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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Friday, May 24, 2019.

8:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Garlin D. Gilchrist II.

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

Alexander—present
Ananich—present
Barrett—present
Bayer—present
Bizon—present
Brinks—present
Bullock—present
Bumstead—present
Chang—present
Daley—present
Geiss—present
Hertel—present
Hollier—present

Horn—present
Irwin—present
Johnson—present
LaSata—present
Lauwers—present
Lucido—present
MacDonald—present
MacGregor—present
McBroom—present
McCann—present
McMorrow—present
Moss—present
Nesbitt—present

Outman—present
Polehanki—present
Runestad—present
Santana—present
Schmidt—present
Shirkey—present
Stamas—present
Theis—present
VanderWall—present
Victory—present
Wojno—present
Zorn—present

Senator Ed McBroom of the 38th District offered the following invocation:

Dear Father, we thank You for another new day and for the blessings that You've given us. We pray that You would watch over us this morning with the work that we have before us, that You would keep us mindful of the people we've come here to serve, and most of all, that you would help us to remember that we work for You. In all things, we serve You. We thank You for the honor that you've given us to represent the people of this state. And we pray that You would guide our thoughts and our decisions. And we pray that You would help us to bring honor to them and to our families at home.

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motions and Communications

Senator MacGregor moved that Senators Daley, Horn, Johnson, Lauwers, Schmidt, Stamas, Victory and Nesbitt be temporarily excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator McMorrow moved that Senators Chang, Moss, Geiss, Alexander, Bayer, Bullock, Santana, Brinks, Irwin and Ananich be temporarily excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators VanderWall, Lucido and MacGregor introduced

Senate Bill No. 343, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 2705 (MCL 333.2705), as amended by 2016 PA 499.

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

Senators Barrett, Geiss, Wojno and Bullock introduced

Senate Bill No. 344, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 216, 217i, 802, and 803a (MCL 257.216, 257.217i, 257.802, and 257.803a), section 216 as amended by 2009 PA 32, section 217i as added by 2018 PA 680, section 802 as amended by 2016 PA 425, and section 803a as amended by 1996 PA 404, and by adding section 803s.

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

Senators Geiss, Barrett, Wojno and Bullock introduced

Senate Bill No. 345, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 20a (MCL 257.20a), as amended by 2012 PA 239, and by adding sections 20b and 30d.

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

Senators Barrett, Geiss, Wojno and Bullock introduced

Senate Bill No. 346, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 6311 and 6512 (MCL 324.6311 and 324.6512), as added by 1995 PA 60.

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

Senator Alexander introduced

Senate Bill No. 347, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 625 (MCL 257.625), as amended by 2017 PA 153.

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

Senators MacGregor, Barrett, Lucido, Bullock, Wojno, Bizon, Stamas, Hertel, VanderWall and Hollier introduced

Senate Bill No. 348, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “The social welfare act,” (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 111n.

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

Senators VanderWall, Victory, Hertel, Stamas, Wojno, MacDonald, Bumstead, Bizon, Horn and Zorn introduced

Senate Bill No. 349, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 233 (MCL 436.1233).

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

House Bill No. 4189, entitled

A bill to amend 2007 PA 36, entitled “Michigan business tax act,” by amending sections 117 and 500 (MCL 208.1117 and 208.1500), section 117 as amended by 2011 PA 292 and section 500 as amended by 2016 PA 426; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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 Finance.

House Bill No. 4190, entitled

A bill to amend 1995 PA 24, entitled “Michigan economic growth authority act,” by amending section 8 (MCL 207.808), as amended by 2009 PA 123.

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 Finance.

House Bill No. 4191, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” by amending section 680 (MCL 206.680), as amended by 2012 PA 70.

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 Finance.

Recess

Senator MacGregor moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed, the time being 8:06 a.m.

4:44 p.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Lauwers, Victory, Brinks, Bayer, Moss, Santana, Alexander, Geiss, Horn, Irwin, Daley, Schmidt, Bullock, Stamas, Johnson, Ananich, Nesbitt and Chang entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Messages from the House

Senate Bill No. 1, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending sections 150, 2105, 2108, 2118, 2120, 3101, 3101a, 3104, 3107, 3111, 3112, 3113, 3114, 3115, 3135, 3142, 3148, 3157, 3163, 3172, 3173a, 3174, 3175, and 3177 (MCL 500.150, 500.2105, 500.2108, 500.2118, 500.2120, 500.3101, 500.3101a, 500.3104, 500.3107, 500.3111, 500.3112, 500.3113, 500.3114, 500.3115, 500.3135, 500.3142, 500.3148, 500.3157, 500.3163, 500.3172, 500.3173a, 500.3174, 500.3175, and 500.3177), section 150 as amended by 1992 PA 182, section 2108 as amended by 2015 PA 141, sections 2118 and 2120 as amended by 2007 PA 35, section 3101 as amended by 2017 PA 140, section 3101a as amended by 2018 PA 510, section 3104 as amended by 2002 PA 662, section 3107 as amended by 2012 PA 542, section 3113 as amended by 2016 PA 346, section 3114 as amended by 2016 PA 347, section 3135 as amended by 2012

PA 158, section 3163 as amended by 2002 PA 697, sections 3172, 3173a, 3174, and 3175 as amended by 2012 PA 204, and section 3177 as amended by 1984 PA 426, and by adding sections 261, 1245, 2116b, 3107c, 3107d, 3107e, 3157a, and 3157b and chapter 63.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-3) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-3), ordered that it be given immediate effect and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and classify the laws relating to the insurance and surety business; to regulate the incorporation or formation of domestic insurance and surety companies and associations and the admission of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide their rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which companies and associations organized, existing, or authorized under this act may exercise their powers; to provide the rights, powers, and immunities and to prescribe the conditions on which other persons, firms, corporations, associations, risk retention groups, and purchasing groups engaged in an insurance or surety business may exercise their powers; to provide for the imposition of a privilege fee on domestic insurance companies and associations and the state accident fund; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of foreign and alien companies and associations; to provide for the imposition of a tax on risk retention groups and purchasing groups; to provide for the imposition of a tax on the business of surplus line agents; to provide for the imposition of regulatory fees on certain insurers; to provide for assessment fees on certain health maintenance organizations; to modify tort liability arising out of certain accidents; to provide for limited actions with respect to that modified tort liability and to prescribe certain procedures for maintaining those actions; to require security for losses arising out of certain accidents; to provide for the continued availability and affordability of automobile insurance and homeowners insurance in this state and to facilitate the purchase of that insurance by all residents of this state at fair and reasonable rates; to provide for certain reporting with respect to insurance and with respect to certain claims against uninsured or self-insured persons; to prescribe duties for certain state departments and officers with respect to that reporting; to provide for certain assessments; to establish and continue certain state insurance funds; to modify and clarify the status, rights, powers, duties, and operations of the nonprofit malpractice insurance fund; to provide for the departmental supervision and regulation of the insurance and surety business within this state; to provide for regulation over worker's compensation self-insurers; to provide for the conservation, rehabilitation, or liquidation of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for the protection of policyholders, claimants, and creditors of unsound or insolvent insurers; to provide for associations of insurers to protect policyholders and claimants in the event of insurer insolvencies; to prescribe educational requirements for insurance agents and solicitors; to provide for the regulation of multiple employer welfare arrangements; to create an automobile theft prevention authority to reduce the number of automobile thefts in this state; to prescribe the powers and duties of the automobile theft prevention authority; to provide certain powers and duties upon certain officials, departments, and authorities of this state; to provide for an appropriation; to repeal acts and parts of acts; and to provide penalties for the violation of this act," by amending sections 150, 224, 1244, 2038, 2040, 2069, 2105, 2106, 2108, 2111, 2118, 2120, 2151, 3009, 3101, 3101a, 3104, 3107, 3109a, 3111, 3112, 3113, 3114, 3115, 3135, 3142, 3145, 3148, 3151, 3157, 3163, 3172, 3173a, 3174, 3175, and 3177 (MCL 500.150, 500.224, 500.1244, 500.2038, 500.2040, 500.2069, 500.2105, 500.2106, 500.2108, 500.2111, 500.2118, 500.2120, 500.2151, 500.3009, 500.3101, 500.3101a, 500.3104, 500.3107, 500.3109a, 500.3111, 500.3112, 500.3113, 500.3114, 500.3115, 500.3135, 500.3142, 500.3145, 500.3148, 500.3151, 500.3157, 500.3163, 500.3172, 500.3173a, 500.3174, 500.3175, and 500.3177), section 150 as amended by 1992 PA 182, section 224 as amended by 2007 PA 187, section 1244 as amended by 2001 PA 228, section 2069 as amended by 1989 PA 306, section 2108 as amended by 2015 PA 141, section 2111 as amended by 2012 PA 441, sections 2118 and 2120 as amended by 2007 PA 35, section 2151 as added by 2012 PA 165, sections 3009 and 3113 as amended by 2016 PA 346, section 3101 as amended by 2017 PA 140, section 3101a as amended by 2018 PA 510, section 3104 as amended by 2002 PA 662, section 3107 as amended by 2012 PA 542, section 3109a as amended by 2012 PA 454, section 3114 as amended by 2016 PA 347, section 3135 as amended by 2012 PA 158, section 3163 as amended by 2002 PA 697, sections 3172, 3173a, 3174, and 3175 as amended by 2012 PA 204, and section 3177 as amended by 1984 PA 426, and by adding sections 261, 271, 2013a, 2111f, 2116b, 2162, 3107c, 3107d, 3107e, 3157a, and 3157b and chapters 31A and 63.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,

Senator MacGregor moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,

Senator Irwin offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 24, line 11, after "(5)" by striking out "Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter," and inserting "AN INSURER SHALL NOT ESTABLISH OR MAINTAIN RATES OR RATING CLASSIFICATIONS FOR".

2. Amend page 24, line 12, after "insurance" by striking out "risks may be grouped by" and inserting "BASED ON THE".

3. Amend page 24, line 12, after "territory" by striking out "IN WHICH THE INSURED RESIDES OR WORKS."

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Irwin requested the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, 1/5 of the members present voting therefor.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 121

Yeas—16

Alexander	Bullock	Hollier	Moss
Ananich	Chang	Irwin	Polehanki
Bayer	Geiss	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Hertel	McMorrow	Wojno

Nays—22

Barrett	LaSata	Nesbitt	Stamas
Bizon	Lauwers	Outman	Theis
Bumstead	Lucido	Runestad	VanderWall
Daley	MacDonald	Schmidt	Victory
Horn	MacGregor	Shirkey	Zorn
Johnson	McBroom		

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,
The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 122

Yeas—34

Alexander	Geiss	MacGregor	Schmidt
Ananich	Hertel	McBroom	Shirkey
Barrett	Hollier	McCann	Stamas
Bayer	Horn	Nesbitt	Theis
Bizon	Johnson	Outman	VanderWall
Bullock	LaSata	Polehanki	Victory
Bumstead	Lauwers	Runestad	Wojno
Chang	Lucido	Santana	Zorn
Daley	MacDonald		

Nays—4

Brinks	Irwin	McMorrow	Moss
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Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The question being on concurring in the committee recommendation to give the bill immediate effect, The recommendation was concurred in, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor. The Senate agreed to the title as amended. The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senators Irwin, Theis, Santana, Bullock, Nesbitt, Hollier and Shirkey asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Irwin's statement is as follows:

I rise in support of this amendment. It will institute real anti-discrimination language into this bill. As many of you know, here in Michigan one of the main drivers of high auto insurance rates is that we have a million-plus drivers who are driving our roads every day, but not paying in because their rates are so excessive. Their rates are so excessive because of redlining and discrimination.

At the beginning of this process, you heard from many of us, including myself, who said we need real protection against redlining in this bill. Unfortunately, what is in the bill now is a prohibition on using ZIP codes, but as you know there are many different ways that one can redline. We don't need to use ZIP codes – you can use census tracts, you can use political boundaries—so what this amendment would do is prohibit redlining and discrimination and rate setting in Michigan in a bona fide way and correct that failure in Senate Bill No. 1.

Senator Theis' statement is as follows:

Written within the details of this bill are the efforts of many people over many, many hours. It contains ideas that have literally taken years to come to fruition. This has involved hours and hours of negotiation, checking politics and egos at the door, and those willing to speak being given an opportunity to be heard. Even so, it is not a perfect bill; and no legislation is. Importantly, however, Michiganders will soon be able to give up one "we're number one" title they never wanted—that of the most expensive car insurance in the country.

Over the years that I've been traveling across the state to try to change this terribly broken system, I've heard so many stories that had largely gone untold. I stand here today to ask for a "yes" vote for one senior who had to sell the last car he would own in his lifetime, not because he couldn't afford the car—he owned it—but because he couldn't afford the insurance, and with his fixed income, we—that's us, the lawmakers—made him choose between his medicine that he truly needed to live, or his freedom—that car. Freedom lost. While I have no expectation he'll buy another car even when we fix this, perhaps we can keep this story from repeating itself.

There was the story of the kids from the alternative education high school that just wanted the same opportunity their peers had to join the robotics team—but their school didn't offer one. A nearby school offered one that they could have been a part of, however, but they would have had to drive to get there. They could scrape together enough money to get the vehicle to drive there, but not to buy the insurance, and they didn't dare drive without it. At a time when kids are getting college scholarships based on their robotics activity, this represents a terrible missed opportunity for them. A "yes" vote on this bill may yet give them that opportunity.

There was the foster parent recruiter who explained to me that there were many parents whose children had become a part of the foster system, who though they were making every effort to correct the behavior that created the problem in the first place, were in danger of losing their children due to not making the mandatory parent visit meetings due to a lack of transportation. If they miss enough of those meetings, parental rights termination proceedings begin. Making a base rate affordable insurance for them begins to make it affordable and they can start to make those meetings.

I have story after story of Michiganders like these who are harmed by the system we currently have, some who were auto-injured and many who were everyday drivers trying to follow the law. We now have a chance to make this system more affordable while still helping those that need it, and this bill does just that. We can offer people a choice, like they have in every other type of insurance they purchase. We can stop taking away the last years of freedom for our seniors, and stop taking away the prospects for our kids. We can work to make it possible for all Michigan's citizens to have reasonable auto insurance that provides the coverage levels they need at a price they can afford.

I want to thank all of you who have worked so hard to make this possible, and I ask you to join me today in supporting Senate Bill No. 1 for the citizens of Michigan on this monumental day.

Senator Santana's statement is as follows:

Thank you Mr. President for the opportunity to speak to this body on this important subject that has captivated the attention of our citizens, and rightfully so. Auto insurance has been and continues to be the single biggest issue that we have been faced with addressing on behalf of the citizens of Michigan.

In the 3rd District, the high cost of auto insurance has impacted many. I can tell you that in the two years I spent in the House and now here in the Senate, I have heard countless e-mails, phone calls, text messages, social media contacts, and heard in community meetings and coffee hours and talked to voters in their homes, and held numerous town halls on this issue. And I also conducted polling and every time I encountered constituents in

my travels they have asked the question—What are we going to do about it? That is the question that I was asked repeatedly, over and over again at more than 15,000 doors that I knocked on during my campaign.

What are you going to do about it? I had a 27-year old, single mother of two boys in my district who lives on Prest Street who makes about \$35,000 a year ask me. She's paying \$8,000 in auto insurance for a 10-year old car that she has. What are we going to do about it? That's the question I was asked also by a senior citizen in my district in Dearborn who now has to depend on her family, depend on Uber, and also taxis to get around because she decided to give up her vehicle because she did a cost-benefit and figured it out that it was cheaper for her to either catch a ride or take a taxi.

Now that you understand the realities for many of our constituents in the 3rd District, 48227, the highest zip code in the nation, people are paying premiums of \$15,000 a year. So let's put that all into perspective: some of my constituents are the poorest and have the lowest income generators in the state who pay the highest amount for their auto insurance. The high cost of auto insurance continues to be the driving factor that keeps citizens in the weight of poverty.

Now I will not sit here and pretend to be an expert on auto insurance, but I will tell you this—as a concerned citizen I decided to run for office to make sure that the constituency not only in my district, but throughout the state of Michigan would have some real rate relief. I spent hours and days, as I said before, knocking on doors for eight months in three different cities, in the rain, snow, sleet, in the oppressive heat of summer, and people repeatedly said to me “Sylvia, my auto insurance rates are killing me. I can't afford it. I want to vote for you but can you promise me that you're going to do something about it?” Well today, we are doing something about it, and I'm proudly taking a stance in support of this bill to make sure not only that the people of the 3rd District, but also all Michiganders have true rate relief for all of our constituents. I thank you so much for your support of this bill.

Senator Bullock's statement is as follows:

Colleagues, I rise in support.

Perfection is an elusive concept. In a perfect world, this package would be, well, perfect. However, it's not. Yet, it's been constructed using the critical values that I have personally worked for over five years, and the countless doors I've knocked on all last year. Many have worked on this issue of insurance disparity beyond my extremely short time here in this chamber. The Honorable Martha G. Scott was dedicated daily to fight this issue. The Honorable Virgil Smith's deep dive into the irrational verbiage of statute and policy. My former colleagues in the city of Detroit under the Duggan administration dedicated themselves to keeping the issue of affordable insurance on the frontal lobe of everybody. Not just in Detroit, but the entire state, and the country. If anyone has ever heard me stump on this issue, I've used the age-old adage, “How do you eat the elephant?” Well, we all know the answer is “One bite at a time.”

But we haven't taken a bite. The elephant has continued to grow and squeeze us. The multitude of years of voting “no”, or doing nothing, or complaining, or the all-or-nothing attitude has left us with nothing. It has left us with no relief. This package significantly addresses my concerns. The quality of life concerns. It's taken a massive bite out of the elephant. This package brings to culmination of years and years of relentless work by many legislators, and the promise I made to make this a priority when I got here. We can always find things wrong or imperfect. We can complain, talk about the process. Let's move forward and find better ways to do that.

But today, I say, let's find what's right in this package. It offers the people a choice. It offers a fee schedule. It offers a rollback by the industry. It offers seniors relief by opting into Medicare. It removes many of the non-driving factors that make no sense in calculating rates. Once implemented, my people will start to see a favorable rate reduction. It will be affordable. For the first time in decades, we have something actionable, and bicameral, with the executive chamber's blessing. To not vote “yes” would be even more rhetoric, and delay, and possibly a more inhumane outcome. So I thank the Governor for her leadership, and our Democratic caucus in bringing something universally fair to fruition.

Senator Nesbitt's statement is as follows:

I appreciate the opportunity to rise today. As we all know, Michigan families, seniors, and drivers are fed up with paying the highest-in-the-nation auto insurance rates. So, I'm pleased that we are joining together in a bipartisan fashion to take concrete steps to lower the rates for Michigan's drivers. The legislation before us ends this expensive, one-size-fits-all government mandate. It will provide drivers with more affordable choices like in every other state. Seniors on Medicare will no longer be forced to buy expensive health insurance within their auto insurance policy, which will provide real savings for millions of seniors in the state. Additionally, the legislation stops the massive overcharging of health care involving auto accidents and cracks down on fraud and abuse.

By working together to empower families and implement common sense reforms, we are moving forward on this important issue for the people of Michigan. Lower rates will help our families, particularly those with low incomes and people just starting their careers. Lower rates will help our seniors who are on a fixed income and face other expenses in their daily lives. Lower rates will help Michigan's small businesses and job providers to attract talent to our great state.

On a personal note, lower rates will probably help my new daughter Catherine to be able to drive when she's 16; or at least help me to be able to afford for her to drive when she's 16. But she's still not going to date until she's 30.

I'd like to thank everyone involved in taking this important step for the people of Michigan, and I urge a “yes” vote on Senate Bill No. 1.

Senator Hollier's statement is as follows:

Colleagues, I just want to say thank you. All day I have been feeling like a kid who knows he's been good all year, and it's Christmas morning, knowing that the present that you wanted, is literally under the tree. And, that's the feedback I've been getting from my residents, right.

Two weeks ago, I stood here, and stood up on faith. I talked about the Civil Rights Act of 1957, and how just godawful it was. And how it didn't go nearly as far as we hoped it to be. With the expectation that the bill that we passed out of the Senate was going to get better, and it did. Because we have a Democratic Governor who said it wasn't good enough. And because we have members in the House, because we have members in the Senate who were committed to making the bill that we got out of here real reform, which is what we saw today. Which is what we have the opportunity to really support.

And so, they had a marathon session in the House and then they had another one today, but all of that was possible because the people in this chamber decided that we were actually going to make rate reform a priority. I just want to say thank you for that. I think over this time, we have spent an incredible amount of time talking about the potential for individuals who are catastrophically injured and that's really important. For 40 years, we have had the best system for those, but we have had the absolute worst system for people who come from my district; people who just can't afford auto insurance. I'd like to just tell you a little bit about one of those people. A neighbor of mine who lives two blocks away from me pays \$6,000 per year for no-fault coverage, Medicaid eligible, would go to that lowest option, would immediately see real savings because she never had collision. She never had real opportunities and if she makes real savings like that, if she could save half of that, if she saved a third of that, we're talking about more than \$3,000 per year. That's much more than her car is worth; that's a new roof on her home.

For people who live in my district, people who are grappling with trying to make sure their community and homes are safe, that could mean all the difference. Many of you have heard me talk about my daughter and you remember her grabbing the mic and all of those kinds of things. With \$3,000, with \$3,600, or the \$5,400 that I would save—yes, that number has increased because, like every year, my auto insurance rates went up again—I could do some of the incredibly needed fixes at my home to ensure that there are less opportunities for my daughter to be poisoned by lead. I could make sure that we could cover four months of day care. When we talk about what savings look like for people in my district, when we talk about what this is, I can't say thank you enough to the people in this chamber because very few of you have a constituency or have neighbors who are paying auto insurance rates like I am, like those who sent me up here.

I'll be honest, the bill we got passed—the bill that passed out of the House, the bill that is before us today, the things that I never thought we would get done. It says that zip codes can't be used. It says we're going to get rid of gender. It says we're going to get rid of credit scoring. It has guaranteed rate relief, but most importantly, it said that a Republican-controlled Senate, a Republican-controlled House, and a Democratic Governor could fix the largest issue in our state in two weeks. Right now, it's saying—I know, some are saying it took longer than two weeks—but in two weeks, that changed.

We've got a little less than four years to make this 100th Legislature not just the one that fixed auto insurance, not just the one that fixed the roads, but the one that fixed Michigan—the one that set us aside and set us up to be the state that we all want to raise our families in. We're going to get auto insurance done today. I know that. We all know that. This summer, we've got to get a budget passed, we've got to fix our roads, but most importantly, we've got to stay committed to learning the lessons that we learned about process this time—to working better across the aisle and to making sure that we are all engaged at the table and invested as we do the real work of making sure that Michigan residents' lives are better. Make no mistake—auto insurance is going to make a big difference. It's going to save our people big time money, but we've also got to spend money to fix our roads.

Senator Shirkey's statement is as follows:

Thank you, Mr. President, and I am very glad that you are here today.

To my colleagues in the Senate, to our friends in the Gallery, I am proud to stand here today and thank you for joining together to deliver real savings to Michigan's families. Reducing the cost of car insurance was identified by the Senate Republican Caucus as our No. 1 legislative priority when we began this session, January of this year.

So important, in fact, that we made car insurance reform Senate Bill No. 1, and today, we are delivering on our promise to Michigan families to provide cheaper car insurance options. We are proud to join our colleagues in this chamber, and our colleagues in the House, to send this bill to my Governor, our Governor, for her signature.

Car insurance reform was always going to end up on the Governor's desk. But it was very important that it be sent with the promise of a signature. And through patience, commitment, will, and the ability to build trust, we are accomplishing this today. Michigan families expect results, and in contrast to the dysfunction in national politics, today we are delivering results. We look forward to our citizens having the opportunity to choose the car insurance option that best fits their budget. Our action today means that Michigan families will soon have the opportunity to realize real, measurable and significant savings on their car insurance bills.

To my colleagues here in the chamber, to our partners in the House, to the deft and skillful leadership skills of my friend, Speaker Chatfield, and to my Governor, my most sincere appreciation, thanks, and congratulations. Well done.

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Advice and Consent submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 12:00 noon, Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Lucido (C), LaSata, McBroom and Hertel
Excused: Senator Nesbitt

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Economic and Small Business Development submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 12:00 noon, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Horn (C), VanderWall, MacGregor, Theis, Lauwers, Schmidt, McMorrow, Geiss and Moss.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Health Policy and Human Services submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators VanderWall (C), Bizon, Johnson, LaSata, MacDonald, Theis, Brinks, Hertel, Santana and Wojno

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Local Government submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Zorn (C), Johnson, Daley, Alexander and Moss

Scheduled Meetings

Criminal Justice Policy Commission - Wednesday, June 5, 9:00 a.m., Room 5900, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-0212

Environmental Quality - Tuesday, May 28, 1:00 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5323 (CANCELED)

Judiciary and Public Safety - Tuesday, May 28, 8:00 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5312 (CANCELED)

Regulatory Reform - Tuesday, May 28, 3:00 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5314 (CANCELED)

Senator MacGregor moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 5:14 p.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

MARGARET O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

