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House Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

1:30 p.m.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, who announced that a quorum was present.

Aiyash—present	Dievendorf—present	Maddock—present	Schmaltz—present
Alexander—present	Edwards—present	Markkanen—present	Schriver—present
Andrews—present	Farhat—present	Martin—present	Schuette—present
Aragona—present	Filler—present	Martus—present	Scott—present
Arbit—present	Fink—present	McFall—present	Shannon—present
Beeler—present	Fitzgerald—present	McKinney—present	Skaggs—present
BeGole—present	Fox—present	Meerman—present	Slagh—present
Beson—present	Friske—present	Mentzer—present	Smit—present
Bezotte—present	Glanville—present	Miller—present	Snyder—present
Bierlein—present	Grant—present	Morgan—present	St. Germaine—present
Bollin—present	Green, P.—present	Morse—present	Steckloff—present
Borton—present	Greene, J.—excused	Mueller—present	Steele—present
Brabec—present	Haadsma—present	Neeley—present	Tate—present
Breen—present	Hall—present	Neyer—present	Thompson—present
Brixie—present	Harris—present	O’Neal—present	Tisdell—present
Bruck—present	Hill—present	Outman—present	Tsernoglou—present
Bymes—present	Hoadley—present	Paiz—present	VanderWall—present
Carra—present	Hood—present	Paquette—present	VanWoerkom—present
Carter, B.—present	Hope—present	Pohutsky—present	Wegela—present
Carter, T.—present	Hoskins—present	Posthumus—present	Weiss—present
Chavitt—present	Johnsen—present	Prestin—present	Wendzel—present
Churches—present	Koleszar—present	Price—present	Whitsett—present
Coffia—present	Kuhn—present	Puri—present	Wilson—present
Conlin—present	Kunse—present	Rheingans—present	Witwer—present
DeBoer—present	Liberati—present	Rigas—present	Wozniak—present
DeBoyer—present	Lightner—present	Rogers—present	Young—present
DeSana—present	MacDonell—present	Roth—present	Zorn—present

e/d/s = entered during session

Rep. Alabas Farhat, from the 3rd District, offered the following invocation:

“As we gather here today, in the spirit of service and governance, I am humbled to stand before you, invoking the blessings of the Almighty upon our deliberations and upon our beloved state of Michigan. It is with a heart full of hope and a resolve strengthened by faith that I address you today, drawing from the rich tapestry of my heritage and the profound teachings of the Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him.

As we stand united in this chamber, representing the diverse mosaic that is Michigan, let us be guided by the timeless values that transcend our differences. The holy month of Ramadan, observed by millions of Muslims around the world, including many in our great state, teaches us about patience, resilience, and the power of empathy. It is a time for reflection, for giving, and for renewing our commitment to serve not just ourselves, but every member of our community.

The Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him, taught us that ‘None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.’ This profound lesson in empathy and brotherhood calls upon us to look beyond our individual interests and to work collectively for the common good. It compels us to stand against injustice, to speak for those without a voice, and to act with kindness and courage.

In the spirit of Ramadan, and inspired by the teachings of the Prophet Mohammed, let us come together to address the challenges that face our communities. Let us harness our collective strengths to build bridges of understanding and cooperation. Let us work tirelessly to ensure that the dignity, rights, and freedoms of every individual are upheld and respected.

Today, as we reflect on the state of our world and the responsibilities that lie before us, let us also remember the power of hope and the endless possibilities that emerge when we unite in purpose and compassion. Let us be guided by a vision of peace, justice, and prosperity for all, drawing upon our shared values to inspire and lead.

May the Almighty grant us wisdom, strength, and compassion in our deliberations and actions. May we be a beacon of hope and a source of comfort to those in need. And may our efforts today and in the days to come reflect our deepest commitment to serving all members of our community with fairness, with respect, and with an unwavering dedication to the common good.

Thank you, and may peace be upon us all.”

Rep. Aiyash moved that Rep. Jaime Greene be excused from today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

Motions and Resolutions

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 202.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Gary Richard Glenn, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, It was with great sorrow that the members of the House of Representatives learned about the passing of Gary Glenn after a prolonged and inspiring battle with cancer. He will be remembered as a dedicated public servant for his work both inside and outside the state Capitol by his constituents in Bay and Midland counties and the people of the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Born and raised in North Carolina, Gary Glenn actively participated in scouting and sports in his formative years. He was an Eagle Scout and would later become the father of four Eagle Scouts, and he played football and ran track in both high school and college; and

Whereas, Gary Glenn earned his Bachelor of Arts in political science from Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, North Carolina, graduating with honors in 1981; and

Whereas, Before graduation, Gary Glenn was hired as executive director of the Idaho Freedom to Work Committee. In addition to his time in Idaho, he worked for the National Right to Work Committee, and was a founding board member of the Michigan Freedom to Work coalition; and

Whereas, Gary Glenn enlisted in the United States Army Reserve during the buildup to the Persian Gulf War in 1990. He served eight years in the Reserve and Army National Guard and earned the rank of sergeant; and

Whereas, Gary Glenn moved to Michigan in 1998 to serve as president of School Choice YES, promoting the Mackinac Center for Public Policy's Universal Tuition Tax Credit proposal; and

Whereas, In the years to follow, Gary Glenn became president of the American Family Association of Michigan, where he worked tirelessly on their 2004 ballot measure; and

Whereas, In 2014 he was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. Named the majority vice chair of the Committee on Energy Policy in the 98th Legislature, he quickly made a name for himself, being named the Freshman Legislator of the Year by MIRS in recognition of his leadership on energy issues; and

Whereas, In 2016, Gary Glenn was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. This diagnosis did not deter his service, however. He maintained a perfect attendance record and even expanded his leadership role in the 99th Legislature, when he was named chair of the Committee on Energy Policy and elected Associate Speaker Pro Tempore; and

Whereas, Gary Glenn was a devoted and caring family man. In 1983, he married his loving wife, Annette, and they had five children and nine grandchildren. His loving family was by his side throughout his career and offered him especially poignant support during his illness, with Annette succeeding him in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Upon Gary Glenn's passing, we offer our condolences to his loved ones. His commitment to the causes he believed in, and his determination to continue his service during his courageous battle with cancer, are an inspiration to this chamber and the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Gary Richard Glenn, a member of the House of Representatives from 2015 to 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Glenn family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted by unanimous standing vote.

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 203.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Thomas W. White, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, It was with great sorrow that the members of the House of Representatives learned about the passing of Thomas White. He will be remembered as a committed public servant who dutifully served his constituents in Wayne County and the people of Michigan; and

Whereas, Thomas White was born in 1937 in Detroit and attended the University of Michigan and Wayne State University where he received his bachelor's degree in history. He is survived by his wife of thirty-six years, Kate, along with his five sons, thirteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Thomas White's work as a community activist and organizer led him to being elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1964 where he served the eleventh district for two terms. As a representative, Thomas White served on many standing committees including Civil Rights, Metropolitan Affairs, Social Aid and Welfare, City Corporations, and State Affairs. He also served as the chair of the Aid to Handicapped Committee. Thomas was energetic in his work for Michiganders, serving on multiple special committees during his tenure as a legislator; and

Whereas, Thomas White believed that anyone could achieve success, and he served as a mentor to many throughout his storied career. From directing bond finance programs at Housing and Urban Development to developing multifamily programs for Fannie Mae, Thomas White's career reflected his early work in community activism. In addition to working towards safe and affordable housing for all Americans, he served as a member of the Detroit Community Relations Commission and NAACP. In retirement, Thomas White continued his advocacy, serving on the board of the nation's largest methadone clinic, Turning Point. He always supported those around him and will be dearly missed by all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Thomas W. White, a member of the House of Representatives from 1965 to 1968; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the White family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted by unanimous standing vote.

The Speaker called the Speaker Pro Tempore to the Chair.

Reps. Carra, Friske, Maddock, DeSana and Schriver offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 204.

A resolution to censure Speaker of the House Joe Tate, Representative of the Tenth House District, State of Michigan.

Whereas, Article IV, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 provides, in relevant part: “Each house, except as otherwise provided in this constitution, shall choose its own officers and determine the rules of its proceedings”; and

Whereas, Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 provides:

All officers, legislative, executive and judicial, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of according to the best of my ability.

; and

Whereas, Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 provides: “No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of religion, race, color or national origin”; and

Whereas, House Rule 74(6) provides: “A Member shall conduct himself or herself to justify the confidence placed in him or her by the people and shall, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her office”; and

Whereas, House Rule 74(7) provides: “A Member shall not engage in any conduct that materially impairs the ability of the Member to perform the duties of his or her office or substantially impair the public confidence in the House”; and

Whereas, House Rule 74(8) provides: “A Member shall adhere to these rules and all applicable laws. Any violation of law or these rules by a Member is subject to the House’s plenary authority to reprimand, censure, or expel its Members”; and

Whereas, Speaker of the House Joe Tate was elected to lead the Michigan House of Representatives and, as presiding officer, is directly culpable for allowing House Bill 4437 of 2023, a budget bill which awarded state funding to small business owners as provided in Article 9, Part 2, Section 1017, to reach the floor and be considered for passage by this body. Section 1017(1) of House Bill 4437 provided that the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity was to “award grants to minority-owned businesses or nonprofit business organizations to implement small business development initiatives for minority-owned businesses in this state.” Legislators both privately and publicly called for the removal of this racial discrimination from the budget, yet Speaker Tate exercised his authority to bring House Bill 4437 to the floor without eradicating its blatant racism, ultimately leading to it becoming law as Public Act 119 of 2023; and

Whereas, Some months later, in February 2024, a unjust firestorm of disparagement rained down upon Representative Josh Schriver for sharing a controversial tweet. Speaker Tate sanctimoniously stoked these flames with a complicit media eager to amplify the dishonesty. Any level-headed review of the surrounding facts would reveal the entire episode as shameful and beyond hypocritical. Representative Schriver is not a racist and did not deserve public ridicule. Corporate media continued to chastise Representative Schriver as Speaker Tate materially impaired him by stripping the Representative of his only committee assignment, depriving him of a personal staff, and suppressing his office allotment. The House also hypocritically made show of denouncing racism by adopting House Resolution 191 of 2024, which was clearly intended as an unjust criticism of Representative Schriver’s conduct; and

Whereas, House Resolution 191 was adopted on Valentine’s Day, February 14 2024, which spewed ironic and hollow words masquerading as noble and loving, nearly 61 years after Martin Luther King Jr. communicated his transcendent dream. For the current year’s fiscal budget, 61 legislators entrusted to be the voice for over 90,000 Michiganders in their respective districts, voted in support of this racially discriminatory budget; and

Whereas, In the days following Resolution 191’s adoption, Representative Steve Carra was repeatedly snubbed by the Speaker’s office. When they declined to respond to his meeting request on five days’ notice, Representative Carra made himself available to meet with the Speaker by waiting outside Speaker Tate’s office for 24 hours a day for two entire days and into the afternoon of a third, aside from attending session and bathroom breaks. Representative Carra gave Speaker Tate ample opportunity to apologize to the people of Michigan for spearheading the effort that brought forward a racially discriminatory budget; and

Whereas, Representative Carra magnanimously suggested that Speaker Tate simply review Section 1017 of Public Act 119 and communicate publicly that he overlooked the section, which would indeed be understandable given that it was an appropriations act allocating over 80 billion dollars and is nearly 400 pages long. Speaker Tate rejected every opportunity given to him to clarify his stance and assure the people of the state of Michigan that he will never again pick winners and losers based on their race in a subsequent budget; and

Whereas, Had Section 1017 said that from the 10 million dollars appropriated “for white owned business support, the department shall award grants to white-owned businesses or nonprofit business organizations to implement small business development initiatives for white-owned businesses in this state,” it would undeniably and rightfully be met with the most severe consequences this body could conceivably deliver for each and every proponent of such heinous discrimination. The only difference between Section 1017 of the actual budget and what is depicted in this clause is that instead of saying “white” owned businesses, it says “minority” owned businesses. Racism is wrong no matter what and has no place in our state government; and

Whereas, Speaker Tate inappropriately disparaged Representative Schriver, then brought forward House Resolution 191 to denounce racism after the Speaker formally *supported* racism in the budget, and has subsequently dismissed every possible opportunity to set the record straight as to where he stands regarding racial discrimination; and

Whereas, After examining the facts presented herein and Speaker Tate’s actions, this House has no other option but to conclude that Speaker Tate himself condones racism. His support for racially discriminatory budgetary provisions and disregard for the importance of this matter are inexcusable and unethical. His effort to impugn Representative Schriver as a racist is beyond hypocrisy, when his formal actions of allowing House Bill 4437 to be passed by this body, was incalculably destructive to 10 million Michigan citizens affected. The people of Michigan deserve an apology for this uncivil distortion of truth and reprehensible mischaracterization of a colleague for simply retweeting a controversial statistical analysis; and

Whereas, Speaker Tate, as Representative of the Tenth House District, has performed acts inconsistent with the trust vested in and duties expected of a state representative. He has championed unambiguous discrimination constituting blatant racism and has done considerable harm to public confidence in state government. He has failed to maintain the integrity and responsibility of his office, and failed to meet his solemn obligations to the people of his district and the state of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That Speaker Joe Tate, Representative of the Tenth House District, is hereby censured; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to Speaker Joe Tate.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment

The Clerk announced that the following bills and joint resolution had been reproduced and made available electronically on Tuesday, March 5:

House Bill Nos. 5534 5535 5536 5537 5538 5539 5540 5541 5542 5543 5544 5545 5546 5547

House Joint Resolution N

The Clerk announced that the following bills had been reproduced and made available electronically on Wednesday, March 6:

Senate Bill Nos. 740 741 742 743 744

Reports of Standing Committees

The Committee on Health Policy, by Rep. Rogers, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 5077, entitled

A bill to amend 2019 PA 39, entitled “Administration of opioid antagonists act,” by amending the title and sections 103 and 107 (MCL 15.673 and 15.677), section 107 as amended by 2020 PA 321, and by adding section 106.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Rogers, Whitsett, Brenda Carter, Haadsma, Neeley, Glanville, Coffia, Conlin, Farhat, Fitzgerald, Miller, Rheingans, VanderWall, Filler, Mueller, VanWoerkom, Roth, Schmaltz and Thompson
Nays: None

The Committee on Health Policy, by Rep. Rogers, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 5078, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 17744b (MCL 333.17744b), as amended by 2019 PA 36.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Rogers, Whitsett, Brenda Carter, Haadsma, Neeley, Glanville, Coffia, Conlin, Farhat, Fitzgerald, Miller, Rheingans, VanderWall, Filler, Mueller, VanWoerkom, Roth, Schmaltz and Thompson
Nays: None

The Committee on Health Policy, by Rep. Rogers, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 5179, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 7451 (MCL 333.7451), as added by 1988 PA 139.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Rogers, Whitsett, Brenda Carter, Haadsma, Neeley, Glanville, Coffia, Conlin, Farhat, Fitzgerald, Miller, Rheingans, VanderWall, Roth and Schmaltz
Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Rogers, Chair, of the Committee on Health Policy, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Present: Reps. Rogers, Whitsett, Brenda Carter, Haadsma, Neeley, Glanville, Coffia, Conlin, Farhat, Fitzgerald, Miller, Rheingans, VanderWall, Filler, Mueller, VanWoerkom, Roth, Schmaltz and Thompson

The Committee on Judiciary, by Rep. Breen, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 5429, entitled

A bill to create the court-appointed special advocate program; and to prescribe the duties and responsibilities of the court-appointed special advocate program and volunteers.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Tyrone Carter, Hope, Dievendorf, Hoskins and Tsernoglou
Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Breen, Chair, of the Committee on Judiciary, was received and read:
Meeting held on: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Present: Reps. Breen, Edwards, Tyrone Carter, Hope, Arbit, Dievendorf, Hoskins, Tsemoglou, Fink, Wendzel, Wozniak and Johnsen

Absent: Rep. Outman

Excused: Rep. Outman

The Committee on Higher Education, by Rep. Glanville, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 5522, entitled

A bill to amend 1990 PA 195, entitled "An act entering into the midwestern higher education compact; and for related purposes," by amending section 2 (MCL 390.1532).

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Glanville, Rheingans, Koleszar, Scott, Byrnes, Coffia, Hill, MacDonell, Paiz and Bruck

Nays: Rep. Paquette

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Glanville, Chair, of the Committee on Higher Education, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Present: Reps. Glanville, Rheingans, Koleszar, Scott, Byrnes, Coffia, Hill, MacDonell, Paiz, VanderWall, Paquette, Zorn and Bruck

Absent: Rep. DeSana

Excused: Rep. DeSana

The Committee on Energy, Communications, and Technology, by Rep. Scott, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 5457, entitled

A bill to amend 2020 PA 224, entitled "Broadband expansion act of Michigan," by amending section 2 (MCL 484.3252).

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Whitsett, Neeley, Steckloff, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell and McFall

Nays: Reps. Wendzel, Aragona, BeGole, Prestin and Schmaltz

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Scott, Chair, of the Committee on Energy, Communications, and Technology, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Present: Reps. Scott, Andrews, Whitsett, Neeley, Steckloff, Byrnes, Churches, Hill, MacDonell, McFall, Wendzel, Aragona, BeGole, Prestin and Schmaltz

Absent: Reps. Outman and Greene

Excused: Reps. Outman and Greene

The Committee on Appropriations, by Rep. Witwer, Chair, reported

Senate Bill No. 350, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 549, entitled “Michigan promise zone authority act,” by amending section 3 (MCL 390.1663), as amended by 2020 PA 330.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O’Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs and Snyder

Nays: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn and Steele

The Committee on Appropriations, by Rep. Witwer, Chair, reported

Senate Bill No. 555, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 549, entitled “Michigan promise zone authority act,” by amending sections 5, 7, and 11 (MCL 390.1665, 390.1667, and 390.1671), as amended by 2016 PA 9.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O’Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs and Snyder

Nays: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn and Steele

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Witwer, Chair, of the Committee on Appropriations, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Present: Reps. Witwer, O’Neal, Brixie, Hood, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette and Steele

Absent: Rep. Wilson

Excused: Rep. Wilson

The Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance, by Rep. Fitzgerald, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 5203, entitled

A bill to amend 1851 PA 156, entitled “An act to define the powers and duties of the county boards of commissioners of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local, administrative and legislative powers; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act,” by amending section 12a (MCL 46.12a), as amended by 2017 PA 204.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Fitzgerald, Byrnes, Shannon, Breen, Rogers, Hill, Hoskins, Paiz, Zorn, Paquette, Bezotte, BeGole and Prestin

Nays: None

The Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance, by Rep. Fitzgerald, Chair, reported
Senate Bill No. 721, entitled

A bill to amend 1945 PA 200, entitled “An act to define a marketable record title to an interest in land; to require the filing of notices of claim of interest in such land in certain cases within a definite period of time and to require the recording thereof; to make invalid and of no force or effect all claims with respect to the land affected thereby where no such notices of claim of interest are filed within the required period; to provide for certain penalties for filing slanderous notices of claim of interest, and to provide certain exceptions to the applicability and operation thereof,” by amending sections 1 and 3 (MCL 565.101 and 565.103), section 1 as amended by 2018 PA 572 and section 3 as amended by 2020 PA 294.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Fitzgerald, Byrnes, Shannon, Breen, Rogers, Hill, Hoskins and Paiz

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Fitzgerald, Chair, of the Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Present: Reps. Fitzgerald, Byrnes, Shannon, Breen, Rogers, Hill, Hoskins, Paiz, Zorn, Paquette, Bezotte, BeGole and Prestin

The Committee on Tax Policy, by Rep. Neeley, Chair, reported

House Bill No. 4361, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 280.

With the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The bill and substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Neeley, Farhat, Brixie, Brenda Carter, Whitsett, Grant, Price, VanWoerkom, Markkanen, Tisdell and Hoadley

Nays: None

The Committee on Tax Policy, by Rep. Neeley, Chair, reported

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.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Neeley, Farhat, Brixie, Brenda Carter, Whitsett, Grant, Price, VanWoerkom, Markkanen and Hoadley

Nays: None

The Committee on Tax Policy, by Rep. Neeley, Chair, reported

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.

Without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The bill was referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Favorable Roll Call

To Report Out:

Yeas: Reps. Neeley, Farhat, Brixie, Brenda Carter, Whitsett, Grant, Price, VanWoerkom, Markkanen and Hoadley

Nays: None

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Neeley, Chair, of the Committee on Tax Policy, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Present: Reps. Neeley, Farhat, Brixie, Brenda Carter, Whitsett, Grant, Price, VanWoerkom, Markkanen, Outman, Tisdell and Hoadley

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The following report, submitted by Rep. Miller, Chair, of the Committee on Agriculture, was received and read:

Meeting held on: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Present: Reps. Miller, Paiz, Young, Coffia, Conlin, Dievendorf, Fitzgerald, Rheingans, Neyer, VanderWall, Roth and Smit

Absent: Rep. Bierlein

Excused: Rep. Bierlein

Introduction of Bills

Rep. Schriver introduced

House Bill No. 5548, entitled

A bill to amend 1964 PA 170, entitled “An act to make uniform the liability of municipal corporations, political subdivisions, and the state, its agencies and departments, officers, employees, and volunteers thereof, and members of certain boards, councils, and task forces when engaged in the exercise or discharge of a governmental function, for injuries to property and persons; to define and limit this liability; to define and limit the liability of the state when engaged in a proprietary function; to authorize the purchase of liability insurance to protect against loss arising out of this liability; to provide for defending certain claims made against public officers, employees, and volunteers and for paying damages sought or awarded against them; to provide for the legal defense of public officers, employees, and volunteers; to provide for reimbursement of public officers and employees for certain legal expenses; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 1 and 7 (MCL 691.1401 and 691.1407), section 1 as amended by 2012 PA 50 and section 7 as amended by 2013 PA 173, and by adding section 6b.

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

Reps. Breen, Meerman and Koleszar introduced

House Bill No. 5549, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1308c.

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

Reps. Tsernoglou, Wilson, Rheingans, Scott, MacDonell, Conlin, Paiz, Farhat, Hope, Price, Dievendorf, Andrews, Liberati, Weiss, McFall, Byrnes, Hill, Martus and Skaggs introduced

House Bill No. 5550, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending sections 951a and 952 (MCL 168.951a and 168.952), as amended by 2018 PA 190.

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

Reps. Arbit, Tsernoglou, Farhat, Byrnes, Martus, Grant, Scott, Wilson, McFall, Mentzer, Andrews, Coffia, MacDonell, Brabec, Steckloff, Breen, Hill, Paiz, Morgan, Dievendorf, Edwards, Hood, Rheingans, Conlin, Hoskins, Skaggs, Glanville, Tyrone Carter, O’Neal, Neeley, Price, Weiss, Hope, Wegela and Pohutsky introduced

House Bill No. 5551, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending sections 22c and 24b (MCL 168.22c and 168.24b), section 22c as added by 1995 PA 261.

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

Reps. Rigas, Cavitt, Markkanen, Outman, Prestin, Neyer, Johnsen, Schmaltz, Kunse, Thompson, Posthumus, Paquette, Mueller, Roth, DeSana, Schuette, DeBoyer, Alexander, Smit, Jaime Greene, St. Germaine, Mentzer, Aragona, McKinney, Hoadley, Fox, Bruck, Kuhn, Meerman, Breen, DeBoer, Zorn, Beson, Dievendorf, VanderWall, Bollin, Morgan, O’Neal, Arbit and Tsernoglou introduced

House Bill No. 5552, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2092) by adding section 94a.

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

Reps. O’Neal, Whitsett, Neeley, Young and Brenda Carter introduced

House Bill No. 5553, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 47301, 47303, 47305, 47306, 47307, 47308, 47309, 47310, 47311, 47312, 47313, 47314, 47315, 47316, 47317, 47318, 47319, 47320, 47321, 47322, 47323, 47324, 47325, 47326, 47327, and 48724 (MCL 324.47301, 324.47303, 324.47305, 324.47306, 324.47307, 324.47308, 324.47309, 324.47310, 324.47311, 324.47312, 324.47313, 324.47314, 324.47315, 324.47316, 324.47317, 324.47318, 324.47319, 324.47320, 324.47321, 324.47322, 324.47323, 324.47324, 324.47325, 324.47326, 324.47327, and 324.48724), sections 47301, 47305, 47306, 47307, 47308, 47310, 47312, 47313, 47314, 47316, 47317, 47318, 47319, 47320, 47321, 47322, 47323, 47324, 47326, and 48724 as added by 1995 PA 57, section 47303 as amended by 2004 PA 587, sections 47309, 47311, and 47315 as amended by 2022 PA 34, and sections 47325 and 47327 as amended by 2023 PA 239, and by adding section 47304; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The bill was read a first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

Announcements by the Clerk

March 1, 2024

Received from Michigan Economic Development Corporation the Michigan Strategic Fund FY 2023 Commission for Logistics and Supply Chain Collaboration Annual Report as required under Section 4 of Public Act 76 of 2013, the Commission for Logistics and Supply Chain Collaboration Act.

Richard J. Brown
Clerk of the House

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of
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Reps. DeBoer, Steele, Lightner, St. Germaine, Wendzel, Schmaltz, Smit, Weiss, Morse, Conlin, Rigas, Johnsen, Thompson, Bollin, Paiz, Brenda Carter, Brabec, Breen, Glanville, Haadsma, Rheingans and Schuette offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 205.

A resolution to declare March 2024 as Women’s History Month in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Women’s History Month is a time to honor and recognize the invaluable contributions that women have made throughout history, shaping societies, cultures, and economies; and

Whereas, Women have played pivotal roles in advancing human rights, breaking barriers, and achieving milestones in various fields, including science, technology, politics, arts, education, and beyond; and

Whereas, Women’s History Month serves as a platform to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements, leadership, and resilience of women from diverse backgrounds and experiences; and

Whereas, This month provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress that has been made towards gender equality while recognizing the work that still needs to be done to eliminate discrimination and empower women globally; and

Whereas, Women continue to be instrumental in driving positive change, contributing to the betterment of society, and serving as role models for future generations; and

Whereas, Women’s History Month encourages individuals and communities to raise awareness about the challenges women face, and to foster a world where all individuals have equal opportunities to thrive; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 2024 as Women’s History Month in the state of Michigan. We officially recognize and celebrate Women’s History Month and expresses gratitude for the countless achievements and contributions of women throughout history; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the community to participate in events, discussions, and activities that promote gender equality, celebrate women’s accomplishments, and inspire future generations to pursue their aspirations without limitations.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4924, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 3304 (MCL 600.3304) and by adding chapter 34.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Roll Call No. 22

Yeas—94

Aiyash	Farhat	McFall	Scott
Alexander	Filler	McKinney	Shannon
Andrews	Fink	Meerman	Skaggs
Aragona	Fitzgerald	Mentzer	Slagh
Arbit	Fox	Miller	Smit
BeGole	Glanville	Morgan	Snyder
Beson	Grant	Morse	St. Germaine
Bezotte	Green, P.	Mueller	Steckloff
Bollin	Haadsma	Neeley	Tate
Borton	Hall	Neyer	Thompson
Brabec	Harris	O’Neal	Tisdell

Breen	Hill	Outman	Tsernoglou
Brixie	Hood	Paiz	VanderWall
Bruck	Hope	Pohutsky	VanWoerkom
Byrnes	Hoskins	Posthumus	Wegela
Carter, B.	Johnsen	Prestin	Weiss
Carter, T.	Koleszar	Price	Wendzel
Cavitt	Kunse	Puri	Whitsett
Churches	Liberati	Rheingans	Wilson
Coffia	Lightner	Rogers	Witwer
Conlin	MacDonell	Roth	Wozniak
DeBoer	Markkanen	Schmaltz	Young
Dievendorf	Martin	Schuette	Zorn
Edwards	Martus		

Nays—13

Beeler	DeSana	Kuhn	Rigas
Bierlein	Friske	Maddock	Schriver
Carra	Hoadley	Paquette	Steele
DeBoyer			

In The Chair: Pohutsky

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

Rep. Aiyash moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

Reps. Aiyash, Andrews, Bezotte, Brabec, Breen, Brenda Carter, Edwards, Farhat, Glanville, Grant, Hill, Hope, MacDonell, Martus, McFall, McKinney, Miller, Mueller, Neeley, O’Neal, Paiz, Pohutsky, Price, Rheingans, Scott, Skaggs, Steckloff, Tsernoglou, Wegela, Weiss, Wilson, and Young were named co-sponsors of the bill.

Rep. Aiyash moved that House Committees be given leave to meet during the balance of today’s session.
The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the House returned to the order of
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Rep. Aiyash moved that when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 12, at 1:30 p.m.
The motion prevailed.

Rep. Bruck moved that the House adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 3:30 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 12, at 1:30 p.m.

RICHARD J. BROWN
Clerk of the House of Representatives

