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10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 1.101, in the absence of the Presiding Officers, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary of the Senate.

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

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

Hauck—present
Hertel—present
Hoitenga—present
Huizenga—present
Irwin—present
Johnson—present
Klinefelt—present
Lauwers—present
Lindsey—present
McBroom—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 Jim Runestad of the 23rd District offered the following invocation:

Let us pause in gratitude for this gathering and the opportunity to serve. May wisdom guide our decisions, integrity shape our actions, and compassion lead our hearts. May we work together for justice, unity, and the well-being of all. Strengthen us to lead with humility, courage, and purpose. We hope for a better future as we begin today. Amen.

The Secretary of the Senate, Daniel Oberlin, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motions and Communications

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

Senator Singh moved that Senators Anthony, Cavanagh, Chang, Cherry, Geiss, Hertel, Irwin, Moss, Polehanki, Santana and Shink be temporarily excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

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

The motion prevailed.

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:03 a.m.

10:37 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist.

During the recess, Senators Anthony, Hertel, Shink, Moss, Polehanki, Cavanagh, Cherry and Santana entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Singh moved that rule 2.106 be suspended to allow committees to meet during Senate session.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

Senator Irwin entered the Senate Chamber.

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 President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, designated Senator Shink as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bills:

Senate Bill No. 41, entitled

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

Senate Bill No. 52, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 639, entitled “Hertel-Law-T. Stopczynski port authority act,” by amending the title and sections 2, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 14a, 16, 18, 20, 23, 24, and 25 (MCL 120.102, 120.108, 120.109, 120.110, 120.113, 120.114, 120.114a, 120.116, 120.118, 120.120, 120.123, 120.124, and 120.125), the title as amended and section 14a as added by 1998 PA 188, sections 14 and 18 as amended by 2002 PA 412, and section 23 as amended by 1984 PA 256, and by adding section 19a.

Senate Bill No. 27, entitled

A bill to amend 2006 PA 317, entitled “An act to create certain entities in the Michigan strategic fund; to impose certain duties and responsibilities on those entities and on certain state employees and public employees; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 2 (MCL 125.1972), as amended by 2010 PA 337.

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

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

Senate Bill No. 55, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

1. Amend page 11, line 27, after “\$” by inserting “0”.

The Senate agreed to the amendment recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as amended 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. 56, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 11 and 236 (MCL 388.1611 and 388.1836), section 11 as amended by 2024 PA 148 and section 236 as amended by 2024 PA 120, and by adding section 201i.

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.

During the Committee of the Whole, Senators Chang and Geiss entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Resolutions

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

Senate Resolution No. 11**Senate Resolution No. 12**

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

A concurrent resolution providing for a joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 14, p. 120.)

The House of Representatives has adopted the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

A concurrent resolution prescribing the Joint Convention Rules for the Legislature.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 14, p. 120.)

The House of Representatives has adopted the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Outman offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 11.

A resolution to commemorate February 2025 as Michigan 2-1-1 Month.

Whereas, Launched in 2002, Michigan 2-1-1 is a service provided at no cost to residents, and connects them with thousands of both public and private health and human services agencies and resources right in their communities- quickly, easily, and confidentially; and

Whereas, The 2-1-1 helpline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year via phone, email, live chat, and online databases; and

Whereas, Michigan 2-1-1 has supported the state during natural disasters, including tornados, flooding, and cold snaps; and

Whereas, In Michigan, 406,000 individuals contacted 2-1-1 for assistance with housing, utility assistance, food assistance, job training, and other resources in just the last year alone; and

Whereas, We recognize 2-1-1's service as a valued, community asset and are grateful to the dedicated community care advocates for their efficient, effective, and compassionate response to the growing needs of residents; and

Whereas, Coinciding with February 11th (2-11), this month is appropriate for recognizing the beneficial services available to Michigan taxpayers through 2-1-1; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate February 2025 as Michigan 2-1-1 Month. We aim to increase awareness about these beneficial services to Michigan residents in need.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Bayer and Theis were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Huizenga offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 12.

A resolution to designate February 20, 2025, as Conductive Education Day.

Whereas, Over 70 years ago in Hungary, Conductive Education (CE) was developed by Dr. András Peto; and

Whereas, CE is a unique teaching system that operates from a core belief in neuroplasticity, the lifelong ability of the brain to reorganize neural pathways based on new experiences, and on the premise that no matter how severe the disability, people can learn and improve when they are motivated; and

Whereas, Children and adults with neuromotor impairments, such as stroke survivors and individuals with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, spina bifida, or acquired brain injuries can use CE to maximize their mobility and independence; and

Whereas, CE has the potential to make a significant, life-changing impact on the motility and self-sufficiency of close to 9 million people in the United States and Canada; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body designate February 20, 2025, as Conductive Education Day. We encourage support for this important program.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senator Theis was named co-sponsor of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Huizenga's statement is as follows:

My resolution would declare today, February 20, 2025, as Conductive Education Day in the state of Michigan. Conductive education is a unique teaching system that provides tools to help children and adults with disabilities. This model of teaching makes a significant, life-changing impact on the independence of millions of Americans. Conductive education is about increasing the freedoms for people with disabilities. I am proud to say that our state provides people with disabilities with the skills and support needed to improve their motor skills and quality of life. 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 10:49 a.m.

11:07 a.m.

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

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess until 2:00 p.m.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:08 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 2:01 p.m.

8:16 p.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Johnson entered the Senate Chamber.

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Singh introduced
Senate Bill No. 93, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending section 4105 (MCL 289.4105), as amended by 2016 PA 188.

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

Senators Singh, Bellino, Lindsey, Damoose, Outman, Shink, Chang, McMorrow and Hertel introduced
Senate Bill No. 94, entitled

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

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

Senators Lindsey, Singh, Bellino, Damoose, Outman, Shink, Chang, McMorrow and Hertel introduced
Senate Bill No. 95, entitled

A bill to prohibit hospitals from attempting to collect debts incurred when not in compliance with price transparency laws; and to provide remedies.

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

Senators Moss, McMorrow, Bayer and Hauck introduced
Senate Bill No. 96, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 230, entitled "Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act," by amending section 28 (MCL 125.1528), as amended by 2020 PA 155, and by adding section 4i.

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

Senators Hauck, Moss, McMorrow and Bayer introduced

Senate Bill No. 97, entitled

A bill to amend 1941 PA 207, entitled “Fire prevention code,” by amending section 22 (MCL 29.22), as amended by 2020 PA 154.

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

Senators McMorrow, Moss, Bayer and Hauck introduced

Senate Bill No. 98, entitled

A bill to amend 1973 PA 116, entitled “An act to provide for the protection of children through the licensing and regulation of child care organizations; to provide for the establishment of standards of care for child care organizations; to prescribe powers and duties of certain departments of this state and adoption facilitators; to provide penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 722.111 to 722.128) by adding section 3m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Singh moved that the Committee on Regulatory Affairs be discharged from further consideration of the following bill:

House Bill No. 4002, entitled

A bill to amend 2018 PA 338, entitled “Earned sick time act,” by amending sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 (MCL 408.962, 408.963, 408.964, 408.965, 408.966, 408.967, 408.968, 408.970, 408.971, and 408.972).

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, and the bill was placed on the order of General Orders.

Senator Singh moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of General Orders, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

House Bill No. 4002

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

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 8:18 p.m.

8:31 p.m.

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

Messages from the House

Senate Bill No. 8, entitled

A bill to amend 2018 PA 337, entitled “Improved workforce opportunity wage act,” by amending sections 2, 4, 4d, 9, and 10 (MCL 408.932, 408.934, 408.934d, 408.939, and 408.940).

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

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 full title.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
General Orders

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 8:33 p.m.

10:31 p.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Lauwers entered the Senate Chamber.

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 President pro tempore, Senator Moss, designated Senator Shink 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:

House Bill No. 4002, entitled

A bill to amend 2018 PA 338, entitled "Earned sick time act," by amending sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 (MCL 408.962, 408.963, 408.964, 408.965, 408.966, 408.967, 408.968, 408.970, 408.971, and 408.972).

Substitute (S-3).

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

1. Amend page 9, line 5, after "in" by striking out "a purpose" and inserting "the purposes".
2. Amend page 9, line 7, after "for" by striking out "a purpose" and inserting "the purposes".
3. Amend page 9, line 21, after "for" by striking out "a purpose" and inserting "the purposes".
4. Amend page 10, line 3, by striking out the balance of the line through "plan." on line 6.
5. Amend page 11, line 25, after "employer," by inserting "**Contributions required under the collective bargaining agreement or other employment agreement for the paid sick leave plan are due on the same schedule as the other fringe benefit funds or plans to which the signatory employer must contribute.**".
6. Amend page 22, line 6, after "contract" by striking out "prevents compliance" and inserting "conflicts".
7. Amend page 22, line 8, after "employee" by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting "**on or before February 21, 2022, the small employer is not required to comply with this act until 3 years after the date that the employer first employs an employee.**".

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
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:

House Bill No. 4002

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 bill:

House Bill No. 4002

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4002, entitled

A bill to amend 2018 PA 338, entitled “Earned sick time act,” by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12 (MCL 408.962, 408.963, 408.964, 408.965, 408.966, 408.967, 408.968, and 408.972) and by adding section 3a.

The question being on the passage of the bill,
Senator Nesbitt offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 3, line 18, after “employs” by striking out “1” and inserting “50”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,
Senator Theis 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. 9

Yeas—18

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

Nays—18

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

Excused—1

Camilleri

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. 10

Yeas—26

Albert	Hertel	McBroom	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McCann	Singh

Brinks
Bumstead
Daley
Damoose
Hauck

Huizenga
Johnson
Klinefelt
Lauwers
Lindsey

Moss
Nesbitt
Outman
Polehanki

Theis
Victory
Webber
Wojno

Nays—10

Anthony
Bayer
Cavanagh

Chang
Cherry
Geiss

Irwin
McMorrow

Santana
Shink

Excused—1

Camilleri

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Singh moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

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

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

“An act to require certain employers to provide certain employees with paid medical leave for personal or family health needs, as well as purposes related to domestic violence and sexual assault; to specify the conditions for accruing and using paid medical leave; to prescribe powers and duties of certain state departments, agencies, and officers; and to provide remedies and sanctions,”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, February 19, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 87 88 89 90 91 92

House Bill Nos. 4089 4090 4091 4092 4093 4094

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations –

Subcommittees –

EGLE – Thursday, March 13, 3:00 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-2768

Military, Veterans, State Police – Tuesday, February 25, 9:00 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-2768

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:44 p.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate