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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Moss—present
Nesbitt—present
Outman—present
Polehanki—present
Runestad—present
Santana—present
Shink—present
Singh—present
Theis—present
Victory—present
Webber—present
Wojno—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. We thank You for the opportunity to come together in our state Capitol. We ask for Your hand of blessing on our legislative session today. We ask that You would guide and direct this Senate so that it is full of wisdom, productivity, and respect for one another in helping us accomplish our work and our goals for this day. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

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

The following communications were received:

Department of State

Administrative Rules
Notices of Filing

April 21, 2025

In accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being MCL 24.246, and paragraph 16 of Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2024-042-LR (Secretary of State Filing #25-04-03) on this date at 9:18 a.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Occupational Code Renewals."

These rules become effective immediately after filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(9) of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.233, 24.244, or 24.245a. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

April 28, 2025

In accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being MCL 24.246, and paragraph 16 of Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2024-033-AG (Secretary of State Filing #25-04-04) on this date at 9:49 a.m. for the Department of Attorney General entitled, "Uniform Securities Act (2002)."

These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(9) of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.233, 24.244, or 24.245a. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

April 30, 2025

In accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being MCL 24.246, and paragraph 16 of Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2024-009-HS (Secretary of State Filing #25-04-01) on this date at 12:34 p.m. for the Department of Health and Human Services entitled, "Completion, Filing, and Registration of Vital Records Documents."

These rules become effective immediately after filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(9) of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.233, 24.244, or 24.245a. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

April 30, 2025

In accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being MCL 24.246, and paragraph 16 of Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2024-009-HS (Secretary of State Filing #25-04-02) on this date at 10:26 a.m. for the Department of Health and Human Services entitled, "Amendments to Vital Records."

These rules become effective immediately after filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(9) of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.233, 24.244, or 24.245a. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

May 1, 2025

In accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being MCL 24.246, and paragraph 16 of Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2022-016-LR (Secretary of State Filing #25-05-02) on this date at 11:23 a.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Construction Code - Part 10. Michigan Uniform Energy Code."

These rules become effective 120 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

May 1, 2025

In accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being MCL 24.246, and paragraph 16 of Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2023-017-LR (Secretary of State Filing #25-05-03) on this date at 2:59 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Mortuary Science."

These rules become effective immediately after filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(9) of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.233, 24.244, or 24.245a. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

May 1, 2025

In accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being MCL 24.246, and paragraph 16 of Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2023-051-LR (Secretary of State Filing #25-05-04) on this date at 2:11 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Electrical Supply and Communication Lines and Associated Equipment."

These rules become effective immediately after filing with the Secretary of State unless adopted under section 33, 44, or 45a(9) of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.233, 24.244, or 24.245a. Rules adopted under these sections become effective 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Benson

Secretary of State

Lashana Threlkeld, Departmental Supervisor
Office of the Great Seal

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communications were received:

Michigan Strategic Fund

May 8, 2025

Public Act 270 of 1984, Sec. 88(s)(5) (Act) requires the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) to provide notice, and a copy, of an amended CIP grant agreement within one (1) business day of completion of the amendment.

The MSF and General Motors LLC entered into a CIP grant agreement effective December 31, 2022, memorializing a CIP award to General Motors LLC in the total amount of \$480 million for an expansion at General Motor's Orion Township facility for conversion to electric vehicle production that was expected to create at least 1,840 qualified jobs, and a projected investment of up to \$4 billion in capital investment.

On March 14, 2025, General Motors LLC requested MSF consideration of modification to the agreement. This amendment request included the removal of a provision that would allow excess Qualified Jobs created by Ultium to count toward its Qualified Job commitment, removal of the early performance provision, and the addition of a six-month job maintenance requirement to the Qualified Job commitment.

On March 21, 2025, as required by the Act, notification of that request was provided to you with an explanation of the provisions of the CIP grant to be modified along with the rationale for consideration, and a copy of General Motors LLC's request.

On March 21, 2025, as required by the Act, General Motors LLC's requested modifications to the CIP grant were published on the MSF website.

On March 25, 2025, at a public meeting of the MSF Board, General Motors LLC's request was approved.

Please contact our Office of Legislative Affairs at medcgovrelations@michigan.org if you have any questions. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact me at messerq@michigan.org.

May 8, 2025

Public Act 270 of 1984, Sec. 88(t)(8) (Act) requires the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) to provide notice, and a copy, of an amended SSRP grant agreement within one (1) business day of completion of the amendment.

The MSF and LEAP entered into a SSRP grant agreement effective August 10, 2022, memorializing a SSRP award to LEAP in the total amount of \$66.1 million for public infrastructure and utility upgrades related to the construction of a new high-volume Ultium battery cell manufacturing facility in the City of Lansing.

On March 17, 2025, LEAP requested MSF consideration of modification to the agreement. This amendment request reflected the updated ownership, from Ultium to LG Energy Solution Michigan.

On March 21, 2025, as required by the Act, notification of that request was provided to you with an explanation of the provisions of the SSRP grant to be modified along with the rationale for consideration, and a copy of LEAP's request.

On March 21, 2025, as required by the Act, LEAP's requested modifications to the SSRP grant were published on the MSF website.

On March 25, 2025, at a public meeting of the MSF Board, LEAP's request was approved.

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May 8, 2025

Public Act 270 of 1984, Sec. 88(s)(5) (Act) requires the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) to provide notice, and a copy, of an amended CIP grant agreement within one (1) business day of completion of the amendment.

The MSF and Ultium Cells LLC entered into a CIP grant agreement effective December 31, 2022, memorializing a CIP award to Ultium Cells LLC in the total amount of \$120 million for the construction of a new high-volume Ultium battery cell manufacturing facility in the City of Lansing that was expected to create at least 1,360 new jobs and a projected minimum investment of \$1.5 billion in capital investment.

On March 14, 2025, Ultium Cells LLC requested MSF consideration of modification to the agreement. This amendment requested the reassignment of the grant from Ultium Cells LLC to LG Energy Solution Michigan, Inc., removal of references to General Motors and GM Group, except for eligible expenses that occurred on or before the date of the amended agreement, removal of references to the Orion Township project, updating the base employment level to remove existing employees associated with the Orion Township project, removal of the provision that allows excess Qualified Jobs created by GM to count toward the Qualified Job commitment, removal of the early performance provision, and addition of a six-month job maintenance requirement to the Qualified Jobs commitment.

On March 21, 2025, as required by the Act, notification of that request was provided to you with explanation of the provisions of the CIP grant to be modified along with the rationale for consideration, and a copy of Ultium Cells LLC's request.

On March 21, 2025, as required by the Act, Ultium Cells LLC's requested modifications to the CIP grant were published on the MSF website.

On March 25, 2025, at a public meeting of the MSF Board, Ultium Cells LLC's request was approved.

Please contact our Office of Legislative Affairs at medcgovrelations@michigan.org if you have any questions. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact me at messerq@michigan.org.

Quentin L. Messer, Jr., President
Michigan Strategic Fund

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Brinks entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Hoitenga introduced
Senate Bill No. 292, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," (MCL 211.1 to 211.155) by adding section 7yy.

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

Senators Polehanki, Bayer, Shink, Chang and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 293, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 50 (MCL 750.50), as amended by 2019 PA 135.

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

Senators Polehanki, Bayer, Shink, Chang and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 294, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 50b (MCL 750.50b), as amended by 2018 PA 452.

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

Senators Victory, Webber, Singh, Shink, Chang, Daley, McMorrow, Damoose, Wojno and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 295, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1170c.

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

Senators Chang, Bayer, Shink, Moss, McBroom, Irwin, Cavanagh, Cherry, Polehanki, Bellino, Runestad, Geiss, Camilleri, Hertel, Singh, McMorrow and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 296, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 21526.

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

Senators McBroom, Moss, Chang, Bayer, Singh, Shink, Irwin, Cavanagh, Cherry, Polehanki, Bellino, Runestad, Geiss, Camilleri, Hertel, McMorrow and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 297, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending section 20165 (MCL 333.20165), as amended by 2024 PA 250, and by adding section 17233.

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

Senators Huizenga and Webber introduced

Senate Bill No. 298, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding part 57A.

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

Senators Huizenga and Webber introduced

Senate Bill No. 299, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding sections 5753, 5755, 5757, 5759, and 5761 to part 57A.

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

Senators Runestad, Damoose, Webber, Bellino, Daley, Nesbitt, Bumstead, Outman, Victory, Johnson and Hoytenga introduced

Senate Bill No. 300, entitled

A bill to amend 1965 PA 314, entitled “Public employee retirement system investment act,” by amending section 13 (MCL 38.1133), as amended by 2018 PA 676.

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

Senators Bellino, Hertel and Webber introduced

Senate Bill No. 301, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding sections 279 and 679.

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

Senators Shink, McBroom, Polehanki, Cherry, Chang, Geiss and Bayer introduced

Senate Bill No. 302, entitled

A bill to require certain original equipment manufacturers and authorized repair providers of agricultural equipment to make diagnostic, maintenance, and repair parts, tools, and documentation available to independent repair providers and owners of that equipment; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; and to provide remedies and civil sanctions.

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

House Bill No. 4007, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 295, entitled “Clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act,” by amending section 3 (MCL 460.1003), as amended by 2023 PA 235.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

Senator Geiss entered the Senate Chamber.

House Bill No. 4071, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending section 2025 (MCL 500.2025).

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4072, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding sections 17773, 20817, and 21539.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4136, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 43540g.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4178, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending section 1204c (MCL 500.1204c), as amended by 2017 PA 67.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4233, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 66, entitled “Of estates in dower, by the curtesy, and general provisions concerning real estate,” by amending the title and sections 35 and 36 (MCL 554.135 and 554.136) and by adding section 36a.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4234, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 66, entitled “Of estates in dower, by the curtesy, and general provisions concerning real estate,” by amending the title and sections 35 and 36 (MCL 554.135 and 554.136) and by adding sections 36a and 36b.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4235, entitled

A bill to prohibit the use of certain applications on government-issued devices; to require public employers to take certain actions related to prohibited applications; to prohibit certain employees or officers from downloading or accessing certain applications; to provide exceptions; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4238, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1346.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4239, entitled

A bill to prohibit state institutions of higher education from entering into agreements with foreign actors under certain circumstances; to prohibit state institutions of higher education from receiving grants and other items of value from foreign actors under certain circumstances; to require state institutions of higher education to enter into gift agreements; to establish reporting requirements for certain gifts received by state institutions of higher education and affiliate organizations from certain foreign actors; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; to prescribe remedies; to prescribe civil sanctions; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4240, entitled

A bill to prohibit public bodies from receiving gifts and grants from foreign actors under certain circumstances; to prohibit public bodies from entering into agreements with foreign actors under certain circumstances; to establish disclosure requirements for certain gifts, grants, contracts, and other interests relating to certain foreign actors; to prescribe civil sanctions; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; and to require the promulgation of rules.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4241, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled “Michigan strategic fund act,” (MCL 125.2001 to 125.2094) by adding section 7c.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4242, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending sections 16213 and 20175a (MCL 333.16213 and 333.20175a), as amended by 2023 PA 62.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4283, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 295, entitled “Clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act,” by amending sections 28, 29, and 32 (MCL 460.1028, 460.1029, and 460.1032), sections 28 and 29 as amended and section 32 as added by 2023 PA 235, and by adding section 34.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4328, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, adjust, and consolidate appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 4345, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending section 101 (MCL 388.1701), as amended by 2023 PA 103.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned 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. 44

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

Senator Johnson offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 44.

A resolution to designate May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

Whereas, Michigan has nearly 250,000 registered motorcycles and more than 610,000 individuals who have operator licenses with a motorcycle endorsement; and

Whereas, The safe operation of a motorcycle requires the use of special skills developed through a combination of training and expertise, the use of good judgment, plus a thorough knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; and

Whereas, The use of proper protective riding apparel is an important part of a motorcycle operator's responsibility; and

Whereas, Motorcycle safety awareness advocacy is a cooperative effort to decrease the number of injuries and fatalities associated with motorcycling; and

Whereas, The promotion of motorcycle rider education programs available through the Michigan Department of State, including recommendations that motorcycle operators wear the proper gear, in addition to driving their vehicles defensively and cautiously, is intended to reduce the number of crashes; and

Whereas, The emergence of spring is synonymous with the return of motorcycle enthusiasts to our state's roadways. Throughout Michigan, motorcyclists have been on the cutting edge of supporting the wise and sensible use of this enjoyable mode of travel; and

Whereas, Indeed, the disproportionate number of motorcycle fatalities make it vitally important to encourage motorcyclists to understand and practice the highest degree of safety. It is also important to remind other drivers that highway safety is beneficial to all parties traveling on public roadways; and

Whereas, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month encourages motorcycle operators to don proper protective riding attire, maintain their motorcycles using safety and maintenance checks found in the owner's manual, abide by the laws of the road, and implement operating techniques providing an additional standard of safety; and

Whereas, Car and truck drivers are informed of the fact that motorcyclists are resuming their travels on our public roadways and each is advised to be exceptionally vigilant and watchful when approaching or passing a motorcycle on the highway and to "look twice to save a life"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body designate May 2025 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. We encourage all of Michigan's citizens to participate in the aims and goals of this effort.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Geiss, Lauwers, McMorrow, Santana and Theis were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson's statement is as follows:

I rise to ask my colleagues to support this Senate resolution commemorating Motorcycle Safety Month in Michigan. Michigan has nearly 250,000 registered motorcycles and more than 610,000 people who have a motorcycle operator license. As a motorcycle rider myself, I do understand why. There's nothing quite like the feel of the open road ahead of you and the wind in your face. It is one of the most exhilarating ways to experience our Pure Michigan summers.

But as hundreds of thousands of motorcycle riders return to our roads this summer, safety should also be at the top of everyone's mind. Unfortunately, motorcycle riding does come with risks that result in a disproportionate share of injuries and fatalities on our roadways. However, there's many steps that motorcycle riders and other motorists can take to reduce those risks and increase safety. Wearing proper gear, performing recommended safety and maintenance checks, abiding by the laws of the road, and learning and implementing proper operating techniques can all help motorcycle riders to prevent accidents and injuries. At the same time, other motorists should always be alert for motorcycles, especially as we enter this warm summer travel season, and everyone should "look twice to save a life."

I would appreciate my colleagues' support on this important resolution, and, again, urge everyone on our roadways this summer to "look twice to save a life."

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nesbitt's statement is as follows:

I still want to call her Emma Method, but Emma Paddock, who got married during the time in my office—she came to me about four years ago as an intern. She moved here from the east coast to do music lessons and do a master's in music at Michigan State University. It's a little tough to do that during the COVID lockdowns when they're trying to do it all virtually, so she started poking around and at her church, they recommended maybe getting an internship in the Legislature. She started interning for me, and she did such a great job that we moved her into full-time staff. She's just been a really key person on dealing with constituents in my district and being the front desk person in our office for several years.

She has a great new opportunity across the way in the House, and we wish her the very best as she goes on to the new adventures over there. She's always been somebody who has taken care of the constituents here in Michigan and in my district, and I'm just looking forward to your new role and as you move up the ladder. Thank you, Emma.

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:15 a.m.

10:46 a.m.

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

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 Irwin 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 with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 163, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 for capital outlay to finance projects to demolish, construct, renovate, or equip buildings and facilities on state property, property owned

by institutions of higher education and community colleges, and property under the control of the state building authority; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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. 165, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-2).

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. 167, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 236 and 241 (MCL 388.1836 and 388.1841), as amended by 2024 PA 120.

Substitute (S-2).

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. 170, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the judiciary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

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

1. Amend page 20, line 14, by striking out all of section 401 and inserting "Sec. 401. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for innocence investment grant shall be provided to the Michigan Innocence Clinic at the University of Michigan Law School to further legal advocacy and investigation, and to cover litigation expenses associated with helping the wrongfully convicted across the state of Michigan. This work includes increasing the clinic's case capacity, improving its efficiency in processing and investigating cases, increasing opportunities for student learning experiences, and providing support for both legal representation and associated forensic investigative work.

(2) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for innocence investment grant are designated as a work project appropriation. Unencumbered or unallotted funds must not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and must be available for expenditures under this section until the project has been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

(a) The purpose of the work project is to further legal advocacy and investigation, and to cover litigation expenses associated with helping the wrongfully convicted across the state of Michigan.

(b) The work project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees, contracts with service providers, or both.

(c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,000,000.00.

(d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2030."

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.

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

Senate Bill No. 171, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of agriculture and rural development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-2).

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. 174, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the state transportation department for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 45, line 20, after "than" by striking out "December 31, 2025" and inserting "December 1, 2025".
2. Amend page 45, line 21, after "study" by inserting "and pilot (hereinafter referenced as "study")".
3. Amend page 45, line 24, after "than" by striking out "90 days" and inserting "60 days".
4. Amend page 45, line 26, after "committee" and before "." by inserting "and announce their first meeting date".
5. Amend page 48, line 6, after "state" by striking out "to" and inserting ".". Also, amend page 48, line 6, before "begin" start a new sentence by inserting "The road user charge study shall".
6. Amend page 49, line 10, after "by" by striking out "December 31, 2027" and inserting "May 31, 2027". Also, amend page 49, line 11, after "report" by inserting "by that date".
7. Amend page 50, line 24, after "by" by striking out "December 31, 2027" and inserting "May 31, 2027".

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.

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

Senate Bill No. 175, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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. 176, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 11, following line 5, by inserting:

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2. Amend page 11, line 10, by striking out "25,000,000" and inserting "25,000,100".
3. Amend page 11, line 13, by striking out "15,000,000" and inserting "15,000,100" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

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.

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

Senate Bill No. 177, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of licensing and regulatory affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-2).

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. 178, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of insurance and financial services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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. 180, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of health and human services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 11, line 10, after “2.0” by striking out “112,157,200” and inserting “122,157,200”.
 2. Amend page 11, line 12, after “\$” by striking out “283,588,200” and inserting “293,588,200”.
 3. Amend page 11, line 20, after “revenues” by striking out “57,380,100” and inserting “67,380,100”.
 4. Amend page 20, line 19, after “services” by striking out “8,048,274,300” and inserting “8,048,274,400”.
 5. Amend page 21, line 12, after “\$” by striking out “23,268,014,200” and inserting “23,268,014,300”.
 6. Amend page 21, line 21, after “\$” by striking out “2,823,916,800” and inserting “2,823,916,900” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
 7. Amend page 121, line 9, after “allocate” by striking out “\$45,000,000.00” and inserting “\$55,000,000.00”.
 8. Amend page 123, following line 18, by inserting:
“(j) \$10,000,000.00 to support naloxone distribution efforts and needle exchange programs.”.
 9. Amend page 175, following line 11, by inserting:
“Sec. 1634. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for health plan services, the department shall allocate \$100.00 to implement 2024 PA 244.”.
 10. Amend page 194, following line 19, by inserting:
“Sec. 1861. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for transportation, on a monthly basis, the department shall submit, to the standard report recipients and contracted Medicaid health plans, a report with sufficient information to allow for the appropriate and timely adjudication of claims for non-emergency medical transportation related to substance use disorders and behavioral health services. The information reported must include, but is not limited to, member demographic information, provider information, and dates of service.”.
- 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.

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

Senate Bill No. 181, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 40, line 12, after “deploying” by inserting “publicly or”.
2. Amend page 40, line 13, after “but not limited to,” by inserting “light-”.
3. Amend page 40, line 15, after “(c)” by inserting “Purchasing and leasing alternative fuel public and private light, medium, and heavy-duty fleet vehicles.
(d) Deploying charging and clean fuel infrastructure in rural communities.
(e)”.
4. Amend page 40, line 15, after “Deploying” by inserting “publicly or”.
5. Amend page 40, line 29, after “infrastructure” by inserting “, and accelerate the adoption of alternative fuel vehicles to enable the transition to sustainable transportation options”.
6. Amend page 41, line 4, after “September 30, 2030.” by inserting:
“(5) The department shall expend no more than 5% from the funds appropriated in part 1 for electric vehicle infrastructure for administrative purposes.”.

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.

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

Senate Bill No. 164, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-2).

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. 168, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 201 and 206 (MCL 388.1801 and 388.1806), as amended by 2024 PA 120.

Substitute (S-2).

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

1. Amend page 16, line 14, after “**January 1**,” by striking out “**2023**” and inserting “**2025**”.

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.

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

Senate Bill No. 172, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-2).

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. 179, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of labor and economic opportunity for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-2).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 5, line 28, by striking out “13,682,200” and inserting “14,182,200”.

2. Amend page 6, line 27, by striking out “12,643,300” and inserting “13,143,300” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

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.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

May 8, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to MCL 256.571, Executive Order 2002-6:

Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission

Michael Poulin of 401 Ruddiman Drive, North Muskegon, Michigan 49445, Muskegon County, will be reappointed to represent local units of government for a term commencing May 28, 2025, and expiring May 27, 2028.

May 8, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 469 of 2016, MCL 399.833:

Michigan Historical Commission

Eric Hemenway of 780 Ottawa Street, Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740, Emmet County, will be reappointed as a member at-large for a term commencing May 22, 2025, and expiring May 21, 2029.

Laura Ashlee of 1931 Yuma Trail, Okemos, Michigan 48864, Ingham County, will be reappointed as a member at-large for a term commencing May 22, 2025, and expiring May 21, 2029.

May 8, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 96 of 1987, MCL 125.2303, as amended by Executive Reorganization Order No. 1997-12, MCL 445.2002, and Executive Order No. 2010-9:

Manufactured Housing Commission

Victoria Policicchio of 236 Pleasant Street, Birmingham, Michigan 48009, Oakland County, succeeding Daniel Grant, whose term will expire, will be appointed to represent manufacturers of mobile homes for a term commencing May 10, 2025, and expiring May 9, 2029.

May 8, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 455 of 2012, MCL 752.1086:

Organized Retail Crime Advisory Board

Chad Baugh of 6371 Lambeth Way, Canton, Michigan 48187, Wayne County, succeeding Vernon Coakley, whose term has expired, appointed to represent a city, village, or township police department or a county sheriff department for a term commencing May 8, 2025, and expiring March 30, 2029.

May 8, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 299 of 1980, MCL 339.302, 339.303, and 339.2603:

Michigan Board of Real Estate Appraisers

Jake Lew of 1787 Holland Street, Birmingham, Michigan 48009, Oakland County, will be reappointed as a certified residential real estate appraiser for a term commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2029.

Catherine Quayle of 144 North Pearce Street, Gwinn, Michigan 49841, Marquette County, will be reappointed as a certified real estate appraiser for a term commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2029.

May 8, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 299 of 1980, MCL 339.302, 339.303, and 339.2402, as amended by Executive Reorganization Order No. 2024-2, MCL 16.735:

Residential Builders' and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors' Board

Kenneth Stahl of 2648 Spring Grove Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48114, Livingston County, reappointed as a licensee under MCL 339.2402 for a term commencing May 8, 2025, and expiring March 31, 2029.

Donald Wood of 7502 Warwick Drive, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197, Washtenaw County, reappointed as a licensee under MCL 339.2402 for a term commencing May 8, 2025, and expiring March 31, 2029.

May 8, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Executive Reorganization Order No. 2009-36, MCL 209.131:

State Tax Commission

Nancy Quarles of 43000 12 Oaks Crescent Drive, Unit 5033, Novi, Michigan 48377, Oakland County, succeeding Mark Davidoff, who has resigned, will be appointed as a Democrat and member with at least 5 years experience in government or the private sector, dealing with matters relating to state or local taxes, for a term commencing June 1, 2025, and expiring December 27, 2028.

May 8, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 186 of 1973, MCL 205.721 and 205.722:

Michigan Tax Tribunal

Jason Grinnell of 946 Ogden Avenue, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506, Kent County, will be reappointed as an attorney for a term commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2029.

Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:06 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Motions and Communications

Senator Singh moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on their immediate passage:

Senate Bill No. 168

Senate Bill No. 167

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

Third Reading of Bills

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

Senate Bill No. 168

Senate Bill No. 167

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 168, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 201, 204, 206, 207a, 207b, 207c, 210, 210b, 210d, 216e, 217a, 217b, 217c, 222, 229a, and 230 (MCL 388.1801, 388.1804, 388.1806, 388.1807a, 388.1807b, 388.1807c, 388.1810, 388.1810b, 388.1810d, 388.1816e, 388.1817a, 388.1817b, 388.1817c, 388.1822, 388.1829a, and 388.1830), sections 201, 206, 207a, 207b, 207c, 217b, 222, 229a, and 230 as amended and sections 216e and 217c as added by 2024 PA 120, section 204 as amended by 2012 PA 201, section 210 as amended and section 210d as added by 2015 PA 85, section 210b as amended by 2021 PA 86, and section 217a as added by 2023 PA 103, and by adding sections 216c, 217d, 217e, and 217f; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 29, line 22, by striking out all of subsection (4).
2. Amend page 29, line 29, by striking out “(5)” and inserting “(4)”.
3. Amend page 30, line 22, by striking out all of section 217f.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 30, line 7, after “**2025.**” by inserting “**The report must include the total spending by the college on diversity, equity, and inclusion programs during the college’s prior fiscal year.**”.

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. 80

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Santana
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Shink

Brinks	Geiss	McMorrow	Singh
Camilleri	Hertel	Moss	Wojno
Cavanagh	Irwin	Polehanki	

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:
1. Amend page 15, line 22, by striking out “**infrastructure.**” and inserting “**infrastructure, to repay debt, or to demolish unused or blighted facilities.**”
The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not 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. 81

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Albert, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 168 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”
The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert's statement is as follows:

There are some good elements to this budget, but on the whole I feel we can and should be able to do better for community colleges in the state of Michigan. This budget has some of the problems that other education budgets have when it comes to the failure to pay off the employee retirement system debt quickly enough. It also includes some troublesome language targeting charter schools and their authorizers. This budget would require charters to have, quote, abandoned building policies and requirements that would not apply to traditional K-12 schools. It is highly likely that there are far more abandoned buildings from traditional schools than charters. This clause is just another attempt to add costly administrative burdens to public charters and try to give traditional K-12 public schools an unfair financial advantage. I urge a "no" vote.

Senator Albert asked and was granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert's first statement is as follows:

Education policy should be fair. Many parents in communities across our state have chosen to send their kids to public school charter academies. Unfortunately, this budget proposal continues an ongoing Democratic attack on charter schools and their students. My amendment would eliminate language that unfairly treats charter school authorizers—in this case, community college charter school authorizers are currently allowed to retain 3 percent of their state aid for administrative purposes. This budget cuts that by 33 percent.

In addition, this plan requires charter school authorizers to adopt a facility policy to ensure that any structures on other property vacated by a public school academy that ceases operation doesn't contribute to blight in the surrounding community. I'm not in favor of blight but I am in favor of fairness. There's no such requirement of any abandoned traditional public school building around the state. On top of that, there's been no evidence provided to demonstrate that charter schools are contributing to blight as a statewide problem as a whole. Ironically, I recently toured a school in Detroit this spring that actually fixed up a blighted building. I urge members here to treat all schools fairly by voting "yes" on this amendment.

Senator Albert's second statement is as follows:

This amendment would require community colleges to disclose their total spending on DEI programs. Community colleges that continue to fund DEI potentially in violation of the recent Supreme Court decision or the President's executive order are ignoring the will of the people and jeopardizing important federal funding. This amendment is about fairness and accountability, and I urge my colleagues to support.

Senator Albert's third statement is as follows:

This amendment would simply add debt and demolition to the list of acceptable items for funds used for specified infrastructure and safety improvements. These items contribute to overall costs and we don't want to see improvements hindered because of unintended and unnecessary red tape. I ask for a "yes" vote on this amendment.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 167, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 236, 236c, 236j, 239, 241, 241a, 241c, 241e, 244, 247, 248, 254, 263, 263b, 264, 268, 269, 270, 270c, 275k, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287 (MCL 388.1836, 388.1836c, 388.1836j, 388.1839, 388.1841, 388.1841a, 388.1841c, 388.1841e, 388.1844, 388.1847, 388.1848, 388.1854, 388.1863, 388.1863b, 388.1864, 388.1868, 388.1869, 388.1870, 388.1870c, 388.1875k, 388.1876, 388.1877, 388.1878, 388.1879, 388.1880, 388.1881, 388.1882, 388.1883, 388.1884, 388.1885, 388.1886, and 388.1887), sections 236, 236c, 236j, 241, 241a, 241c, 244, 248, 254, 263, 263b, 264, 268, 269, 270c, 275k, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, and 282 as amended and sections 241e, 247, 270, and 287 as added by 2024 PA 120, section 239 as amended by 2012 PA 201, section 283 as amended by 2023 PA 103, section 284 as amended by 2017 PA 108, and sections 285 and 286 as amended by 2021 PA 86, and by adding sections 236m, 236s, 241f, 241g, 275l, 275n, and 275o; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 44, line 16, by striking out "Subject to sections 217f and 275l," and inserting "The".
2. Amend page 52, line 9, by striking out all of subsection (4).
3. Amend page 52, line 16, by striking out "(5)" and inserting "(4)".
4. Amend page 52, line 19, by striking out all of section 275l.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 53, line 7, by striking out all of section 275n.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 16, line 3, by striking out “**infrastructure.**” and inserting “**infrastructure, to repay debt, or to demolish unused or blighted facilities.**”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 9, line 23, by striking out all of subsection (11) and adjusting the totals in section 236 and enacting section 1 accordingly.
- 2. Amend page 10, line 8, by striking out “(12)” and inserting “(11)”.
- 3. Amend page 10, line 14, by striking out “(13)” and inserting “(12)”.
- 4. Amend page 10, line 23, by striking out “(14)” and inserting “(13)”.
- 5. Amend page 12, line 5, by striking out “(15)” and inserting “(14)”.
- 6. Amend page 12, line 11, by striking out “(16)” and inserting “(15)”.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 53, line 23, after “**2025.**” by inserting “**The report must include the total spending by the university on diversity, equity, and inclusion programs during the university’s prior fiscal year.**”.

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. 82

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 54, following line 1, by inserting:

“Sec. 275p. (1) Each university that receives an appropriation in section 236(2) must produce a report containing the following information:

(a) An itemized list of funds received by the university from entities located outside the United States, including funds received for research.

(b) A description of expenditures made, or expenditures that are planned to be made from funds described in subdivision (a).

(c) A description of any research conducted or intended to be conducted using funds described in subdivision (a).

(2) By March 15, 2026, each university must submit the report described in subsection (1) to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director.”.

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. 83

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 54, following line 1, by inserting:

“Sec. 275q. (1) To receive an operations increase payment under section 236, each public university must do the following by October 10, 2025:

(a) Submit to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director a report listing all university-sanctioned student organizations.

(b) Certify to the state budget director that no organization identified in the report required under subdivision (a) has a demonstrated history of supporting terrorist organizations or threats of physical violence toward others.

(2) If a public university does not fulfill the requirements under subsection (1), the state budget director must not provide that university with payment of the operations increase appropriated under section 236, and must notify the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education within 30 days of determining that such payment must be withheld.

(3) As used in this section and section 275r, “terrorist organization” means a foreign organization that is designated by the United States secretary of state in accordance with section 219 of the immigration and nationality act, 8 USC 1189, as amended.

Sec. 275r. (1) A student found to be in violation of the student code of conduct of the postsecondary education institution the student attends may not receive an award under a scholarship program receiving an appropriation under section 236(7), if the violation of the student code of conduct is determined to be a result of the student’s support of a terrorist organization.

(2) By September 30, 2026, any postsecondary education institution that suspended or denied a scholarship award under subsection (1) must provide a report disclosing the number of students who had a scholarship suspended or denied under this section to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director.”.

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. 84

Yeas—18

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—1

Hertel

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. 85

Yeas—19

Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Santana
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Shink

Brinks	Geiss	McMorrow	Singh
Camilleri	Hertel	Moss	Wojno
Cavanagh	Irwin	Polehanki	

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Albert, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 167 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert’s statement is as follows:

In addition to the points I made in the amendments I brought forward, this budget doesn’t do enough to help universities adapt and prepare for some of the long-term trends we are seeing, particularly flat or declining enrollment at many institutions. We should be doing more to help universities eliminate debt and reduce some of their building holdings in order to help them save money. If we don’t start making decisions like this soon, we may face a scenario where some of our universities will not make it and will eventually have to be shut down. I urge a “no” vote on this.

Senator Albert asked and was granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert’s first statement is as follows:

This amendment mirrors the community college amendment dealing with charter school authorizers, and my previous remarks apply to this amendment as well.

Senator Albert’s second statement is as follows:

My amendment would cut language that discriminates against certain college students and attempts to push DEI on our universities. Under this budget proposal, students majoring in theology, divinity, or religious education, and working toward a degree in those areas, or enrolled at a college or university that doesn’t have a board-approved policy of inclusion and non-discrimination, would be banned from the following awards: state competitive scholarship, tuition grants, tuition incentive programs, children of veterans and officers survivor tuition grants, gear up, and the Michigan Achievement scholarship. I urge members to support this amendment and to make these financial assistance programs available to all Michigan students.

Senator Albert's third statement is as follows:

This amendment mirrors the community college amendment in regard to allowable use of items funding and including debt in demolition, and my previous remarks apply to this amendment as well.

Senator Albert's fourth statement is as follows:

This amendment would eliminate a duplicative initiative proposed for the so-called Free Application for Federal Student Aid program. Michigan already has a program promoting FAFSA completion, yet the budget proposal before us today appears to be aimed at funding the Governor's \$1 million Ticket to Tuition FAFSA sweepstakes that has lottery-style prizes of \$10,000 or \$50,000. These programs are not free. They come at a cost, and someone is paying it through their taxes. How can we justify needlessly giving away money to students who are doing something that they should already be doing when we have grandmothers who can't afford their property taxes and families who are getting dinged on their sales tax bills when they can barely pay their grocery bills at the supermarket? This is one of the most ridiculous programs I've seen in my time in the Michigan Legislature, and I urge my colleagues to support my amendment.

Senator Albert's fifth statement is as follows:

This amendment mirrors the community college amendment that's dealing with DEI spending, and my previous remarks apply to this amendment as well.

Senator Albert's sixth statement is as follows:

Americans on both sides of the aisle are worried about the influence of money from foreign entities in our public institutions, including our colleges and universities. The federal government does require some reporting on this type of funding, but it lacks a lot of important details. My amendment would require public universities in our state to report on how much money they receive from foreign entities and provide more information to more fully understand the nature of that funding. This amendment is about transparency regarding foreign money, and I urge a "yes" vote.

Senator Albert's seventh statement is as follows:

There is a difference between exercising free speech and supporting terrorism. This amendment recognizes that difference. Under terms of this amendment, any student organization that supports recognized terrorist organizations or makes threats of violence toward any group or individual would not be allowed to be a university-sanctioned student organization. Universities would submit a report that lists all of their sanctioned student organizations. In order for the university to get their operations increased for the year, they would have to certify that they don't have any sanctioned organizations that support recognized terrorist organizations or threats of physical violence toward others. If universities allow student organizations to support terrorist groups or threaten other students, they can't get their operations increased. Under this amendment, any student who is found to be in violation of the university's code of conduct as a result of supporting a terrorist organization or by threatening physical violence or death toward other individuals, will lose any state-funded scholarship or grant. Thank you and I urge a "yes" vote on this amendment.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Singh moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on its immediate passage:

Senate Bill No. 163

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

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 bill:

Senate Bill No. 163

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 163, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 for capital outlay to finance projects to demolish, construct, renovate, or equip buildings and facilities on state property, property owned

by institutions of higher education and community colleges, and property under the control of the state building authority; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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. 86

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess until 12:45 p.m.

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:42 a.m.

The Senate reconvened at the expiration of the recess and was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator Moss.

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:46 p.m.

12:59 p.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Motions and Communications

Senator Singh moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on their immediate passage:

Senate Bill No. 179

Senate Bill No. 180

Senate Bill No. 174

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

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:

Senate Bill No. 179

Senate Bill No. 180

Senate Bill No. 174

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 179, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of labor and economic opportunity for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Lindsey offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 32, following line 15, by inserting:

“Sec. 311. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be allocated, awarded, or loaned to a company that has financial ties or is partially owned by a hostile foreign nation or a company that is located in a hostile foreign nation.

(2) As used in this section, “hostile foreign nation,” mean a nation on the list of counties of particular concerns, special watch list counties, or affiliated with entities of particular concern as defined by the infrastructure investment and jobs act, by the United States Department of Energy.”

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. 87

Yeas—18

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—1

Hertel

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Bellino offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 5, line 24, by striking out “16” and inserting “15”.
2. Amend page 5, line 24, by striking out “44,111,500” and inserting “43,961,500”.
3. Amend page 6, line 27, by striking out “12,643,300” and inserting “12,493,300” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
4. Amend page 100, line 12, through page 100, line 21 by striking out all of section 952.

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. 88

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Theis offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 4, line 23, by striking out “194,706,800” and inserting “192,206,800”.
2. Amend page 5, line 14, by striking the line.
3. Amend page 12, line 17, by striking the line.

- 4. Amend page 12, line 18, by striking out “278,004,100” and inserting “298,004,100” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
 - 5. Amend page 31, line 3, through page 32, line 9 by striking out section 309.
- The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Bellino offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 99, following line 29, by inserting:
“Sec. 950. The funds appropriated in part 1 for office of global Michigan shall only be expended to provide immigration services to individuals with documentation that allows them to be in this country legally.”.
- 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. 89

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Damoose offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 9, line 18, by striking out “21,000,000” and inserting “50,000,000”.
 - 2. Amend page 10, line 13, by striking out “144,811,200” and inserting “173,811,200” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
- The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Lindsey offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 32, following line 15, by inserting:
“Sec. 311. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be allocated, awarded, or loaned to a company that has financial ties or is partially owned by a hostile foreign nation or a company that is located in a hostile foreign nation.
 - (2) As used in this section, “hostile foreign nation,” mean a nation on the list of countries of particular concerns, special watch list countries, or affiliated with entities of particular concern as defined by the infrastructure investment and jobs act, by the United States Department of Energy.”
- 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. 90

Yeas—18

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—1

Hertel

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. 91

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Huizenga, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 179 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Huizenga’s statement is as follows:

I’m a bit of a numbers guy and when I look at this budget, the numbers just don’t add up for Michigan families. It’s often stated that budgets are priorities and right now, we need to make sure we address the issues and real challenges facing families across our state. That’s why our team put together commonsense amendments, solutions that would help communities across Michigan, and not just a select few.

Instead, this budget narrowly targets programs when we should be addressing the housing crisis statewide, helping people in more places get the support they need to build, baby, build—if I may borrow a phrase. There’s also a fund that quietly moves taxpayer dollars behind the scenes with little transparency. This is not how you earn trust or grow a strong economy. Finally, we should never use taxpayer dollars to support companies linked to foreign adversaries that don’t have our best interest at heart. Yet, this budget opens the doors to subsidizing those very corporations and putting our own workers and communities at risk.

For those reasons, I recommend a “no” vote and hope we can work together on real solutions that put Michigan families first.

Senators Lindsey, Bellino, Theis, Damoose and Irwin asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Lindsey’s statement is as follows:

We should not still be discussing whether Michigan taxpayer dollars can fund foreign adversaries. My amendment would make that illegal. Please vote “yes.”

Senator Bellino’s first statement is as follows:

The taxpayers of this state are not a legal defense fund for those who could be here illegally nor do we serve as a GoFundMe for individuals who violate federal law. My amendment would remove new bureaucracy from the Office of Global Michigan and allow us to focus on our own issues at home, like our waning education system, our lack of a road funding plan, or perhaps cutting taxpayers a break and give them a well-deserved break. People are being stretched thin by government overspending and my amendment is another example of how we can get the job done and put money in people’s pockets. I ask that my colleagues support my amendment.

Senator Theis’ statement is as follows:

This amendment simply removes the new ill-conceived cash grab Yes Fund from this budget. The fund looks to skim monies that are otherwise prescribed to be reinvested back into the General Fund for the benefit of all Michiganders rather than the LEO special interest slush fund. We should be investing this money broadly instead of having these dollars be spent on politically connected pet projects within LEO. I encourage a “yes” vote on my amendment to say “no” to this bad idea.

Senator Bellino’s second statement is as follows:

Mr. President, the stated goal of the Office of Global Michigan is, and I quote, spearheading programs for the seamless integration of newcomers. I don’t think you’d find any opposition to welcoming and integrating newcomers to our state, as long as they arrive here legally. Unfortunately, some across the aisle would like to see tax-funded programs like this one utilized to assist those who haven’t gotten here by following the country’s rules or the state’s rules. Those who haven’t waited in line; those who didn’t wait for their turn. My amendment is simple. Let’s make sure every dime of taxpayer money going into this office is utilized to benefit newcomers to the state. I ask for your support of my amendment.

Senator Damoose’s statement is as follows:

One of my closest friends growing up was an exchange student from Germany, and when we were in our late teens and early twenties, every time he’d visit, we would take off on a road trip. He used to find it absolutely hilarious when we would cross into Ohio and he would see the slogan, “Ohio, the Heart of It All.” I can still remember him laughing with his thick German accent: “Good news, we’re in the heart of everything right now.” He thought it was positively hilarious. Ohio is a fine state, but it clearly isn’t the heart of everything and claiming such is just marketing hyperbole.

Michigan at the time wasn't much better. "Yes Michigan" was our slogan and it didn't really have a lot of meaning. It wasn't the type of idea that would move people to either visit or do business in our state. I'm not even sure what were supposedly saying "yes" to. People can see through marketing that is not authentic and when something comes along that is authentic, it can make a huge impact on the decisions people make and their perceptions about a product or a state. "Don't Mess With Texas" is a stroke of marketing genius that in one fell swoop captures the essence of what it means to be a Texan. It's tough, it's self-confident, it means marching to you own drum, and importantly, it fits what people's perception of what Texas is and what it should be. While I'm not a fan of its connotations, "What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas" told people everything they needed to know about Las Vegas. It's one of the world's most effective slogans and ideas in marketing history, and it translated into a huge boom in tourism and economy for Las Vegas. After years of having tried to rebrand itself as a family resort, they finally realized that was inauthentic, and what people actually wanted when they came to Vegas was a free pass to do whatever they wanted for a weekend and not get caught. Again, not a great concept but exactly what Las Vegas is.

Right up at the top of this great marketing is Pure Michigan—so much so that when people first heard it, they instantly said, Yes, that is what our state is all about. That's why I love Michigan. Pure Michigan is absolutely authentic and true. In those words we capture both the obvious connotation of our crisp, clean, pure waters that so many people enjoy, the fresh air, campgrounds, the Northern Michigan playgrounds, the rivers for fishing, everything we love about our state. So too Pure Michigan has the connotation of being the true original—which we are. Motown music is Pure Michigan, our great automobile industry is Pure Michigan, advanced manufacturing, the Detroit Lions' grit, the Mackinac Bridge—all Pure Michigan, as in only in Michigan, or unique to Michigan.

When the Pure Michigan campaign launched in 2008 it couldn't have come at a better time. Our nation was in the grips of an economic collapse that led to the Great Recession, but let's not forget that at the time, Michigan was already several years into what they called a single-state recession. We were hanging our heads—in the eyes of the nation, a dying Rust Belt state; in the eyes of Michigan residents, we felt as though our best days were behind us. From that very first time we heard that beautiful music, listened to those stirring words spoken in that deep resonant voice, and saw the beautiful imagery, we stood a little taller, we popped our collar a bit, we started saying, Heck yeah, I'm from Michigan.

What the campaign did to inspire pride amongst our residents was remarkable and lasting. It helped remind us why we are here. And, according to all studies, it gave people a pride in Michigan that made people more likely to stay here. We all know how important that is. To people outside our state, it presented a radically different vision of Michigan from what they saw on the nightly news from coast to coast.

Since we're looking to rebuild our economy into one that is viable for the 21st century, we know that people need to visit Michigan first before they'll ever consider opening up business here. We have decades of bad press and bad reputations to overcome, but when people see the state for themselves, the results are overwhelming. Every study since its inception shows millions of additional visits to Michigan every year. The state brings in an additional \$12 in revenue for every dollar spent in media for Pure Michigan commercials.

Sadly, despite this success, Michigan has pulled away from Pure Michigan funding in recent years, slashing the budget over and over again to the point where this year's budget as proposed is only \$10 million. From the standpoint of tourism, business attraction, the retention of our existing population, and the proven track record in terms of return on investment for Pure Michigan, my amendment restores full funding for this incredibly powerful program and raises the budget from \$10 million to \$50 million.

Senator Irwin's statement is as follows:

I rise to give a hearty thank you to my colleague from the 37th District for giving a thoughtful and inspiring speech about this wonderful state we all love so much. Would we be here if we didn't love Michigan? I want to thank him for that. But I must say that here on the Senate floor, we also must stand for accuracy and my good colleague said one thing that I must take exception with. Early in his speech he said, "Ohio is a fine state."

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 180, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of health and human services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 16, line 6, after "43.0" by striking out "19,364,600" and inserting "19,864,600".
2. Amend page 16, line 8, after "\$" by striking out "201,609,500" and inserting "202,109,500".

3. Amend page 16, line 18, after “\$” by striking out “84,813,700” and inserting “85,313,700” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

4. Amend page 151, following line 21, by inserting:

“Sec. 1183. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for PFAS and environmental contamination response, the department shall allocate \$500,000.00 to implement Senate Bill No. 298 and Senate Bill No. 299 of the 103rd Legislature. The funds must be used to establish and administer a grant program to provide 1 or more grants to a research institution to conduct a pilot program to assess the level of PFAS in the blood of and study the effects of PFAS on qualified study participants in this state.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 92

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Webber offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 10, line 28, after “FTEs” by striking out “99.0” and inserting “101.0”.

2. Amend page 11, line 9, after “FTEs” by striking out “25.0” and inserting “27.0”.

3. Amend page 11, line 9, after “25.0” by striking out “3,563,200” and inserting “3,892,200”.

4. Amend page 11, line 12, after “\$” by striking out “283,588,200” and inserting “283,917,200”.

5. Amend page 11, line 21, after “\$” by striking out “44,610,300” and inserting “44,939,300”.

6. Amend page 11, line 27, after “\$” by striking out “291,153,400” and inserting “305,979,200” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

7. Amend page 12, line 25, after “positions” by striking out “2,546.6” and inserting “2,691.6”.

8. Amend page 13, line 17, after “FTEs” by striking out “786.2” and inserting “931.2”.

9. Amend page 13, line 17, after “786.2” by striking out “119,200,600” and inserting “134,026,400”.

10. Amend page 13, line 19, after “\$” by striking out “381,653,400” and inserting “396,479,200”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 93**Yeas—18**

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 11, line 10, after “2.0” by striking out “112,157,200” and inserting “218,157,200”.
2. Amend page 11, line 12, after “\$” by striking out “283,588,200” and inserting “389,588,200”.
3. Amend page 11, line 20, after “revenues” by striking out “57,380,100” and inserting “163,380,100” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
4. Amend page 121, line 9, after “allocate” by striking out “\$45,000,000.00” and inserting “\$151,000,000.00”.
5. Amend page 123, following line 13, by inserting:
“(j) \$106,000,000.00 to support the priorities and short-, medium-, and long-term recommendations of the Opioid Advisory Commission identified in the Opioid Advisory Commission 2025 Annual Report, including funds for life-saving programs.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 94**Yeas—18**

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

Nays—19

Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Santana
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Shink

Brinks
Camilleri
Cavanagh

Geiss
Hertel
Irwin

McMorrow
Moss
Polehanki

Singh
Wojno

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Victory offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 19, line 11, after “\$” by striking out “61,047,200” and inserting “65,047,200”.
2. Amend page 19, line 16, after “\$” by striking out “127,853,500” and inserting “131,853,500”.
3. Amend page 19, line 24, after “\$” by striking out “52,897,400” and inserting “56,897,400” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 95

Yeas—18

Albert
Bellino
Bumstead
Daley
Damoose

Hauck
Hoitenga
Huizenga
Johnson
Lauwers

Lindsey
McBroom
Nesbitt
Outman

Runestad
Theis
Victory
Webber

Nays—19

Anthony
Bayer
Brinks
Camilleri
Cavanagh

Chang
Cherry
Geiss
Hertel
Irwin

Klinefelt
McCann
McMorrow
Moss
Polehanki

Santana
Shink
Singh
Wojno

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Johnson offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 114, line 16, after “after” by inserting “a report is made to the department, and completing the investigation not later than 15 days after”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Senator Johnson withdrew the amendment.

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 21, line 8, after “elderly” by striking out “284,291,100” and inserting “290,089,800”.
- 2. Amend page 21, line 12, after “\$” by striking out “23,268,014,200” and inserting “23,273,812,900”.
- 3. Amend page 21, line 15, after “revenues” by striking out “16,601,461,700” and inserting “16,605,248,300”.
- 4. Amend page 21, line 21, after “\$” by striking out “2,823,916,800” and inserting “2,825,928,900” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
- 5. Amend page 192, line 26, by striking out “8,597” and inserting “8,651”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

The senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 96

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 4, line 19, after “basket” by striking out “525,000” and inserting “1,500,000”.
 - 2. Amend page 4, line 26, after “\$” by striking out “197,187,100” and inserting “198,162,100”.
 - 3. Amend page 5, line 5, after “\$” by striking out “36,682,000” and inserting “37,657,000” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
 - 4. Amend page 64, line 2, after “allocate” by striking out “\$525,000.00” and inserting “\$1,500,000.00”.
- The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 23, following line 17, by inserting:

“Narcotics awareness program	12,000,000”
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- 2. Amend page 23, line 25, after “\$” by striking out “150,350,500” and inserting “162,350,500”.

- 3. Amend page 23, following line 26, by inserting:

“Special revenue funds:	
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Michigan opioid healing and recovery	12,000,000”
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and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

4. Amend page 222, following line 28, by inserting:

“Sec. 2013. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for narcotics awareness program, the department shall allocate \$12,000,000.00 from the Michigan opioid healing and recovery fund created under section 3 of the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL 12.253 to a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of this state, is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501, and with a headquarters in a charter township with a population between 100,000 and 105,000 in a county with a population between 700,000 and 1,000,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census. To receive funding under this subdivision, the nonprofit organization must have a stated mission to offer community-based, compassionate, best-practice/evidence-based services to those suffering from addiction, to their loved ones, and to erase the stigma of addiction and instill compassion and hope.

(2) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for narcotics awareness program are designated as a work project appropriation. Unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures under this section until the project has been completed. The following are in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.145a:

(a) The purpose of the project is to offer community-based, compassionate, best-practice/evidence-based services to those suffering from addiction, as well as their loved ones, and to erase the stigma of addiction and instill compassion and hope.

(b) The project will be accomplished by a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

(c) The estimated cost of the project is \$12,000,000.00

(d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2030.”.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Webber offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 138, following line 21, by inserting:

“Sec. 1053. By December 1 of the current fiscal year the department shall submit to the standard report recipients and post on the department’s website a copy of the work rules covering employee conduct that applies to employees at state psychiatric hospitals.”.

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. 97

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 23, following line 8, by inserting:

"Hospital grant matching funds	10,000,000"
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2. Amend page 23, line 25, after "\$" by striking out "150,350,500" and inserting "160,350,500".

3. Amend page 23, line 27, after "\$" by striking out "150,350,500" and inserting "160,350,500" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

4. Amend page 222, following line 28, by inserting:

"Sec. 2011. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for hospital grant matching funds, the department shall allocated \$10,000,000.00 to a hospital located in a village with a population between 250 and 1,000 within a county with a population between 61,300 and 63,900 according to the most recent federal decennial census as matching funds for a Federal grant."

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Lindsey offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 115, after line 28, by inserting:

"Sec. 903. The department shall provide reimbursement to a CMHSP or PIHP for provision of a service, in an amount equal to or above the mandatory minimum rate set for those services paid to the provider."

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Johnson offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 114, line 17, after "than" by striking out "30" and inserting "15".

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. 98

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

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. 99

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Outman, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 180 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Outman’s statement is as follows:

In recent years, our annual budget has grown significantly, yet some critical programs are being left underfunded. While the DHHS budget before us makes important investments, it fails to include numerous measures to support our seniors and PFAS remediation. It also inadequately responds to the opioid epidemic and fails to fully support Kids’ Food Basket, a program near and dear to my heart.

For those reasons, I ask for a “no” vote on this bill.

Senators Huizenga, Webber, Outman, Victory, Lindsey and Johnson asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Huizenga’s first statement is as follows:

Several years ago, communities across Michigan and our country learned about forever chemicals, known as PFAS. They were found in dozens of groundwater systems, and many of the families most directly affected by PFAS are people who use well water. In Michigan, about one in four households use a private well as their primary source of drinking water. A lack of information in individual testing has created further fear for parents who are worried about the long-term health effects of those chemicals on their kids. To help provide parents with clarity, my amendment would use \$500,000 to fund a pilot program to test and monitor PFAS levels in the blood of children in certain impacted communities. This testing program could be an important step in helping our state better understand the extent of PFAS problems facing our communities and to better provide vital information and resources to affected families. I ask for a “yes” vote on my amendment.

Senator Webber's first statement is as follows:

We have a moral obligation to do right by the kids and families under the state's care. The rushed transition of minors from the former Hawthorn Center to the Walter P. Reuther Psychiatric Hospital compromised many areas of critical care, including education, outdoor recreation, and visitation rights. The more I investigate our state hospital system, the worse it gets. Patient escapes, violent attacks, millions in settled lawsuits, serious concerns over nutritional support, and recipient rights complaints going unanswered. We need to make sure we are properly funding the new psychiatric hospital in Northville so that we are solving critical bed shortages and expanding access to proper mental health services. My amendment would restore \$15.2 million to the Governor's budget recommendation for the new facility, which is being built on the site of the former Hawthorn Hospital. I ask for support of my amendment to protect vulnerable patients and ensure they receive the care they deserve.

Senator Outman's first statement is as follows:

Michigan is in the midst of an opioid crisis. More than 3,000 Michiganders die from overdoses each year. Yet despite this ongoing emergency, the state is sitting on over \$228 million in opioid settlement funds—money that can be used to fight this epidemic. My amendment would allocate \$151 million from the opioid healing and recovery funds to expand prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction programs already in place across Michigan. This money is readily available that we can put to work right now in order to save lives. We have a moral duty to act. Sitting on those dollars while Michigan families suffer is unacceptable. I asked for a "yes" vote on my amendment to support those struggling with addiction.

Senator Victory's statement is as follows:

The Governor recommended \$2 million for the expansion of dementia services funding to increase resources available in local communities training caregivers, caregivers, and improvement of care. This budget does not include support to these services, leaving vulnerable adults with less access to resources they need. My amendment would increase the funding of these critical services to \$4 million. With the aging population and more families facing the challenges of dementia every day, we must provide more meaningful support. I ask for a "yes" vote on my amendment.

Senator Huizenga's second statement is as follows:

My amendment would restore an increase of funding for the program of inclusive care for elderly, better known as PACE. PACE provides comprehensive medical and social services to older adults with complex care needs who wish to remain in their homes and in their communities. The Governor had proposed \$2.9 million to expand PACE slots in Saginaw, Traverse City, and Newaygo, but this budget before us today did not include this critical investment. This amendment would double the Governor's original request and provide \$5.8 million to meet the growing demands for this successful compassionate model of care. I ask for a "yes" vote on my amendment.

Senator Outman's second statement is as follows:

My amendment would provide \$1.5 million in funding for Kids' Food Basket, a strong partner in the fight against childhood hunger in west Michigan. Each day, Kids' Food Basket serves nearly 11,000 sack suppers and weekend meals to students in need at 62 schools across four counties. For many kids, it's the only nutritious meal they'll receive outside of school, but this organization does more than just provide meals. It invests in the long-term health of our communities. Through sustainable farming, local food distribution, and educational programs, Kids' Food Basket is helping families have access to fresh and healthy meal options that set kids up for success. I hope you will join me in voting "yes" on this amendment so no child in need goes hungry.

Senator Outman's third statement is as follows:

My amendment would provide \$18 million in funding for Face Addiction Down, formerly known as families against narcotics. A proven partner in the fight against addiction, FAN is doing the work that makes a real difference. They meet people where they're at, offering education, distributing lifesaving tools like Narcan, and connecting individuals and families to the help they need to recover and rebuild. Fully funding FAN means more chapters, more outreach, and more second chances. I ask for a "yes" vote on my amendment.

Senator Webber's second statement is as follows:

In March, I sent a letter to Director Hertel requesting answers from MDHHS on serious concerns, including whether work rules had been updated following an unannounced shooter drill at Hawthorn Center in a lawsuit involving the abuse of a 10-year-old patient at Walter P. Reuther Psychiatric Hospital where video footage

showed a staff member seemingly encouraging the fight and allowing the attack to happen. While the department provided some documents, several key questions remained unanswered. Have the rules been updated to ensure violations of workplace safety rules are addressed immediately and that appropriate discipline follows? Have the rules been updated to improve employee accountability in cases of patient abuse? My amendment would require MDHHS to publicly post its state psychiatric hospital work rules related to employee conduct. This step will shed more light on past failures so that proper changes can be made to protect vulnerable patients and to ensure they receive the care that they deserve. I ask for a “yes” vote on my amendment.

Senator Outman’s fourth statement is as follows:

Once again, I ask my colleagues to stand in support of Michigan’s rural hospitals. These hospitals often face unique struggles because of their location. It’s an issue that affects many of our districts, and an issue that needs direct attention. I’ve worked with Congressman John Moolenaar to secure federal funding for Sheridan Hospital, and again request that we do our part at the state level by including this match in the budget before us. These funds will help ensure the healthcare needs of Michigan’s rural residents can be met, and will provide meaningful assistance to those who do not live in cities or metropolitan areas. Much work needs to be done to ensure we meet the needs and improve access to emergency care in rural areas. Many people rely on this care, and they shouldn’t be cast aside just because of where they live. I ask that my colleagues support this amendment.

Senator Lindsey’s statement is as follows:

Everyone talks about the mental health crisis in Michigan, but here is an opportunity to actually do something about it. Our community mental health providers should be fairly reimbursed for services they provide in our communities which is exactly what my amendment would require. I ask for your support.

Senator Johnson’s statement is as follows:

This amendment is about protecting our seniors. These are our parents, grandparents, and our neighbors. They deserve to live with dignity, safety, and respect. Last year, the majority of this chamber recommended removing critical elder abuse investigation standards entirely. Though some safeguards were preserved in the final budget, the Governor later declared the section was unenforceable, and this year the Governor recommends entirely removing requirements that investigations be completed in a timely manner when there are allegations of abuse or fraud. My amendment would strengthen elder abuse investigation standards and require investigations to be completed within 15 days. We owe it to our seniors and their families to ensure that when there are allegations of abuse or fraud, an investigation is started and completed promptly. I ask for a “yes” vote on my amendment.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 174, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the state transportation department for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Nesbitt offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 10, following line 24, by inserting:

“Critical bridge repair	250,000,000”
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and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

- 2. Amend page 11, line 1, by striking 2,000,000 and replacing it with 252,000,000 and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

- 3. Amend page 50, following line 26, by inserting:

“Sec. 1010. Funds appropriated in part 1 for Critical bridge repair shall be used for fixing bridges with a failure or critical rating.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 100

Yeas—18

Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis

Bumstead
Daley
Damoose

Huizenga
Johnson
Lauwers

Nesbitt
Outman

Victory
Webber

Nays—19

Anthony
Bayer
Brinks
Camilleri
Cavanagh

Chang
Cherry
Geiss
Hertel
Irwin

Klinefelt
McCann
McMorrow
Moss
Polehanki

Santana
Shink
Singh
Wojno

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 10, following line 24, by inserting:

“Neighborhood road fund	1,000,000,000”
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and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 11, line 1, by striking 2,000,000 and replacing it with 1,002,000,000 and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

3. Amend page 50, following line 26, by inserting:

“Sec. 1011. Funds appropriated in part 1 for Neighborhood roads fund shall be distributed through the Neighborhood road fund as described in House Bill No. 4230 (H-1) of the 103rd Legislature.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 101

Yeas—18

Albert
Bellino
Bumstead
Daley
Damoose

Hauck
Hoitenga
Huizenga
Johnson
Lauwers

Lindsey
McBroom
Nesbitt
Outman

Runestad
Theis
Victory
Webber

Nays—19

Anthony
Bayer
Brinks
Camilleri
Cavanagh

Chang
Cherry
Geiss
Hertel
Irwin

Klinefelt
McCann
McMorrow
Moss
Polehanki

Santana
Shink
Singh
Wojno

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 10, following line 24, by inserting:

“M-11 road construction	115,000,000”
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and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 11, line 1, by striking 2,000,000 and replacing it with 117,000,000 and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

3. Amend page 50, following line 26, by inserting:

“Sec. 1012. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 for M-11 road construction shall be expended for road construction along M-11 and is designated as a work project appropriation. Any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the project has been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

(a) The purpose of the project is to widen M-11 from the I-196 interchange in Grandville to the Remembrance Road roundabout in Walker.

(b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

(c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$115,000,000.00.

(d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2030.

(2) The part 1 appropriation for M-11 road construction must be expended for the following:

(a) \$115,000,000.00 to the department to widen M-11 from the I-196 interchange in Grandville to the Remembrance Road roundabout in Walker.”.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator McBroom offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 31, following line 10, by inserting:

“Sec. 312. (1) A plane owned and operated by the State of Michigan shall be available for the use of legislators representing the Upper Peninsula to attend and return from session once per week, subject to availability. The state aeronautics fund must be compensated from the Senate or the House according to a fee schedule negotiated between the individual houses and the department.

(2) The department may send bills for real costs incurred by a legislative cancellation to the House or Senate business offices respective to the membership of the individual or individuals that canceled if such a cancellation was made with less than four days’ notice. The department shall not directly fine, charge, or punish legislators.

(3) The department may place non-legislator state employees on any plane with legislators and make other stops as necessary when legislators are passengers but legislators are not subject to being bumped or preempted by other state employees.

(4) There shall be at least 4 FTE pilot positions in the aeronautics division regardless of the number of FTEs throughout the department.

(5) The department shall enter into contract(s) with services providing pilots to provide pilots when the department has no active, FTE pilots.

(6) The aeronautics division shall not disallow overtime or flying outside of business hours for the flights provided to legislative members going to or from the Upper Peninsula.

(7) The department shall attempt to sell one of the Baron aircraft and buy a plane able to more safely fly in poorer weather conditions than the Baron and able to carry more than three passengers from the UP to Lansing that is smaller than the King Air model.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not 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. 102

Yeas—19

Anthony
Bayer

Chang
Cherry

Klinefelt
McCann

Santana
Shink

Brinks
Camilleri
Cavanagh

Geiss
Hertel
Irwin

McMorrow
Moss
Polehanki

Singh
Wojno

Nays—18

Albert
Bellino
Bumstead
Daley
Damoose

Hauck
Hoitenga
Huizenga
Johnson
Lauwers

Lindsey
McBroom
Nesbitt
Outman

Runestad
Theis
Victory
Webber

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Damoose, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 174 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Damoose’s statement is as follows:

We have been hearing for years about fixing the roads and yet here we are with no serious plan to deliver on that promise. Only House Republicans have actually voted on a serious plan to do so. Michigan drivers are often surprised to learn that not everything they pay at the pump in gas tax actually goes toward fixing our roads. Unfortunately the budget before us today does absolutely nothing to change that. The claim that there’s no room in the budget to fix our roads is simply not true. Our state budget has grown by over 40 percent in recent years—that’s a \$30 billion increase. Michigan families are tired of broken promises. We can fix the roads and still fund our schools, keep police on the streets, and maintain core government services, all without raising taxes—but we have to make it a priority. I urge a “no” vote on this budget.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nesbitt’s statement is as follows:

For years the people of Michigan have been told over and over that road funding is a top priority of this Governor. Despite this lip service, hundreds of our local bridges across the state remain in critical condition. This Governor first tried to sell road repair with a 45-cents-per-gallon gas tax increase that was dead on arrival, and after that failure she then racked up billions in debt on the state’s credit card that’ll have to be paid back with billions and billions more from the state’s taxpayers. A band-aid from the “fix the damn roads” Governor that even her State of the State says wasn’t a solution. Next, the former Democratic trifecta squandered a \$9 billion surplus without addressing the problem, and now while House Republicans have put forward a \$3 billion plan to fix the roads without a tax increase, the most Senate Democrats can muster up is a placeholder with no details—well, except the fact they’d want to raise taxes on hardworking Michiganders to pay for it. My amendment would do what this Governor and her Democratic trifecta refused to do: that would put \$250 million toward the repair of our local bridges that are in critical condition. Enough of the corporate handouts. Let’s invest in our critical infrastructure. I ask for a “yes” vote on my amendment.

Senator Huizenga's first statement is as follows:

Mr. President, anyone who's driven in Michigan knows that our roads are in terrible condition. The American Society of Civil Engineers continues to give our roads and bridges failing grades and for good reason. For far too long, our local roads have been overlooked, and potholes, crumbling roads, and deteriorating bridges have become daily hazards for Michigan drivers. My amendment would direct \$1 billion to the neighborhood roads fund created by the House-passed roads plan. This funding will help our local governments make meaningful repairs to the roads that people rely on close to home. I ask members to put a priority on fixing the roads families drive on every day and vote "yes" on my amendment.

Senator Huizenga's second statement is as follows:

Mr. President, M-11 is a critical thoroughfare on the west side of Grand Rapids, serving as a key route for commuters, businesses, and emergency services. As our community continues to grow more and more, people are using M-11 on a daily basis. This is resulting in increasing concerns about public safety. My amendment would widen M-11 in Walker to address the increased traffic, reduce accidents, and support economic growth throughout the area. I ask members to support this important infrastructure amendment and vote "yes" on my amendment.

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Geiss, resumed the Chair.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Singh moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on their immediate passage:

Senate Bill No. 181

Senate Bill No. 165

Senate Bill No. 164

Senate Bill No. 171

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:01 p.m.

2:08 p.m.

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

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

Senate Bill No. 181

Senate Bill No. 165

Senate Bill No. 164

Senate Bill No. 171

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 181, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Bellino offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 33, following line 19, by inserting:

“Sec. 247. The department shall not award funding from any grant program in part 1 to local governments that have adopted an ordinance banning gas stoves or appliances.”.

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. 103

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

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. 104

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Hauck, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 181 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hauck’s statement is as follows:

Like many of the budgets put before us today, this EGLE budget is a good start, but there’s more work to be done. EGLE is among the most bloated bureaucracies in our state government. Its web of red tape seems to have no end as Michigan residents continuously find themselves at odds with the overreaching agency. I was encouraged to see the Governor’s awful \$80 million tipping fee increase scrapped from the budget, but I believe even more needs to be done. We can start by pulling the plug on the additional \$10 million for EV charging stations on top of the \$25 million we threw out the proverbial car window on this green new scam effort last year. For this reason and others, I am voting “no” today and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bellino’s statement is as follows:

Since 2019 local governments in seven states and the District of Columbia have banned natural gas connections for new buildings. Kind of inequitable, isn’t it? My amendment would try to stop local government in our state from prohibiting the use of natural gas in homes and businesses by banning state grants from being awarded to locals that adopt such short-sighted ordinances. Allowing local governments to ban the use of clean and affordable natural gas creates a patchwork of energy laws across our state. It’s bad for our economy, it’s bad for Michigan, and it’s bad for Michigan families. Local bans on natural gas use would have an enormous impact on housing affordability—there’s a word we don’t hear anymore, housing affordability—and new business investment. Plus, most people in our state use natural gas to heat their homes, or a lot of them use propane, which, we’re trying to get rid of that too, aren’t we? We simply don’t have enough electrical infrastructure needed to replace natural gas as a source of energy anytime soon. We’re talking 20, 30, 40 years here to build that out. I urge members to vote “yes” on my amendment.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 165, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Damoose offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 18, following line 13, by inserting:

“Sec. 307. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall report to the standard report recipients by December 1, 2025 on pupil classroom sizes for all school buildings in each district.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Theis offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 18, following line 26, by inserting:

“Sec. 352. The funds appropriated in part 1 for unclassified salaries may only be used to support salary increases or lump sum bonuses if the state’s reading scores do not place the state in the bottom 10 states nationally.”.

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. 105

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

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. 106

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Albert, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 165 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert’s statement is as follows:

As someone who takes budgets seriously, I believe we have a responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. There are some things in this budget that I support, but the continued growth of government payroll across every agency is not sustainable. This proposal adds even more full-time employees without taking a hard look at current department vacancies or even considering whether existing staff could be better utilized. I ask for a “no” vote.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Damoose’s statement is as follows:

Michigan continues to trail other states in educational outcomes, and if we’re serious about turning that around, we need better data, not just more spending. A recent article in the *Detroit News* highlighted classroom sizes in a small sample of schools, but that limited snapshot did not paint a clear picture between class size and performance. Research has shown that teacher quality has a great impact on student achievement. That’s why my amendment would collect data regarding classroom sizes from all Michigan public schools as part of an effort to address this issue. This data will offer early feedback that will help get our state moving in the right direction. I ask for my colleagues’ support on this amendment.

Senator Theis’ statement is as follows:

Let’s be clear. Michigan is in the midst of an educational crisis. Our educational outcomes, especially our reading scores, are cemented in the bottom-10 nationally. States like Mississippi are soaring past us. Seventy-five percent of 4th graders in our state cannot read proficiently. Think about that. Three out of every four kids. That’s thousands of children falling further and further behind. It’s thousands of children lacking the foundation they need for a successful future. It’s thousands of children being set up for failure by the adults responsible for their education. It’s past time those adults be held responsible. That includes the adults in this room and the adults at the Michigan Department of Education. I see no scenario in which anyone responsible for educational outcomes in this state should be receiving a pay raise right now. My amendment simply says no Department of Education administrator shall receive a compensation increase until our state’s reading scores have improved from the bottom-10 nationally. I ask for a “yes” vote on this amendment to bring some level of accountability to the bureaucrats responsible for this educational crisis.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 164, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Nesbitt offered the following amendments:

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

“Dual enrollment payments	3,500,000”.
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2. Amend page 4, line 10, by striking out “10,486,600” and inserting “13,986,600”, and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not 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. 107

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Albert, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 164 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert’s statement is as follows:

As I have said before, I continue to believe there are potential constitutional issues with the functions that should be overseen by the elected State Board of Education, the State Superintendent, and the Michigan Department of Education. I continue to question whether this isn’t a backhanded way to strip power from the elected State Board of Education and give that power to handpicked bureaucrats. The solution to our shared frustration with MDE is not to create a shadow department. Beyond that, this budget has other problematic issues. It removes funding for dual enrollment opportunities for students attending nonpublic schools, cutting off support that facilitates their taking classes at postsecondary institutions at no cost. At the same time, it creates yet another government task force to study how to improve access to dual enrollment. Here’s one idea: let’s remove barriers and extra hurdles and give every student an equal opportunity to participate. The budget just props up another department that adds government bureaucracy without delivering results. I urge a “no” vote.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nesbitt’s statement is as follows:

My amendment would restore the current \$3.5 million in funding for a program that enables nonpublic high school students to attend classes at postsecondary institutions for free. Without this amendment, nonpublic school students would not have the special funding set aside for them to participate in dual enrollment. This constitutes illegal discrimination solely based on the high school the student happens to attend. If we’re going to create pathways for high school students to find the success in the marketplace where they’re going to succeed the best, I ask for a “yes” vote on this amendment. I urge my colleagues to reject the unnecessary and burdensome discrimination of our private school students.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 171, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of agriculture and rural development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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. 108

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Theis, under her constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 171 and moved that the statement she made during the discussion of the bill be printed as her reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Theis’ statement is as follows:

This budget before us includes a small placeholder to help farmers affected by the recent devastating storms, particularly those in the maple syrup industry. While this budget is a good first step, we need to continue to keep this conversation going and find real ways to support the folks recovering from these storms. I appreciate the chair’s willingness to work together on this issue as budget discussions continue, but for now, I respectfully ask for a “no” vote.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 2:29 p.m.

2:41 p.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Motions and Communications

Senator Singh moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on their immediate passage:

Senate Bill No. 170

Senate Bill No. 175

Senate Bill No. 176

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

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:

Senate Bill No. 170

Senate Bill No. 175

Senate Bill No. 176

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 170, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the judiciary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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. 109

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis

Bumstead	Huizenga	Nesbitt	Victory
Daley	Johnson	Outman	Webber
Damoose	Lauwers		

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Outman, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 170 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Outman’s statement is as follows:

I’ll keep this short and to the point. Transparency should be a priority when utilizing taxpayer dollars, and an open judicial system is critical to maintaining public trust in our courts. This budget includes a sizable increase in spending, yet lacks important tracking metrics to show how that money is being spent. For that reason, I respectfully ask for a “no” vote.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 175, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Hoitenga offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 5, following line 12, by inserting:

“State veterans cemetery	5,000,000”.
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2. Amend page 5, line 13, by striking out “29,500,000” and inserting 34,500,000”.

3. Amend page 5, line 17, by striking out “29,500,000” and inserting “34,500,000” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 110

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

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. 111

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Theis, under her constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 175 and moved that the statement she made during the discussion of the bill be printed as her reasons for voting “no.”
The motion prevailed.

Senator Theis’ statement is as follows:

While there are good spending priorities in here, this budget fails to provide support for certain areas of our veterans budget—for example, the state veterans cemetery. That’s a missed opportunity to fully honor and support those who served; we owe these things to them in ways that we’re not meeting right now. On top of that, the department this year miscalculated funding amounts to county veteran service offices and had to send out corrections this spring, creating confusion in their budgets too. Our veterans deserve better. I hope we can work together on finalizing a budget that provides clarity to those serving our veterans, and ensures veterans have access to the care and support they’ve earned. At this time, I recommend a “no” vote on this budget.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoytenga’s statement is as follows:

My amendment would set aside \$5 million in this budget for a veterans cemetery to be established in Northern Michigan. This funding was already recommended by the Governor, and was supported through a feasibility study in 2024. It was also part of an ongoing promise already made to Michigan veterans. This is to be the first state veterans cemetery in Northern Michigan, and it’s long overdue. Our veterans have put their very lives on the line in service to our great nation. At the very least, let’s do our duty and keep this promise that was made to them.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 176, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Nesbitt offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 11, following line 6, by inserting:

“Partnership with ICE to detain and deport anyone in this state illegally who has committed a crime 500,000”.

- 2. Amend page 11, line 10, by striking out “25,000,000” and inserting “25,500,000”.

- 3. Amend page 11, line 13, by striking out “15,000,000” and inserting “15,500,000” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 112

Yeas—18

Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoytenga	McBroom	Theis
Bumstead	Huizenga	Nesbitt	Victory
Daley	Johnson	Outman	Webber
Damoose	Lauwers		

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

Senator McBroom offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 45, following line 8, by inserting:

“(4) The department must require that all new vehicles for use by motor carrier officers not be painted to look similar to those used by Michigan state police officers and that the motor carrier division develop and display a division logo that is significantly dissimilar to that used by Michigan state police.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator McBroom offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 45, following line 8, by inserting:

“(4) The department must require that motor carrier division officers wear a uniform color other than dark blue and that motor officers specifically state that they are not police officers when they begin interactions/enforcement activities.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Lindsey offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 11, following line 5, by inserting:

“Immigration and customs enforcement support fund	15,000,000”.
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2. Amend page 11, line 10, by striking out “25,000,000” and inserting “40,000,000”.

3. Amend page 11, line 13, by striking out “15,000,000” and inserting “30,000,000” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly

4. Amend page 53, following line 8, by inserting:

“Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless both of the following bills of the 103rd Legislature are enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 42.

(b) Senate Bill No. 43.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, 1/5 of the members present not voting therefor.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 113

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

Senator Lindsey offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 11, following line 5, by inserting:

“Critical jail program	500,000,000”.
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2. Amend page 11, line 10, by striking out “25,000,000” and inserting “525,000,000”.

3. Amend page 11, line 13, by striking out “15,000,000” and inserting “515,000,000” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

4. Amend page 53, following line 8, by inserting:

“Sec. 809. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the critical jail program, the department must remit 25% of the funds to the Michigan sheriff’s association on a quarterly basis beginning October 15, 2025. Each quarterly remittance shall be in the amount of \$125,000,000.00 for the purpose of granting these funds to county sheriff’s departments for the purpose of improving jail infrastructure.

(2) The Michigan sheriff’s association shall establish criteria for the use and distribution of these funds. Allowable use of the funds shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) Improvements to jail infrastructure.
- (b) Improvements to grounds on and around the county jail.
- (c) Improvements to staff areas.
- (d) Improvements to security for staff and inmates.

(3) The Michigan sheriff’s association shall determine the criteria and need of each county jail within Michigan. In addition, the amount of each grant awarded shall be made based on critical needs as determined by the Michigan sheriff’s association and distributed quarterly as stated in subsection (1).

(4) A county awarded a grant under the critical jail program must use county funds to provide a match equal to 50% of the grant amount. Grant recipients must provide proof of matching funds before the grant funds shall be distributed. A grant recipient will have up to one year from the grant award date to provide proof of matching funds and receive distribution of the grant award.

(5) The Michigan sheriff’s association shall provide a report to the department and the standard report recipients on the use of these funds on a quarterly basis, itemized by each county, and must include the amount of grant funding provided for the previous quarter. The Michigan sheriff’s association shall provide final report on the amounts granted and the expenditure of these funds no later than September 30, 2026.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 114

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Santana
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Shink

Brinks	Geiss	McMorrow	Singh
Camilleri	Hertel	Moss	Wojno
Cavanagh	Irwin	Polehanki	

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

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. 115 **Yeas—19**

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Theis, under her constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 176 and moved that the statement she made during the discussion of the bill be printed as her reasons for voting “no.”
The motion prevailed.

Senator Theis' statement is as follows:

State Police funding should be directed entirely towards supporting our troopers and their mission to help keep our communities safe, with a key focus on also supporting the department's ability to recruit and train new officers. Instead, this proposed budget fails to include things like additional funding for victim support services, while adding language requiring preference that products be made in union facilities. When it comes to providing vital equipment for our state troopers, it shouldn't matter if it was made in a big union shop or in a small family-owned facility. I recommend a "no" vote.

Senators Nesbitt, McBroom and Lindsey asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nesbitt's statement is as follows:

Since January 20th, the federal government, under the leadership of President Trump, has actually enforced our nation's immigration laws and produced systematic changes at the border. Despite this historic, successful enforcement of our immigration laws, the devastating impact of illegal immigration continues to strain our resources and compromise public safety. By working with ICE, we can ensure that those who enter our country illegally are held accountable—protecting our communities, and upholding the rule of law.

While some in this chamber have actually proposed defunding the police who helped combat illegal immigration, this amendment reflects the will of the people of Michigan. We must provide law enforcement the resources to assist in deportation of violent criminals to keep our families safe, to keep our communities safe, and not threaten them from doing their job. I ask for a "yes" vote on my amendment, that we will uphold the rule of law in in our state and in our country.

Senator McBroom's first statement is as follows:

Madam President, around our state, we have various officials who work for our departments whose job is to do enforcement of various rules and policies. Whether it's someone from the DNR, from the DEQ, from the Department of Agriculture, all sorts of our departments go out and work in the field, checking elevators and boilers, dairy farms, and school buses.

When they do this, they usually use a state vehicle, one with a small emblem on the side of the state of Michigan. Many of you have seen these vehicles. These folks are out there in the field to make sure that our citizens and communities are safe and are providing services to our communities, sometimes of which are controversial or frustrating, but are done in the spirit of state employee helping citizen. However, there is one group of state employees who doesn't drive around in one of these state vehicles to do their job of regulatory enforcement, and that is the Motor Carrier Division. The Motor Carrier Division instead drives vehicles marked with State Police colors, State Police emblems, and State Police lights.

If anybody else in this state who went around doing regulatory enforcement got to ride around in police cars, we would have a serious problem with this. We would recognize how this intimidates citizens and how that puts them at a disadvantage and understanding what their rights and obligations truly are. My amendment seeks to change this by saying new vehicles for the Motor Carrier Division should not be put in the same stable as State Police cars. They shouldn't have the same livery of colors and emblems and lights that make our citizens confused as to who is indeed pulling them over. What role do they have? What enforcement abilities do they have? These regulators are not policemen, and they should not be driving police cars.

I ask for your support of my amendment.

Senator McBroom's second statement is as follows:

Madam President, in line with my preceding amendment, this one is even more important because this goes beyond the vehicles to the actual attire that our state regulators are wearing. No other state inspector, no other state enforcement official, gets to walk around and present themselves as if they are a police officer. In fact, if any other person were to do this, they could be arrested for impersonating a police officer. However, our Motor Carrier Division officers are permitted to do so, wearing State Police blue or a very close proximity to it. One that the citizens can't see the difference between. They get out of a car emblazoned with these logos. They wear uniforms that make them look like police officers, and they treat our citizens in such a way as their citizens believe they are talking indeed to a police officer. This is completely inappropriate. It's an unfair exercise of this police state authority, and it's unfair to our State Police officers themselves who are police officers, that there are others out there who are not police officers impersonating one.

And now I've suggested and considered that we should be more directive in what these officers should wear. Perhaps they should wear hunters orange, or hunters pink, or maybe a bright green chartreuse color like our state employees have to wear while they work on our roads to keep them safe. However, in a spirit

of cooperation, I'm willing to leave this ambiguous and up to the department, as long as they're not wearing State Police blue. Let's do the right thing for our citizens. Take off this mantle of police statehood that the Motor Carrier officers wear and use to abuse our citizens who are just out there every day trying to earn a living, trying to get three loads of logs to the factory instead of one load, which is what it ends up taking them when they have to stop for some frivolous nonsense of one broken marker light on the back of their log trailer, or the harassment they give to another guy who's hauling a load of round bales only to get stopped and weighed for over an hour, only to find out later on that he was exempt from those same laws, or the old man up in the Newberry area who got pulled over by a Motor Carrier looking like a State Policeman, driving a State Police car, because he didn't have a tarp over some firewood in the back of his car.

This division is out of control and needs to be reined in, and the best way we can start by this is making it very clear, once again, that these regulators and state employees are not police officers and should not be dressed as them. I ask for support for my amendment.

Senator Lindsey's first statement is as follows:

This amendment would ensure that all law enforcement agencies in Michigan do their part to help federal partners enforce immigration law and keep our communities safe by deporting violent illegal aliens. I ask for your support.

Senator Lindsey's second statement is as follows:

Too many of our county jails, which serve an essential function in keeping our communities safe and secure, are literally crumbling across the state of Michigan. This amendment would create a critical jail fund, which would help correct this statewide problem. I ask for your support.

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 3:06 p.m.

3:44 p.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Singh moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on their immediate passage:

Senate Bill No. 177

Senate Bill No. 178

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Third Reading of Bills

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 3:45 p.m.

3:58 p.m.

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

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

Senate Bill No. 177

Senate Bill No. 178

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 177, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of licensing and regulatory affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Damoose offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 11, by striking out lines 9 and 10, and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly
- 2. Amend page 51, line 6, by striking out section 1002.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 116

Yeas—18

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

Nays—19

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

Senator Webber offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 41, following line 24, by inserting:

“Sec. 514. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the bureau of professional licensing, the department must expend not less \$200,000.00 for grants to the Michigan Association of CPAs for the maintenance and operation of the Continuing Professional Education Tracker and web portal.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 11, line 12, by striking out “200,000” and inserting “400,000”.
- 2. Amend page 11, line 13, by striking out “3,200,000” and inserting “3,400,000”.
- 3. Amend page 11, line 17, after “\$” by striking out “200,000” and inserting “400,000”, and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not 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. 117

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Theis, under her constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 177 and moved that the statement she made during the discussion of the bill be printed as her reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Theis’ statement is as follows:

I realize that today’s votes are just one step in the full budget process, but we have a long way to go when it comes to this LARA budget. This budget is millions of dollars over current-year spending and millions of dollars over the Governor’s recommendation for 2026. Michiganders cannot afford more and more government spending. They cannot afford a state that continues to spend more while their household budgets require them to spend less. We should be finding ways to cut spending, not add on wild and unnecessary costs like \$1 million for a cannabis equity program to encourage vulnerable people to make drugs. I will not vote for more nonsensical spending. Let’s work for the taxpayers, not against them. Let’s cut spending and focus our dollars on our shared priorities, like a real plan to fix our roads by filling potholes, not giving away cash to grow pot.

Senators Damoose, Webber and Huizenga asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Damoose’s statement is as follows:

What on earth is the Cannabis Social Equity Fund? It’s my understanding that this is to help individuals, who were prosecuted in the past for marijuana crimes, to get into the marijuana business. If that’s true, this is exactly the type of thing that makes people back home think government is out of control.

My amendment removes \$1 million in taxpayer funding set aside for this Cannabis Social Equity Fund, and think about that for a minute from two perspectives. First of all, \$1 million—at our current tax rate of 4.5 percent, forgetting any exemptions, it would take every single dollar a person earning \$70,000 a year more than 317 years to pay for this one piece of spending. Every dime of that person’s tax burden for 317 years is gone—for what? And the total is actually worse when you look at exemptions and adjusted gross income and actually calculate income taxes. Is it really fair to use that taxpayer’s money on something like that? But even more, this is a \$1 million expenditure to help more people get into the marijuana business? Drive through any small town or big city anywhere in the state and tell me we’re having a problem getting people into the marijuana business.

Thank you, Madam President. I ask my colleagues to support this very reasonable amendment.

Senator Webber’s statement is as follows:

My amendment would help ensure continuing education standards are being met and license renewals have a traceable paper trail. For years, the tracking system used has not been a problem, and it has been an arrangement that works well for both those in the industry and state regulators. Suddenly, that is no longer the case, and funding has been removed from the proposed budget. CPAs have been contributing to this system through a portion of their license renewal fees. Now, the department wants to divert that money elsewhere, without any input from those paying the fees. My amendment would simply restore this funding to ensure consistent and thorough standards for Michigan’s tax specialists.

Madam President, this is something those in the industry have expressly asked for, and I think the benefit to the general public is clear. Thank you, and I ask that my colleagues support my amendment.

Senator Huizenga’s statement is as follows:

My amendment would provide \$400,000 to continue the existing system used by Michigan Realtors for tracking continuing education and license renewal. For years, this system has worked well for both industry professionals and state regulators. It provides efficient, streamlined training for the benefit of homeowners and homebuyers in our state. This budget before us today cuts this funding in half. My amendment simply restores it to the level that’s been working, so that real estate professionals can stay ready to serve Michigan’s homebuyers. Thank you, and I ask that my colleagues support my amendment.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 178, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of insurance and financial services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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. 118

Yeas—19

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Theis, under her constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 178 and moved that the statement she made during the discussion of the bill be printed as her reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Theis’ statement is as follows:

The people of Michigan simply cannot afford to keep pouring more and more of their hard-earned money into a growing state budget year after year. Over the past six years, our state budget has ballooned by more than 43 percent. That kind of increase is unsustainable, and we need to take a hard look at where we can make smarter choices. While I recognize there are some positive elements in the budget, and the budget comes under the Governor’s proposed budget numbers, there’s still significant room for improvement through cost-cutting measures.

One area that stands out is the size of government itself. We should not be expanding the number of full-time equivalent positions, or FTEs, when they’re not necessary. Current data show DIFS is already operating with fewer FTEs than it did last year, which tells me there’s no pressing need to grow the agency. Instead, we should seize this opportunity to reduce spending and streamline the size of government. Additionally, I’m deeply concerned about a specific provision in this budget—the funding to open new regional DIFS offices across Michigan. This proposal is baffling and frankly hypocritical. Right now, we have state-owned buildings sitting empty while thousands of state employees continue to work remotely. In fact, Governor Whitmer herself has recently stated she’s not ready to bring state employees back to the office. Yet, this budget wants to open new DIFS satellite offices? DIFS is an agency that regulates insurance carriers, and in my over 10 years of service between Michigan House and Senate, I’ve never once had a constituent tell me they needed to visit a DIFS office and couldn’t get the access to them they needed. This expense is frivolous and fiscally irresponsible, especially when we’re not even fully utilizing the resources we have.

For this reason, I’m voting “no” today and encourage my colleagues to join me with a “no” vote. I hope we can continue to focus on cutting unnecessary costs rather than increasing them as we move forward in the budget process.

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 Irwin as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Geiss, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 184, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 3, following line 7, by inserting:

“**Sec. 103. ATTORNEY GENERAL**

(1) APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

GROSS APPROPRIATION

\$

62,000

Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers		62,000
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	0
Federal revenues:		
Total federal revenues		0
Special revenue funds:		
Total local revenues		0
Total private revenues		0
Total other state restricted revenues		0
State general fund/general purpose	\$	0
(2) ATTORNEY GENERAL OPERATIONS		
Operations	\$	62,000
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	62,000
Appropriated from:		
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
IDG from MDSP, Michigan justice training fund		62,000
State general fund/general purpose		0"
and renumbering the remaining sections in part 1.		
2. Amend page 12, line 12 by striking out "1,455,000" and inserting "130,559,400".		
3. Amend page 12, line 16, by striking out "1,455,000" and inserting "130,559,400".		
4. Amend page 14, line 12, by striking out "Health services grants" and inserting "Property management".		
5. Amend page 16, line 19, by striking out "19,260,000" and inserting "57,069,800".		
6. Amend page 16, line 23, by striking out "24,100,000" and inserting "61,909,800".		
7. Amend page 17, following line 5, by inserting:		
"Gifts and bequests for patient living and treatment environment		(1,000,000)
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8. Amend page 20, following line 3, by inserting:		
"Adult home help services		11,716,400"
9. Amend page 20, following line 6, by inserting:		
"Home health services		21,300"
10. Amend page 20, following line 7, by inserting:		
"Integrated care organizations		4,210,300
Medicaid home- and community-based services waiver		10,937,000
Personal care services		199,200"
11. Amend page 20, line 13, by striking out "2,051,600" and inserting "29,135,800".		
12. Amend page 20, following line 25, by inserting:		
"ARP – home and community-based services projects fund	\$	54,894,000"
13. Amend page 20, line 27, by striking out "\$".		
14. Amend page 21, following line 9, by inserting:		
"ARP HCBS match revenue – state general fund/general purpose		54,894,000"
15. Amend page 25, line 23, by striking out "After school programming extension" and inserting "Office of great start operations".		
16. Amend page 26, following line 1, by inserting:		
"After school programming extension	\$	(300,000)"
17. Amend page 26, line 2, by striking out "\$".		
18. Amend page 26, line 26, by striking out "4,526,200" and inserting "0".		
19. Amend page 26, line 27, by striking out "0" and inserting " 4,526,200 ".		
20. Amend page 26, following line 27, by inserting:		
"(1) MILITARY		
National guard tuition assistance fund	\$	(4,526,200)
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	(4,526,200)

Appropriated from:		
State general fund/general purpose	\$	(4,524,200)”
21. Amend page 28, following line 24, by inserting:		
“State parks repair and maintenance		15,000,000”
22. Amend page 28, following line 28, by inserting:		
“Park improvement fund		15,000,000”

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

23. Amend page 44, line 6, after “This” by striking out “shall” and inserting “may”.

24. Amend page 44, line 9, after “(EmPATH) unit.” by striking out “The” and inserting “Any established”.

25. Amend page 46, following line 1, by inserting:

“Sec. 406. The ARP HCBS match revenue - state general fund/general purpose appropriated in part 1 for ARP - home- and community-based services projects fund shall be deposited into the ARP - home-and community-based services projects fund.

Sec. 407. (1) the department may accept monetary and nonmonetary gifts, bequests, donations, contributions, or grants from any private source to support, in whole or in part, a departmental function or program. The department shall expend or use such gifts, bequests, donations, contributions, or grants for the purposes designated by the private source, if the purpose is specified.

(2) Revenue collected by the department and amounts remaining in the fund under this section that is unexpended and unencumbered must not lapse to the general fund but must be carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

(3) Private revenues received under this section that exceed the appropriations in part 1 are appropriated and may be received and expended by the department for the purposes for which the funds are received.

(4) If additional authorization is approved in SIGMA by the state budget office under this section, the department shall notify the subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal agencies within 10 days after the approval. The notification must include the amount and funding source of the additional authorization, the date of the approval, and the projected use of the funds to be expended.”.

26. Amend page 68, following line 3, by inserting:

“Sec. 1305. Section 1102 of article 11 of 2024 PA 121 is repealed.”.

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.

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

Senate Bill No. 166, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 11 and 17b (MCL 388.1611 and 388.1617b), section 11 as amended by 2024 PA 148 and section 17b as amended by 2007 PA 137.

Substitute (S-3).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 327, following line 15, by inserting:

“(16) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2025-2026 only an amount not to exceed \$100.00 to a district or intermediate district to support the implementation of the MI Student Voice Perception Survey.

(17) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$100.00 for 2025-2026 only to a district or intermediate district to collaborate with Launch Michigan to develop the K12 Michigan Education Guarantee. Funds under this subsection must be used to convene a taskforce of educators and education experts to develop a college and career readiness standard for students within the public K to 12 system. By not later than September 30, 2026, Launch Michigan shall provide a report to the department of labor and economic opportunity, the department, the house and senate education policy committees, and the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on school aid with specific recommendations. The report must do all of the following:

(a) Define future-ready skills and competencies necessary for Michigan students.

(b) Identify necessary policy changes to statute or rule to enact the K12 Michigan Education Guarantee, including specific changes to applicable laws or applicable state rules.” and adjusting the totals in section 11 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

2. Amend page 388, line 21, by removing section 111.

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.

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

Senate Bill No. 169, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of corrections for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-2).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 8, following line 20, by inserting:

"Chance for Life	100"
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2. Amend page 8, line 26, by striking out "18,100,100" and inserting "18,100,200".

3. Amend page 9, line 2, by striking out "2,500,000" and inserting "2,500,100" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

4. Amend page 23, following line 8, by inserting:

"Sec. 316. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the Department shall prepare a report of the following information by March 1 of each year:

(1) The number of Department employees charged with the commission of a criminal offense committed in a correctional facility and during the employee's work hours in the previous fiscal year. The information shall be categorized by facility and shall specify the offense charged and the outcome of the charge.

(2) The number of employees disciplined, demoted, or separated from service due to personal misconduct in the previous fiscal year. To the extent it does not disclose confidential personnel records, the information shall be organized by type of misconduct, nature of corrective action taken, and outcome of the corrective action."

5. Amend page 41, following line 5, by inserting:

"Sec. 505. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department must submit a report not later than March 1 each year, related to the medical parole process for the previous fiscal year. The report must include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The number of incarcerated individuals who applied for medical parole the previous year, organized by reason for submission of the application, including the following:

(a) Demographic data including race or ethnicity, gender, and age;

(b) The highest class of offense for which the individual is incarcerated;

(c) Whether the applicant had applied for medical parole before and been denied, and, if so, when; and,

(d) A basic description of the underlying medical condition that led to the application.

(2) The number of incarcerated individuals who were referred to the medical parole process the following year, organized by reason for submission of the application, including the following:

(a) Demographic data including race or ethnicity, gender, and age;

(b) The highest class of offense for which the individual is incarcerated;

(c) Whether the applicant had applied for medical parole before and been denied, and, if so, when; and,

(d) A basic description of the underlying medical condition that led to the referral.

(3) The number of medical parole hearings that took place in the previous year.

(4) The number of individuals who were granted medical parole in the previous year, categorized by the following:

(a) Demographic data including race or ethnicity, gender, and age;

(b) Whether the person applied as a person who is medically incapacitated or a person who is terminally ill;

(c) A basic description of the underlying medical condition that led to the application;

(5) The number of individuals who were denied medical parole in the previous year, categorized by reason.

(6) The number of individuals who were serving medical parole at the end of the previous fiscal year.

(7) The number of individuals who were previously granted medical parole but have since been returned to the custody of the department as of the end of the previous fiscal year, and the reasons for their return."

6. Amend page 42, line 24, after "annually for" by inserting "all".

7. Amend page 42, line 25, after "by prisoners" by inserting ", itemized by categories such as medical, dental, and prescription."

8. Amend page 42, line 25, after "by prisoners" by striking out "for" and inserting "including those".

9. Amend page 47, following line 7, by inserting:

"(3) Pursuant to the requirements of subsection (2), if the cause of death is determined to be a drug overdose, the required report must include the classification of the drug, including, but not limited to: Tylenol, opioids, or a mixture of drugs, if determinable.

(4) Additionally, the department must provide an annual report by September 15 listing the number of drug overdose deaths by facility, and broken down by the classification of the drug as described in subsection (3)." and renumbering the remaining subsection accordingly.

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.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 4:19 p.m.

4:26 p.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Messages from the House

Senate Bill No. 99, entitled

A bill to amend 2023 PA 281, entitled “Public officers financial disclosure act,” by amending sections 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, and 15 (MCL 15.703, 15.705, 15.707, 15.711, 15.713, and 15.715).

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that the bill be given immediate effect and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 2023 PA 281, entitled “Public officers financial disclosure act,” by amending sections 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, and 15 (MCL 15.703, 15.705, 15.707, 15.708, 15.711, 15.713, and 15.715) and by adding section 6.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,

Senator Singh moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,

The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 119

Yeas—37

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

Senator Singh moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

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

The Senate agreed to the title as amended.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Senate Bill No. 100, entitled

A bill to amend 2023 PA 282, entitled “Candidate for office financial disclosure act,” by amending sections 3, 5, 7, 11, and 13 (MCL 169.303, 169.305, 169.307, 169.311, and 169.313).

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-1) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-1), ordered that the bill be given immediate effect and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 2023 PA 282, entitled “Candidate for office financial disclosure act,” by amending sections 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, and 15 (MCL 169.303, 169.305, 169.307, 169.311, 169.313, and 169.315), and by adding section 6.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,

Senator Singh moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,

The substitute was concurred in, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 120

Yeas—37

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

Senator Singh moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

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

The Senate agreed to the title as amended.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Thursday, May 8, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**House Bill Nos. 4472 4473 4474 4475 4476 4477 4478 4479 4480 4481 4482 4483 4484
 4485 4486 4487 4488**

Scheduled Meetings

Administrative Rules, Joint – Wednesday, May 14, 8:30 a.m., Room 521, 5th Floor, House Office Building (517) 373-5312

Oversight – Wednesday, May 14, 8:30 a.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5314

Regulatory Affairs – Thursday, May 15, 9:00 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-1721

Veterans and Emergency Services – Wednesday, May 14, 9:00 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5312

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 4:34 p.m.

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Geiss, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

