brandenburg	Hood	Meekhof	Schuitmaker
Casperson	Hopgood	Moolenaar	Smith
Caswell	Hune	Nofs	Walker
Colbeck	Hunter	Pappageorge	Warren
Emmons	Jansen	Pavlov	Whitmer
Gleason	Johnson	Proos	Young
Green	Jones		

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Schuitmaker

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Recess

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:48 a.m.

11:14 a.m.

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

Committee Reports

The Committee on Judiciary reported

Senate Bill No. 92, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled “Estates and protected individuals code,” by amending section 5501 (MCL 700.5501).

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.

Rick Jones
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Judiciary reported

Senate Bill No. 192, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 871 (MCL 600.871), as amended by 2005 PA 326.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Rick Jones
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Judiciary reported

Senate Bill No. 259, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 7212 (MCL 333.7212), as amended by 2010 PA 171.

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.

Rick Jones
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

Nays: None

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

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Judiciary submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Jones (C), Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to do everything necessary to allow the Yucca Mountain repository to begin accepting high-level nuclear waste.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 20, p. 253.)

With the recommendation that the concurrent resolution be adopted.

Mike Nofs
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Nofs, Proos, Jones, Marleau, Walker and Hopgood

Nays: None

The concurrent resolution was placed on the order of Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Energy and Technology submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators Nofs (C), Proos, Jones, Marleau, Schuitmaker, Walker, Hopgood, Bieda and Young

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on General Government submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Pappageorge (C), Jansen and Colbeck

Excused: Senator Johnson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building

Present: Senators Green (C), Moolenaar and Hopgood

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Department of Corrections submitted the following:

Joint meeting held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., House Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Proos (C), Walker and Anderson

Scheduled Meetings

Administrative Rules - Thursday, March 17, 9:00 a.m., Room 426, Capitol Building (373-5773)

Agriculture - Thursday, March 17, 9:00 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-5312)

Appropriations -**Subcommittees -**

Community Health Department - Wednesdays, March 23, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building; and April 13, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth Department and House Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth Appropriations Subcommittee - Thursday, March 17, 1:30 p.m., Room 519, South Tower, House Office Building; and Thursday, March 24, 1:30 p.m., Room 426, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Environmental Quality Department - Thursday, March 17, 12:30 p.m., Room 100, Farnum Building; and Wednesday, April 6, 1:30 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768)

General Government - Tuesdays, March 22 and April 12, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Higher Education - Wednesdays, March 23 and March 30, 12:30 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Human Services Department - Thursdays, March 17, March 24 and April 14, 2:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building; Tuesday, March 29, and Thursday, March 31, 10:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-2768)

K-12, School Aid, Education - Thursday, March 17, 9:00 a.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Natural Resources Department - Tuesday, March 22, 2:00 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building (CANCELED) and Wednesday, April 6, 10:30 a.m., Room 100, Farnum Building (373-2768)

State Police and Military Affairs - Thursday, March 17, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2768) (CANCELED)

Transportation - Wednesdays, March 23 and April 13, 3:00 p.m. or later immediately following the Appropriations Committee meeting, Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2768)

Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes and House Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation - Thursday, March 17, 8:30 a.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (373-5323)

Regulatory Reform - Thursday, March 17, 12:30 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-5307)

Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors - Thursday, March 24, 9:00 a.m., Room S-324, Capitol Building (373-2768)

State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee - Tuesday, March 22, 9:30 a.m., Legislative Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Boji Tower (373-0212)

Senator Meekhof moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:15 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Schuitmaker, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, March 17, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate