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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, March 6, 2001.

10:00 a.m.

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

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

Bennett—present
Bullard—present
Byrum—present
Cherry—excused
DeBeaussaert—present
DeGrow—present
Dingell—present
Dunaskiss—present
Emerson—present
Emmons—present
Gast—present
Goschka—present

Gougeon—present
Hammerstrom—present
Hart—excused
Hoffman—present
Jaye—present
Johnson—present
Koivisto—present
Leland—excused
McCotter—present
McManus—excused
Miller—present
Murphy—present

North—present
Peters—present
Schuette—present
Schwarz—present
Shugars—present
Sikkema—present
Smith—present
Steil—present
Stille—present
Van Regenmorter—present
Vaughn—excused
Young—present

Senator Walter H. North of the 37th District offered the following invocation:

Dear God, we thank Thee for this U.P.-like weather that we're enjoying here in our State Capitol. We thank You for the opportunity to serve the people of this great state. As we search for solutions to problems facing our residents and people in our respective districts, grant us the wisdom and the compassion to arrive at solutions that are fair and just for all.

All of this we ask in Thy name. Amen.

Motions and Communications

Senator Young entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Emmons moved that Senator McManus be excused from session through March 13.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Emerson moved that Senator Murphy be temporarily excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Emerson moved that Senators Vaughn, Leland, Hart and Cherry be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Emmons moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on Committee Reports, be placed at the head of the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

Senate Bill No. 171

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

The following communication was received:

Office of the Auditor General

February 28, 2001

Enclosed is a copy of the following audit report and/or executive digest:
Performance Audit of Lake Superior State University, February 2001.

Sincerely,
Thomas H. McTavish, C.P.A.
Auditor General

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The Secretary announced that the following House bill was received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, March 1:
House Bill No. 4322

The Secretary announced the printing and placement in the members' files on Thursday, March 1, of:

Senate Bill Nos.	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269							
Senate Joint Resolution	O														
House Bill Nos.	4340	4341	4342	4343	4344	4345	4346	4347	4348	4349	4350	4351	4352	4353	
	4354	4355	4356	4357	4358	4359	4360	4361	4362	4363	4364	4365	4366	4367	
	4368	4369	4370	4371	4372	4373	4374	4375	4376	4377	4378	4379	4380	4381	
	4382	4383	4384	4385											
House Joint Resolutions	K		L		M										

The Secretary announced the printing and placement in the members' files on Friday, March 2, of:

Senate Bill Nos.	270	271	272											
House Bill Nos.	4386	4387	4388	4389	4390	4391	4392	4393	4394	4395	4396	4397		

Senator Murphy entered the Senate Chamber.

General Orders

Senator Emmons 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 Posthumus, designated Senator Smith as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and, the President, Lieutenant Governor Posthumus, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 171, entitled

A bill to authorize the department of natural resources to convey certain state owned property in Macomb county; to prescribe conditions for the conveyance; and to provide for disposition of the revenue from the conveyance.

The bill was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

Resolutions

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

Senate Resolution No. 24

The resolution consent calendar was adopted.

Senators Goschka, McCotter, North, DeBeaussaert, Steil, Shugars and Schuette offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 24.

A resolution commemorating March 2001 as Red Cross Month in Michigan.

Whereas, The American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, a woman selflessly devoted to the needs of humanity; and

Whereas, Compassion, courage, character, and civic duty are inherent in the Red Cross mission to prevent and relieve human suffering, and the Michigan chapters share these grand ideals; and

Whereas, The Red Cross, chartered and authorized by Congress to act in times of need, provides compassionate assistance to people afflicted by personal, local, or national disasters; and

Whereas, Red Cross volunteers from across Michigan responded to hundreds of disasters last year providing food, clothing, shelter, and mental health support; and

Whereas, People have counted on the Red Cross for the information and skills they need to be safe at home, at work, at school, and at play. Each year the Michigan chapters of the Red Cross train thousands of people in lifesaving CPR and first aid, lifeguarding, water safety, babysitting, HIV/AIDS education, automated external defibrillation, ergonomics, and emergency response; and

Whereas, Red Cross staff deploy with the U.S. military to provide emergency communications and a caring presence to service men and women separated from their families; and

Whereas, In 1943, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt called upon the American people with this request: “.. that during this month our people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross”; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That in recognition of its outstanding service to the people of the state of Michigan, we hereby commemorate March 2001 as Red Cross Month; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be provided to each Senator to present to the American Red Cross chapter(s) in his or her senatorial district.

Senator Young was named co-sponsor of the resolution.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Steil, Johnson, Bennett, Murphy, Koivisto, Jaye and Shugars introduced

Senate Bill No. 273, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled “Estates and protected individuals code,” by amending sections 5306 and 5314 (MCL 700.5306 and 700.5314), section 5306 as amended by 2000 PA 312 and section 5314 as amended by 2000 PA 469.

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

Senator Steil introduced

Senate Bill No. 274, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 503 and 1311e (MCL 380.503 and 380.1311e), section 503 as amended by 1995 PA 289 and section 1311e as added by 1999 PA 23.

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

Senators Jaye and Goschka introduced

Senate Bill No. 275, entitled

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

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 and Goschka introduced

Senate Bill No. 276, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 506b.

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

Senator Jaye introduced

Senate Bill No. 277, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 18b.

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

Senator Schuette introduced

Senate Bill No. 278, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1523.

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

House Bill No. 4322, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 3913 (MCL 500.3913), as added by 1992 PA 84.

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

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

Committee Reports

The Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs reported

Senate Bill No. 171, entitled

A bill to authorize the department of natural resources to convey certain state owned property in Macomb county; to prescribe conditions for the conveyance; and to provide for disposition of the revenue from the conveyance.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Thaddeus G. McCotter
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators McCotter, Shugars, Van Regenmorter, Miller and DeBeaussaert

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs submits the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 28, 2001, at 3:20 p.m., Room 405, Capitol Building

Present: Senators McCotter (C), Shugars, Van Regenmorter, Miller and DeBeaussaert

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on Family Independence Agency submits the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, February 27, 2001, at 1:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building
Present: Senators Goschka (C), Gougeon and Murphy

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Subcommittee on State Police and Military Affairs submits the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, March 1, 2001, at 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Hoffman (C), North and Dingell

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations - Wednesday, March 7, 2:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-6960)

Subcommittees -

Capital Outlay, Joint - Thursday, March 8, 8:45 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-6960)

Career Development Strategic Fund Agency - Tuesday, March 13, 3:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2523)

Consumer and Industry Services - Thursday, March 8, 1:00 p.m., Room 110, Farnum Building and Monday, March 26, 10:00 a.m., Beardsley Theatre, 427 West Western Avenue, Hilt Building, Muskegon (373-7350)

Family Independence Agency - Tuesday, March 13, 1:30 p.m., Room 210, Farnum Building (373-1760)

General Government - Tuesday, March 13, 1:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-3447)

Judiciary - Wednesdays, March 7 and March 14, 3:00 p.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2413)

State Police and Military Affairs - Thursdays, March 8, 8:30 a.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building, and March 15, 8:30 a.m., Room 110, Farnum Building (373-2426)

Transportation - Wednesdays, March 7 and March 14, 8:30 a.m., Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (373-2426)

Technology and Energy - Wednesday, March 7, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building (373-2417)

Senator Emmons moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:12 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Posthumus, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m.

CAROL MOREY VIVENTI
Secretary of the Senate.

