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The House was called to order by the Clerk.

The roll was called by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, who announced that a quorum was not present.

Mr. Adam Stacey, from Bath, offered the following invocation:

"Almighty God, we give thanks for granting us another day in Your bountiful creation. We ask that You bless this Chamber of government and all those who serve it so that we may perform our duties in a manner acceptable to Your perfect judgment. Watch over the people of Michigan, on whose behalf we are entrusted with the heavy responsibility of governance. Grant all of us in Your earthly kingdom with Your continued grace and oversight of human affairs.

Whisper Your wisdom into the hearts of our leaders so that they may work in unison to leave this world a more peaceful, safer, freer, more prosperous domain than was inherited from their ancestors. Unburden the hearts of every parent by granting our children a better tomorrow than we ever dreamed possible. Forgive our failures and accept our mortal weaknesses as we conduct our daily lives in a manner unworthy of Your gift of creation. In Your son's name, we pray. Amen."

Messages from the Senate

Senate Bill No. 1067, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the state institutions of higher education and certain state purposes related to education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005; to provide for the expenditures of those appropriations; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, institutions, agencies, employees, and officers.

The Senate has appointed Senator Sikkema to replace Senator Johnson as conferee.

The message was referred to the Clerk for record.

The Clerk declared the House adjourned until Wednesday, September 8, at 10:00 a.m.