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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, December 4, 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	Hauck—present	Moss—present
Anthony—present	Hertel—present	Nesbitt—present
Bayer—present	Hoitenga—present	Outman—present
Bellino—present	Huizenga—present	Polehanki—present
Brinks—present	Irwin—present	Runestad—present
Bumstead—present	Johnson—present	Santana—present
Camilleri—present	Klinefelt—present	Shink—present
Cavanagh—present	Lauwers—present	Singh—present
Chang—present	Lindsey—present	Theis—excused
Cherry—present	McBroom—present	Victory—excused
Daley—present	McCann—present	Webber—present
Damoose—present	McDonald Rivet—present	Wojno—present
Geiss—present	McMorrow—present	

Senator Paul Wojno of the 10th District offered the following invocation:

Dear Father, we come before You today to give You honor and praise. You are the source of all that is good. You alone are the source of all blessings. Thank You for every gift that we have been given. We ask that You would provide, guide, and direct this Senate so it is full of wisdom, productivity, and respect for one another in helping us accomplish our work and our goals over the next few weeks.

We especially want to pray for the House member from the 102nd District, who's a former member last session from the 35th District. He's had some major surgery and we wish him a speedy and healthy recovery. And with that prayer request, the entire Senate agreed and we all said, Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

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

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

Senator Shink entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Singh moved that Senators Anthony, Bayer, Cherry and McDonald Rivet be temporarily excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bayer entered the Senate Chamber.

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

Senate Bill No. 1044

Senate Bill No. 1045

Senate Bill No. 1083

Senate Bill No. 1084

Senate Bill No. 1085

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

Senator Nesbitt entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Singh, Johnson, Damoose and Bayer introduced

Senate Bill No. 1176, entitled

A bill to amend 2018 PA 548, entitled "Comprehensive school safety plan act," (MCL 28.801 to 28.809) by adding section 6a.

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

Senators Damoose, Singh, Johnson and Bayer introduced

Senate Bill No. 1177, entitled

A bill to amend 2018 PA 548, entitled "Comprehensive school safety plan act," (MCL 28.801 to 28.809) by amending the title and by adding section 6.

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

Senator Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 1178, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 74116 and 78119 (MCL 324.74116 and 324.78119), section 74116 as amended by 2016 PA 1 and section 78119 as amended by 2013 PA 81.

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

Senator Singh introduced

Senate Bill No. 1179, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 17757c.

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

Senators Bayer and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 1180, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 2220.

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

Senator Bayer introduced

Senate Bill No. 1181, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 32707 and 32723 (MCL 324.32707 and 324.32723), section 32707 as amended by 2008 PA 182 and section 32723 as amended by 2008 PA 180, and by adding section 32707a.

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

Senator McDonald Rivet 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.

10:35 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Cherry entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned 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 Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Geiss, designated Senator Damoose as Chairperson.

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

Senate Bill No. 1008, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending sections 233, 234, 239, and 240 (MCL 257.233, 257.234, 257.239, and 257.240), section 233 as amended by 2014 PA 290, section 234 as amended by 2002 PA 552, section 239 as amended by 2020 PA 382, and section 240 as amended by 2004 PA 493.

Senate Bill No. 1009, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 227 (MCL 257.227), as amended by 2011 PA 92.

Senate Bill No. 1010, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 80304 and 81105 (MCL 324.80304 and 324.81105), section 80304 as amended by 2018 PA 678 and section 81105 as amended by 2018 PA 519.

Senate Bill No. 1083, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 44 of chapter VII (MCL 767.44).

Senate Bill No. 1085, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by repealing sections 29, 30, 31, and 32 (MCL 750.29, 750.30, 750.31, and 750.32).

Senate Bill No. 857, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled “An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,” by amending section 5o (MCL 28.425o), as amended by 2017 PA 95.

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

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

Senate Bill No. 406, entitled

A bill to amend 2020 PA 68, entitled “Michigan reconnect grant recipient act,” by amending sections 11, 15, and 21 (MCL 390.1711, 390.1715, and 390.1721), as amended by 2022 PA 252.

Substitute (S-1).

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

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

Senate Bill No. 407, entitled

A bill to amend 2020 PA 84, entitled “Michigan reconnect grant act,” by amending sections 1 and 5 (MCL 390.1701 and 390.1705), as amended by 2022 PA 251.

Substitute (S-1).

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

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

Senate Bill No. 804, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 513 (MCL 436.1513), as amended by 2022 PA 216.

Substitute (S-1).

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

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

Senate Bill No. 1044, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 83, entitled “Of marriage and the solemnization thereof,” by amending section 7 (MCL 551.7), as amended by 2014 PA 278.

Substitute (S-3).

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

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

Senate Bill No. 1045, entitled

A bill to amend 1887 PA 128, entitled “An act establishing the minimum ages for contracting marriages; to require a civil license in order to marry and its registration; to provide for the implementation of federal law; and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act,” by amending sections 1, 4, and 6 (MCL 551.101, 551.104, and 551.106).

Substitute (S-1).

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

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

Senate Bill No. 1084, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 16a of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16a), as amended by 2023 PA 13.

Substitute (S-1).

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

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

Senate Bill No. 858, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 234d (MCL 750.234d), as amended by 1994 PA 158.

Substitute (S-1).

The following is the amendment to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 3, following line 4, by inserting:

“(5) As used in subsection (3), “premises” does not include parking areas of the places identified under subsection (3).” and renumbering the remaining subsection.

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

During the Committee of the Whole, Senator Anthony 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 10:52 a.m.

11:06 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator McBroom entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Senator Singh moved that the Senate proceed to consideration of the following bills:

House Bill No. 5717

Senate Bill No. 354

Senate Bill No. 1042

Senate Bill No. 915

Senate Bill No. 916

Senate Bill No. 917

Senate Bill No. 918

Senate Bill No. 840

Senate Bill No. 1023

Senate Bill No. 30

Senate Bill No. 100

Senate Bill No. 1060

Senate Bill No. 1061

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 5717, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2092) by adding section 105a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 425

Yeas—36

Albert
Anthony
Bayer
Bellino
Brinks
Bumstead
Camilleri
Cavanagh
Chang

Cherry
Daley
Damoose
Geiss
Hauck
Hertel
Hoitenga
Huizenga
Irwin

Johnson
Klinefelt
Lauwers
Lindsey
McBroom
McCann
McDonald Rivet
McMorrow
Moss

Nesbitt
Outman
Polehanki
Runestad
Santana
Shink
Singh
Webber
Wojno

Nays—0

Excused—2

Theis

Victory

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

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

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

The Senate agreed to the full title.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator McDonald Rivet’s statement, in which Senator Daley concurred, is as follows:

Senator Daley and I rise, colleagues, in support of the legislation before us, a bill to designate a portion of I-75 in Saginaw County as the Trooper Joel E. Popp Memorial Highway. On behalf of the entire Michigan Senate, let us honor the life and the service of Michigan State Police Trooper Joel Popp who passed away in the line of duty in January.

It takes an inherently selfless, courageous individual to willingly put their own safety on the line day in and day out in order to protect their community, and Trooper Popp embodied those qualities. The tragedy of losing one of our own is felt by so many: by loving family and friends, by his neighbors and local community, by the men and women who served alongside him at the Tri-City Post, by the Michigan State Police community, by public servants at every level of government, and by the people of our state as a whole. Our fallen officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the betterment of our state demonstrate what it means to put service over self and that legacy will not be forgotten.

The legislation before us is just one small way to ensure the life, upstanding character, and invaluable service of Trooper Popp will have the lasting legacy he deserves. For that, I urge a “yes” vote. I would also like to say his family joins us in the Gallery today.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 354, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending section 1531 (MCL 380.1531), as amended by 2023 PA 110.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Geiss offered the following substitute:

Substitute (S-4).

The substitute was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 426

Yeas—36

Albert	Cherry	Johnson	Nesbitt
Anthony	Daley	Klinefelt	Outman
Bayer	Damoose	Lauwers	Polehanki
Bellino	Geiss	Lindsey	Runestad
Brinks	Hauck	McBroom	Santana
Bumstead	Hertel	McCann	Shink
Camilleri	Hoitenga	McDonald Rivet	Singh
Cavanagh	Huizenga	McMorrow	Webber
Chang	Irwin	Moss	Wojno

Nays—0

Excused—2

Theis Victory

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1042, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending sections 13501, 13521, 13522, and 13523 (MCL 333.13501, 333.13521, 333.13522, and 333.13523), sections 13501 and 13523 as amended by 1994 PA 100, section 13521 as amended by 2018 PA 544, and section 13522 as amended by 2023 PA 138; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 427

Yeas—36

Albert	Cherry	Johnson	Nesbitt
Anthony	Daley	Klinefelt	Outman
Bayer	Damoose	Lauwers	Polehanki
Bellino	Geiss	Lindsey	Runestad
Brinks	Hauck	McBroom	Santana
Bumstead	Hertel	McCann	Shink
Camilleri	Hoitenga	McDonald Rivet	Singh
Cavanagh	Huizenga	McMorrow	Webber
Chang	Irwin	Moss	Wojno

Nays—0

Excused—2

Theis Victory

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 915, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled “Mental health code,” by amending sections 401, 427, 430, 461, 468, 472a, and 475 (MCL 330.1401, 330.1427, 330.1430, 330.1461, 330.1468, 330.1472a, and 330.1475), sections 401, 461, 468, 472a, and 475 as amended by 2018 PA 593, section 427 as amended by 2016 PA 320, and section 430 as amended by 1995 PA 290.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Webber offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 14, following line 11, by inserting:

“Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 102nd Legislature are enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 1048.

(b) Senate Bill No. 1049.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

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

Roll Call No. 428

Yeas—16

Albert	Damoose	Johnson	Nesbitt
Bellino	Hauck	Lauwers	Outman
Bumstead	Hoitenga	Lindsey	Runestad
Daley	Huizenga	McBroom	Webber

Nays—20

Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Geiss	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno

Excused—2

Theis	Victory
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

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

Roll Call No. 429

Yeas—36

Albert	Cherry	Johnson	Nesbitt
Anthony	Daley	Klinefelt	Outman
Bayer	Damoose	Lauwers	Polehanki
Bellino	Geiss	Lindsey	Runestad
Brinks	Hauck	McBroom	Santana
Bumstead	Hertel	McCann	Shink
Camilleri	Hoitenga	McDonald Rivet	Singh
Cavanagh	Huizenga	McMorrow	Webber
Chang	Irwin	Moss	Wojno

Nays—0

Excused—2

Theis	Victory
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Webber’s statement is as follows:

Improving oversight at our state’s psychiatric hospitals should be a priority for this chamber, knowing that the U.S. Department of Justice has opened a disability rights investigation into whether Michigan unnecessarily keeps adults with serious mental illness in state psychiatric hospitals in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The recent development that federal oversight is needed to protect patients seeking care at Michigan’s psychiatric hospitals is just the latest in an expanding series of troubling events that have raised serious red flags regarding MDHHS leadership and the agency’s ability to serve vulnerable residents seeking psychiatric care.

My amendment would prohibit MDHHS executive office staff from being appointed to or serving on the state’s Recipient Rights Advisory Committee, and adds representatives from Disability Rights Michigan, Mental Health Association in Michigan, and Arc Michigan as permanent standing members. It would also require hospitals to give voluntarily hospitalized psychiatric patients written notice of their rights. As of today, we continue to see no action by the majority to hold the Department of Health and Human Services accountable and act on this commonsense legislation.

I look forward to the independent Auditor General report on how the department handles recipient rights allegations within our state hospital system after the new year. If the Senate majority continues to not hold this department accountable, I remain hopeful new leadership in the House will pick up this oversight responsibility come 2025.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 916, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled “Mental health code,” (MCL 330.1001 to 330.2106) by adding section 1021 and chapter 10A.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 430

Yeas—36

Albert	Cherry	Johnson	Nesbitt
Anthony	Daley	Klinefelt	Outman
Bayer	Damoose	Lauwers	Polehanki
Bellino	Geiss	Lindsey	Runestad
Brinks	Hauck	McBroom	Santana
Bumstead	Hertel	McCann	Shink
Camilleri	Hoitenga	McDonald Rivet	Singh
Cavanagh	Huizenga	McMorrow	Webber
Chang	Irwin	Moss	Wojno

Nays—0

Excused—2

Theis

Victory

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 917, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled “Mental health code,” by amending sections 206a and 429 (MCL 330.1206a and 330.1429), section 206a as added by 2020 PA 55 and section 429 as amended by 2022 PA 214.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 431

Yeas—36

Albert	Cherry	Johnson	Nesbitt
Anthony	Daley	Klinefelt	Outman
Bayer	Damoose	Lauwers	Polehanki
Bellino	Geiss	Lindsey	Runestad
Brinks	Hauck	McBroom	Santana
Bumstead	Hertel	McCann	Shink
Camilleri	Hoitenga	McDonald Rivet	Singh
Cavanagh	Huizenga	McMorrow	Webber
Chang	Irwin	Moss	Wojno

Nays—0

Excused—2

Theis Victory

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 918, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled “Mental health code,” by amending section 473 (MCL 330.1473), as amended by 2018 PA 593.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 432

Yeas—36

Albert	Cherry	Johnson	Nesbitt
Anthony	Daley	Klinefelt	Outman

Bayer	Damoose	Lauwers	Polehanki
Bellino	Geiss	Lindsey	Runestad
Brinks	Hauck	McBroom	Santana
Bumstead	Hertel	McCann	Shink
Camilleri	Hoitenga	McDonald Rivet	Singh
Cavanagh	Huizenga	McMorrow	Webber
Chang	Irwin	Moss	Wojno

Nays—0

Excused—2

Theis	Victory
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 840, entitled

A bill to declare the powers and duties of the Black leadership advisory council; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 433

Yeas—33

Albert	Cherry	Johnson	Nesbitt
Anthony	Daley	Klinefelt	Outman
Bayer	Damoose	Lauwers	Polehanki
Bellino	Geiss	McBroom	Santana
Brinks	Hauck	McCann	Shink
Bumstead	Hertel	McDonald Rivet	Singh
Camilleri	Huizenga	McMorrow	Webber
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno
Chang			

Nays—3

Hoitenga	Lindsey	Runestad
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Excused—2

Theis	Victory
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Geiss’ statement is as follows:

Today’s vote on Senate Bill No. 840 marks a pivotal change in the state of Michigan and I rise in support of it because it has been a long time coming. My first year in the House, almost a decade ago, I discovered that of all the cultural commissions or councils in the state of Michigan, there was not one for the Black community which was then and continues to be now roughly 15 percent of the state population. Earnest work with a broad and diverse range of stakeholders across the diaspora here in Michigan began on developing what such a council should look like, how it should exist, its functions, and in a way that would be impactful.

Multiple attempts to create this body occurred over the years and in August 2020, Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order No. 163 to establish the Black Leadership Advisory Council, largely based on that work. It, like the other cultural councils right now, is housed under the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity and all but one only exist by executive order. Senate Bill No. 840 would make the existence of the Black Leadership Advisory Council statutory, thus allowing them to continue their advisory work regardless of administrative or legislative changes in those offices.

Today, let’s make an important step in Michigan history and I urge your “yes” vote on Senate Bill No. 840.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1023, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled “Open meetings act,” by amending section 8 (MCL 15.268), as amended by 2021 PA 166.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 434

Yeas—22

Anthony	Cherry	McCann	Santana
Bayer	Geiss	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Brinks	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Camilleri	Irwin	Moss	Webber
Cavanagh	Klinefelt	Polehanki	Wojno
Chang	McBroom		

Nays—14

Albert	Damoose	Johnson	Nesbitt
Bellino	Hauck	Lauwers	Outman
Bumstead	Hoitenga	Lindsey	Runestad
Daley	Huizenga		

Excused—2

Theis	Victory
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Klinefelt’s statement is as follows:

On its face this bill may seem to be a bill to stifle transparency in government but it’s exactly the opposite of that. It’s a bill to help fight corruption in government and it’s also a bill that can save local units of government money with regard to litigation. This bill didn’t come as anybody else’s request; this is from personal experience. I’ve served in three different bodies before this one and every single one of those bodies, there was some form of corruption or other that eventually ended up in charges. It’s not an unusual thing to have corruption in government.

A couple things that this bill does: the first is, right now you can go in for pending litigation but if the body, the public body, wants to discuss suing an entity that may have ripped them off, had a contract, didn’t do the work, they legally can’t go in for that purpose because they have to wait for somebody else to sue them, so we’re correcting that. This bill also allows to go into closed session regarding criminal investigations. I have personal experience with this as well. If you suspect your top administrator has broken the law and you need to get together and share your information or your evidence with the rest of the board and make plans on how to proceed forward, you can have no legal avenue to do that, to even discuss getting an attorney to deal with the situation. This bill corrects that. Just as an example on this one, I personally experienced this. Our board was forced to do it publicly and in the particular situation I’m talking about, the administrator made a beeline down to his office and started shredding documents. I come from experience on this one.

I ask that you take that into consideration and please support this bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 30, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2092) by adding section 108.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 435

Yeas—36

Albert	Cherry	Johnson	Nesbitt
Anthony	Daley	Klinefelt	Outman
Bayer	Damoose	Lauwers	Polehanki
Bellino	Geiss	Lindsey	Runestad
Brinks	Hauck	McBroom	Santana
Bumstead	Hertel	McCann	Shink
Camilleri	Hoitenga	McDonald Rivet	Singh
Cavanagh	Huizenga	McMorrow	Webber
Chang	Irwin	Moss	Wojno

Nays—0

Excused—2

Theis

Victory

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 100, entitled

A bill to amend 1993 PA 354, entitled “Railroad code of 1993,” (MCL 462.101 to 462.451) by adding section 352.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 436

Yeas—20

Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Geiss	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno

Nays—16

Albert	Damoose	Johnson	Nesbitt
Bellino	Hauck	Lauwers	Outman
Bumstead	Hoitenga	Lindsey	Runestad
Daley	Huizenga	McBroom	Webber

Excused—2

Theis	Victory
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Geiss’ statement is as follows:

I rise today in support of Senate Bill No. 100 which will help make our communities and the workers who work on our Class I rails safer, and it’s based upon a measure that those very rail workers have been saying is necessary for years.

While rail companies have aimed to create measures that they describe as more efficient or cost-saving, those measures such as decreasing staff levels, this past April, the Federal Railroad Administration issued a final rule establishing minimum safety requirements for the size of train crews which enhances safety by

requiring a second crew member at minimum in most circumstances. Senate Bill No. 100 codifies this rule into state law if the FRA’s two-person crew rule is eliminated or weakened. Multiple other states already have rail crew size laws on their books so were this triggered to occur, rail workers and our communities would still benefit from this important worker and community safety measure.

The people for whom we work want to see measures that make our communities safer. The workers who operate the trains and know first-hand the necessity for rail safety measures and safeguarding them, not diluting them, want to see us do this. I urge a “yes” vote on Senate Bill No. 100.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1060, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 803b (MCL 257.803b), as amended by 2023 PA 129.

The question being on the passage of the bill,
Senator Chang offered the following substitute:
Substitute (S-1).

The substitute was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 437

Yeas—32

Albert	Cherry	Klinefelt	Outman
Anthony	Daley	Lauwers	Polehanki
Bayer	Damoose	McBroom	Runestad
Bellino	Geiss	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Hauck	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Huizenga	Moss	Webber
Chang	Johnson	Nesbitt	Wojno

Nays—4

Bumstead	Hoitenga	Irwin	Lindsey
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Excused—2

Theis	Victory
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 1061, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 803m (MCL 257.803m), as amended by 2003 PA 152.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

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

Roll Call No. 438

Yeas—32

Albert	Cherry	Klinefelt	Outman
Anthony	Daley	Lauwers	Polehanki
Bayer	Damoose	McBroom	Runestad
Bellino	Geiss	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Hauck	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Huizenga	Moss	Webber
Chang	Johnson	Nesbitt	Wojno

Nays—4

Bumstead	Hoitenga	Irwin	Lindsey
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Excused—2

Theis	Victory
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Runestad’s statement is as follows:

I would like to preface my remarks by stating that everything I am about to share is documented, either in the Senate Judiciary Committee videos or preserved in my correspondence with the Michigan State Police and members of the media.

Just before the legislative hunting break, an extraordinary allegation surfaced during testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee—the most serious claim I have encountered in ten years as a legislator. Shockingly, this allegation was largely ignored by the Lansing press corps, with only Craig Mauger of the *Detroit News* and *MIRS* providing any coverage. During this hearing, the Senator from the 21st District testified that armed individuals pointed guns at legislators during the anti-lockdown protest while legislators conducted official business. This was the first time that I or, I suspect, anyone in the public had heard such a grave allegation—multiple felonious firearm assaults inside the state’s Capitol against legislators. Concerned about the accuracy and the seriousness of this claim, I sought to confirm the Senator’s statement and determine whether a formal report had been filed. When I directly questioned the Senator in committee, she reaffirmed her claim that guns were pointed at her and other legislators, and that she had filed a formal report. Given the seriousness of this testimony, I found it perplexing that such an incident had neither been investigated or widely reported.

To ensure due diligence, I contacted the Michigan State Police and the House Sergeant at Arms to verify two key points. First, whether a formal report had been filed. Second, whether evidence existed to support the Senator’s allegations. The Michigan State Police responded unequivocally that no evidence substantiated

the claim, nor could they locate any report filed by the Senator or anyone else. Also, they provided my office with a very detailed record of all complaints related to protests. None corroborated the Senator's testimony. Surely, if such an incident had occurred, there would have been an opportunity to capture this on the multiple cameras monitoring every corner of the Capitol.

Yesterday, as I was prepared to clarify this matter in Statements, an equally preposterous claim surfaced, alleging that retired Colonel Gasper, a Whitmer appointee and former MSP official, had verbally suggested the existence of a report regarding the events in question. What report? The assertion directly contradicts documented evidence. The Michigan State Police has provided exhaustive records from that day and there's no trace of such a report. Despite claims of felonious firearm violations, no corroborating report, document, or video exists—not from MSP or any other credible source. Are we seriously to expect to accept the verbal assertions of a retired official over the verified documented evidence? Such a claim is illogical and unsupported by the facts. Until substantiated by proof as presented, this assertion must be dismissed.

Finally, I must reflect on the broader implications. Had a Republican made such an unparalleled and questionable statement, especially to support legislation they sponsored, I believe the media would have been relentless in their scrutiny. After investigation, the aftermath would have been ridicule and public derision against that Republican. This pattern of selective reporting and suppression of information contributes to the public's erosion of trust as reflected in post-election surveys. With only four to seven percent of reporters identifying as Republicans, it's clear political bias not only is in what's reported but critically what is admitted. Failure to hold all legislators accountable undermines the credibility in institutional tasks of those regarding public trust.

Senator Bellino's statement is as follows:

For most Michiganders, this is the season for giving, Mr. President. For my colleagues across the aisle, 'tis the season for taking—in the form of new taxes. While Michiganders are trying to afford groceries, much less Christmas presents, Lansing Democrats are ready to take more out of our paychecks. They've introduced bills to raise the taxes on water, whether it's tap water or bottled water. They've got bills to raise taxes on sewers. So it seems my one kidney is going to get taxed on the way in, and on the way out.

But it's not just water lame duck Democrats are eager to tax. Does anyone think Lions tickets, Red Wings tickets, Pistons tickets, or even Swiftie tickets are cheap? No. They're expensive, but apparently Democrats think they're cheap. They've got a bill to raise taxes on sporting events, concerts, museums, amusement parks, zoos, and pretty much every kind of fun—except for sexual intercourse, but I imagine that tax is coming.

Mr. President, there's a reason these bills didn't see the light of day until now. Democrats knew a tax hike would go over like a lead balloon with voters. Well, voters sent a message on November 5. Apparently, my colleagues across the aisle were not listening.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Tuesday, December 3:

House Bill Nos. 4027 4682 4944 4963

The Secretary announced that the following bill was printed and filed on Tuesday, December 3, and is available on the Michigan Legislature website:

House Bill No. 6217

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, December 4, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 1165 1166 1167 1168 1169 1170 1171 1172 1173 1174 1175

Committee Reports

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs reported

Senate Bill No. 651, entitled

A bill to amend 1915 PA 31, entitled "Youth tobacco act," by amending the title and sections 1, 4, and 5 (MCL 722.641, 722.644, and 722.645), the title as amended by 2019 PA 18, sections 1 and 4 as amended by

2022 PA 167, and section 5 as added by 1988 PA 314, and by adding sections 1a, 1c, 1e, 1g, 1i, 1k, 1m, 1o, and 2f.

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

Jeremy Moss
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Moss, Polehanki, McCann, Wojno, Santana and Hertel

Nays: Senators Hauck and Webber

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

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs reported

Senate Bill No. 652, entitled

A bill to amend 1971 PA 79, entitled "Age of majority act of 1971," by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 722.52 and 722.53), section 2 as amended by 1990 PA 104 and section 3 as amended by 2022 PA 170.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Jeremy Moss
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Moss, Polehanki, McCann, Wojno, Santana and Hertel

Nays: Senators Hauck and Webber

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs reported

Senate Bill No. 653, entitled

A bill to amend 1971 PA 79, entitled "Age of majority act of 1971," by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 722.52 and 722.53), section 2 as amended by 1990 PA 104 and section 3 as amended by 2022 PA 170.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Jeremy Moss
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Moss, Polehanki, McCann, Wojno, Santana and Hertel

Nays: Senators Hauck and Webber

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs reported

Senate Bill No. 654, entitled

A bill to amend 1915 PA 31, entitled "Youth tobacco act," by amending the title and sections 1, 2, and 5 (MCL 722.641, 722.642, and 722.645), the title and section 2 as amended by 2019 PA 18, section 1 as amended by 2022 PA 167, and section 5 as added by 1988 PA 314.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Jeremy Moss
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Moss, Polehanki, McCann, Wojno, Santana and Hertel

Nays: Senators Hauck and Webber

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Moss (C), Polehanki, McCann, Wojno, Santana, Hertel, Hauck and Webber

Excused: Senators Lauwers and Bellino

The Committee on Local Government reported

Senate Bill No. 1044, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 83, entitled “Of marriage and the solemnization thereof,” by amending section 7 (MCL 551.7), as amended by 2014 PA 278.

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

Veronica Klinefelt
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Klinefelt, Wojno, Moss, Bayer and Shink

Nays: Senator Daley

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

The Committee on Local Government reported

Senate Bill No. 1045, entitled

A bill to amend 1887 PA 128, entitled “An act establishing the minimum ages for contracting marriages; to require a civil license in order to marry and its registration; to provide for the implementation of federal law; and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act,” by amending sections 1, 4, and 6 (MCL 551.101, 551.104, and 551.106).

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

Veronica Klinefelt
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Klinefelt, Wojno, Moss, Bayer and Shink

Nays: Senator Daley

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

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Local Government submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Klinefelt (C), Wojno, Moss, Bayer, Shink and Daley

Excused: Senator Hoytenga

The Committee on Housing and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 1082, entitled

A bill to regulate the collection, processing, and selling of reproductive health data; to regulate the disclosure of reproductive health data; to require individual consent to collect, process, and sell reproductive health data; to prohibit the use of geofences around facilities that provide reproductive health services; to provide remedies and prescribe civil sanctions; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities.

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, Bayer, Shink, Chang, Cherry and Geiss

Nays: Senators Lindsey, Hoytenga and Damoose

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 Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 12:00 noon, Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Irwin (C), Santana, Cavanagh, Bayer, Shink, Chang, Cherry, Geiss, Lindsey, Hoytenga and Damoose

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 861, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 118, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to state prisons, to state houses of correction, and branches of state prisons and reformatories, and the government and discipline thereof and to repeal all acts inconsistent therewith,” (MCL 800.33 to 800.61) by adding section 33a.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin and Santana

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 862, entitled

A bill to amend 1985 PA 87, entitled “William Van Regenmorter crime victim’s rights act,” by amending sections 13 and 41 (MCL 780.763 and 780.791), section 41 as amended by 2000 PA 503.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin and Santana

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 863, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 12 of chapter IX (MCL 769.12), as amended by 2012 PA 319.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin and Santana

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 864, entitled

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled “Corrections code of 1953,” by amending sections 33, 33c, 34, and 35 (MCL 791.233, 791.233c, 791.234, and 791.235), sections 33 and 34 as amended by 2019 PA 14, section 33c as added by 1994 PA 217, and section 35 as amended by 2019 PA 13.

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

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin and Santana

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

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

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 910, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled “Child protection law,” by amending sections 2, 7j, and 8 (MCL 722.622, 722.627j, and 722.628), section 2 as amended by 2022 PA 67, section 7j as amended by 2022 PA 64, and section 8 as amended by 2022 PA 65.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana, Runestad and Johnson
Nays: None
The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 1083, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 44 of chapter VII (MCL 767.44).
With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana, Runestad and Johnson
Nays: None
The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 1084, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 16a of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16a), as amended by 2023 PA 13.
With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana, Runestad and Johnson
Nays: None
The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 1085, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by repealing sections 29, 30, 31, and 32 (MCL 750.29, 750.30, 750.31, and 750.32).
With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana, Runestad and Johnson
Nays: None
The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 12:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Chang (C), Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana, Runestad and Johnson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture submitted the following:
Meeting held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Shink (C), Cherry, Singh, Polehanki, Daley and Hoitenga
Excused: Senator Victory

Scheduled Meetings

Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety – Thursday, December 5, 12:00 noon, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5312

Economic and Community Development – Thursday, December 5, 12:00 noon, Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

Energy and Environment – Thursday, December 5, 1:30 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-5323

Labor – Thursday, December 5, 8:30 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5314

Regulatory Affairs – Thursday, December 5, 3:30 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:49 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

