

Senate Watch

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

[SB 95](#) (Jelinek)

Federal stimulus supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2008-2009.

- The Senate concurred with the House substitute H-1 [RC 529: 32 yes, 2 no, 3 excused]

THIRD READING

[SB 852](#) (Birkholz)

The bill would create a new act to establish the "Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Revolving Loan Fund" to provide assistance for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

- SB 852 was passed [RC 530: 37 yes, 0 no]

[SB 776](#) (Cropsey)

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to require that for fiscal year 2009-10 only, \$1,352,100 of the unencumbered balance remaining in the Juror Compensation Reimbursement Fund be transferred to the State General Fund.

- SB 776 was passed [RC 531: 37 yes, 0 no]

[SB 276](#) (Jelinek)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to revise a provision that prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle with a dangling ornament or other suspended object that

obstructs the operator's vision, except as authorized by law. The bill would delete reference to a "dangling ornament or other suspended" object. Under the bill, a person would be prohibited from operating a motor vehicle with an object that obstructed the operator's vision, except as authorized by law.

- SB 276 was passed [RC 532: 37 yes, 0 no]

GENERAL ORDERS

HB 4191 (Warren)

House Bills 4191 (S-1) and 4629 (S-1) would amend the Income Tax Act and the Michigan Business Tax Act, respectively, to allow a taxpayer to deduct the amount of a charitable contribution made to the Advance Tuition Payment Fund created under the Michigan Education Trust Act. House Bill 4191 (S-1) would allow the income tax deduction for the 2010 tax year and each subsequent tax year.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- HB 4191 advanced to 3rd Reading

HB 4629 (Lipton)

House Bill 4629 (S-1) would allow a taxpayer, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2009, to deduct the amount of a contribution from its business income tax base, to the extent included in Federal taxable income.

- Committee substitute S-1 adopted
- HB 4629 advanced to 3rd Reading

HB 5120 (Johnson)

House Bill 5120 (H-1) would amend Section 10 of the State Convention Facility Development Act. The amendments deal with implementation of the December 2008 package of legislation regarding the transfer of the Cobo Hall Convention Center in the City of Detroit from the control of Detroit to a regional convention authority. One of the provisions of the Cobo Hall legislation requires a transfer of \$16.0 million of tobacco tax revenue from the Health and Safety Fund to the Convention Facility Development Fund (Public Act 586 of 2008). This \$16.0 million of additional funding in the Convention Facility Development Fund, during fiscal year (FY) 2008-09, would be distributed pursuant to House Bill 5120 (H-1). The State Convention Facility Development Act requires the distribution of \$9.4 million for FY 2008-08 from the Convention Facility Development Fund to the regional convention authority now operating Cobo Hall. The bill also would require the distribution of \$6.6 million from the Fund to the State's General Fund for FY 2008-09, thus implementing the distribution of the \$16.0 million transferred from the Health and Safety Fund. The bill would have no impact on the remaining distribution of funds under the State Convention Facility Development Act for debt service of bonds previously issued

to finance past expansions of Cobo Hall and funds distributed through existing formulas to all counties in the State.

- Jelinek substitute S-1 adopted
- HB 5120 advanced to 3rd Reading