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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Horn—present
Huizenga—present
Irwin—present
Johnson—present
LaSata—present
Lauwers—present
MacDonald—present
McBroom—present
McCann—present
McMorrow—present
Moss—present
Nesbitt—present
Outman—present

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

Senator Jim Stamas of the 36th District offered the following invocation:

Dear Lord, we just thank You for this opportunity to be here this morning to be public servants, to work for You, and to work for those we represent. Lord, we ask that You give us guidance on good policy. We ask that You give guidance and Your strength to come together to find the right policies to work in the direction that helps all.

Dear Lord, we ask that You be with those who are in harm's way; we ask that You be with those who call out Your name. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

Senator Lauwers moved that Senator McBroom be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator McMorrow moved that Senators Ananich, Geiss and Moss be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

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

The following communications were received and read:
Office of the Auditor General

March 25, 2022

Enclosed is a copy of the following report:

- Report on Internal Control, Compliance, and Other Matters of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (A Discreetly Presented Component Unit of the State of Michigan) (186-0406-22).

March 30, 2022

Enclosed is a copy of the following report:

- Performance audit report on the Negotiation of Consultant Contracts, Michigan Department of Transportation (591-0211-20).

April 5, 2022

Enclosed is a copy of the following report:

- Report on Internal Control, Compliance, and Other Matters on the Michigan Strategic Fund (A Discreetly Presented Component Unit of the State of Michigan) (186-0401-22).

Sincerely,
Doug Ringle
Auditor General

The audit reports were referred to the Committee on Oversight.

The following communication was received:
Office of Senator Sean McCann

March 22, 2022

I respectfully request that my name be added as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 679, 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 Rosemary Bayer

March 24, 2022

Per Senate Rule 1.110(c), I am requesting that my name be added as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 767 by Senator Geiss on December 2nd, 2021.

Sincerely,
Rosemary K. Bayer
12th Senate District
State Senator

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
State Budget Office

March 30, 2022

Attached you will find the report as required by PA 268. Per the statute:

(7) Not later than March 30 of each year that the contract is in effect, the integrity oversight monitor shall provide a detailed report to the Governor, the department of technology, management, and budget, the secretary of the senate, the clerk of the house of representatives, and the chairpersons of the senate and house of representatives committees on appropriations. The report shall contain all of the following:

- (a) Detail of the integrity oversight monitor’s services during the 6-month period.
- (b) Detail of the integrity oversight monitor’s services over the duration of the contract.
- (c) Details of findings of malfeasance or inefficiency.
- (d) Recommendations for corrective actions by any governmental entities.

Please let us know if you need anything else.

Thank you,
State Budget Office

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Civil Service Commission

April 5, 2022

Enclosed is the Fiscal Analysis Report for the Civil Service Commission for fiscal year 2021.

The report is provided in accordance with Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,
John Gnodtke
State Personnel Director

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Recess

Senator Lauwers moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:04 a.m.

11:44 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Moss, McBroom, Ananich and Geiss entered the Senate Chamber.

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received:

Date: March 29, 2022
Time: 9:58 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 465 (Public Act No. 49), being

An act to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled “An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from

each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; to investigate and study the tolling of roads, streets, highways, or bridges; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 10o (MCL 247.660o), as amended by 2000 PA 188.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on March 29, 2022, at 10:40 a.m.)

Date: March 29, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 466 (Public Act No. 50), being

An act to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled “An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; to investigate and study

the tolling of roads, streets, highways, or bridges; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 10 (MCL 247.660), as amended by 2020 PA 222.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on March 29, 2022, at 10:42 a.m.)

Date: March 29, 2022

Time: 10:02 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 618 (Public Act No. 51), being

An act to amend 2005 PA 92, entitled “An act to prescribe the procedures, terms, and conditions for the qualification or approval of school bonds and other bonds; to authorize this state to make loans to certain school districts for the payment of certain bonds and to authorize schools to borrow from this state for that purpose; to prescribe the terms and conditions of certain loans to school districts; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and certain state and local officials; to provide for certain fees; to prescribe certain penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 9 (MCL 388.1929), as amended by 2012 PA 437.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on March 29, 2022, at 10:44 a.m.)

Date: March 30, 2022

Time: 11:09 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 565 (Public Act No. 53), being

An act to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on March 30, 2022, at 1:50 p.m.)

Date: April 7, 2022

Time: 12:10 p.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 247 (Public Act No. 60), 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,” by amending section 2212c (MCL 500.2212c), as added by 2013 PA 30, and by adding section 2212e.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on April 7, 2022, at 2:58 p.m.)

Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The following message from the Governor was received:

March 30, 2022

Today I signed Enrolled Senate Bill 565, sponsored by Senator Bumstead.

This bipartisan bill is another big step forward for our state, demonstrating what we can accomplish when we work together. SB 565 will devote \$4.8 billion to fixing our roads, building broadband, protecting drinking water, and supplying rental assistance. I am grateful to the committee chairs, the caucus leaders, and the legislators for their hard work in delivering critical aid to families, communities, and small businesses.

To provide direction regarding the implementation of this appropriations act, I note that section 203 is unenforceable for the reasons outlined in the transmittal letter attached to Senate Bill 748 of 2020.

I look forward to continuing to put Michigan families and small businesses first as we build toward a robust recovery.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

April 8, 2022

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 218 of 1956, MCL 500.6103:

Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Board of Directors

Mr. Steve Cooper of 7332 North Central Park, Shelby Township, Michigan 48317, county of Macomb, succeeding Curtis Caid who resigned, appointed to represent law enforcement officials, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring July 1, 2022.

April 8, 2022

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 191 of 1968, MCL 123.1002:

State Boundary Commission

Mr. Richard P. Datema of 2360 Rosewood Lane, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, county of Emmet, reappointed for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring November 15, 2024.

Ms. Linda Preston of 33171 Peavine Street, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047, county of Cass, succeeding Christopher Beland who resigned, appointed for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring November 15, 2023.

April 8, 2022

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 223 of 1976, MCL 18.352:

Crime Victim Services Commission

Mr. Thomas P. Clement of 1525 Stanlake Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, county of Ingham, succeeding Victor Fitz whose term expired, appointed to represent Independents and members admitted to practice law in this state not less than 5 years immediately preceding his or her appointment, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring September 27, 2023.

Mr. Jeffrey S. Getting of 5176 Atwater Court, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009, county of Kalamazoo, succeeding Brian Mackie whose term expired, appointed to represent Democrats and prosecuting attorneys, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring September 27, 2024.

Ms. Karen Gray-Sheffield of 19445 Gloucester Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48203, county of Wayne, reappointed to represent Democrats and community-based victim advocates, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring September 27, 2024.

Dr. Tolulope Sonuyi of 3521 Seminole Street, Detroit, Michigan 48214, county of Wayne, succeeding William Fales whose term expired, appointed to represent Independents and medical professionals, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring September 27, 2023.

April 8, 2022

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

Michigan Dairy Market Program Committee

Mr. Timothy Hood of 41488 County Road, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079, county of Van Buren, reappointed to represent the Michigan Milk Producers Association, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024.

Mrs. Amy S. Martin of 14994 18 Mile Road, Leroy, Michigan 49655, county of Osceola, reappointed to represent the Michigan Milk Producers Association, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024.

Mrs. Renee McCauley of 4825 Lincoln Lake Avenue, N.E., Lowell, Michigan 49331, county of Kent, reappointed to represent the Michigan Farm Bureau, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024.

Mr. Dwight Nash of 4717 N. Shepardsville Road, Elsie, Michigan 48831, county of Clinton, reappointed to represent Independent Milk Cooperatives, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024.

Mr. Kenneth P. Wieber of 5048 North Wright Road, Fowler, Michigan 48835, county of Clinton, succeeding Kenneth Nobis whose term expired, appointed to represent the Michigan Milk Producers Association, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024.

April 8, 2022

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 58 of 1998, MCL 436.1209:

Liquor Control Commission

Ms. Kristin M. Beltzer of 420 Alabama Avenue, N.W., #218, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504, county of Kent, succeeding GERALYN LASHER who resigned, appointed to represent Independents, for a term commencing April 11, 2022 and expiring June 12, 2023.

April 8, 2022

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.16121 and 333.18705:

Michigan Board of Respiratory Care

Ms. Kimberly A. Campbell of 5229 Scenicvue Drive, Flint, Michigan 48532, county of Genesee, succeeding Laurie Niemer whose term has expired, appointed to represent respiratory therapists, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2025.

Mr. Jonathan M. Vono of 4331 Sandy Creek Drive, Shelby Township, Michigan 48316, county of Macomb, reappointed to represent respiratory therapists, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2025.

April 8, 2022

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 345 of 1990, MCL 54.263:

State Survey and Remonumentation Commission

Mr. Neil J. Lynch of 370 North Road, Negaunee, Michigan 49866, county of Marquette, succeeding William Karr whose term has expired, appointed to represent surveyors from the Upper Peninsula, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring October 20, 2025.

Ms. Tamara T. Ward of 10131 E. Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48224, county of Wayne, succeeding Andrew Hartwick whose term has expired, appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring October 20, 2025.

April 8, 2022

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Article V, Section 28 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Public Act 286 of 1964, MCL 247.803:

Michigan State Transportation Commission

Mr. Gregory C. Johnson of 2082 Devonshire Drive, Wixom, Michigan 48393, county of Oakland, reappointed to represent Democrats, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring December 21, 2024.

Mr. Heath E. Salisbury of 12295 Duffield Road, Gaines, Michigan 48436, county of Genesee, succeeding Helen Zeerip whose term expired, appointed to represent Independents, for a term commencing April 8, 2022 and expiring December 21, 2024.

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. 302, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," by amending section 495 (MCL 168.495), as amended by 2018 PA 603.

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.

Pursuant to rule 3.202, the bill was laid over one day.

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 Alexander as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bill:

House Bill No. 4252, entitled

A bill to amend 1993 PA 354, entitled "Railroad code of 1993," by amending section 315 (MCL 462.315), as amended by 2012 PA 421.

The bill was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Resolutions

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24.

A concurrent resolution to prescribe the legislative schedule.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 31, p. 420.)

The House of Representatives has adopted the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senators Geiss, Hollier, Santana, Moss, Chang, Irwin, Ananich, Brinks, Bullock and Alexander offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 123.

A resolution to commemorate April 11-17, 2022, as Black Maternal Health Week.

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Black mothers in the United States die at two to three times the rate of white mothers; and

Whereas, The CDC data from 2014-2017 for pregnancy-related deaths shows that there were 13.4 deaths per 100,000 live births for white women, 41.7 deaths per 100,000 live births for Black women, and 17.3 deaths per 100,000 live births for women of all races in the United States; and

Whereas, Black maternal death is one of the widest of all racial disparities in women's health; and

Whereas, Black women are 22 percent more likely to die from heart disease than white women, 71 percent more likely to die from cervical cancer, and three to four times more likely to die from pregnancy- or childbirth-related causes; and

Whereas, According to the National Institutes of Health, when compared with white women with the conditions of preeclampsia, eclampsia, abruptio placentae, placenta previa, and postpartum hemorrhage, which are common causes of maternal death and injury, Black women are two to three times more likely to die than white women who had the same condition; and

Whereas, According to the Michigan Maternal Mortality Surveillance Project, between 2014 to 2018, Black women in Michigan experienced a pregnancy-related mortality rate of 24.1 deaths per 100,000 live births compared to 8.5 deaths per 100,000 live births for white women in Michigan; and

Whereas, The United States has the highest maternal death rate in the developed world and our state ranks 25th in the nation for maternal death; and

Whereas, These alarming statistics for Black maternal health cut across socio-economic status, maternal age, and education levels; and

Whereas, We recognize the necessity for increased attention to the state of Black maternal health as well as the need to study and understand the root causes of poor maternal health outcomes; and

Whereas, We support community-driven programs, care solutions, the improvement of prenatal care and overall maternal healthcare, the improvement of breastfeeding rates and nutrition, and the amplification of the voices of Black mothers, women, families, and stakeholders including Black women from across the diaspora and Afro-Latinx groups; and

Whereas, We also recognize the necessity to end maternal mortality globally in order to strengthen the need for maternal health and rights; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate April 11-17, 2022, as Black Maternal Health Week.

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 Bayer, McMorrow, Polehanki and Wojno were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Santana, Hollier, Bullock, Brinks, Geiss, Moss, McCann, Chang, Bayer and Schmidt offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 124.

A resolution to recognize April 2022 as Arab-American Heritage Month.

Whereas, Michigan is home to the highest concentration of Arab-Americans in the United States with at least 220,000 residents; and

Whereas, Arab-Americans are an integral part of this state since their migration to the United States in the early 1900s in order to find a destination that would better provide political, economic, and religious freedoms; and

Whereas, Since migrating to the United States, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants; and

Whereas, The economic capabilities and political involvement in all levels of government are a testament to the power of the Arab-American community; and

Whereas, Arab migrants bring their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that add strength to our great democracy; and

Whereas, The vast contributions of the Arab-American community in academia, business, medicine, science, and social justice continue to make our state a better place to live; and

Whereas, The working class population of this community has played a pivotal role in the establishment of industrial force that our state is known for today; and

Whereas, Arab-Americans join all Americans in the desire for a peaceful and diverse society where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 2022 as Arab-American Heritage Month.

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 Alexander, McMorrow, Polehanki and Wojno were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Santana's statement is as follows:

I rise in support of my resolution recognizing Arab American Heritage Month. Michigan—and specifically the 3rd Senate District—is home to the largest concentration of Arab Americans in the United States. Over 220,000 Arab Americans call Michigan home and have had a deep impact on our state. Arab Americans have contributed so much to the fabric of our society from inventions, medicine, small businesses, and so much more. We are so honored to have so many Arab Americans who are adding value across every level of our government here. Arab Americans have helped shape and model the Michigan we have all come to know and love. I am proud to call many Arab Americans neighbors, friends, mentors, and family.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Irwin, McBroom, Bayer, Santana, Hollier, Chang, Moss, McMorrow, Geiss, Wozniak, Horn, Barrett, Johnson, Ananich, MacDonald, Huizenga, Zorn, Runestad, Outman and Schmidt introduced

Senate Joint Resolution O, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 53 of article IV and adding section 55 to article IV, to amend the duties of the auditor general and create a permanent bicameral, bipartisan joint oversight committee in the legislature.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Oversight.

Senator Chang introduced

Senate Bill No. 996, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 7453 (MCL 333.7453), as added by 1988 PA 139.

The bill was read a first and second time by title.

Senator Lauwers moved that rule 3.203 be suspended and that the bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole and placed on the order of General Orders.

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

Senators McBroom, Irwin, Hollier, Wozniak, Horn, Moss, Barrett, Geiss, Johnson, Ananich, MacDonald, Huizenga, Zorn, Runestad, Outman, Santana, Bayer and Schmidt introduced

Senate Bill No. 997, entitled

A bill to amend 2003 PA 1, entitled "An act to provide for the audit and examination of this state and state funds; to provide for the audit and examination of the books and accounts of all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities, and institutions of this state; to prescribe powers and duties of certain state officers and employees; to provide for access to records; to provide for the subpoena of witnesses and production of documents and records; to prescribe penalties; and to provide for the administration of this act," (MCL 13.101) by amending the title, as amended by 2019 PA 156, and by adding section 2.

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

Senators Irwin, Hollier, Brinks, Geiss and VanderWall introduced

Senate Bill No. 998, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 281a.

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

Senators VanderWall, Irwin, Hollier, Brinks and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 999, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 281.

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

Senator Irwin introduced

Senate Bill No. 1000, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 277.

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

Senators Bayer, McMorrow, Polehanki, Hollier, Chang, McBroom and Wojno introduced

Senate Bill No. 1001, entitled

A bill to prohibit homeowners associations from banning the installation of certain energy devices.

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

Senators Chang, Wojno, Geiss, McMorrow, Moss, Bullock, Irwin, Alexander, Bayer, Hollier and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 1002, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending sections 2110a, 2111, 2111a, 2118, 2120, and 2151 (MCL 500.2110a, 500.2111, 500.2111a, 500.2118, 500.2120, and 500.2151), section 2110a as amended by 2012 PA 441, sections 2111, 2118, 2120, and 2151 as amended by 2019 PA 21, and section 2111a as added by 2006 PA 610; 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 Insurance and Banking.

Senators VanderWall, Hollier, Wozniak, Daley and Schmidt introduced

Senate Bill No. 1003, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 81101, 81132, 81145, 81146, and 81150 (MCL 324.81101, 324.81132, 324.81145, 324.81146, and 324.81150), section 81101 as amended by 2020 PA 385 and sections 81132, 81145, 81146, and 81150 as added by 1995 PA 58.

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

Senators VanderWall, Hollier, Wozniak, Daley and Schmidt introduced

Senate Bill No. 1004, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” (MCL 436.1101 to 436.2303) by adding section 1016.

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

House Bill No. 4163, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 388, entitled “Michigan campaign finance act,” by amending section 47 (MCL 169.247), as amended by 2015 PA 269.

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 Elections.

House Bill No. 5695, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 707 (MCL 436.1707), as amended by 2008 PA 11.

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. 5696, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 502 (MCL 436.1502), as amended by 2020 PA 112.

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. 5726, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 90, entitled “Youth employment standards act,” by amending section 15 (MCL 409.115).

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. 5871, entitled

A bill to amend 2016 PA 281, entitled “Medical marihuana facilities licensing act,” by amending sections 502 and 504 (MCL 333.27502 and 333.27504), section 502 as amended by 2018 PA 648 and section 504 as amended by 2018 PA 10.

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.

Statements

Senators Geiss, Barrett and Bayer asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Geiss’ statement is as follows:

Today we read in Senate Resolution No. 123—which is a fantastic number—a resolution observing the fifth annual Black Maternal Health Week, which is always observed April 11 through 17. And I am proud to say that since its inception in 2018, I have introduced the resolution for the state to recognize it.

Founded by Black Mamas Matter Alliance in 2018, Black Maternal Health Week is a week of awareness, activism, and community-building that’s aimed at amplifying the voices of Black mamas, bringing visibility to Black-led maternal health initiatives and centering the values and traditions of the reproductive- and birth-justice movements. It’s one part of multiple avenues of addressing the Black maternal health crisis with work that is centered in ensuring that all Black mamas have the rights, respect, and resources to thrive before, during, and after pregnancy.

While the gaps and disparities in Black maternal health compared with white, non-Hispanic maternal health have closed somewhat, these disparities still remain too large. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 700 women die each year in the United States as a result of pregnancy or delivery complications. In 2020, Black women were most disproportionately affected with a mortality rate of 55.3 deaths per 100,000 live births, compared to 19.1 deaths per 100,000 live births and 18.2 deaths per 100,000 live births for white and Hispanic women, respectively. The U.S. had an infant mortality rate of 5.6 per 1,000 live births in 2019, with a health disparity among Black babies at a rate of 10.8 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2018.

Black women are three to five times more likely to have a maternal death than white women in the United States. Black mothers are also more likely to suffer from perinatal mood and anxiety disorders like postpartum depression in silence without clinical help. These are just a handful of the statistics that describe the still perilous state of Black maternal health in our country around all facets of reproductive healthcare.

The 2022 theme of Black Maternal Health Week is “Building for Liberation: Centering Black Mamas, Black Families, and Black Systems of Care,” which reflects the Black Mamas Matter Alliance’s work in centering Black women’s scholarship, maternity care work, and advocacy across the full spectrum of sexual, maternal, and reproductive health care, services, programs, and initiatives. Through us, with us, by us, and for us, Black mamas—who are cis women, transgender folks, and gender-expansive birthing persons—that are people of African descent across the diaspora—African American, Afro Asian, Afro Caribbean, Afro Indigenous, Afro Latinx, Black, and immigrant—are taking control and building towards our liberation and right to have safe, culturally competent, and congruent care unapologetically with a focus on our own freedom and right to live and thrive. Black Maternal Health Week recognizes the necessary and ongoing work in this arena so that we can completely close the gap in the crisis that Black maternal health is in this country.

Senator Barrett’s statement is as follows:

I just wanted to make mention for colleagues today that we have a blood drive scheduled for tomorrow. There’s an opportunity to sign up—hopefully you’ve received an e-mail from the Senate Business Office in conjunction with the Secretary’s office. We are hosting this as a joint effort with the House of Representatives in partnership with the American Red Cross, and we think this might be the first blood drive that’s been performed here at the Capitol.

We have a critical shortage of blood going on in the country right now. Back in January of this year, the American Red Cross declared a blood shortage emergency that continues to this day. We have a critical supply shortage of blood, and each pint of blood that is donated can help save up to three lives. Unfortunately, with a lot of the shutdown and lack of activity because of the pandemic, a lot of your normal blood drives that are scheduled at workplaces, schools, universities, and other areas where people tend to gather have all been postponed or cancelled and it's far harder to get people to show up for an appointment somewhere they may be unfamiliar with to go and actually drive across town and donate blood.

We are hosting a blood drive here at the Capitol. We have a goal to have 50 pints donated—so we need 50 individual donors—that can help save up to 150 lives. I wanted to read a few headlines just with the shortage of blood going on across the country. Hospitals are experiencing a global blood supply. Less than 50 percent of blood supply needed, critical shortage possible. “Critical blood supply shortage impacts local hospitals.” “OBI warns of ‘dangerous direction’ as blood supply drops below 50%.” These are things that are absolutely critical for people’s livelihoods.

I personally had some experience with this as an infant, long before I had any memory of this or anything else. I had a rare blood disorder and required the donation of others to donate blood that could be used to replenish the supply of blood I needed in my own body. That was donated by people I’ll never have the opportunity to know or meet throughout my life, but certainly helped save my own life. I think for the ability to pay it forward for others, that’s what we’re asking to be able to do.

I wanted to give you a few last motivators. There is an 88 percent reduction in heart attacks for those who are regular blood donors—so if you donate blood once a year or more, one study found you could have an 88 percent reduction in heart attacks. As I already stated you can save up to three lives. Blood and platelets cannot be synthetically produced and need to be given by donors. Last but certainly not least, for those of you who are health-conscious and maybe looking to lose a little bit of weight, you can burn 650 calories by donating a pint of blood so it will replace your normal afternoon workout that I’m sure you’re looking forward to tomorrow.

Sit down for about 45 minutes or an hour, donate some blood, help save some lives, and do some health benefit for yourself too.

Senator Bayer’s statement is as follows:

Today we have a very special group visiting us in the Capitol at a very, very special time. It has been four months since the shooting at Oxford High School. It has been four months since 11 people were shot by a 15 year old in Oxford school and four students died. It’s been another four months and we’ve not had a single hearing, let alone a vote, on any of our responsible gun ownership pieces of legislation that we offer again and again in this house and in the House down the hall. But they are a powerful group, a powerful force here in the Capitol today.

We have moms here—we have moms—and we know what moms can do. Moms are a powerful force. They’re here today to talk to us. Their founder, Shannon Watts, is here today to meet with you, to meet with all of us, to tell us their stories, to help us all understand how important this issue is. How it’s time for us to stop senseless violence against our children in our schools—in their homes. It’s time for us to have hearings and votes on this issue, on responsible gun ownership. So I urge you all, today, take those meetings, listen to the stories, feel the pain that we have experienced as we go through this with our kids.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, March 24:

House Bill Nos. 4163 5695 5696 5726 5871

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Tuesday, March 29, for her approval the following bills:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 247 at 10:57 a.m.

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 565 at 10:59 a.m.

The Secretary announced that the following bills and resolutions were printed and filed on Thursday, March 24, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**Senate Bill Nos. 981 982 983 984 985 986 987 988 989 990 991 992 993
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24

Senate Resolution Nos. 120 121 122

**House Bill Nos. 5967 5968 5969 5970 5971 5972 5973 5974 5975 5976 5977 5978 5979
5980 5981**

Committee Reports

The Committee on Health Policy and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 944, entitled

A bill to amend 1945 PA 47, entitled “An act to authorize 2 or more cities, townships, and villages, or any combination of cities, townships, and villages, to incorporate a hospital authority for planning, promoting, acquiring, constructing, improving, enlarging, extending, owning, maintaining, and operating 1 or more community hospitals and related buildings or structures and related facilities; to provide for the sale, lease, or other transfer of a hospital owned by a hospital authority to a nonprofit corporation established under the laws of this state for no or nominal monetary consideration; to define hospitals and community hospitals; to provide for changes in the membership therein; to authorize the cities, townships, and villages to levy taxes for community hospital purposes; to provide for the issuance of bonds; to provide for the pledge of assessments; to provide for borrowing money for operation and maintenance and issuing notes for operation and maintenance; to validate elections heretofore held and notes heretofore issued; to validate bonds heretofore issued; to authorize condemnation proceedings; to grant certain powers of a body corporate; to validate and ratify the organization, existence, and membership of entities acting as hospital authorities under the act and the actions taken by hospital authorities and by the members of the hospital authorities; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies,” by amending section 9 (MCL 331.9), as amended by 1990 PA 69.

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.

Curtis S. VanderWall
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators VanderWall, Bizon, Johnson, LaSata, MacDonald, Theis, Brinks, Hertel, Santana and Wojno

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Health Policy and Human Services reported

House Bill No. 5165, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled “Mental health code,” by amending section 818 (MCL 330.1818), as amended by 1995 PA 290.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Curtis S. VanderWall
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators VanderWall, Bizon, Johnson, LaSata, MacDonald, Theis, Brinks, Hertel, Santana and Wojno

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

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

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Licensing and Regulatory Affairs/Insurance and Financial Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Nesbitt (C) and MacDonald

Excused: Senator Santana

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12 and Michigan Department of Education submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor,
Capitol Building

Present: Senators Schmidt (C), Outman, Bumstead, Daley, Theis, Bayer and Polehanki

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Victory (C), Daley and McCann

Scheduled Meetings

Agriculture – Thursday, April 14, 8:30 a.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

Appropriations –**Subcommittees –**

Agriculture and Rural Development – Thursday, April 14, 3:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

Military and Veterans Affairs/State Police – Thursday, April 14, 1:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

Health Policy and Human Services – Thursday, April 14, 1:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5323

Judiciary and Public Safety – Thursday, April 14, 8:30 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5312

Oversight and House Oversight – Wednesday, April 13, 3:00 p.m., Room 519, 5th Floor, Anderson House Office Building (517) 373-5312

Senator Lauwers moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:11 p.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

MARGARET O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

