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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, July 15, 2021.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator Aric Nesbitt.

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  
MacDonald—present  
McBroom—present  
McCann—excused  
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 Sylvia Santana of the 3rd District offered the following invocation:

You have searched me, Lord, and You know me.  
 You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar.  
 You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.  
 Before a word is on my tongue You, Lord, know it completely.  
 You hem me in behind and before, and You lay Your hand upon me.  
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?  
 If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there.  
 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
 even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.  
 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"  
 even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You.

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.  
 I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.  
 My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in  
 the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of  
 them came to be.

How precious to me are Your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!  
 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with You.

If only You, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, You who are bloodthirsty!  
 They speak of You with evil intent; Your adversaries misuse Your name.  
 Do I not hate those who hate You, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against You?  
 I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.  
 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

The President pro tempore, Senator Nesbitt, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### **Motions and Communications**

Senator Chang moved that Senator McCann be excused from today's session.  
 The motion prevailed.

The following communication was received:  
 Office of Senator Curtis Hertel Jr.

June 29, 2021

I am writing to request my addition in co-sponsorship for Senate Bill 566, sponsored by Senator Chang  
 and Senate Bill 496, sponsored by Senator Moss.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,  
 Curtis Hertel Jr.  
 State Senator  
 District 23

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:  
Office of Senator Sean McCann

June 30, 2021

I respectfully request that my name be added as a co-sponsor to Senate Resolution 72, introduced by Senator Schmidt.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Sean McCann  
State Senator  
20th District

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:  
Office of Senator Dayna Polehanki

June 30, 2021

Per Senate Rule (1.110(C)) I am requesting that my name be added as a co-sponsor to Senate Resolution 72, which was introduced on June 24, 2021, by Senator Wayne A. Schmidt.

Sincerely,  
Dayna Polehanki

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Lauwers moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

**House Bill No. 4980**

**House Bill No. 4735**

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

Senator Lauwers moved that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 529, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, and the bill was placed on the order of General Orders.

Senator Lauwers moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of General Orders, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

**Senate Bill No. 529**

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

Senator Shirkey asked and was granted unanimous consent to make a statement and moved that the statement be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Shirkey's statement is as follows:

I'd like my colleagues to join me for a bit of a farewell message to a sweet and special lady that has been gracing her presence in the Senate for the past seven years and then some. Today I rise to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of a valued member of our family, Katherine Japinga, as she prepares to leave the Legislature and takes her considerable skillsets and gifts to the private sector.

Katherine has been in the Senate for the past seven years as Deputy Director of the Majority Communications Office. In her time in the Senate, Katherine has been a flawless communications professional, always putting her customers—the members themselves and staff—first. Oftentimes Katherine is purposefully the quietest voice in the room, always listening, always learning, and ready to provide sound advice. But don't mistake that for a very active mind. When the proposed plan is very often considered to be

impossible, it is then when Katherine does her best work and proves that the impossible is not such. She is quick to offer sound alternatives and is a very good mock interviewer. I can speak from personal experience on that.

Her professional skills, along with her natural talent to keep calm and carry on, have proved her to be an invaluable member on our team. Katherine has remained calm, cool, and collected not only when dealing with unique legislative issues, but also when dealing with unique circumstances and experiences, even within her office. She may look small and sensible, but Katherine is brave. As any man and woman when it comes to dealing with things of high importance, like cockroaches and mice and other critters that scurry through the office and would cause most men to jump, but not Katherine.

Though she has many accomplishments to her name during her time in the Senate, Katherine's talents shined especially bright at the height of the pandemic. Katherine, we can't thank you enough for the months that you provided for all of us daily updates as to what was happening so that we then could share that with our constituents and give them the latest information. No timesheet could accurately reflect how much time and energy you put into that effort alone, and that's just indicative of all the work you've done while you've graced us with your presence.

She will be greatly missed by Senators, staff, and especially her SMCO colleagues who are here to show their appreciation. Joining us today in the Gallery are Katherine's parents, John and Bekki, and her husband Steve, whom most of us know rather well. John and Bekki, well done. You've raised a fine daughter. She's proven to be a terrific teammate and a high talent for us. We are looking forward to cheering her on in the private sector and I know you can be very, very proud of her. Steve, us guys often refer to our wives as our better half. I'm afraid that just doesn't cut the mustard this time. She is the best half of the Japinga family.

Katherine, we wish you the very best and we know that you'll be wildly successful in your next endeavor. God bless you and God bless your family.

### Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:17 a.m.

11:32 a.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

### Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received:

Date: July 1, 2021

Time: 10:26 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

#### **Enrolled Senate Bill No. 155 (Public Act No. 36), being**

An act to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an

appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates,” by amending sections 17703, 17708, 17751, and 17757 (MCL 333.17703, 333.17708, 333.17751, and 333.17757), section 17703 as amended by 2016 PA 528, section 17708 as amended by 2020 PA 4, section 17751 as amended by 2020 PA 136, and section 17757 as amended by 2016 PA 383, and by adding section 17744f.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on July 1, 2021, at 1:10 p.m.)

Date: July 1, 2021

Time: 10:28 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 156 (Public Act No. 37), being**

An act 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,” (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3406v.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on July 1, 2021, at 1:12 p.m.)

Date: July 1, 2021

Time: 10:30 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 256 (Public Act No. 38), being**

An act to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled “An act to provide for the raising of additional public revenue by prescribing certain specific taxes, fees, and charges to be paid to the state for the privilege of engaging in certain business activities; to provide, incident to the enforcement thereof, for the issuance of licenses to engage in such occupations; to provide for the ascertainment, assessment and collection thereof; to appropriate the proceeds thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violations of the provisions of this act,” by amending section 25 (MCL 205.75), as amended by 2020 PA 29.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on July 1, 2021, at 1:14 p.m.)

Date: July 1, 2021

Time: 10:32 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 438 (Public Act No. 39), being**

An act to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “An act to revise, consolidate, and codify the laws relating to criminal procedure and to define the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of courts, judges, and other officers of the court under the provisions of this act; to provide laws relative to the rights of persons accused of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to provide for the arrest of persons charged with or suspected of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to provide for bail of persons arrested for or accused of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to provide for the examination of persons accused of criminal offenses; to regulate the procedure relative to grand juries, indictments, informations, and proceedings before trial; to provide for trials of persons complained of or indicted for criminal offenses and ordinance violations and to provide for the procedure in those trials; to provide for judgments and sentences of persons convicted of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to establish a sentencing commission and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for procedure relating to new trials and appeals in criminal and ordinance violation cases; to provide a uniform system of probation throughout this state and the appointment of probation officers; to prescribe the powers, duties, and compensation of probation officers; to provide penalties for the violation of the duties of probation officers; to provide for procedure governing proceedings to prevent crime and proceedings for the discovery of crime; to provide for fees of officers, witnesses, and others in criminal and ordinance violation cases; to set forth miscellaneous provisions as to criminal procedure in certain cases; to provide penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act,” by amending section 9c of chapter IV (MCL 764.9c), as amended by 2020 PA 393.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on July 1, 2021, at 1:16 p.m.)

Date: July 13, 2021

Time: 10:30 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 559 (Public Act No. 64), being**

An act to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “An act to create a commission for the control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, and to prescribe its powers, duties, and limitations; to provide for powers and duties for certain state departments and agencies; to impose certain taxes for certain purposes; to provide for the control of the alcoholic liquor traffic within this state and to provide for the power to establish state liquor stores; to prohibit the use of certain devices for the dispensing of alcoholic vapor; to provide for the care and treatment of alcoholics; to provide for the incorporation of farmer cooperative wineries and the granting of certain rights and privileges to those cooperatives; to provide for the licensing and taxation of activities regulated under this act and the disposition of the money received under this act; to prescribe liability for retail licensees under certain circumstances and to require security for that liability; to provide procedures, defenses, and remedies regarding violations of this act; to provide for the enforcement and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act; to provide for allocation of certain funds for certain purposes; to provide for the confiscation and disposition of property seized under this act; to provide referenda under certain circumstances; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 518, 537a, and 551 (MCL 436.1518, 436.1537a, and 436.1551), section 518 as amended by 2021 PA 29, section 537a as added by 2020 PA 125, and section 551 as added by 2020 PA 124.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on July 13, 2021, at 4:52 p.m.)

Respectfully,  
Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

The following communication from the Governor was received:

July 1, 2021

Today, I was delighted to sign Enrolled Senate Bills 155 and 156 of 2021. Ensuring every Michigander has the resources they need to keep themselves and their families healthy is one of my highest priorities. These bipartisan bills increase access to emergency and life-saving medication for those suffering from chronic illness.

I write today to remind you that when legislation grants new rulemaking authority, such powers should be granted to the appropriate principal department, rather than an individual board. As a practical matter, only the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, which oversees the Board of Pharmacy, has the resources and know-how to promulgate rules to implement our Public Health Code.

I look forward to working together on future legislation to ensure every Michigander has access to quality, affordable health care.

Sincerely,  
Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

The following message from the Governor was received on July 8, 2021, and read:

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
No. 2021-8

**Declaration of State of Emergency**

On June 26, 2021, I issued Executive Order 2021-7 declaring a state of emergency in Wayne county due to heavy rainfall resulting in widespread flooding, power outages, flooded roadways, stranded motorists, flooding of homes, and displaced residents. This event has also caused widespread flooding in Washtenaw county and tornadoes in Huron and Ionia counties resulting in injuries, displaced residents, power outages, and damage to homes, farms, roadways, and other private and public infrastructure.

In response, the counties of Washtenaw, Huron and Ionia declared local states of emergency and activated disaster response and recovery operations. Despite these measures, local resources are insufficient to cope with the situation. State assistance and other outside resources are necessary to effectively respond to, and recover from, the impacts of this emergency. The assistance of voluntary organizations and the state are required to protect public health, safety, and property, and to lessen or avert more severe and lasting harm to the community.

Section 1 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the State of Michigan in the governor. Under the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.403(4), “[t]he governor shall, by executive order or proclamation, declare a state of emergency if he or she finds that an emergency has occurred or that the threat of an emergency exists.”

Therefore, acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, including the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.401 to 30.421, I find it reasonable and necessary to amend and expand Executive Order 2021-7, and order the following:

1. In addition to the county of Wayne, a state of emergency is also declared for the counties of Washtenaw, Huron, and Ionia.
2. The Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Department of State Police shall coordinate and maximize all state efforts and may call upon all state departments to use available resources to assist in the designated area pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan.
3. The state of emergency is terminated at such time as the threats to public health, safety, and property caused by the emergency no longer exist, and appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from the effects of this emergency, but in no case later than July 24, 2021 unless extended as provided by the Emergency Management Act.

Date: July 8, 2021  
Time: 7:55 a.m.

[SEAL]

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

By the Governor:  
Jocelyn Benson  
Secretary of State

The executive order was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 299 of 1980, MCL 339.302, 339.303 and 339.721:

**Michigan Board of Accountancy**

Mr. Antonio C. Brown of 26861 Bloomfield Drive, S., Lathrup Village, Michigan 48076, county of Oakland, succeeding David Barrons whose term has expired, appointed to represent certified public accountants, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Ms. Christonna C. Campbell of 32910 Gateway Drive, Romulus, Michigan 48174, county of Wayne, succeeding Jennifer Kluge whose term has expired, appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Ms. Kathleen Isleib of 15 Longyear Drive, Negaunee, Michigan 49866, county of Marquette, succeeding Ola M. Smith whose term has expired, appointed to represent a full-time instructor of accounting above the elementary level at an accredited college or university, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.16521, 333.16121 and 333.16122:

**Michigan Board of Acupuncture**

Dr. Zhiling Trowbridge of 135 College Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, county of Kent, reappointed to represent a physician licensed under part 170 or 175 who has met the requirement in section 16513(2)(b), for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 291 of 1972, MCL 287.603:

**Michigan Beef Industry Commission**

Mr. Jon Haindl of 147 N. Poupour Road, Cooks, Michigan 49817, county of Schoolcraft, reappointed to represent cattle growers, for a term commencing June 30, 2021 and expiring May 31, 2024.

Mr. Leon D. Knirk of 158 Stringtown Road, Quincy, Michigan 49082, county of Branch, succeeding Dale Oeschger whose term has expired, appointed to represent cattle feeders, for a term commencing June 30, 2021 and expiring May 31, 2024.

Mrs. Jennifer L. Lewis of 4840 N. Sand Lake Road, Jonesville, Michigan 49250, county of Hillsdale, succeeding Leonard Brown whose term has expired, appointed to represent dairy farmers, for a term commencing June 30, 2021 and expiring May 31, 2024.

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 232 of 1965, MCL 290.657:

**Michigan Cherry Committee**

Ms. Juliette McAvoy of 5456 Church Road, Central Lake, Michigan 49622, county of Antrim, reappointed to represent District 1 tart cherry growers, for a term commencing June 30, 2021 and expiring February 1, 2024.

Ms. Emily A. Miezio of 10351 E. Solem Road, Suttons Bay, Michigan 49682, county of Leelanau, reappointed to represent District 1 tart cherry growers, for a term commencing June 30, 2021 and expiring February 1, 2024.

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.16121, 333.16122 and 333.16907:

**Michigan Board of Marriage and Family Therapy**

Mr. Bernard Lawler of 5458 Country Rose Circle, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439, county of Genesee, succeeding Samantha West whose term expires June 30, 2021, appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Ms. Illami Romero Martinez-King of 2722 Forest Road, Lansing, Michigan 48910, county of Ingham, succeeding Laura Mammen whose term expires June 30, 2021, appointed to represent licensed marriage and family therapists, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 299 of 1980, MCL 339.301, 339.302, 339.303 and 339.1802:

**Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science**

Mr. Richard E. Bowerman, II of 1646 Sand Point Road, Munising, Michigan 49862, county of Alger, succeeding Mark Canale whose term expires June 30, 2021, appointed to represent professionals, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Dr. Mark T. Evely of 7045 Parkridge Parkway, Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473, county of Genesee, succeeding Kathleen Barone whose term expires June 30, 2021, appointed to represent professionals, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.



Ms. Charlotte N. Goutmy of 10531 Tireman Avenue, Fl. 1, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, county of Wayne, succeeding Thomas Chrzanowski whose term expires June 30, 2021, appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.16121 and 333.17221:

**Michigan Board of Nursing**

Ms. Kimberly M. Cox of 8267 Noblet Road, Davison, Michigan 48423, county of Genesee, succeeding Sarah Coker whose term has expired, appointed to represent registered professional nurses with a baccalaureate degree engaged in nursing practice or nursing administration, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Ms. Stephanie L. DePetro of 109 Juliet Street, Marquette, Michigan 49855, county of Marquette, succeeding Tiffany McDonald whose term has expired, appointed to represent registered professional nurses with a baccalaureate degree engaged in nursing practice or nursing administration, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Ms. Patricia A. Duncan of 41244 Williamsburg Boulevard, Bldg. 2, Canton, Michigan 48187, county of Wayne, succeeding Tatyana Chatman whose term has expired, appointed to represent licensed practical nurses, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Dr. Lori A. Glenn of 10704 Kingston Avenue, Huntington Woods, Michigan 48070, county of Oakland, reappointed to represent nurse midwives, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Ms. Toni Schmittling of 30749 Ramblewood Club Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331, county of Oakland, succeeding Glenn O'Connor whose term has expired, appointed to represent nurse anesthetists, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Ms. Nanette L. Watson of 321 West Center Street, Ithaca, Michigan 48847, county of Gratiot, succeeding Kristin Ahrens whose term has expired, appointed to represent nurse practitioners, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.16121 and 333.17721:

**Michigan Board of Pharmacy**

Mr. Pierre Boutros of 879 Lake Park Drive, Birmingham, Michigan 48009, county of Oakland, succeeding Kathleen Pawlicki whose term expires June 30, 2021, appointed to represent pharmacists, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Mr. Kyle A. McCree of 7325 Westminster Circle, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439, county of Genesee, reappointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 3 of 1939, MCL 460.1:

**Michigan Public Service Commission**

Ms. Katherine L. Peretick of 460 Ross Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, county of Wayne, reappointed to represent Independents, for a term commencing July 3, 2021 and expiring July 2, 2027.

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 299 of 1980, MCL 339.302, 339.303 and 339.2502:

**Michigan Board of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons**

Ms. Maggie L. Badgley of 11875 Hill Road, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721, county of Cheboygan, succeeding Robert Craig whose term has expired, appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024.

Mr. Christopher M. Germain of 317 S. 16th Street, Escanaba, Michigan 49829, county of Delta, reappointed to represent real estate brokers and salespersons, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Mr. Andrew Gutman of 29281 Canal Street, Novi, Michigan 48377, county of Oakland, succeeding Ronald Zupko whose term has expired, appointed to represent real estate brokers and salespersons, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Mr. Christian Rodriguez of 1117 Tisdale Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48910, county of Ingham, reappointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 403 of 2004, MCL 338.3620:

**Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission**

Dr. Ruben Martinez of 1077 Whittier Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, county of Ingham, succeeding Jason Hanselman whose term has expired, appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing June 30, 2021 and expiring June 5, 2025.

Mr. Todd Skinner of 205 S. Kalamazoo Street, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079, county of Van Buren, succeeding Bruce Hundley whose term has expired, appointed to represent boxing, for a term commencing June 30, 2021 and expiring June 5, 2025.

Ms. Corey A. Taylor of 6288 Opal Lane, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439, county of Genesee, succeeding Jeff Styers whose term has expired, appointed to represent boxing, for a term commencing June 30, 2021 and expiring June 5, 2025.

June 30, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 451 of 1994, MCL 324.21524:

**Michigan Underground Storage Tank Authority Board of Directors**

Mr. Brian D. Eggers, Sr. of 693 S. Linwood Beach Road, Linwood, Michigan 49634, county of Bay, reappointed to represent a statewide business association that includes owners or operators of refined petroleum underground storage tanks, for a term commencing June 30, 2021 and expiring May 25, 2024.

Mr. Kevin Lepak of 5626 Edgar Road, Detroit, Michigan 48217, county of Oakland, succeeding Greg Gould whose term has expired, appointed to represent petroleum refiners, for a term commencing June 30, 2021 and expiring May 25, 2024.

July 7, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 380 of 1965, MCL 16.279:

**Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development**

Mr. Andrew W. Chae of 4418 15th Street, Detroit, Michigan 48208, county of Wayne, succeeding Cheryl Kobernik, appointed to represent Democrats, for a term commencing July 7, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2024.

July 7, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.16121, 333.16122 and 333.16621:

**Michigan Board of Dentistry**

Dr. Raymond DeWitt of 902 E. Easterday Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, county of Chippewa, succeeding Joshua Goodrich whose term expired June 30, 2021, appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing July 7, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Dr. Jennifer R. Fuller of 1994 Eagle Pointe, Bloomfield, Michigan 48304, county of Oakland, succeeding Patricia Roels whose term expired June 30, 2021, appointed to represent dentists, for a term commencing July 7, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Dr. Mark M. Johnston of 3640 Muirfield Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48911, county of Ingham, reappointed to represent dentists, for a term commencing July 7, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

Dr. Craig C. Spangler of 3953 Cottontail Lane, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48301, county of Oakland, filling a new seat, appointed to represent dentists, for a term commencing July 7, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2023.

Ms. Dawn M. Strehl of 2831 M-66, East Jordan, Michigan 49727, county of Charlevoix, succeeding Kathleen Inman whose term expired June 30, 2021, appointed to represent dental hygienists, for a term commencing July 7, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2025.

July 7, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 198 of 2003, MCL 285.317:

**Farm Produce Insurance Authority Board of Directors**

Mr. William B. Willson of 2524 W. Braden Road, Perry, Michigan 48872, county of Shiawassee, reappointed to represent producers from the largest Michigan organization representing general farm interests in Michigan, for a term commencing July 7, 2021 and expiring June 20, 2024.

July 7, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 1 of 1968, MCL 10.72 and Executive Reorganization No. 2020-3, MCL 37.113:

**Michigan Women’s Commission**

Ms. Tamara Faber-Doty of 10014 Huron Creek Drive, Dexter, Michigan 48130, county of Washtenaw, succeeding Catherine Hendrian whose term expires July 15, 2021, appointed for a term commencing July 16, 2021 and expiring July 15, 2024.

Ms. Karin Hopman of 3644 Fraser Street, N.E., Rockford, Michigan 49341, county of Kent, succeeding Deidre Lambert-Bounds whose term expires July 15, 2021, appointed for a term commencing July 16, 2021 and expiring July 15, 2024.

Ms. Katie F. Horvath of 10110 E. San Remo Boulevard, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, county of Leelanau, succeeding Margaret Wheeler Derrer whose term expires July 15, 2021, appointed for a term commencing July 16, 2021 and expiring July 15, 2024.

Dr. Tracy Joshua of 107 Barrington Circle, Battle Creek, Michigan 49015, county of Calhoun, succeeding Alisha Meneely whose term expires July 15, 2021, appointed for a term commencing July 16, 2021 and expiring July 15, 2024.

Ms. Kelli L. Saunders of 8466 North Center Park Drive, Byron Center, Michigan 49315, county of Kent, reappointed for a term commencing July 16, 2021 and expiring July 15, 2024.

July 14, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 278 of 1965, MCL 390.712:

**Saginaw Valley State University Board of Control**

Mrs. Vanessa Guerra of 144 Goetz Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48602, county of Saginaw, succeeding Dennis Durco whose term expires July 21, 2021, appointed for a term commencing July 22, 2021 and expiring July 21, 2029.

Mr. Carl M. Williams of 2346 Peale Drive, Saginaw, Michigan 48602, county of Saginaw, succeeding John Kunitzer whose term expires July 21, 2021, appointed for a term commencing July 22, 2021 and expiring July 21, 2029.

July 14, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Executive Reorganization Order No. 2019-03, MCL 125.1998:

**Unemployment Insurance Appeals Commission**

Mr. Lester A. Owczarski of 5817 Glen Eagles Drive, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323, county of Oakland, reappointed for a term commencing August 1, 2021 and expiring July 31, 2025.

Ms. Julie A. Petrik of 13156 Winchester Avenue, Huntington Woods, Michigan 48070, county of Oakland, reappointed for a term commencing August 1, 2021 and expiring July 31, 2025.

July 14, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Executive Reorganization Order No. 2019-03, MCL 125.1998:

**Workers’ Disability Compensation Appeals Commission**

Mr. Duncan A. McMillan of 1901 San Lu Rae Drive, S.E., East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506, county of Kent, reappointed for a term commencing August 1, 2021 and expiring July 31, 2025.

Respectfully,  
Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Advice and Consent.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**Messages from the House**

**Senate Bill No. 27, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1) and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

Senator Lauwers 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,

The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 326**

**Yeas—35**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

McCann

**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 bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

**Senate Bill No. 28, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has concurred in the Senate substitute (S-1) to the House substitute (H-1).

Pursuant to rule 1.114(b), the bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

**Senate Bill No. 60, entitled**

A bill to amend 2016 PA 407, entitled "Skilled trades regulation act," by amending section 807 (MCL 339.5807).

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

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

Senator Lauwers 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,  
The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 327**

**Yeas—34**

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

**Nays—1**

Irwin

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Senator Lauwers moved that the bill be given immediate effect.  
The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.  
The Senate agreed to the full title.  
The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

**Senate Bill No. 372, entitled**

A bill to amend 1991 PA 179, entitled “Michigan telecommunications act,” by amending section 309 (MCL 484.2309), as amended by 2011 PA 58.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

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 full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

**Senate Bill No. 459, entitled**

A bill to amend 1992 PA 147, entitled “Neighborhood enterprise zone act,” by amending section 4 (MCL 207.774), as amended by 2014 PA 17.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

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 full title.  
 The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

**Senate Bill No. 501, entitled**

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled “Michigan employment security act,” by amending section 28 (MCL 421.28), as amended by 2020 PA 229.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

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 full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

**Senate Bill No. 507, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending sections 1a, 216, 226, 255, 301, 306, 306a, 309, 312f, 312k, 314, and 801k (MCL 257.1a, 257.216, 257.226, 257.255, 257.301, 257.306, 257.306a, 257.309, 257.312f, 257.312k, 257.314, and 257.801k), sections 216, 226, 255, 301, 306, 309, 312f, 312k, 314, and 801k as amended by 2020 PA 304 and section 306a as amended by 2020 PA 376, and by adding section 205a.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-5) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-5), ordered that it be given immediate effect and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of manufacturers, the manufacturers of certain devices, the manufacturers of automated technology, upfitters, owners, and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to regulate the introduction and use of certain evidence; to regulate and certify the manufacturers of certain devices; to provide for approval and certification of installers and servicers of certain devices; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date,” by amending sections 1a, 216, 217, 226, 255, 301, 306, 306a, 309, 312f, 312k, 314, 801k, and 811 (MCL 257.1a, 257.216, 257.217, 257.226, 257.255, 257.301, 257.306, 257.306a, 257.309, 257.312f, 257.312k, 257.314, 257.801k, and 257.811), sections 216, 226, 255, 301, 306, 309, 312f, 312k, 314, and 801k as amended by 2020 PA 304, section 217 as amended by 2014 PA 290, section 306a as amended by 2020 PA 376, and section 811 as amended by 2006 PA 589, and by adding section 205a.

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

Senator Lauwers 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,

The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 328**

**Yeas—35**

Alexander  
Ananich

Daley  
Geiss

MacDonald  
McBroom

Schmidt  
Shirkey

Barrett	Hertel	McMorrow	Stamas
Bayer	Hollier	Moss	Theis
Bizon	Horn	Nesbitt	VanderWall
Brinks	Irwin	Outman	Victory
Bullock	Johnson	Polehanki	Wojno
Bumstead	LaSata	Runestad	Zorn
Chang	Lauwers	Santana	

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Senator Lauwers moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 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.

Senator Chang asked and was granted unanimous consent to make a statement and moved that the statement be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Chang's statement is as follows:

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the bill sponsors as well as the Department of State for working on this really important compromise. The bills that we are voting on now support the current model that the Secretary of State is using that provides certainty to residents, offers same-day, in-person service, and gets everyone out of offices in about 20 minutes.

I visited a branch office on Mack in my district on Friday and saw that things were working efficiently and wanted to make sure that we recognize the hard work of our Secretary of State branch offices. Anyone who's ever taken a number and then anxiously watched and waited as their lunch hour expired or had to spend sometimes an hour or multiple hours should be really happy about this enhanced service. This language supports this compromise. Branch offices are open. Residents can walk up and be served immediately if there is an opening or a cancellation, can be advised of a kiosk nearby if business can be addressed at one of those, or be given the option to wait or come back. They can also be assisted in person in scheduling a return visit, many times for the next day. This legislation took guidance from the Secretary of State on extending the expirations and waiving late fees on a rolling basis to prevent even more backlog.

The one thing I do think we also need to address is the backlog we created with previous extensions that were all pinned to March 31st of this year. The Secretary of State is making a lot of progress on this, but we could really use some support to make it faster for our residents with this important funding.

**Senate Bill No. 508, entitled**

A bill to amend 2008 PA 23, entitled "Enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act," by amending sections 4 and 6 (MCL 28.304 and 28.306), section 4 as amended by 2020 PA 305 and section 6 as amended by 2020 PA 374.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-5) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-5), ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,  
 Senator Lauwers 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,  
 The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 329****Yeas—35**

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

**Nays—0****Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Senator Lauwers moved that the bill be given immediate effect.  
 The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.  
 The Senate agreed to the full title.  
 The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

**Senate Bill No. 509, entitled**

A bill to amend 1972 PA 222, entitled “An act to provide for an official personal identification card; to provide for its form, issuance and use; to regulate the use and disclosure of information obtained from the card; to prescribe the powers and duties of the secretary of state; to prescribe fees; to prescribe certain penalties for violations; and to provide an appropriation for certain purposes,” by amending section 2 (MCL 28.292), as amended by 2020 PA 306.

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

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-3) and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,  
 Senator Lauwers 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,  
 The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 330****Yeas—35**

Alexander	Daley	MacDonald	Schmidt
Ananich	Geiss	McBroom	Shirkey



Barrett	Hertel	McMorrow	Stamas
Bayer	Hollier	Moss	Theis
Bizon	Horn	Nesbitt	VanderWall
Brinks	Irwin	Outman	Victory
Bullock	Johnson	Polehanki	Wojno
Bumstead	LaSata	Runestad	Zorn
Chang	Lauwers	Santana	

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Senator Lauwers moved that the bill be given immediate effect.  
The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.  
The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

**Senate Bill No. 559, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending sections 518, 537a, and 551 (MCL 436.1518, 436.1537a, and 436.1551), section 518 as amended by 2021 PA 29, section 537a as added by 2020 PA 125, and section 551 as added by 2020 PA 124.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

The Senate agreed to the full title.

Pursuant to rule 1.114(b), the bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Thursday, July 1, 2021.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**General Orders**

Senator Lauwers moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, designated Senator Daley as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President pro tempore, Senator Nesbitt, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bills:

**Senate Bill No. 461, entitled**

A bill to amend 2016 PA 281, entitled “Medical marihuana facilities licensing act,” by amending section 408 (MCL 333.27408).

**Senate Bill No. 462, entitled**

A bill to amend 2016 PA 281, entitled “Medical marihuana facilities licensing act,” by amending section 402 (MCL 333.27402), as amended by 2018 PA 582.

**House Bill No. 4656, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 526 (MCL 600.526), as amended by 2012 PA 22.

**House Bill No. 4980, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 626a (MCL 257.626a).

The bills were placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**House Bill No. 4026, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 805 (MCL 257.805), as amended by 2013 PA 82.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**House Bill No. 4117, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 226 (MCL 257.226), as amended by 2020 PA 304.

Substitute (S-3).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**House Bill No. 4735, entitled**

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2092) by adding section 103.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 529, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, resumed the Chair.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

**Motions and Communications**

Senator Lauwers moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on Third Reading of Bills, be placed on their immediate passage:

**Senate Bill No. 461**

**Senate Bill No. 462**

**House Bill No. 4656**

**House Bill No. 4026**

**House Bill No. 4117**

**House Bill No. 4980**

**House Bill No. 4735**

**Senate Bill No. 529**

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**Third Reading of Bills**

Senator Lauwers moved that the Senate proceed to consideration of the following bill:  
**Senate Bill No. 461**  
The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:  
**Senate Bill No. 461, entitled**

A bill to amend 2016 PA 281, entitled “Medical marihuana facilities licensing act,” by amending section 408 (MCL 333.27408).

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 331**

**Yeas—35**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:  
**Senate Bill No. 462, entitled**

A bill to amend 2016 PA 281, entitled “Medical marihuana facilities licensing act,” by amending section 402 (MCL 333.27402), as amended by 2018 PA 582.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 332**

**Yeas—35**

Alexander	Daley	MacDonald	Schmidt
Ananich	Geiss	McBroom	Shirkey

Barrett	Hertel	McMorrow	Stamas
Bayer	Hollier	Moss	Theis
Bizon	Horn	Nesbitt	VanderWall
Brinks	Irwin	Outman	Victory
Bullock	Johnson	Polehanki	Wojno
Bumstead	LaSata	Runestad	Zorn
Chang	Lauwers	Santana	

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4656, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 526 (MCL 600.526), as amended by 2012 PA 22.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 333**

**Yeas—34**

Alexander	Daley	MacDonald	Schmidt
Ananich	Geiss	McBroom	Shirkey
Barrett	Hertel	McMorrow	Stamas
Bayer	Hollier	Moss	Theis
Bizon	Horn	Nesbitt	VanderWall
Brinks	Irwin	Outman	Victory
Bullock	Johnson	Polehanki	Wojno
Bumstead	LaSata	Santana	Zorn
Chang	Lauwers		

**Nays—1**

Runestad

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the full title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows:

“An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of the courts, and of the judges and other officers of the courts; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in the courts; pleading, evidence, practice, and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in the courts; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4026, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 805 (MCL 257.805), as amended by 2013 PA 82.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 334**

**Yeas—35**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the full title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows:

“An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial

responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of manufacturers, the manufacturers of certain devices, the manufacturers of automated technology, upfitters, owners, and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to regulate the introduction and use of certain evidence; to regulate and certify the manufacturers of certain devices; to provide for approval and certification of installers and servicers of certain devices; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date.”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4117, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 226 (MCL 257.226), as amended by 2020 PA 304.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 335**

**Yeas—35**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the full title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows:

“An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and

permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of manufacturers, the manufacturers of certain devices, the manufacturers of automated technology, upfitters, owners, and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to regulate the introduction and use of certain evidence; to regulate and certify the manufacturers of certain devices; to provide for approval and certification of installers and servicers of certain devices; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date,”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4980, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 626a (MCL 257.626a).

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 336**

**Yeas—28**

Ananich	Hertel	MacDonald	Schmidt
Barrett	Hollier	McBroom	Shirkey
Bizon	Horn	McMorrow	Stamas
Brinks	Irwin	Moss	Theis
Bullock	Johnson	Nesbitt	VanderWall
Bumstead	LaSata	Outman	Victory
Daley	Lauwers	Runestad	Zorn

**Nays—7**

Alexander	Chang	Polehanki	Wojno
Bayer	Geiss	Santana	

**Excused—1**

McCann

**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.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the full title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows:

“An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial

responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of manufacturers, the manufacturers of certain devices, the manufacturers of automated technology, upfitters, owners, and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to regulate the introduction and use of certain evidence; to regulate and certify the manufacturers of certain devices; to provide for approval and certification of installers and servicers of certain devices; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date.”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4735, entitled**

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2092) by adding section 103.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 337**

**Yeas—35**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

McCann

**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.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the full title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows:

“An act to consolidate prior acts naming certain Michigan highways; to provide for the naming of certain highways; to prescribe certain duties of the state transportation department; and to repeal acts and parts of acts and certain resolutions.”

The Senate agreed to the full title.



Senator Barrett asked and was granted unanimous consent to make a statement and moved that the statement be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Barrett’s statement is as follows:

I just wanted to speak briefly about the merits behind this particular bill, House Bill No. 4735. I want to thank Representative Filler in the House for bringing this forward. This bill started as a highway memorial for Private First Class James Fitch, a Marine who was deployed to Vietnam as a young man, was about 19 years old when he arrived there. He’s from St. Johns, Michigan in my district and tragically was killed in an ambush just days after he turned 20 years old. This bill will name a section of highway in Clinton County in St. Johns in his hometown after him.

Representative Filler was gracious enough to allow me to include an amendment to this bill in honor of Ensign Francis Flaherty, who was from Charlotte, Michigan and died and received the Medal of Honor during the attacks at Pearl Harbor where he helped members of his unit on the battleship that he was assigned to—the USS *Oklahoma*—to escape after the order to evacuate had been put out. He decided to stay on board the ship and help colleagues of his and other sailors that were on board to navigate them and light the path out of the ship that was rapidly sinking. His remains were never truly identified after that horrific event. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor and his remains have been unidentified for the last 80 years. And just recently the Department of Defense was able to identify his remains and he has currently a headstone with an empty grave in Charlotte, and they are going to rebury his remains in Charlotte this summer.

I spoke to Representative Filler and asked him for the ability to amend this bill to include the memorial for the Marine that died in Vietnam that was the original purpose behind this bill as well as accomplish the highway memorial in Charlotte in time to have this done and ready for his burial later this year.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 529, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Chang offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 9, following line 7, by inserting:

“Enacting section 1. The appropriations in this act are conditional upon the allowability of the use of the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund as determined by federal law, regulations, and guidance.”.

Senator Chang requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 338**

**Yeas—15**

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

**Nays—20**

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

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The question being on the passage of the bill,  
The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 339****Yeas—23**

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

**Nays—12**

Alexander	Brinks	Geiss	Irwin
Ananich	Bullock	Hertel	Moss
Bayer	Chang	Hollier	Santana

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Senator Lauwers moved that the bill be given immediate effect.  
The motion did not prevail, 2/3 of the members serving not voting therefor.  
The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senators Chang and Schmidt asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Chang's statement is as follows:

I want to urge my colleagues to support this amendment, which basically states that the appropriations in this act are conditional upon the allowability of the use of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund as determined by federal law, regulations, and guidance. I think that we all support making sure that our local bridges and our grade separations are funded so that we can get the things done that we need to for our communities, however, it's vitally important that we follow the federal law making sure that we are not illegally using the funds. I would hope that my colleagues support this amendment.

Senator Schmidt's statement is as follows:

I want to encourage my colleagues to vote "no." We will follow all the laws, regulations, and guidance set out by the federal government in this, so I think it's kind of redundant. I would appreciate a "no" vote on it.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**Resolutions**

Senators Chang and Zorn offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 74.**

A resolution to call for international maritime containers to be treated equally in Michigan compared to other states.

Whereas, Manufacturing and agriculture are major industries in Michigan. The food and agriculture industry contributes more than \$100 billion to the state economy annually. Manufacturing accounts for nearly 20 percent of the state's annual total output; and

Whereas, The manufacturing and agriculture industries rely on the efficient movement, including by water, of inputs and finished commodities to remain competitive. Maritime transportation plays an important role in providing low-cost and efficient means of moving Michigan products overseas, with international maritime containers being the most ubiquitous method of moving products; and

Whereas, Michigan's location near the Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence Seaway System contributes to the state's strong manufacturing and agriculture base. With 3,000 miles of shoreline and the most commercial port terminals in the Great Lakes region, Michigan can and should lead the region in international maritime trade; and

Whereas, Since 2016, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has restricted all international maritime containers entering Michigan. Clearance requirements have been implemented on Michigan ports that are not in place anywhere else in the United States; and

Whereas, The CBP restrictions have economically disadvantaged Michigan and hurt infrastructure and the environment. Cargo that cannot be unloaded in Michigan is taken to nearby ports, leading to high fees for businesses and creating hundreds of jobs in other states. In addition, Michigan's environment and roads are harmed when international containers are moved to and from the state by truck, instead of by ship; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we call on Michigan officials to ensure Michigan manufacturing, agriculture, and ports are treated equally to other states and be allowed to import and export international maritime containers; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the United States Customs and Border Protection to stop the restriction on cargo in Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of United States Customs and Border Protection, the Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Lauwers moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Santana and Bayer were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Chang asked and was granted unanimous consent to make a statement and moved that the statement be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Chang's statement is as follows:

Manufacturing and agriculture are major industries in Michigan. The food and agricultural industry contributes more than \$100 billion to the state economy annually. Manufacturing accounts for nearly 20 percent of the state's annual total output. Maritime transportation plays a really critical role in providing low cost and efficient means of moving Michigan products overseas, with international maritime containers being the most ubiquitous method of moving products. With 3,000 miles of shoreline and the most commercial port terminals in the Great Lakes region, Michigan can and should lead the region in international maritime trade. However, since 2016 the United States Customs and Border Protection has restricted all international maritime containers entering Michigan. Clearance requirements have been implemented on Michigan ports that are not in place anywhere else in the United States. The CBP restrictions have economically disadvantaged Michigan, hurt our ports, and hurt infrastructure and the environment. Cargo that can't be unloaded in Michigan is taken to nearby ports, leading to high fees for businesses and creating hundreds of jobs in other states. In addition, Michigan's environment and roads are harmed when

international containers are moved to and from the state by truck rather than by ship. So this resolution calls on Michigan officials to ensure that Michigan manufacturing, agriculture, and ports are treated equally to other states and be allowed to import and export international maritime containers. I ask for your support for my resolution.

Senator MacDonald offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 75.**

A resolution to designate July 21, 2021, as Glioblastoma Awareness Day.

Whereas, Brain tumors, specifically glioblastoma, have become recognized in recent years as one of the deadliest cancers; and

Whereas, Glioblastoma is the most common cancerous brain tumor accounting for 52 percent of all primary malignant brain tumors; and

Whereas, Glioblastoma was initially described in medical and scientific literature in the 1920s and is now known as the most aggressive, complex, and deadly type of brain tumor; and

Whereas, This type of tumor continues to be one of the most difficult cancers to detect in the early stages of the disease, which contributes to its high mortality rates. There are an estimated 400 new diagnoses of glioblastoma in Michigan in 2021; and

Whereas, The five year survival rate for a glioblastoma patient is only 6.8 percent and the average length of survival for such patients is estimated to be only 12-18 months; and

Whereas, Relative to other types of cancers, brain cancer has one of the highest per patient cost of care with an annualized mean net cost approaching \$150,000 and the highest annualized mean net costs for last-year-of-life care between \$135,000-\$210,000 per patient, depending on the age and gender of the patient; and

Whereas, More than any other cancer, brain tumors can have lasting and life-altering physical, cognitive, and psychological impacts on a patient's life; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan attained national recognition as a leading center of excellence in the field of brain tumor treatment and research as a result of the number of patients traveling here for clinical trial participation, grant dollars locally used to create jobs, and professionals specializing in brain tumors across the state; and

Whereas, Michigan is proud to be the home of high level brain cancer centers such as the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center at Henry Ford Hospital and Rogel Cancer Center at the University of Michigan; and

Whereas, Despite its devastating prognosis, only four drugs and one medical device have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat glioblastoma, although the mortality rates associated with glioblastoma have not changed much in the past 30 years; and

Whereas, We encourage Michigan residents to continue to be vigilant and proactive when it comes to their healthcare; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body designate July 21, 2021, as Glioblastoma Awareness Day. We further support the goals of Glioblastoma Awareness Day, encourage efforts to increase awareness of and education about glioblastoma among the general public, and recognize the need for additional research for the diagnosis, screening, and treatments for brain tumors; and be it further

Resolved, That we honor the individuals who have lost their lives to this devastating disease, or those who are currently living and battling with it, while also recognizing their families, friends, and caregivers; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the development of better treatments that will improve the long-term prognosis of diagnosed individuals and urge an overall collaborative approach, which is a promising means of advancing the understanding and treatment of glioblastoma.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Lauwers moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Santana and Moss were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Victory offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 76.**

A resolution to urge the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada to reopen the United States-Canadian border.

Whereas, In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the United States-Canadian border has been closed to nonessential travel since March 2020. As a result, traffic between the two nations has dropped dramatically, including on the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit, the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron, the International Bridge in Sault Ste. Marie, and the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel; and

Whereas, The border closure has had significant economic implications for both countries. The American Travel Association estimated that the border closure has cost the American economy \$340 million per week. Travel restrictions have been estimated to have led to a loss of as many as half a million Canadian jobs. In Michigan, the loss of more than one million annual Canadian visitors has dramatically affected the state's \$26 billion tourism sector; and

Whereas, The scientific evidence has shown that requiring travelers to be fully vaccinated or provide proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test can effectively mitigate the risk of spreading or contracting COVID-19. In the United States, Americans that meet these requirements can travel overseas to vacation. There is no reason that these same protections cannot facilitate safe travel between the United States and Canada; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada to reopen the United States-Canadian border; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Lauwers moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

Senator Santana was named co-sponsor of the resolution.

Senator Victory asked and was granted unanimous consent to make a statement and moved that the statement be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Victory's statement is as follows:

This resolution encourages both the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada to reopen the United States-Canadian border. The closure has had a significant impact on the economies of the United States and Canada, which has cost an estimated \$340 million per week, has cost jobs, and has had an adverse effect on our tourism. This week I had the opportunity to hear from our colleagues from the north, their elected officials, seeking help with this resolution and opening the border and helping with their economy. However, this is more than economics. A number of my constituents have reached out from farmers, to truck drivers, and U.S. Congressmen, because they are prohibited from visiting their mothers, their fathers, and children, even though they have followed the proper COVID protocols. With this, I ask for your support.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

### **Motions and Communications**

The following communication was received and read:  
Department of State

July 13, 2021

I, Jocelyn Benson, Secretary of State of the State of Michigan, certify that the attached proposed law appeared on the legislative initiative petition filed with the Secretary of State on October 2, 2020 by Unlock Michigan, 2145 Commons Parkway, Okemos, Michigan, 48864. I further certify that on July 13, 2021, the Michigan Board of State Canvassers determined that said initiative petition contains "at least the minimum number of valid signatures required under Article 2, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963." I therefore submit to the Michigan State Legislature said legislative proposal for consideration as provided under Article 2, Section 9 of the Constitution of 1963.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Benson

Secretary of State

**INITIATION OF LEGISLATION**

An initiation of legislation to repeal 1945 PA 302, entitled “An act authorizing the governor to proclaim a state of emergency, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the governor with respect thereto; and to prescribe penalties,” (MCL 10.31 to 10.33).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

Enacting Section 1. 1945 PA 302, MCL 10.31 to 10.33, is repealed.

**CERTIFICATE OF PETITION TO INITIATE LEGISLATION**

We, the undersigned members of the Michigan Board of Canvassers, hereby certify that on July 13, 2021, the legislative initiative petition filed with the Secretary of State on October 2, 2020 by Unlock Michigan was certified to contain at least the minimum number of valid signatures required under Article 2, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963. The minimum number of valid signatures required is 340,047.

Norman D. Shinkle  
Chairperson

Julie Matuzak  
Vice-Chairperson

Anthony R. Daunt  
Member

The initiative petition was received in the Senate on July 14, 2021, at 8:58 a.m.  
The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**Introduction and Referral of Bills**

Unlock Michigan  
**Legislative Initiative Petition**

An initiation of legislation to repeal 1945 PA 302, entitled “An act authorizing the governor to proclaim a state of emergency, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the governor with respect thereto; and to prescribe penalties,” (MCL 10.31 to 10.33).

The initiative petition was read a first and second time by title.

Senator Lauwers moved that rule 3.208 be suspended and that the initiative petition be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills for its immediate adoption.

On which motion Senator Chang requested the yeas and nays.

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

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 340****Yeas—20**

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

**Nays—15**

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

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of  
**Third Reading of Bills**

Senator Lauwers moved that the Senate proceed to consideration of the following initiative petition:  
**Unlock Michigan Legislative Initiative Petition**  
The motion prevailed.

The following initiative petition was read a third time:  
**Unlock Michigan Legislative Initiative Petition**

An initiation of legislation to repeal 1945 PA 302, entitled “An act authorizing the governor to proclaim a state of emergency, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the governor with respect thereto; and to prescribe penalties,” (MCL 10.31 to 10.33).

The question being on the adoption of the initiative petition,  
The initiative petition was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 341**

**Yeas—20**

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

**Nays—15**

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

**Excused—1**

McCann

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Senator Lauwers moved that the initiative petition be given immediate effect.  
The motion did not prevail, 2/3 of the members serving not voting therefor.  
The initiative petition was referred to the Secretary for filing with the Secretary of State.

### Protests

Senators Bayer, Polehanki, McMorrow, Geiss, Hertel, Chang, Brinks, Bullock, Alexander, Santana, Moss and Hollier under their constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the adoption of the Unlock Michigan Initiative Petition.

Senators Bayer, Polehanki, McMorrow, Geiss and Hertel moved that the statements they made during the discussion of the initiative petition be printed as their reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bayer’s statement is as follows:

More than 16 months ago, on March 10, 2020, Michigan had its first two confirmed cases of COVID-19. What should have been a rally for community survival since then has sadly turned into a vicious battle of politics vs. people, which is disheartening when you consider the fact that COVID-19 does not care which side of the aisle you sit on. This petition will hamstring our leaders—leaders of both parties—from preventing or slowing the spread of a deadly disease. This is about our ability to react to pandemics and disasters in the future. It will handcuff our future leaders—duly elected by the people of Michigan—who must act quickly in times of crisis, and do so responsibly and decisively.

Not only that, this petition has been shrouded in mystery and deception and was driven by a partisan political power grab aimed at undermining and hampering our Governor’s efforts to save lives during a deadly pandemic. The process has been masked in millions of dollars of dark money, felons convicted of voter fraud, the unethical and illegal gathering of signatures, conspiracy to commit perjury, and even a criminal investigation into the means of gathering signatures. All these actions undermine our core democratic ideals and adopting this, given everything we know now, could literally put lives at risk—millions of lives, even.

This is not a vote I’m willing to take on behalf of the people who sent me here to protect our democracy and create a better and healthier future for them and their families. I strongly urge a “no” vote on this petition.

Senator Polehanki’s statement is as follows:

Today we are voting on a measure to strip a future Governor of his or her executive power to make quick decisions in the face of an emergency. Governor Whitmer used this provision—made possible in 1945 by the Michigan Legislature—to do just that. And because she was able to act quickly in the face of a global pandemic, it’s estimated that she saved thousands of Michiganders’ lives. It’s perplexing then that we’re voting to strip Michigan’s Governor of executive authority after 76 years. Mr. President, I am a proud member of the first caucus in the history of the Michigan Senate to achieve gender parity. We are eight women and eight men proud. And from this perspective, I’ve heard enough talk by some of my colleagues across the aisle about emasculation and neutering to think that this issue might not merely be an issue of co-equal branches of government needing to work together, like my Republican colleagues claim. In short, I don’t think it’s happenstance that we’re voting to strip the second woman to hold Michigan’s top job of the power granted to her by Michigan law. For this reason, I ask that my colleagues vote “no” on this initiative.

Senator McMorrow’s statement is as follows:

A few months ago I stood up here and said that I had hoped that in this time where we are living through history, that I could tell my daughter one day who was born just a few months ago that I was proud of the work that we did here. That we rallied together in the face of crisis to save lives. That’s our responsibility here. People elect us to these positions to represent them and to act in their best interest. None of us, when we took these offices, knew that we would be facing an unprecedented global pandemic where friends and neighbors died suddenly—so many of our neighbors. And many of those who contracted the disease who are struggling through long COVID and may never return to normal.

The Legislature of the past understood this. They understood that this Legislature is a deliberately slow-moving body. Particularly in this chamber, I’ve heard leaders on both sides of the aisle say that we are deliberative, we take additional time. But when an emergency faces our state, we don’t have the luxury of time. That is what this Legislature of the past put into place. And I could not in good conscience support a measure to remove those powers and put future residents at risk if the executive of the state does not have the ability to act quickly. Because as we saw in the beginning of the pandemic, every day mattered. Every hour mattered. Every minute mattered.

And I’ve also stood up here and spoken to encourage this Legislature to adopt means for us to meet remotely, to continue our work in case there are armed protesters here in our building, and in case there is a pandemic. But session here was cancelled numerous times due to threats. Session here was cancelled when there was a COVID outbreak in the chambers. And by removing these powers, we would be telling the people of Michigan, You have to wait; I know there is an emergency, but you have to wait.



I can't in good conscience put the lives of Michiganders at risk. And there was nothing from March of 2020 to now that stopped this Legislature from introducing and passing legislation to send to the Governor's desk, and yet I heard many of my colleagues complaining that they were sidelined. None of us were sidelined. You chose to do that to yourself. And by taking this action now, you are putting Michiganders' lives at risk, and I would ask for a "no" vote on this initiative.

Senator Geiss' statement is as follows:

This petition that we're voting on today initiated by Unlock Michigan is based on a premise that the 1945 law was designed to do something other than protect public health. Let's be clear—the legislators in 1945 were alive and lived through the 1918 pandemic. Let that sink in for a minute. They knew and they understood the necessity, as we've heard from our other two colleagues, for swift action during a public health emergency.

But today, the Unlock Michigan people are so vitriolic in their opposition to common sense and protecting public health, and we saw that just over a year ago after a protest here at the Capitol on April 30 when armed men stood over us in that Gallery in this chamber to make sure we voted the right way. To this day, I still walk into this chamber with apprehension, as do many of our colleagues. To this day, some of us still carry bulletproof vests with us to be sure we can go home safely to our families. Over this—over an opposition to common sense measures to protect public health in the swift manner that is necessary in dealing with a major public health crisis.

Because the same people behind this petition are the same people who have been linked to a plot to kidnap and possibly kill the Governor, to harm members in both chambers of this Legislature, and those are the same people who traveled to our nation's capital to carry out the first insurrection of that institution in more than a century on January 6. Yes, these things are connected and they are based on a lie—one big lie.

Colleagues, it puzzles me that we stand here today with so many pressing issues before us for the people of Michigan, for us to endorse this proposal by this group of people, a proposal that merely came about when the majority in this chamber and across the rotunda convinced the people of Michigan that, in any way, their rights were being trampled upon—because, apparently, using the law to save lives is trampling upon rights now—when in fact, we are taking away a right afforded to the Governor—who was duly elected by the people of Michigan—which has existed for just over 75 years.

I will not stand here and endorse the very people who have come after us, who have called some of us racist names, who have tried to stoke fear in people and divide this country any further than the previous occupant of the White House has already done.

Senator Hertel's statement, in which Senators Chang, Brinks, Bullock, Alexander, Santana, Moss and Hollier concurred, is as follows:

Throughout the last year and a half, we have seen some truly bright moments of humanity during one of the darkest times we have faced as a nation. One way that we lifted each other up was through financial assistance of each other. Neighbors, men and women, seeing neighbors in trouble, and finding ways to help. Some people raised money to honor and assist first responders confronting the virus head-on. Others fundraised to help local businesses stay afloat while they closed to keep their communities safe. Some crowdfunded to help their neighbors pay their medical bills for those who fell ill or the funeral expenses for those we lost.

Others took this opportunity to raise large amounts of corporate dark money and spend it to try to eliminate laws that protected people in the middle of a global pandemic. Sometimes we see the best in us and sometimes we see the worst. To contribute continuously to an already-dark time by scaring others, having arguments about partisan bickering, to have arguments about power instead of what was best for the people of our state. Even now, at a time when many of us are celebrating getting back to normal, celebrating defeating a global pandemic, with so many hopeful things to look forward to—an historic education budget for our schools and our students, a strong economic outlook for our state, steadily getting closer to reaching our vaccination goals—Michigan has an opportunity to truly roar past the pandemic and get back to where we were and better than that for all our people, an opportunity for us all to look back and realize that working together could solve problems moving forward, after all of that, after all the money spent, after all the dangerous bluster, we've bought ourselves and this body one more day of talking points, one more day to play to our base, one more day to talk about the powers of the Governor, one more day to divide our state moving forward and not have us come together.

But let's be clear—this petition didn't unlock Michigan. No amount of corporate dollars spent unlocked Michigan. Rhetoric cannot end a pandemic. As we stand here at this very moment with very few public health orders left, the action we take today will not amount to unlocking anything. The reason we stand here with such a positive outlook on the horizon for Michigan is because the people of Michigan did the right thing. Our residents listened to the science and to the experts and they got vaccinated. They made sacrifices.

We cannot thank the people of Michigan enough for doing their part to end the pandemic, not by fighting the reality of science or by arguing about powers or politics, but by taking an active role in doing the right thing to help save lives here in Michigan. The people of Michigan unlocked Michigan.

I ask my colleagues to vote “no” on what is another political statement in this body while we’re sitting here and still don’t have a budget that invests millions of dollars in federal dollars that we still haven’t spent to actually help people recover from the pandemic, as we spend another day here doing something that will amount to nothing, sound and fury that will signify nothing, as this place has become much of the time. I ask that we vote “no” on this ridiculousness and get back to the work of the Michigan people because they certainly have gone to work and defeated a global pandemic and kept all of Michigan safe.

Senators Barrett, Runestad 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 Barrett’s statement is as follows:

I rise to give a “yes” vote explanation for this initiative and I want to commend and thank the people of the state of Michigan—the more than half-a-million people that got together and organized and signed a petition to bring this important issue before the Legislature for us to consider.

Last year obviously presented quite a few different challenges, one of which was the unilateral seizure of power by one person in the state government. No matter what the challenges we face, no matter how hard the task is, it is not an appropriate excuse or substitute to say that one person can continuously govern and make rules that have the force of law over the rest of us and completely bypass the other branches of government. Thankfully the Michigan Supreme Court struck down this law already—you want to talk about issues that are moot or no longer important. A number of my colleagues on the other side spoke in opposition to this and said they were going to vote “no” on this initiative today for a law that has already been determined to be unconstitutional by our state’s Supreme Court. Another one of our colleagues said that this issue was complicated or masked in secrecy or something to that effect. I want to read it aloud just to demonstrate how easy this proposal is. It simply says that it will repeal “1945 PA 302, MCL 10.31 to 10.33, is repealed.” That is a direct, verbatim quote of what this proposal does. If that is too complicated for members of this body, I can walk them through a longer form explanation if they so choose.

It’s also important to recognize that we already have another emergency powers act on the books in Michigan—Public Act No. 390 of 1976—which will remain in effect, unencumbered by this initiative before us today. That gives broad authority to the executive branch to act in areas where there are true emergencies. It, however, does recognize the role of the Legislature and says that any extension beyond 28 days of emergency power needs to be extended by the Legislature. That balances the immediate need risk of the issue in front of us with the important protection of the separation of powers for the people here in our state to advocate and talk about their position on this.

One year ago this weekend I went out to a park in my district to collect signatures for this initiative. I was unsure of how many people were going to sign up. It was the first public signing petition drive for this initiative and I was shocked to find that nearly 600 people came from 21 different counties across Michigan to sign this initiative. They knew what they were signing. They weren’t confused about what they were getting into. They knew exactly what they were doing. I also sponsored Senate Bill No. 857 last year that was vetoed by this Governor that would accomplish the exact same thing that this initiative before us does today. This initiative represents a peoples’ veto of this Governor and the unlimited power that she’s tried to claim during this pandemic.

I encourage a “yes” vote, and I’m proud of the people of the state of Michigan for bringing this forward.

Senator Runestad’s statement is as follows:

It’s been quite interesting hearing the comments from the other side of the aisle in regard to this very specific, very limited change that we’re going to pass here to rectify a historical misstep in bills crafted here in this State Legislature. They have basically thrown everything but the kitchen sink in this very, very specific piece of language. Our three branches of government that are so critical to good governance is something that was crafted by the very wise founders and it really prevents the kind of abuse—is designed to prevent the kind of abuse—that we have seen here in the state of Michigan with the Governor operating with dictatorial powers. We are supposed to have an executive, a legislative, and a judicial branch work in unison to come together to craft laws. The law that should be used is the Emergency Management Act, which gave 28 days for a Governor to be able to pretty much operate unilaterally without the Legislature and then the Legislature, after that emergency period, would be able to get involved in making these changes. That’s not what we have been operating under here in Michigan for so much of this pandemic. We have been operating under a dictatorship, in essence by the Governor, without any input from the Legislature.

So what happened? What happened with these great decisions that the Governor was making unilaterally, that the other side of the aisle was saying was so imperative? What are some of the imperative decisions that the Governor had to make by herself without the Legislature? Well, she said that you can go and you can buy recreational marijuana, booze, lottery tickets—these are essential, you’ve got to be able to have them in a pandemic. Now if you want to, if you’re locked down, go buy paint, mulch, and things like that to do outdoors—that’s not essential—you can’t have those things. She said that you can’t hire somebody to go mow the lawn because somebody’s got to pump gas into that gas tank to mow the lawn. So one guy can’t go mow ten lawns but ten owners of their properties can go fill ten tanks, go out and mow ten lawns, and that’s safe, per the Governor and her essential rulings. You can use a kayak but you can’t use a motor boat unless it happens to be the Governor’s husband, then you can get your motor boat out not only at that time but above and beyond the timing of everybody else. You can operate an entertainment business, but not restaurants. The contact tracing that she put together during the pandemic with taxpayer dollars turned out to be a fiasco run by a Democratic campaign organization. The COVID policy is probably the worst of all. If we had been involved here in the Legislature, we would have been saying, Hey let’s take a look at what the industry is saying and the industry says you can’t put COVID-infected patients in with the non-infected patients in a nursing home. That makes perfect sense. That’s what the industry asked for. That is the kind of advice that the Legislature would adhere to if we were involved with the policy.

We weren’t involved. So all of these ridiculous crash-and-burn policies that the Governor crafted during this pandemic did not involve the Legislature so that we would have an opportunity to weigh in and really be able to craft some good legislation in a scenario that we just faced. Going forward with this passage of this constitutional change, we have fixed this gubernatorial, basically dictatorial, governance from continuing from any future Governor and now we’re going to have the operation of the Emergency Management Act and the Governor does have 28 days to operate unilaterally before the Legislature gets involved. So with that, I’m very pleased that we’re going to be able to pass this law and fix a problem that has unfortunately.

Senator Shirkey’s statement is as follows:

I’m amused by some of the comments offered in this chamber regarding this citizen’s petition. I, too, am very proud of the citizens of Michigan who took it upon themselves to recognize and take action necessary to arrest the continuation of unilateral governing from any Governor in the future. This doesn’t take power away, it just reassesses where the power belongs. Affirming that the way in which our current Governor wielded unabashed and unrestrained power unilaterally, setting Michigan up, regardless and despite all of the flaring and glaring comments regarding how well we acted, we have dubiously been awarded dead last in recovery in this nation. The previous speaker from the 23rd District is partially correct. This petition does not fully unlock Michigan. Because upon the completion of this election, and once the 1945 law was deemed unconstitutional by our Michigan Supreme Court, this administration simply pivoted and continued to wield unilateral control through the Public Health Code, only to promulgate and continue to promulgate oppressive, inconsistent, and often illogical orders, when what was really needed in true leadership, was somebody who simply would do this: inform citizens, inspire them, encourage them, and then trust them, and that’s what we needed. This is a terrific affirmation of what citizens can do when they see their government out of control.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**Statements**

Senators Moss, 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 Moss’ statement is as follows:

I think it’s very timely that as Senate Republicans adopt the Unlock Michigan initiative petition today that we work with a sense of urgency to restore honesty and integrity in the ballot petition process here in the state of Michigan. Right now in Michigan, it is lawful for a petition circulator to lie to you and misrepresent the contents of their petition. That’s in part how Unlock Michigan came to us today, by people who deceive, by people who damage the core functions of our democracy. The petition trainer for one of the firms working for Unlock Michigan was caught on video coaching circulators to tell voters that they’re just asking for signatures to get it on the ballot, but we know that’s not true. We know the Republican majority was always working to prevent this from going on the ballot. That’s evident by literally what just happened, to bypass the ballot and approve the petition with a Senate vote. That trainer was also caught telling petition gatherers to go onto privately-owned parking lots to collect signatures, acknowledging that that was unlawful and to, “act stupid” if approached by police about trespassing.” The owner of another petition gathering firm for

Unlock Michigan had a criminal record for falsifying his voter registration and a history of using unethical tactics in other petition drives around the country. Just a few years ago, we all remember the repeal of prevailing wage in which the *Detroit News* reported that petition gatherers were claiming that their proposal was, “for the teachers and construction workers to help protect their wages, benefits and pensions” when the proposal literally did the exact opposite.

Ballot proposals are critical for citizens to have a say in how our democracy operates, but the process is damaged when bad actors use deception as a tool to obtain signatures. Petition gatherers should not be lying to the public to promote their cause. Haven’t we had enough of the lies? A person should be able to grow support for their proposal based on its own merit, not by misrepresenting what the petition will do.

So, again, I’m joining with colleagues to reintroduce legislation I’ve been working on for years to hold ballot organizations liable if an employed petition circulator or volunteer intentionally makes false statements or misrepresentations concerning the contents, purpose, or effect of a petition. This is a no-brainer. When many of us served in the House of Representatives, several of these bills passed with wide margins—100-9, 104-5. We just cannot continue to allow people like those who worked on the Unlock Michigan campaign to use lies and manipulation to erode the credibility of the democratic system for the rest of us. I hope this is something we can all embrace and put forward in Michigan law.

Senator Hollier’s statement is as follows:

Colleagues, today President Biden announced a federal disaster declaration for a significant portion of Southeast Michigan. I first want to say thank you to a number of colleagues who reached out to me after having seen the personal loss by a number of my constituents and friends as we talked about the incredible amount of water damage that we saw in Southeast Michigan, particularly in Detroit and the Jefferson-Chalmers areas in Dearborn and in Grosse Pointe Park. And for the past almost what seems like a month, even though it’s just been a few weeks, people have been calling and complaining about how they have lost their entire life; how they lost photos, family heirlooms—things they could not afford to lose. We spent so much time talking about the memories, but a lot of these people also lost the things that sustain their life. They lost hot water tanks. They lost their washer. They lost their dryer. They lost the things that we need to make our homes safe and livable.

But today in a bipartisan fashion, we approved \$10 million to go to the relief effort. And that’s going to be critically important, but it is just a down payment on what will be significant needs for these folks. I’ve been having conversations with DTE about just the claims that they have received from folks who are involved in their device repair and replacement program and we’re talking about \$9 million of claims that will not be covered because flood damage isn’t covered; because acts of God aren’t covered. And if a second thousand-year flood in 14 years isn’t an act of God, I don’t know what is. But at the same time, we’ve played a role in this impact. And whether you believe it is climate change or continued movement and development in places that were not previously developed upon; us moving and building houses closer to water and closer to those spaces; or some communities building seawalls and not building seawalls, we have done a lot of things to our built environment that have made it more dangerous for some and less dangerous for others. We have done a lot of things that have required and created the level of loss that we have seen. In Grosse Pointe Park one of the biggest concerns was that they simply couldn’t get enough people or companies or space to haul out their life’s possessions that had just become trash. Everything that they loved and cared about, just trash now that they need to get out. Compared to people just a couple of blocks away who are thinking, How are they ever going to be able to rebuild?

And this is not the first time for many of these folks. But in Michigan we don’t typically think about the level of impact that water has on people. We think about that as a coastal issue. We think about what’s going on in the Gulf Coast and we think about hurricanes, but flooding is becoming an increasing issue in the city of Detroit and across the state of Michigan. And it is a situation that we have the ability to work on through investments in infrastructure, in spillways, and all kinds of things that as a bipartisan space, we’ve got to do. Because this is not some problem that a couple hundred million dollars are going to solve. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments—SEMCOG—says that this is a \$5 billion investment every year that we aren’t making. This is a multi-trillion dollar investment that as a nation we aren’t making that is going to go beyond just today’s issues, but will require real investments and real sources of long-term, sustainable revenue.

So today I am grateful that we made an investment in making sure the people who were immediately hit by the storm are going to see relief. But we have got to start talking very seriously about what the long-term solution is so that next year or that in two years we aren’t talking about flood damage or dam response, but that we are talking about how we have made sure people who live in homes can live there safely, because every time it rains you shouldn’t be worried that you are going to get rained out and that everything you love and need is going to disappear. Because right now there is talk about another four inches. If you remember,

there was only supposed to be three inches a day. We got seven inches and some places got eight. All we need is one more day where the weather person's 10 percent projection actually comes through for us to have another devastating storm.

So as we think about this moment, let us think about how we are going to plan for the next one, because there will be one; and how we ensure that we take care of the folks who could not weather this storm and looking forward into how we take care of them.

Senator Shirkey's statement is as follows:

One of the things we've experienced over these last 18 months is the effect of COVID-19 on our mental health services in this state. It has amplified and magnified the need for us to re-evaluate how we deliver mental health services, particularly in the public sector. Providers and CMHs across this state have a very difficult job to do, but they've been doing it in an outdated model that creates situations where depending on where one lives determines the amount and the quality of mental health services available. There is a very direct correlation and consistent connection between the effectiveness of mental health services and physical health outcomes. Oftentimes physical health outcomes are exacerbated in major ways if mental health services are not coordinated properly. Mental health services should not be dependent, as I mentioned a moment ago, upon where one happens to live. They should be consistent across our state.

Senate Bill Nos. 597 and 598 introduced today begin that process. It will be a long process, a long overdue process, and I would suggest to you, Mr. President, that in order to make sure we do this properly, these bills outline in great detail phasing in this transition to a coordinated, integrated effort for public health delivery integrating mental and physical health to ensure those who are among our most vulnerable population continue to get the services they need.

I'm proud of the work that has been put into this so far, even though at introduction it doesn't represent bipartisan support, though we've interacted with almost every known interest group related to this industry. We've gotten terrific feedback, we've got things which we've accommodated, called upon by both advocates on the entire spectrum of mental health services. I am expecting and very sure that by the time this process completes, we will have full bipartisan support for something that's so important to the citizens of this state.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

#### **Introduction and Referral of Bills**

Senators Hertel, Stamas, Ananich, Bullock, Geiss, McCann, Polehanki, Bayer and Chang introduced

#### **Senate Joint Resolution J, entitled**

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 28 to article I, to recognize the best interests of the child in determining the termination of parental rights in cases of child abuse or child neglect, child custody cases, and out-of-home child placements.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors, and Veterans.

Senators Irwin, Brinks, Wojno, Chang, Bayer and Polehanki introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 591, entitled**

A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," (MCL 289.1101 to 289.8111) by adding section 5106.

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

Senator Irwin introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 592, entitled**

A bill to amend 1980 PA 469, entitled "The whistleblowers' protection act," by amending section 2 (MCL 15.362).

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

Senators Bayer, Hollier, Irwin, Chang, McMorrow, Moss, Polehanki, Bullock, Wojno, Alexander and Santana introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 593, entitled**

A bill to regulate the creation of stormwater management utilities by local units of government; to regulate the adoption and content of stormwater utility ordinances; to provide for the allocation of the costs of

planning, constructing, operating, maintaining, financing, and administering a stormwater system to real property served by the stormwater system; to provide for the establishment and collection of stormwater utility fees; to provide for the reduction or elimination of fees; to provide for appeals; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain local governmental officers and entities.

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

Senator McBroom introduced

**Senate Bill No. 594, entitled**

A bill to provide for the levy, collection, and administration of an excise tax on room charges of certain short-term transient facilities by transient guests; to provide for the disposition of the proceeds of the excise tax; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, local units of government, and state and local officials; to provide for certain penalties; and to provide for certain exemptions.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Economic and Small Business Development.

Senator McBroom introduced

**Senate Bill No. 595, entitled**

A bill to amend 1982 PA 244, entitled "Regional tourism marketing act," by amending sections 2 and 5 (MCL 141.892 and 141.895), section 2 as amended by 2018 PA 466.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Economic and Small Business Development.

Senator Geiss introduced

**Senate Bill No. 596, entitled**

A bill to amend 1982 PA 432, entitled "Motor bus transportation act," by amending section 15 (MCL 474.115), as amended by 2016 PA 349.

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

Senators Shirkey and Bizon introduced

**Senate Bill No. 597, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending sections 105d and 109f (MCL 400.105d and 400.109f), section 105d as amended by 2018 PA 208 and section 109f as amended by 2017 PA 224.

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

Senators Bizon and Shirkey introduced

**Senate Bill No. 598, entitled**

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled "Mental health code," by amending sections 100d, 116, 151, 153, 165, 202, 204, 204b, 206, 207, 207a, 208, 209a, 209b, 210, 226, 227, 232, 270, 271, 274, 275, 287, 409, 705, 713, 748, 752, 754, 755, and 972 (MCL 330.1100d, 330.1116, 330.1151, 330.1153, 330.1165, 330.1202, 330.1204, 330.1204b, 330.1206, 330.1207, 330.1207a, 330.1208, 330.1209a, 330.1209b, 330.1210, 330.1226, 330.1227, 330.1232, 330.1270, 330.1271, 330.1274, 330.1275, 330.1287, 330.1409, 330.1705, 330.1713, 330.1748, 330.1752, 330.1754, 330.1755, and 330.1972), section 100d as amended by 2020 PA 99, section 116 as amended by 1998 PA 67, section 151 as amended by 2021 PA 21, sections 153, 206, 209a, 209b, 232, and 752 as amended by 1995 PA 290, section 165 as amended by 2021 PA 22, section 202 as amended by 2016 PA 320, section 204 as amended by 2012 PA 376, section 204b as added by 2002 PA 594, sections 207, 227, 705, 713, and 755 as added by 1995 PA 290, section 207a as added by 2014 PA 28, sections 208 and 210 as amended and sections 270, 271, 274, 275, and 287 as added by 2012 PA 500, section 226 as amended by 2014 PA 266, section 409 as amended by 2020 PA 402, section 748 as amended by 2016 PA 559, section 754 as amended by 2006 PA 604, and section 972 as added by 2020 PA 402, and by adding sections 760 and 761; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

**House Bill No. 4087, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 390, entitled "Emergency management act," (MCL 30.401 to 30.421) by adding section 7b.

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 Health Policy and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 4205, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 82103 (MCL 324.82103), as added by 1995 PA 58.

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 Natural Resources.

**House Bill No. 4206, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 82118 (MCL 324.82118), as amended by 2010 PA 371.

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 Natural Resources.

**House Bill No. 4378, entitled**

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 27 and 34d (MCL 211.27 and 211.34d), section 27 as amended by 2019 PA 116 and section 34d as amended by 2019 PA 117.

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. 4379, entitled**

A bill to amend 1995 PA 24, entitled "Michigan economic growth authority act," by amending section 3 (MCL 207.803), as amended by 2010 PA 272.

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. 4659, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 17754a (MCL 333.17754a), as added by 2020 PA 134.

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 Health Policy and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 4822, entitled**

A bill to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled "Worker's disability compensation act of 1969," (MCL 418.101 to 418.941) by adding section 406.

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 Economic and Small Business Development.

**House Bill No. 4842, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 233 (MCL 436.1233), as amended by 2020 PA 126.

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 Regulatory Reform.

**House Bill No. 5092, entitled**

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "Michigan employment security act," by amending sections 2 and 32b (MCL 421.2 and 421.32b), section 2 as amended by 2011 PA 268 and section 32b as amended by 2011 PA 269, and by adding section 32e.

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 Economic and Small Business Development.

**Announcements of Printing and Enrollment**

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, July 1:

**House Bill Nos. 4087 4205 4206 4378 4379 4659 4822 4842 5092**

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Thursday, July 1, for her approval of the following bill:

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 28 at 3:10 p.m.**

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Wednesday, July 7, for her approval of the following bill:

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 559 at 2:12 p.m.**

The Secretary announced that the following bills and resolutions were printed and filed on Wednesday, June 30, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**Senate Bill Nos. 578 579 580 581 582 583 584 585 586 587 588 589 590**  
**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17**  
**Senate Resolution Nos. 72 73**  
**House Bill Nos. 5183 5184**

The Secretary announced that the following bills and joint resolution was printed and filed on Thursday, July 1, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**House Bill Nos. 5185 5186 5187 5188 5189 5190 5191 5192 5193 5194 5195 5196 5197**  
**5198 5199 5200 5201 5202 5203 5204 5205 5206 5207 5208 5209 5210**  
**5211 5212 5213 5214 5215 5216 5217 5218 5219 5220 5221 5222 5223**  
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**House Joint Resolution J**

The Secretary announced that the following bill was printed and filed on Wednesday, July 14, and is available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**House Bill No. 5252**

**Committee Reports**

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure reported

**House Bill No. 4735, entitled**

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2092) by adding section 103.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Tom Barrett  
 Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Barrett, LaSata, McBroom, Victory, Outman, Lauwers, Bullock and Hollier

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.



The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure reported

**House Bill No. 4980, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 626a (MCL 257.626a).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Tom Barrett

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Barrett, LaSata, McBroom, Victory, Outman, Lauwers, Bullock and Hollier

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Barrett (C), LaSata, McBroom, Victory, Outman, Lauwers, Geiss, Bullock and Hollier

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Health Policy and Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators VanderWall (C), Bizon, Johnson, LaSata, MacDonald, Brinks, Hertel, Santana and Wojno

Excused: Senator Theis

Senator Lauwers moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 1:34 p.m.

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 11, the President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

MARGARET O'BRIEN

Secretary of the Senate

