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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator Jeremy Moss.

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

Albert—present  
Anthony—present  
Bayer—present  
Bellino—present  
Brinks—present  
Bumstead—present  
Camilleri—present  
Cavanagh—present  
Chang—present  
Cherry—present  
Daley—present  
Damoose—present  
Geiss—present

Hauck—present  
Hertel—present  
Hoitenga—present  
Huizenga—present  
Irwin—present  
Johnson—present  
Klinefelt—present  
Lauwers—excused  
Lindsey—present  
McBroom—excused  
McCann—present  
McDonald Rivet—present  
McMorrow—present

Moss—present  
Nesbitt—present  
Outman—present  
Polehanki—present  
Runestad—excused  
Santana—present  
Shink—present  
Singh—present  
Theis—present  
Victory—present  
Webber—present  
Wojno—present

Senator Joseph N. Bellino, Jr. of the 16th District offered the following invocation:

My Creator, I am now willing that You should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that You now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to You and my fellows. Grant me the strength as I go off from here and do all of Your bidding. Amen.

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

### Motions and Communications

Senator Theis moved that Senators Lauwers, McBroom and Runestad be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, assumed the Chair.

Senator Singh moved that Senators Anthony and Santana be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

The following communication was received and read:  
Office of the Auditor General

January 12, 2024

Enclosed is a copy of the following report:

- Performance audit on the AASHTOWare Project Construction and Materials, Michigan Department of Transportation and Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (591-0591-23).

Sincerely,  
Doug Ringler  
Auditor General

The audit report was referred to the Committee on Oversight.

Senator Singh moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guest of Senator Brinks admittance to the Senate floor.

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

### Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

January 11, 2024

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 368 of 1978:

#### **Michigan Board of Behavior Analysts**

Jonathan Baker of 5236 Heathrow Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009, Kalamazoo County, succeeding Christie Nutkins whose term has expired, appointed to represent a member who is affiliated with a university in the state and provides instructions or conducts research in applied behavior analysis, for a term commencing January 11, 2024, and expiring December 31, 2027.

January 11, 2024

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Executive Order No. 2012-17:

#### **Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board**

NiCole Buchanan of 1288 Sebewaing Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864, Ingham County, reappointed to represent persons with experience handling the problems of domestic violence and/or sexual violence, for a term commencing January 11, 2024, and expiring December 4, 2026.

January 11, 2024

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to MCL 333.17421, MCL 333.16121, Public Act 368 of 1978:

**Michigan Board of Optometry**

Velma Overman of 27717 Carlisle Street, Inkster, Michigan 48141, Wayne County, reappointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing January 11, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2026.

Lauren Plawecki of 49435 Plymouth Way, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, Wayne County, succeeding Hrisais Skorna whose term has expired, appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing January 11, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2027.

Virginia Manolakoudis of 1852 Olympian Way, Howell, Michigan 48843, Livingston County, reappointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing January 11, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2026.

January 11, 2024

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to MCL 333.18221, Public Act 368 of 1978:

**Michigan Board of Psychology**

Gary Harper of 223 E. Ann Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, Washtenaw County, reappointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing January 11, 2024, and expiring December 31, 2027.

January 11, 2024

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 48 of 1963 (2nd Ex. Sess.), MCL 390.551:

**Western Michigan University Board of Trustees**

James Liggins of 4438 Willow Point Lane, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49004, Kalamazoo County, succeeding Shani Penn who has passed, is appointed for a term commencing January 11, 2024, and expiring December 31, 2024.

Kara Wood of 71 Campau Circle, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, Kent County, succeeding Kurtis Trevan who has resigned, appointed for a term commencing January 11, 2024, and expiring December 31, 2028.

Respectfully,  
Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Anthony entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**Introduction and Referral of Bills**

Senator Hoytenga introduced

**Senate Bill No. 689, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 224a (MCL 750.224a), as amended by 2012 PA 122.

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

Senator Santana entered the Senate Chamber.

**Recess**

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:05 a.m.

10:23 a.m.

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brinks' statement is as follows:

It is my pleasure today to welcome some honored guests from my district to the Capitol. Matt Vriesman is a teacher in Kentwood Public Schools, which is the most diverse district in the state of Michigan. It is in the top-five for diversity in the entire nation and it is a tapestry of cultures, languages, backgrounds, and perspectives where everyone can thrive.

Thriving for Mr. Vriesman has meant teaching students in his history class to understand where our nation has come from so his students can help shape where we are going. They're empowered to ask real questions about race, wealth, power, and privilege. They're equipped to become active engaged citizens in our democracy, which relies on participation from every single voice. In short, Mr. Vriesman is making tomorrow's Michigan stronger. He is investing in the ones who will someday likely be in these seats—Senators.

That's why I am so proud that his contributions have been recognized nationally. This past year Matthew Vriesman was named the 2023 National History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Colleagues, I would ask you today to please join me in offering congratulations to Mr. Vriesman for this prestigious honor, in thanking him for devoting his life to the honorable and profoundly important profession of teaching, and help me welcome this honored group from Kentwood Public Schools to the Capitol today. Joining Mr. Vriesman in the Gallery are the assistant principal of East Kentwood High School, Lindsay Kimbrough; Kentwood Superintendent Kevin Polston; and a few brilliant students, Kian, Sam, Diba, and Gracelynn.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**General Orders**

Senator Singh 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 Damoose 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 bills:

**Senate Bill No. 415, entitled**

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending sections 12 and 18 (MCL 205.62 and 205.68), as amended by 2022 PA 3.

**Senate Bill No. 416, entitled**

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled "Use tax act," by amending sections 14a and 14b (MCL 205.104a and 205.104b), as amended by 2022 PA 4.

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

**Announcements of Printing and Enrollment**

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, January 10, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**House Bill Nos. 5390 5391 5392**

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Thursday, January 11, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**Senate Bill Nos. 682 683 684 685 686 687 688**

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Tuesday, January 16, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**House Bill Nos. 5393 5394 5395 5396 5397 5398**

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:32 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN  
Secretary of the Senate

