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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, May 23, 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—excused
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—present
Lindsey—present
McBroom—excused
McCann—present
McDonald Rivet—present
McMorrow—present

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

Motions and Communications

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

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

Senator Singh moved that Senator Camilleri be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Singh moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guests of all Senators admittance to the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

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

Senator Singh moved that rule 3.901 be suspended to allow photographs to be taken from the Senate floor, including the center aisle.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Resolutions

Senator Singh moved that rule 3.204 be suspended to permit immediate consideration of the following resolutions:

Senate Resolution No. 123

Senate Resolution No. 124

Senate Resolution No. 125

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

Senator Wojno offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 123.

A resolution to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

Whereas, On June 6, 1944, approximately 156,000 Allied troops landed along a heavily fortified stretch of French coastline, seeking to breach Fortress Europe and strike a crucial blow against the fascism of Nazi Germany; and

Whereas, D-Day, code named "Operation Overlord", was fought along the beaches of Normandy so that Europe might be free from the bonds of tyranny and oppression; and

Whereas, More than 5,000 ships and 11,000 aircraft supported the invasion, making D-Day the largest naval, air, and land operation ever undertaken; and

Whereas, These soldiers, many of whom were not even 20 years old, faced a daunting and perilous task as they fought through the ocean surf, braving artillery shells and machine gun fire with little to no natural cover to protect against enemy guns; and

Whereas, Allied forces suffered more than 10,000 casualties that day with over 4,000 Allied soldiers making the ultimate sacrifice, laying down their lives on the beachheads of France. Many sons of America were laid to rest in the graveyards of Europe, young lives cut short before their time, thousands of miles from home; and

Whereas, The brave men who waged battle on the Normandy coast represent the best of mankind, embodied by a love of country, a dedication to humanity, and, above all else, a profound and steadfast devotion to the causes of liberty and freedom; and

Whereas, All those American soldiers are testaments to America's enduring promise to forever stand tall against tyrannical governments, to always protect and defend democracy, and to never forget that our nation and all great nations were built upon the principles of freedom; and

Whereas, We must always remember and honor the men who fought and died on that day, both those who returned home as heroes, husbands, and fathers, and also those whom history called to their final breath on Normandy sands; and

Whereas, The world owes a debt of gratitude to the members of the "Greatest Generation" who assumed the task of freeing the world from Nazi and fascist regimes and restoring liberty in Europe; and

Whereas, Michiganders, realizing full well that words ring hollow in honoring the bravery, valiance, and courage of these men, seek to honor their memories; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage all Michiganders to observe the anniversary of D-Day and to forever honor those souls whose eulogy will always be a free and democratic Europe.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Bayer, Chang, Damoose, Huizenga, Johnson, Lindsey, Moss, Nesbitt, Outman, Santana, Singh, Theis and Webber were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Wojno's statement is as follows:

Today I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in support of my resolution to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied troops unified against the fascism of Nazi Germany on June 6, 1944. D-Day, codenamed Operation Overlord, where 156,000 troops fought along the beaches of Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword in Normandy so that Europe might be free from tyranny and oppression. Over 5,000 ships and 11,000 aircraft supported the invasion, making D-Day the largest naval, air, and land operation ever undertaken. Over 4,000 soldiers, many of them not even 20 years of age, laid down their lives on the beachheads of France—on Omaha Beach alone, nearly 2,400 American soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice. These soldiers represent the best of mankind, embodied by a love of country, a dedication to humanity, and above all, a profound devotion to the causes of liberty and freedom.

We must always remember and honor those who died that day, along with those who returned home as heroes. The world owes a debt of gratitude to the members of the Greatest Generation who fought to liberate Europe. I encourage my colleagues and all Michiganders to join me in supporting this resolution observing this 80th anniversary of D-Day that forever honors the souls whose eulogy will always be a free Europe.

Senators Johnson, Outman, Nesbitt, Webber, Lauwers, Bumstead, Hauck, Hoitenga, Huizenga, Albert, Bellino, Lindsey, Damoose, Theis, Wojno, Chang, Bayer, Shink, Irwin and McDonald Rivet offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 124.

A resolution to designate May 2024 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) Awareness Month.

Whereas, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is an inherited condition that affects the connective tissues of the body; and

Whereas, Connective tissues provide support in skin, tendons, ligaments, blood vessels, internal organs, and bones; and

Whereas, There are 13 types of EDS caused by genetic defects in collagen, one of the major structural components of the body; and

Whereas, Symptoms of EDS may include joint hypermobility, loose or unstable joints that dislocate easily, joint pain, skin that bruises easily, digestive problems, dizziness and increased heart rate when standing up, and problems with internal organs; and

Whereas, Early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity to create lifesaving medical plans and improve quality of life; and

Whereas, Eighty percent of people with EDS also have postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS); and

Whereas, POTS causes an individual's heart rate to increase quickly after getting up from sitting or lying down causing symptoms such as dizziness or light-headedness, fainting or almost fainting, heart palpitations, chest pain, shortness of breath, and shaking or sweating; and

Whereas, Those suffering from POTS may also have additional medical problems including digestion problems such as feeling or being sick, diarrhea, constipation, bloating and stomach pain, headaches and problems with sight such as blurred vision or tunnel vision, hands and feet looking purple, weakness and extreme fatigue, and problems with thinking, memory, and concentration; and

Whereas, It is estimated that the prevalence of all types of EDS combined affect at least 1 in 5,000 people worldwide with recent research indicating that it is likely underdiagnosed; and

Whereas, EDS may significantly decrease both quantity and quality of life for those affected; and

Whereas, Currently, there is no treatment and no known cure for EDS. Further medical research and awareness can bring hope for those with EDS; and

Whereas, A network of EDS support groups can help connect those managing life with this disease. Additionally, they help inform the health care community and the public; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body designate May 2024 as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) Awareness Month. We honor those bravely suffering from EDS and encourage scientific research and funding to find a cure.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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

Senator Moss offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 125.

A resolution to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Michigan Municipal League.

Whereas, May 23, 2024, marks 125 years of the Michigan Municipal League’s presence in our state; and

Whereas, The origins of the Michigan Municipal League were initiated in 1899 when a group of mayors sought to collaborate with one another and form an organization to focus on ‘good government’ and strengthen the concept of home rule. The original bylaws envisioned an organization whose purpose was “the affiliation of municipal officials and the general improvement of every branch of municipal administration...”; and

Whereas, Michigan organized a state municipal league in 1899, following California, Indiana, Iowa, and Wisconsin. The organization was known as the League of Michigan Municipalities, and its founding members were: Adrian, Albion, Alpena, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Bay City, Benton Harbor, Big Rapids, Cadillac, Charlevoix, Charlotte, Coldwater, Detroit, Dowagiac, Eaton Rapids, Flint, Grand Haven, Grand Ledge, Grand Rapids, Hillsdale, Holly, Hudson, Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Ludington, Manistee, Marshall, Mason, Monroe, Muskegon, Niles, Owosso, Pontiac, Port Huron, Rochester, Saginaw, St. Louis, Stanton, St. Joseph, Traverse City, Wyandotte, and Ypsilanti; and

Whereas, The League’s continuity was secured in 1928 by creating a permanent home in Ann Arbor, hiring a full-time employee, publishing a periodical, and establishing a clearinghouse of information. Harold D. Smith was the first director and built the League into a statewide organization by doubling membership his first year and doubling it again in his second year; and

Whereas, In 1957, the League expanded its presence by establishing an additional consultation and research office in Lansing and, ten years later, held its first legislative conference bolstering its advocacy and coverage of municipal issues at the state level; and

Whereas, Currently, the mission statement reads: “The Michigan Municipal League is dedicated to making Michigan’s communities better by thoughtfully innovating programs, energetically connecting ideas and people, actively serving members with resources and services, and passionately inspiring positive change for Michigan’s greatest centers of potential: its communities”; and

Whereas, The League continues its legacy of service to meet the challenges of Michigan’s 280 cities, 240 villages, and five urban townships; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Michigan Municipal League.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Bayer, Damoose, Lindsey, Singh and Webber were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:06 a.m.

10:44 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Anthony entered the Senate Chamber.

During the recess, Senator Klinefelt presented the 29th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony in honor of the military personnel who served during wartime. The ceremony was accompanied by the Morley S. Oates Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 701 Honor Guard and Kalamazoo Pipe Band.

Captain Gabriel Marquez, chaplain of the Michigan National Guard, offered an invocation.

Senator Klinefelt offered remarks.

The VFW Post 701 Honor Guard presented the colors.

Senator Outman led the members of the Senate and guests in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Senator Klinefelt introduced First Sergeant Andrew Schwallier who sang the "National Anthem."

Senator Nesbitt acknowledged members of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and Senate staff who have served in the military.

Senator Hertel recognized Gold Star family members.

Senator Brinks introduced the keynote speaker, Brian Love, director of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency.

Senator Lindsey led a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives serving their country.

Chaplain Marquez offered a benediction.

Senator Albert presented the history of "Taps," and First Sergeant Andrew Schwallier sounded "Taps."

The Kalamazoo Pipe Band performed "Amazing Grace."

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, May 23:

House Bill Nos. 5231 5232 5233 5234 5269

The Secretary announced that the following bill was printed and filed on Wednesday, May 22, and is available on the Michigan Legislature website:

House Bill No. 5737

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Thursday, May 23, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 875 876 877 878 879 880 881 882

Committee Reports

The Committee on Veterans and Emergency Services reported

Senate Bill No. 788, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," (MCL 257.1 to 257.923) by adding section 803t.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Veronica Klinefelt

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Klinefelt, Hertel, Santana and Outman

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Veterans and Emergency Services reported

House Bill No. 4154, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," by amending section 92 (MCL 250.1092), as added by 2006 PA 2.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Veronica Klinefelt

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Klinefelt, Hertel, Santana and Outman

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Veterans and Emergency Services submitted the following:
Meeting held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Klinefelt (C), Hertel, Santana and Outman

The Committee on Housing and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 539, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 348, entitled "An act to regulate relationships between landlords and tenants relative to rental agreements for rental units; to regulate the payment, repayment, use and investment of security deposits; to provide for commencement and termination inventories of rental units; to provide for termination arrangements relative to rental units; to provide for legal remedies; and to provide penalties," by amending section 9 (MCL 554.609).

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

Jeff Irwin
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Irwin, Santana, Cavanagh, Shink, Chang, Cherry, Lindsey, Hoytenga and Damoose

Nays: None

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

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Housing and Human Services submitted the following:
Meeting held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Irwin (C), Santana, Cavanagh, Bayer, Shink, Chang, Cherry, Lindsey, Hoytenga and Damoose
Excused: Senator Geiss

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection submitted the following:
Meeting held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 12:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Cavanagh (C), Irwin, McCann, Bayer, Huizenga, Theis and Daley
Excused: Senator Camilleri

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Appropriations submitted the following:
Meeting held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Anthony (C), McCann, McDonald Rivet, Cherry, Bayer, Santana, Shink, Irwin, Hertel, Klinefelt, McMorrow, Cavanagh, Bumstead, Albert, Damoose, Huizenga, Outman and Theis
Excused: Senator Camilleri

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:45 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate