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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, September 25, 1997.

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—excused
Conroy—present
DeBeaussaert—present
DeGrow—present
Dingell—present
Dunaskiss—present
Emmons—present

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

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

Reverend Lee Earl, Senior Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, offered the following invocation:

Dear Father, in the name of Your Son, Jesus, we give You thanks for the blessings of the fruit of freedom and the product of Your grace and mercy; for this great and wonderful nation and state that we are privileged to live and to grow in; and for this deliberative body of our peers. May You grant them humility and a servant's heart that may always remember all who depend on their decisions and live with the consequences of those decisions. Help them to be teachable and to admit weaknesses. Help them to be able to receive criticism and to rely on Your wisdom. Please cultivate within them the capacity to develop positive relationships, to be patient with themselves and others, to interact with those who differ with them in respectful ways and to treat each person with love and dignity.

Fill each life here today with peace, kindness, gentleness and self-control. Grant unto them health and protection. Bless their families with safety and every material provision they stand in need of. In the name of Your Son we pray. Amen.

Motions and Communications

Senator Van Regenmorter entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator DeGrow moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of Senator Van Regenmorter admittance to the Senate floor.

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

Senator DeGrow moved that Senator Dunaskiss be temporarily excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator DeGrow moved that Senator Cisky be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Berryman moved the Senator V. Smith be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator DeGrow moved that the order of General Orders be postponed for today.

The motion prevailed.

The Secretary announced that the following House bill was received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, September 24:

House Bill No. 4783

The Secretary announced the printing and placement in the members' files on Wednesday, September 24 of:

Senate Bill No. 692

House Bill No. 5083

Recess

Senator DeGrow moved that the Senate recess until 2:00 p.m.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:07 a.m.

The Senate reconvened at the expiration of the recess and was called to order by the Associate President pro tempore, Senator Vaughn.

During the recess, Senator Dunaskiss entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Hoffman introduced

Senate Bill No. 719, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 300, entitled "The public school employees retirement act of 1979," by amending the title and sections 4, 5, 34, 36, and 41 (MCL 38.1304, 38.1305, 38.1334, 38.1336, and 38.1341), the title and sections 4 and 34 as amended by 1996 PA 488, section 5 as amended by 1994 PA 272, section 36 as added by 1989 PA 194, and section 41 as amended by 1996 PA 278, and by adding section 113.

The bill was read a first and second time by title.

Senator DeGrow moved that rule 3.203 be suspended and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

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

Committee Reports

The Committee on Health Policy and Senior Citizens reported

House Bill No. 4080, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 21004 (MCL 333.21004), as amended by 1982 PA 354.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Dale L. Shugars

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Shugars, Schwarz, Bullard, Byrum and O'Brien

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Conference Committee on Senate Bill No. 174 submits the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, September 23, 1997, at 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Hoffman (C), DeGrow and O'Brien

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Conference Committee on Senate Bill No. 174 submits the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, September 24, 1997, at 11:00 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Hoffman (C) and O'Brien

Excused: Senator DeGrow

Scheduled Meetings

Financial Services Committee - Wednesday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m., 8th Floor Conference Room, Farnum Building (3-2523).

Government Operations Committee - Wednesday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (3-1758).

Health Policy and Senior Citizens Committee - Tuesday, September 30, at 3:00 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (3-0793).

Judiciary Committee - Tuesdays, September 30 and October 7, at 1:00 p.m. Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (3-6920).

Michigan Sentencing Commission - Thursdays, October 9, at 3:00 p.m., Sheraton Lansing Hotel, and October 16, at 3:00 p.m., Kellogg Center, East Lansing (3-7676).

Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee - Tuesday, September 30, at 3:00 p.m., 8th Floor Conference Room, Farnum Building (3-7350).

Senator DeGrow moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:03 p.m.

The Associate President pro tempore, Senator Vaughn, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, September 30, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate.