

Messages from the Governor

The following line item veto message from the Governor was received and read:

Executive Office, Lansing, October 31, 2007

Michigan House

State Capitol Building

Lansing, MI 48933

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed **Enrolled House Bill 4354**, which provides \$289.2 million to support the fiscal year 2008 operations of the Department of Natural Resources. I am, however, returning it to you because of one item of which I disapprove, pursuant to Article V, section 19, of the Michigan Constitution. The specific veto is contained in the attached copy of the bill, which has been filed with the Secretary of State.

My action today completes the fiscal year 2008 budget for the Department of Natural Resources and provides funding for a wide variety of recreational and conservation activities available to the public, including over \$60 million for parks and recreation and nearly \$40 million for management of forests. In addition, this bill provides over \$14million in support of the payments in lieu of taxes program.

My action today vetoes one item with which I do not concur. I have vetoed section 802, which appropriates general fund resources for support of the cooperative resources management initiative program in the Department of Agriculture. I cannot support use of general fund for this discretionary program during these tough fiscal times.

This bill supports the essential operations of the Department of Natural Resources and I thank the Legislature for its cooperation in finalizing the fiscal year 2008 budget.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Granholm

Governor

This bill was signed by the Governor October 31, 2007, at 4:35 p.m.