

# Senate Watch

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## CONFERENCE REPORTS

### [SB 245](#) (Pappageorge)

General Government appropriations for fiscal year 2009-2010.

- The conference report was adopted [RC 480: 21 yes, 16 no]

### [SB 248](#) (Hardiman)

Department of Human Services appropriations for fiscal year 2009-2010.

- The conference report was adopted [RC 481: 20 yes, 17 no]

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

### [SB 494](#) (Jelinek)

Senate Bills **494 (S-1)**, **495**, and **540** would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, and the Act that provides for a State personal identification card, respectively, to provide for revenue generated from a variety of fees to be deposited in the renamed "Department of State Operations Fund", beginning October 1, 2009. Under Senate Bill 494 (S-1), beginning October 1, 2009, the Transportation Administration Collection Fund (TACF) would be known as the Department of State Operations Fund (DSOF). Currently, a number of driver license fees, vehicle title and registration service fees, and commercial look-up fees are earmarked to the TACF. Senate Bill 494 (S-1) would refer to the deposit of these fees into the DSOF, instead of the TACF, as well as set a sunset of September 30, 2012, on the collection of registration transfer and expeditious title fees. Senate Bill 494 (S-1) also would repeal the sunset of October 1, 2009, on the collection of certain fees. Similarly, Senate Bill 495 would refer to the deposit of look-up fees for watercraft, off-road vehicles, and

snowmobiles into the DSOF, instead of the TACF. Finally, Senate Bill 540 would refer to the deposit of look-up fees for personal identification cards into the DSOF instead of the TACF.

- The Senate concurred with the House substitute H-1 [RC 477: 35 yes, 0 no, 2 not voting]
- IE was ordered

**SB 495**                      **(Jelinek)**

- The Senate concurred with the House substitute H-1 [RC 478: 37 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

**SB 540**                      **(Jelinek)**

- The Senate concurred with the House substitute H-2 [RC 479: 37 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

## GENERAL ORDERS

**SB 553**                      **(Pappageorge)**

The bill would amend the Michigan Low Income Heating Assistance and Shut-Off Protection Act to revise a requirement that the Department of Human Services (DHS) make information concerning public assistance recipients available to public utilities; and allow disclosure for the purpose of programs intended to prevent or delay utility disconnection.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- SB 553 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

**SB 555**                      **(Richardville)**

The bill (S-1) would require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to operate an electronic payment process with participating energy providers to provide for the payment of low income customer energy bills that were subject to shut-off. The DHS would have to operate this process by April 1, 2010, or at a time it considered possible.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- SB 555 advanced to 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

# RESOLUTIONS

## SR 83

**(Brown)**

A resolution to express support for the continuation of the Department of Agriculture as a distinct department within state government.

- SR 83 was adopted [RC 482: 27 yes, 10 no]

## SCR 22

**(Brown)**

A concurrent resolution to express support for the continuation of the Department of Agriculture as a distinct department within state government.

- SCR 22 was adopted [RC 483: 27 yes, 10 no]