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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, June 10, 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 Edward McBroom of the 38th District offered the following invocation:

Dear Father, we come before You this morning grateful for a new day, and grateful for the opportunities You lay before us to serve the people of this state, to represent their needs, and to represent their dreams. Father, we pray You would give us guidance, that You would help us to seek laws and justice for them in a righteous way. Father, I pray that You would help us ever to be mindful of our own shortcomings, our weaknesses, our sinfulness, and our dependence on You for every good and perfect thing. Father, help us to be humble. Help us to be gracious to one another.

Father, we pray for the people of this state, that You would bless them and their posterity, and that You would help them through their difficult times and their needs. Father, we pray that You would help each of us to be mindful of them. We pray for our Governor, we pray for our President, we pray for all who are in authority, that You would help them to rule with justice and righteousness.

I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

The following communication was received:
Office of Senator Paul Wojno

May 6, 2025

Per Senate Rule 1.110(c), I am requesting that my name be added as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 283 which was introduced on May 6, 2025 by Senator Polehanki.

Warmest regards,
Paul Wojno
State Senator
10th District

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

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

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

Messages from the Governor

The following message from the Governor was received on June 5, 2025, and read:

EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 2025-7

Declaration of State of Emergency

On May 15, 2025, a strong system of severe storms brought tornadoes, straight-line winds, heavy rains and flash flooding, which impacted many areas of the state. In the Upper Peninsula, localized heavy rainfall in Baraga County, up to four inches in the overnight hours, created flash flooding that flooded and washed out many roads and caused overflow issues and release into public waterways at a nearby wastewater treatment plant. Downstate, these severe storms brought a total of 11 confirmed tornadoes across lower Michigan. In the City of Lansing, a confirmed EF-1 tornado combined with straight-line winds caused significant damage to the utility infrastructure in a heavily populated area of the capital city. Power poles were snapped and lines brought down, affecting thousands of residents. Trees and other vegetative debris blocked roads and created obstacles for first responders and utility crews. In Allegan County, two EF-1 tornadoes and straight-line winds of up to 95 miles per hour caused significant damage to thousands of residents in 11 communities. Power poles and lines fell as well as trees, causing damage to homes and public infrastructure throughout these communities.

Two weeks after this storm system, all communities are still cleaning up and recovering from the event. Local officials in Baraga and Allean counties, as well as the City of Lansing, have taken several actions to respond to the situation, including but not limited to issuing local declarations. Despite these efforts, local resources have proven insufficient to address the situation. State assistance and other outside resources are necessary to effectively respond to and recover from the impacts of this emergency, protect public health, safety, and property, and lessen or avert the threat of more severe and lasting harm.

Section 1 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the State of Michigan in the governor. Under the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.403(4), “[t]he governor shall, by executive order or proclamation, declare a state of emergency if he or she finds that an emergency has occurred or that the threat of an emergency exists.”

Therefore, acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, including the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.401 to 30.421, I find it reasonable and necessary to order the following:

1. A state of emergency is declared for Baraga County, Allean County, and the City of Lansing.
2. The Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Department of State Police must coordinate and maximize all state efforts and may call upon all state departments to use available resources to assist in the designated areas pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan.
3. The state of emergency is terminated at such time as the threats to public health, safety, and property caused by the emergency no longer exist, and appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from the effects of this emergency, but in no case later than July 3, 2025, unless extended as provided by the Emergency Management Act.

Date: June 3, 2025

Time: 2:29 p.m.

[SEAL]

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

By the Governor:
Jocelyn Benson
Secretary of State

The executive order was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

June 5, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 180 of 1981, MCL 400.583:

Commission on Services to the Aging

Guillermo Lopez of 1927 Pleasant View Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48910, Ingham County, will be reappointed as a Democrat, for a term commencing July 29, 2025, and expiring July 28, 2028.

Jennifer Lepard of 302 Crane Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067, Oakland County, will be reappointed as a Democrat, for a term commencing July 29, 2025, and expiring July 28, 2028.

Jimmy Bruce of 1215 South 16th Street, Escanaba, Michigan 49829, Delta County, will be reappointed as a Democrat, for a term commencing July 29, 2025, and expiring July 28, 2028.

Robert Schlueter of 212 4th Street, Leland, Michigan 49654, Leelanau County, will be reappointed as an Independent, for a term commencing July 29, 2025, and expiring July 28, 2028.

William Bupp of 3991 White Pine Drive, DeWitt, Michigan 48820, Clinton County, will be reappointed as a Democrat, for a term commencing July 29, 2025, and expiring July 28, 2028.

June 5, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 299 of 1980, MCL 339.302, 339.303, and 339.2002:

Michigan Board of Architects

Zachary Funk of 1250 Ross Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, Wayne County, succeeding Annette Gleason whose term has expired, appointed as an architect, for a term commencing June 5, 2025, and expiring March 30, 2029.

June 5, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following designation and appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 230 of 1972, MCL 125.1503a:

State Construction Code Commission – Chair Designation

Shanna Draheim of 158 Oakland Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, Ingham County, designated as Chair, for a term commencing June 5, 2025, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

State Construction Code Commission

Shanna Draheim of 158 Oakland Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, Ingham County, reappointed as a general public member, for a term commencing June 5, 2025, and expiring January 31, 2028.

Ramsey Saymuah of 401 South Lafayette Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124, Wayne County, succeeding David Tomlinson whose term has expired, appointed as a building contractor, for a term commencing June 5, 2025, and expiring January 31, 2027.

June 5, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 296 of 2003, MCL 125.2243:

Michigan Early Stage Venture Investment Corporation Board of Directors

Jeffrey Rinvelt of 2631 English Oak Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103, Washtenaw County, will be reappointed as a representative of a statewide organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the internal revenue code, the members of which represent more than 50% of the venture capital companies in this state, for a term commencing June 14, 2025, and expiring June 13, 2028.

June 5, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 176 of 1939, MCL 423.3 and 423.4:

Michigan Employment Relations Commission

William Young of 209 Liberty Street, Spring Lake, Michigan 49456, Ottawa County, will be reappointed as a Democrat, for a term commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2028.

June 5, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 299 of 1980, MCL 339.301, 339.302, 339.303, and 339.1802:

Michigan Board of Examiners in Mortuary Science

Richard Bowerman of 1646 Sand Point Road, Munising, Michigan 49862, Alger County, will be reappointed as a member representing funeral directors, for a term commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2029.

June 5, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 164 of 1975, MCL 18.302:

Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan

Evelyn Esparza-Gonzalez of 4496 Brookmeadow Drive, S.E., Kentwood, Michigan 49512, Kent County, succeeding Jesse Bernal who has resigned, appointed for a term commencing June 5, 2025, and expiring December 12, 2027.

June 5, 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

Paul Jarvis of 13838 Forest Ridge Circle, South Lyon, Michigan 48178, Livingston County, succeeding Veronica D'Hondt whose term has expired, appointed as an operator of manufactured housing parks, for a term commencing June 5, 2025, and expiring May 9, 2028.

June 5, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.16121 and 333.17305:

Michigan Board of Nursing Home Administrators

Greta Laho of 2020 Alexander Drive, Westland, Michigan 48186, Wayne County, succeeding Rita Williams whose term has expired, will be appointed as a representative of the general public, for a term commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2028.

June 5, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 299 of 1980, MCL 339.301, 339.302, 339.303, and 339.2502:

Michigan Board of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons

Andrew Gutman of 29281 Canal Street, Novi, Michigan 48377, Oakland County, will be reappointed as a real estate broker or salesperson, for a term commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2029.

June 5, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment 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

Zeak DeWyse of N6829 Sherry Lynn Drive, Engadine, Michigan 49827, Mackinac County, succeeding Troy Young who has resigned, appointed as a licensed residential builder, for a term commencing June 5, 2025, and expiring March 31, 2027.

June 5, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 411 of 2012, MCL 286.943:

Rural Development Fund Board

Erin Kricher of 1763 Apache Pass, Traverse City, Michigan 49686, Grand Traverse County, reappointed as a Democrat and resident of the Lower Peninsula, for a term commencing June 5, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2028.

Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Senator Nesbitt entered the Senate Chamber.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:05 a.m.

11:09 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Geiss entered the Senate Chamber.

Third Reading of Bills

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 134, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 331, entitled “Michigan consumer protection act,” by amending the title and sections 2, 4, 5, 10, and 15 (MCL 445.902, 445.904, 445.905, 445.910, and 445.915), the title as amended by 2022 PA 153, section 2 as amended by 2018 PA 189, section 4 as amended by 2014 PA 251, and section 5 as amended by 2020 PA 296, and by adding sections 4a, 5a, 8a, and 21a.

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. 158

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.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 156, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 46, entitled “An act to create the office of the legislative corrections ombudsman; to prescribe the powers and duties of the office, the ombudsman, the legislative council, and the department of corrections; and to provide remedies from administrative acts,” by amending sections 1, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, and 14 (MCL 4.351, 4.354, 4.355, 4.357, 4.361, 4.362, 4.363, and 4.364), sections 1 and 7 as amended by 1998 PA 318, sections 4, 5, and 13 as amended by 2018 PA 571, section 11 as amended by 1995 PA 197, and section 12 as amended by 1982 PA 170.

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. 159

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: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 157, entitled

A bill to regulate pet cemeteries; to regulate the sale of pet cemetery merchandise and services; to provide for the powers and duties of certain local governmental officers and entities; and to prescribe penalties and remedies.

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. 160

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.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 229, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled “General sales tax act,” by amending section 2d (MCL 205.52d), as added by 2019 PA 143.

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. 161

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: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

Senate Bill No. 285

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 285, entitled

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

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. 162

Yeas—22

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

Nays—15

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Daley, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 285.

Senator Daley’s statement is as follows:

I believe this legislation represents another blow to the sanctity of marriage, an institution which has already taken a beating in recent years. Allowing just anybody to officiate a wedding will further weaken what should be a very serious undertaking. I know supporters of this bill will point out that the current process to become a minister is nothing more than a formality. I respond that, rather than encouraging couples to think even less about their officiant, we should be empowering them to be more thoughtful and intentional with their choices.

I would be glad to support legislation to require real training to become a wedding officiant, thus adding an extra layer of dignity and importance to the proceedings. This bill moves things in the wrong direction, and I encourage a “no” vote.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 286, entitled

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

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. 163

Yeas—22

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

Nays—15

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Klinefelt’s statement is as follows:

When I was engaged and getting ready to get married, my husband was stationed down in Louisiana, we were in Philadelphia, and we’re getting married at a military base in New Jersey. I met with the priest in New Jersey and my husband met with the priest down in Louisiana. The trained priest determined that I had no business getting married. We had to rush to find another priest to marry us. This year marks 40 years of marriage. I think the priest who was trained may not have gotten it right, No. 1. No. 2, when a couple gets to choose the person who is doing the ceremony that’s one of the most important things in their lives, they’re likely to choose somebody who knows a lot more than an absolute stranger as to whether or not those two should be getting married. That’s all I have.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 287, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 83, entitled “Of marriage and the solemnization thereof,” by amending section 16 (MCL 551.16), as amended by 2006 PA 419.

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. 164

Yeas—22

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

Nays—15

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 132, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 261. 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. 165

Yeas—26

Anthony	Daley	McBroom	Shink
Bayer	Damoose	McCann	Singh
Brinks	Geiss	McMorrow	Theis
Camilleri	Hertel	Moss	Victory
Cavanagh	Huizenga	Polehanki	Webber
Chang	Irwin	Santana	Wojno
Cherry	Klinefelt		

Nays—11

Albert	Hauck	Lauwers	Outman
Bellino	Hoitenga	Lindsey	Runestad
Bumstead	Johnson	Nesbitt	

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Theis, Lauwers, Bellino, Runestad and Outman introduced
Senate Joint Resolution C, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 21a to article V, to provide for the election of the director of the department of natural resources.

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

Senators Theis, Daley, Lauwers, Bellino and Huizenga introduced
Senate Bill No. 367, entitled

A bill to designate an official beverage of this state.

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

Senators Theis, Daley, Lauwers, Bellino, Runestad, Johnson, Nesbitt, Lindsey, Huizenga, Victory, Outman, Damoose and McBroom introduced

Senate Bill No. 368, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 161, entitled “Michigan education savings program act,” by amending section 2 (MCL 390.1472), as amended by 2024 PA 195.

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

Senators Theis, Daley, Lauwers, Bellino, Outman, Runestad, Johnson, Lindsey, Hoitenga and McBroom introduced

Senate Bill No. 369, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled “An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative

energy suppliers and certain providers of electric vehicle charging services; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 460.1 to 460.11) by adding section 6y.

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

Senator Singh introduced

Senate Bill No. 370, entitled

A bill to create a Tricare premium reimbursement program; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities.

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

Senators Geiss, Bayer and Shink introduced

Senate Bill No. 371, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3406mm.

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

Senators Bayer, Cavanagh, Irwin, Chang, Klinefelt and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 372, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 348, entitled “An act to regulate relationships between landlords and tenants relative to rental agreements for rental units; to regulate the payment, repayment, use and investment of security deposits; to provide for commencement and termination inventories of rental units; to provide for termination arrangements relative to rental units; to provide for legal remedies; and to provide penalties,” by amending the title and section 1 (MCL 554.601), the title and section 1 as amended by 2024 PA 179, and by adding sections 1e, 1f, 1g, and 1h.

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

Senators Cavanagh, Bayer, Chang, Klinefelt and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 373, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 454, entitled “Truth in renting act,” by amending section 3 (MCL 554.633), as amended by 1998 PA 72.

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

Senators Geiss, Bayer, Cavanagh, Irwin and Chang introduced

Senate Bill No. 374, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 5755.

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

Senators Irwin, Bayer, Cavanagh, Chang, Klinefelt and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 375, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 454, entitled “Truth in renting act,” by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 554.632 and 554.633), section 3 as amended by 1998 PA 72.

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

Senators Albert, Damoose, Webber, Theis, Bellino, Hauck and Nesbitt introduced

Senate Bill No. 376, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending section 1280f (MCL 380.1280f), as amended by 2024 PA 146.

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

Senators Albert, Damoose, Johnson, Webber, Theis, Bellino, Hauck and Nesbitt introduced

Senate Bill No. 377, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending sections 1278a, 1278b, and 1531e (MCL 380.1278a, 380.1278b, and 380.1531e), sections 1278a and 1278b as amended by 2022 PA 105 and section 1531e as added by 2024 PA 147, and by adding sections 1278e and 1526c.

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

Senators Johnson, Webber, Theis, Damoose, Bellino, Hauck and Nesbitt introduced

Senate Bill No. 378, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1280h.

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

Senators Damoose, Johnson, Webber, Theis, Bellino, Hauck and Nesbitt introduced

Senate Bill No. 379, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending sections 1248, 1249, 1249a, 1249b, and 1280f (MCL 380.1248, 380.1249, 380.1249a, 380.1249b, and 380.1280f), section 1248 as amended by 2023 PA 116, sections 1249, 1249a, and 1249b as amended by 2023 PA 224, and section 1280f as amended by 2024 PA 146, and by adding sections 1250a, 1531l, and 1531m.

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

Senators Johnson, Webber, Theis, Damoose, Bellino, Hauck and Nesbitt introduced

Senate Bill No. 380, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, entitled “An act relative to continuing tenure of office of certificated teachers in public educational institutions; to provide for probationary periods; to regulate discharges or demotions; to provide for resignations and leaves of absence; to create a state tenure commission and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violation of the provisions of this act,” by amending section 4 of article I, sections 2a and 3b of article II, and section 3 of article III (MCL 38.74, 38.82a, 38.83b, and 38.93), section 4 of article I and sections 2a and 3b of article II as amended by 2023 PA 225 and section 3b of article III as amended by 2024 PA 134.

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

Senators Albert, Damoose, Johnson, Webber, Theis, Bellino, Hauck and Nesbitt introduced

Senate Bill No. 381, entitled

A bill to amend 1947 PA 336, entitled “An act to prohibit strikes by certain public employees; to provide review from disciplinary action with respect thereto; to provide for the mediation of grievances and the holding of elections; to declare and protect the rights and privileges of public employees; to require certain provisions in collective bargaining agreements; to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to make appropriations,” by amending section 15 (MCL 423.215), as amended by 2023 PA 143.

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

Senator Anthony introduced

Senate Bill No. 382, entitled

A bill to create a financial aid program for certain residents of this state who attend certain postsecondary educational institutions in this state; to provide for the administration of the financial aid program; to provide for the promulgation of rules; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state officers and entities.

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

Senator Anthony introduced

Senate Bill No. 383, entitled

A bill to create a financial aid program for certain residents of this state who attend certain occupational training programs in this state; to provide for the administration of the financial aid program; to provide for the promulgation of rules; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state officers and entities.

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

Senator Anthony introduced

Senate Bill No. 384, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 17745a (MCL 333.17745a), as amended by 2016 PA 379.

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

Senators Chang, Irwin, McMorrow, Polehanki, Klinefelt, Bayer and Shink introduced

Senate Bill No. 385, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 306, entitled "Administrative procedures act of 1969," by amending section 7 (MCL 24.207), as amended by 2022 PA 134.

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

Senators Shink, Irwin, McMorrow, Chang, Polehanki and Klinefelt introduced

Senate Bill No. 386, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 20126 and 20140 (MCL 324.20126 and 324.20140), section 20126 as amended by 2014 PA 542 and section 20140 as amended by 2000 PA 254, and by adding section 20136.

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

Senators McMorrow, Irwin, Chang, Polehanki, Klinefelt, Bayer and Shink introduced

Senate Bill No. 387, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 5830.

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

Senator Singh introduced

Senate Bill No. 388, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 10, entitled "An act to define the use of travel aids by blind persons; to provide protection against accidents to such persons; to require instruction and examination in certain circumstances; and to provide penalties for violation hereof," by amending sections 1a, 2, and 3 (MCL 752.51a, 752.52, and 752.53), sections 1a and 2 as amended by 2002 PA 401 and section 3 as amended by 1986 PA 62.

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

Senator Singh introduced

Senate Bill No. 389, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 17b of chapter XVII (MCL 777.17b), as added by 2002 PA 28.

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

Senator Singh introduced

Senate Bill No. 390, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 2980.

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

Senators Irwin, McMorrow, Chang, Klinefelt, Polehanki, Bayer and Shink introduced

Senate Bill No. 391, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 20101, 20107a, 20112a, 20114, 20114b, 20114c, 20114d, 20114e, 20119, 20126, 20126a, 20137, and 20139 (MCL 324.20101, 324.20107a, 324.20112a, 324.20114, 324.20114b, 324.20114c, 324.20114d, 324.20114e, 324.20119, 324.20126, 324.20126a, 324.20137, and 324.20139), sections 20101, 20114d, and 20114e as amended by 2018 PA 581, sections 20107a, 20114, 20114c, and 20126 as amended by 2014 PA 542, section 20112a as amended by 2010 PA 234, section 20114b as added by 2010 PA 228, section 20119 as amended by 1995 PA 71, section 20126a as amended by 2010 PA 227, and sections 20137 and 20139 as amended by 2010 PA 230, and by adding sections 20113a and 20139a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Senators Moss, Irwin, McMorrow, Chang, Polehanki, Klinefelt, Bayer and Shink introduced

Senate Bill No. 392, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 20118, 20120a, 20120b, 20120e, and 20121 (MCL 324.20118, 324.20120a, 324.20120b, 324.20120e, and 324.20121), section 20118 as amended and section 20121 as added by 2014 PA 542, section 20120a as amended by 2024 PA 7, section 20120b as amended by 2018 PA 581, and section 20120e as amended by 2012 PA 190.

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

Senators McCann and Irwin introduced

Senate Bill No. 393, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 20140 (MCL 324.20140), as amended by 2000 PA 254.

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

Senator Cherry introduced

Senate Bill No. 394, entitled

A bill to establish the ownership of and conveyance rights associated with subsurface pore space.

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

Senator Bellino introduced

Senate Bill No. 395, entitled

A bill to amend 1929 PA 16, entitled “An act to regulate the business of carrying or transporting, buying, selling, or dealing in crude oil or petroleum or its products, or certain substances consisting primarily of carbon dioxide through pipe lines; to authorize the use of public highways and the condemnation of private property; to regulate the purchase and storage of crude oil or petroleum or certain substances consisting primarily of carbon dioxide; to provide for the control and regulation of all corporations, associations, and persons engaged in such business, by the Michigan public service commission; to define the powers and duties of the commission in relation thereto; and to prescribe penalties,” by amending section 1 (MCL 483.1), as amended by 2014 PA 85.

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

Senator McCann introduced

Senate Bill No. 396, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 502 and 1301 (MCL 324.502 and 324.1301), section 502 as amended by 2004 PA 587 and section 1301 as amended by 2018 PA 451, by adding section 52509, and by adding subchapter 6 to chapter 3 of article III.

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

House Bill No. 4023, entitled

A bill to authorize the state administrative board to convey state-owned property in Eaton County; to prescribe conditions for the conveyance; to provide for powers and duties of state departments, agencies, and officers in regard to the property; and to provide for disposition of revenue derived from the conveyance.

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 Local Government.

House Bill No. 4113, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 233 (MCL 436.1233), as amended by 2022 PA 135.

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 Regulatory Affairs.

House Bill No. 4114, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” (MCL 436.1101 to 436.2303) by adding section 910.

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 Regulatory Affairs.

House Bill No. 4135, entitled

A bill to authorize the state administrative board to convey state-owned property in Jackson County; to prescribe conditions for the conveyance; to provide for powers and duties of state departments, agencies, and officers regarding the property; and to provide for disposition of revenue derived from the conveyance.

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 Local Government.

House Bill No. 4189, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2092) by adding section 1051.

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 Veterans and Emergency Services.

House Bill No. 4285, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1163a.

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 Natural Resources and Agriculture.

House Bill No. 4301, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending sections 2 and 698 (MCL 257.2 and 257.698), section 2 as amended by 2011 PA 231 and section 698 as amended by 2020 PA 382.

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 Veterans and Emergency Services.

House Bill No. 4302, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 312e (MCL 257.312e), as amended by 2022 PA 193.

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 Veterans and Emergency Services.

House Bill No. 4401, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 43525c (MCL 324.43525c), as amended by 2021 PA 6.

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 Natural Resources and Agriculture.

House Bill No. 4420, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled “The management and budget act,” (MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594) by adding section 1365a.

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. 4464, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending sections 3403, 3406z, 3406bb, 3406hh, and 3406ii (MCL 500.3403, 500.3406z, 500.3406bb, 500.3406hh, and 500.3406ii), section 3403 as amended by 2023 PA 158, section 3406z as added by 2023 PA 159, section 3406bb as added by 2023 PA 160, section 3406hh as added by 2024 PA 41, and section 3406ii as added by 2023 PA 157.

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.

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

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. 55**Senate Resolution No. 56**

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

Senators Moss, Anthony, Wojno, Irwin, Chang, Cherry, Bayer, Cavanagh, Singh, Hertel, McCann, Camilleri, Santana, McMorrow, Shink, Geiss, Klinefelt, Polehanki and Brinks offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 55.

A resolution to recognize June 2025 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.

Whereas, Pride began in 1970 with the one year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, a multi-day protest that is credited by many for starting the modern-day LGBTQ+ movement. In 1969, LGBTQ+ individuals, led by the efforts of Black and Brown trans women such as activists Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, risked their lives to protest the over-policing and injustice that threatened their existence on a daily basis, and elevated the visibility of the movement to a national scale; and

Whereas, The LGBTQ+ community has persevered through tragedies and struggles, such as the government’s insufficient and delayed response to assisting those with HIV/AIDS and the ongoing effort to protect the rights and ensure the safety of the LGBTQ+ community; and

Whereas, The movement has also celebrated victories of recognition, especially the historic *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision in 2015 which recognized marriage equality nationwide, the *Bostock v. Clayton County* decision in 2020 that upheld federal employment protections for the LGBTQ+ community, and *Rouch World v. Department of Civil Rights* in 2022 that affirmed LGBTQ+ protections are included in Michigan’s Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act; and

Whereas, After a fifty year legislative effort, the Michigan House and Senate in its 102nd Legislature, at long last, added sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as protected classes in the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, which was signed into law as Public Act 6 of 2023; and

Whereas, Still today, LGBTQ+ individuals, especially a disproportionate number of trans women of color, continue to be a target of harassment, violence, and discrimination, yet through community support and solidarity continue to celebrate love, authentic living, and self-acceptance; and

Whereas, Michigan stands out in this watershed moment as a state that embraces equality because our communities benefit from diversity and variety in viewpoints, talents, and cultural perspectives of its residents and from preserving the freedom, worth, and dignity of those in the LGBTQ+ community; and

Whereas, Michigan should expend all efforts to attract and retain talent and signal to the nation we are welcoming to all those who wish to contribute to the economic vitality of our state; and

Whereas, The people of Michigan understand, appreciate, and value the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQ+ community to the larger success of the state, and commit to the learning, humility, and work necessary to make the state fair, safe, equitable, and a refuge of stability regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression; and

Whereas, June is recognized and celebrated as LGBTQ+ Pride Month throughout the country and worldwide; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize June 2025 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Moss' statement is as follows:

It is Pride Month, which is an opportunity for the LGBTQ community to celebrate the hard-fought progress that we've earned. We have amended the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. The anti-discrimination law now explicitly includes sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as protected classes. No one in the state of Michigan can be fired, evicted, or put out of places simply because of who they are and how they identify. We have strengthened our hate crimes statute to ensure we are pursuing justice against those who specifically target LGBTQ Michiganders with acts of aggression or violence. We have banned the barbaric practice of conversion therapy in Michigan. We've allowed the trans community to be their true selves on state government documents. And much more, so, yes, we should celebrate those victories.

But this Pride Month does feel different. This June, we must take Pride Month back to its roots. Pride did not start as a celebration but as a liberation against the shame, bigotry, hate, and discrimination that our community has endured. And indeed, the same hateful forces from decades ago are reemerging today. What aggravates me most, in this moment, is the gaslighting—the blaming of this anti-LGBTQ backlash on us, that we are asking for too much, that we're doing something wrong, that we've provoked the hatred, when all the while, they're trying to strip us of our gains.

I have comments on my posts on social media that will say, Nobody cares that you're gay, right next to comments that say, You're going to hell because you're gay. Clearly people do care. Some of this is obviously buffoonish, like the Michigan House Republicans who are trying to re-ban same sex marriage, but most of this is cynical and contrived—being anti-LGBTQ not to solve actual problems but to score political points. With rising costs; threats to Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, and the Department of Education; and more, some people in this chamber are blaming all of societal ills on the zero trans athletes currently enrolled in high school athletics in Michigan. I guess it turns out we actually didn't need to actually amend Elliott-Larsen to prevent housing discrimination for trans Michiganders after all, because they live rent-free in some of your heads.

We will not let you marginalize the marginalized. This community—our community—has survived the Lavender Scare, police raids, Anita Bryant, the HIV epidemic, marriage bans, and we will survive this era's challenges too. We're still here; get used to it.

To all my fellow LGBTQ Michiganders, coming out is an act of bravery, showing pride is a protest, and living authentically will protect all of our rights. Happy Pride Month.

Senator Bellino offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 56.

A resolution to recognize June 10, 2025, as Alcoholics Anonymous Day.

Whereas, On June 10, 1935, Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith first met, and what grew out of that meeting was Alcoholics Anonymous; and

Whereas, Out of Alcoholics Anonymous, the 12-step program, a set of spiritual guiding principles to assist in recovery from alcoholism, was developed; and

Whereas, Alcoholics Anonymous has been a positive guide for countless people over the world as they have battled the disease of alcoholism; and

Whereas, Numerous people, both in America and worldwide, are sober because of their experiences in Alcoholics Anonymous; and

Whereas, The 12-step program has been adopted by numerous groups around the world to assist people struggling with other addictions, such as narcotics, gambling, and overeating; and

Whereas, We stand in solidarity with our families, friends, and neighbors struggling with alcoholism; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize June 10, 2025, as Alcoholics Anonymous Day.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senator Cavanagh was named co-sponsor of the resolution.

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:

Madam President, today is a big day—not because it's my birthday. Today is a day associated with the beginning of a 12-step program called Alcoholics Anonymous. Around the world today, over 200 groups use the Twelve Steps started by these people to help them change their lives. In America, over 2 million people are sober today because of these steps, and there's over 140,000 meetings where people meet to talk. It all started back in the '30s—in 1932, '33, '34—a guy named Bill Wilson, who we affectionately call Bill W., tried to get sober many, many times. Hospitalized many, many times. At that time, if you were drunk like I was, hospitals didn't want you. The doctor had to put something else on the slip, kind of like medicine today—it's screwed up. He's not an alcoholic, he's got liver problems, he's got stomach problems, he's got anxiety problems. No, he's a drunk, but hospitals didn't want to take care of drunks. Why? They had no cure. They couldn't make money on them. They had no money and couldn't pay them back.

But he found out at a couple hospital visits in '33-'34 that when he worked with others, he didn't drink. He was on a business trip. He was a stock speculator—1935, Akron—trying to get a proxy vote and take over a company. It lost, it burned up, it went to the ground. He had nowhere to go. He's in Akron. Doesn't have enough money to pay for his hotel room. He sees the bar, he's got enough for a few drinks. He's thinking, I need to have a drink. But he didn't drink. He looked in the phone book, called a church, the pastor called a friend of his, a lady named Henrietta Seiberling, who was a descendant of the Firestone family in Akron. She knew a doctor who couldn't stop drinking. It was her doctor when she was younger and this guy was an old drunk. She said, Come on, let's go visit this guy. They made an appointment to visit Dr. Bob. Dr. Bob said—after a lot of discussion with his wife—I will meet this man, but only for 15 minutes. He's got nothing for me.

Five hours later, they walked out of the room and Dr. Bob was a changed man. As he told his wife, I finally met somebody who's just like me and knows what's going on in my head. From there, they met for a few weeks every day trying to figure out how they could help other people. They went to the hospital, they got No. 3, they got No. 4. No. 3 didn't stay sober; No. 4 did. No. 5 didn't stay sober. That's how it is sometimes with this disease. Sometimes we get it; sometimes we don't, but they knew one thing and they learned. Dr. Carl Gustav Jung, a psychiatrist, a psychologist, from over in Europe said that I can't help these people. I can help a lot of people in life but I can't help these people because it's beyond me. They need a spiritual experience. They need to find something. They need a conversion, Dr. Jung said. A light clicked off in the two men's heads.

AA, they say, is a different kind of place. It's the only place in the world where complete strangers can meet and commiserate. It doesn't happen in any other section of the world. All the spiritual leaders in the world recognize the Twelve Steps as America's donation to world spirituality. Think about it. We founded this country because we wanted religious liberty but then we brought stuff from Europe and other places that we planted here in America, but the Twelve Steps were grown and festered and became huge here in America and the rest of the world embraced it.

Besides my birthday and AA's anniversary, I met a friend in 1983 affectionately known as Chicken Charlie. This guy, he chewed snuff. On his snuff can, before the advance of apps and cell phones and stuff, he would put how many days he had sober. Every meeting I sat with him, he'd say, My name is Chicken Charlie, I've got so many days sober. Today would have been Chicken Charlie's 69th birthday staying sober and because of him and many friends I've met over the years, my life has changed and you've met a person you never would have met years ago because the old Joe was a complete asshole.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Runestad's statement is as follows:

Today, I have reintroduced a bill that should have been a law a long time ago. My bill is to protect vulnerable seniors who rely upon the care in our nursing homes by allowing them to place videorecording devices in their rooms. This commonsense bipartisan legislation is long overdue. Yes, you heard me correctly when I said bipartisan. That is because it has already been passed unanimously in this chamber, gained bipartisan support in the chamber across the hall, and was sent to the Governor's desk. In addition to its broad support in the Legislature, this measure also earned the backing of key stakeholders including AARP of Michigan, AMAC Action, and the Michigan Long-Term Care Ombudsman. However, instead of signing the bill, the Governor quietly vetoed it by slipping it into a drawer to be forgotten. No explanation; no accountability. Just silence.

Yes, this is the same Governor who also callously put these seniors in harm's way during the COVID debacle, intoxicated by her unilateral and deadly emergency powers. In fact, it was those same ill-advised COVID rules that made the need for this bill so painfully clear. Perhaps you recall the 75-year-old nursing home patient who was severely beaten by a 20-year-old man placed in the Westwood Nursing Home Center in Detroit under the Governor's COVID executive orders. That attack which left the elderly victim with a broken jaw, broken fingers, and broken ribs was caught on video. The veteran died weeks later. Yet, the only reason we know this even happened is because someone had the foresight to record and share that video with the media. Without the video, we would never have known the truth. Just another of the thousands of forgotten victims of this hidden violence.

The heartbreaking reality is that all too often, vulnerable seniors suffer in isolation and endure physical abuse not only from potential fellow residents but also other bad actors who can masquerade as caregivers or otherwise gain access to these facilities and victims. Allowing residents to place a camera in their own homes, own rooms, will serve as a powerful deterrent to abuse, enabling communication with loved ones and will prevent future tragedies that we have been reading about.

If this Governor refuses to act to protect seniors, then we in the Legislature must. It is imperative that we return this legislation back to the Governor's desk, and this time hopefully for her signature.

Senator Albert's statement is as follows:

There's no shortage of problems facing Michigan today. One of the most consequential, both in the near and long term, is our public school system's declining academic performance. My colleagues and I have introduced a package of bills to add accountability, improve standards, and add curriculum flexibility. All of these reforms have a unifying principle, and that is to improve student outcomes. When looking at many different metrics, it's clear that performance of Michigan's students continues to decline. There is a myriad of reasons we're in the situation we face today, and lack of money is not one of them. Even in the Governor's State of the State, she acknowledged we must realize "hard truths," and "we invest more per-pupil than most states and achieve bottom 10 results." Our state is spending 29 percent more on public K-12 schools this year than it did five years ago, and 50 percent more than a decade ago. Despite increased spending, results have worsened. Clearly, something is not working, and alternative solutions are needed.

This package proposed today strengthens accountability by restoring standards to our Read by Grade Three law. This law required that, before any student passes to 3rd grade, they must, at a minimum, be able to read at a 2nd grade level. There were exemptions, ranging from kids with individualized education programs to the superintendent granting a waiver at their own discretion. Before this law was repealed, I saw it working in my own district. Schools were beefing up reading supports unlike any time in the past. It was a travesty to see all the progress wiped away by taking accountability out of this law. We are not doing our kids any favors by promoting them to the next grade when they are unable to read.

The plan also restores an A-F grading system, so parents can easily understand how their school is performing. It reinstates student growth as a component of teacher performance evaluations. And, it restores previous provisions in collective bargaining to ensure superintendents can make administrative decisions based on what's in the best interests of kids and not unions. All of these changes will help right the ship, but I make no false promises that this is all that is needed. I have put forth a myriad of other proposals in my School Aid budget proposal.

The most important of these proposals is to focus on ensuring kids are actually in the classroom learning. This sounds like an oversimplification, but it's a massive problem. At a minimum, chronic absenteeism needs to be brought back to pre-pandemic levels. Last academic year, roughly 30 percent of Michigan students missed 10 percent or more of the school year. Some schools have chronic absentee rates in the 90s. We can get students back in class through targeted support and accountability. We also need to roll back changes made in recent years that allowed for more virtual learning days and exemptions for professional development days. State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice was correct to point out this problem to the Legislature. Exempting up to 22 days from the 180 required days when our schools are failing is braintead policy.

On top of that, we must ensure kids are not only physically in the classroom, but also mentally present as well. Cell phones in the classroom must be addressed. I was glad to see we passed a bill in the Senate. It was not as strong as I prefer, but this is an issue we should be able to address in a bipartisan fashion.

The second area of focus that we must address is helping students in failing schools. I was pleasantly surprised to see the Governor's proposal provided targeted resources for intervention services, such as tutoring and requiring parents be notified about how targeted schools are performing and spending money. I believe her plan can be improved, though it was not a bad start.

The bottom line is this: families should no longer be beholden to a school failing that has been given every chance to succeed, and a school should no longer go unchallenged in the face of persistent failure. We have a long way to go, and we aren't going to make a lick of progress unless we have a laser focus on improving student outcomes. If we don't, spending more money on schools won't make a difference in the long run.

Senator McBroom's statement is as follows:

Madam President, a few years back, I had the special privilege of working with our Lieutenant Governor, Garlin Gilchrist, on some legislation that many of you supported to help citizens of our state have their driver's licenses reinstated after they had had a DUI or other problem that was preventing them from being able to obtain CDLs and other parts of driving rights that would advance their careers and their lives. I'm grateful to this body for that help, and certainly grateful to the Lieutenant Governor for his assistance because the first time we tried it, the bill got vetoed. So, it was really great to get that through, and I think we've made a significant difference for many people.

There is still a huge problem going on with our Secretary of State and with our opportunities to help people with their DUIs. I don't know how many of you in your individual offices get down into the weeds with constituent issues like this, but I have personally assisted more than a dozen constituents in this term with attempting to get their driver's licenses reinstated when they've been completely suspended. The process is a nightmare.

I'll relay to you a very personal story. In my family, one of my siblings struggles with alcoholism. He, at one point in his life, had had his driver's license removed or been under various penalties for DUI in five different states. These are all compact states that have entered into various agreements, and so, after a decade of sobriety and getting his life in order—attempting to get his driver's license back—he had to go to each one of these states and clear his record in order to apply for a driver's license in the state where he now lives, which is not Michigan. In all of those other states, it was a fair and regular process where if you do the steps, you get permission to get your driver's license back—except for one. Guess which one it is. It's Michigan. It's a nightmare in Michigan. It's an incredibly arduous process—and, at the end, after filling out dozens of pieces of paper, agreeing to counseling, agreeing to peeing in a cup, and so many other things, and getting letters signed by people who know you, and used to know you—testimonials, all of these things—and you appear before an administrative law judge who then says, Oh, one of your people forgot to put a date on their letter of reference for you. Oh, the department lost some of your paperwork. You go back to the back of the line and you can't reapply for six months, or a year.

I have been through this process with so many constituents—including one from my own family—again and again, just to try and get their life back together again. I have spoken with the Secretary of State's office on this issue numerous times, looking for their help to figure out: Why is your situation—why is your process—such a disaster? Why do you insist on hurting more people, again and again? I get nothing back from them to help with this. No real assistance. Just some lip service: Yeah, we think we should fix that. But no help in why their system is so backwards.

Just this past week, on Friday, another one of my constituents, who has reapplied three separate times—and I have written personal letters attesting to how he has not been drinking, not using drugs—I was the guy who left the date off of the letter—and the judge cites my letter's lack of a date as a reason why he can't be reinstated to drive. And this constituent—a veteran, a man who's struggling with health issues that he brought home from Iraq, and psychological issues—needs to drive to go to work. We're keeping him down. He'd move out of our state—except our state has such a hold on all of the other states that signed this compact—that he can't get a driver's license anywhere he could go.

We have to get together and do something about this. I call on the Secretary of State and her office to put some real effort behind this problem. We have a serious problem. It's affecting tens of thousands of good citizens in this state who need relief desperately.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, June 5:

House Bill Nos. 4023 4135 4464

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Thursday, June 5, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**House Bill Nos. 4551 4552 4553 4554 4555 4556 4557 4558 4559 4560 4561 4562 4563
4564 4565 4566 4567 4568 4569 4570 4571 4572 4573 4574 4575 4576
4577 4578 4579 4580 4581**

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Friday, June 6, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 356 357 358 359 360 361 362 363 364 365 366

Committee Reports

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

Senate Bill No. 154, entitled

A bill to prohibit certain conduct at or near a health facility and prescribe penalties; to provide remedies; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

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

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

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

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

Senate Bill No. 155, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 13n of chapter XVII (MCL 777.13n), as amended by 2023 PA 63.

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

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

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

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

Senate Bill No. 216, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending sections 303, 320a, 601c, and 653a (MCL 257.303, 257.320a, 257.601c, and 257.653a), section 303 as amended by 2024 PA 42, section 320a as amended by 2023 PA 39, section 601c as added by 2001 PA 103, and section 653a as amended by 2018 PA 349, and by adding sections 79g and 79h; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

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

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

Senate Bill No. 217, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 12e of chapter XVII (MCL 777.12e), as amended by 2011 PA 59.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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

Senate Bill No. 224, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 224 (MCL 750.224), as amended by 2006 PA 401.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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

Senate Bill No. 225, entitled

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

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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

Senate Bill No. 226, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 234d (MCL 750.234d), as amended by 2024 PA 158.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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

Senate Bill No. 331, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled “An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,” (MCL 28.421 to 28.435) by adding section 14c.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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

Senate Bill No. 332, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 11b of chapter XVII (MCL 777.11b), as amended by 2023 PA 22.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 12:00 noon, Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Chang (C), Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana, Runestad and Johnson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Energy and Environment submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators McCann (C), Singh, Bayer, Shink, Hertel, Camilleri, Chang, Polehanki, Lauwers, Damoose, Outman, Hauck and Bellino

Scheduled Meetings

Administrative Rules, Joint – Wednesday, June 11, 8:30 a.m., Room 521, 5th Floor, House Office Building (517) 373-5312

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

Energy and Environment – Wednesday, June 11, 8:30 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-5323

Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection – Wednesday, June 11, 12:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5314

Health Policy – Wednesday, June 11, 12:30 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5323

Labor – Thursday, June 12, 8:30 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5314

Natural Resources and Agriculture – Wednesday, June 11, 2:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

Regulatory Affairs – Thursday, June 12, 8:30 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-1721

Veterans and Emergency Services – Wednesday, June 11, 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 12:02 p.m.

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Geiss, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

