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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, March 6, 2025.

10:00 a.m.

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

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

Dear Father, we humbly pray that we will always remember Your generosity and faithfulness for entrusting us with such a high level of legislative power, and help us to act in the best interest of the citizens of Michigan. Today, please bless our efforts with clear insight, our deliberations with wisdom, our work with clarity and accuracy, and may we always remember respect for one another. Amen.

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

### Motions and Communications

The following communication was received:  
Department of Health and Human Services

February 3, 2025

As per the Child Advocacy Center Act, Public Act 544 of 2008, the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board is required to provide an annual report of incomes and expenditures to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Attached please find a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances through year end September 30, 2024.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information or have any questions. My direct line is (517) 241-2028 or KriegerG@michigan.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Gail Krieger  
State Division Administrator

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Singh moved that Senators Anthony, Brinks, Moss and Santana 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.

Senators Anthony, Moss, Santana and Brinks entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

### Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Hoytenga introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 123, entitled**

A bill to amend 1969 PA 306, entitled "Administrative procedures act of 1969," by amending sections 32 and 45 (MCL 24.232 and 24.245), as amended by 2023 PA 104.

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

Senators Damoose, Victory, Cherry, McBroom, Chang, Bayer, Wojno and Geiss introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 124, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 301a (MCL 206.301a), as added by 2021 PA 8.

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

Senators Hoytenga, Hauck, Victory and McBroom introduced

#### **Senate Bill No. 125, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending sections 30, 701, 703, and 711 (MCL 206.30, 206.701, 206.703, and 206.711), section 30 as amended by 2023 PA 4, section 701

as amended by 2024 PA 177, section 703 as amended by 2016 PA 158, and section 711 as amended by 2018 PA 118.

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

Senators Albert, Bellino, Daley, Irwin, Cherry, Nesbitt, Bumstead, Lindsey, Lauwers, Bayer, Singh and Chang introduced

**Senate Bill No. 126, entitled**

A bill to provide for the elimination of daylight saving time in this state; and to provide for a referendum.

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

Senators Wojno, Polehanki, Chang, Geiss, Bayer, McMorro, Webber and Shink introduced

**Senate Bill No. 127, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 2674, 2675, and 2678 (MCL 333.2674, 333.2675, and 333.2678) and by adding sections 2670 and 2675a; 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 Regulatory Affairs.

Senators McCann, Klinefelt, Runestad, Shink, Cavanagh, McBroom, Wojno, Cherry and McMorro introduced

**Senate Bill No. 128, entitled**

A bill to create a Michigan-Ireland trade commission within the Michigan economic development corporation and to prescribe its powers and duties; to create a fund; and to prescribe 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 Economic and Community Development.

Senators McCann, Anthony, Chang, Bayer, Klinefelt, Polehanki, Shink, Wojno, Cherry and McMorro introduced

**Senate Bill No. 129, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled "Open meetings act," by amending section 3a (MCL 15.263a), as amended by 2023 PA 214.

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

Senators Singh and Lauwers introduced

**Senate Bill No. 130, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 152, entitled "State license fee act," by amending sections 9 and 25 (MCL 338.2209 and 338.2225), section 9 as amended by 1988 PA 461 and section 25 as amended by 2023 PA 131.

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

Senators Lauwers and Singh introduced

**Senate Bill No. 131, entitled**

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled "Occupational code," (MCL 339.101 to 339.2677) by adding section 1205b.

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

Senator Singh introduced

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

Senator Singh introduced

**Senate Bill No. 133, entitled**

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

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

Senator Singh introduced

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

**Recess**

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:09 a.m.

10:50 a.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

**General Orders**

Senator Singh moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Geiss, designated Senator Webber as Chairperson.

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

**Senate Bill No. 68, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” (MCL 436.1101 to 436.2303) by adding section 609k.

**Senate Bill No. 87, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” (MCL 436.1101 to 436.2303) by adding section 804.

**Senate Bill No. 88, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 903b (MCL 436.1903b), as added by 2016 PA 434.

**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.

**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.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of  
**Third Reading of Bills**

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

- Senate Bill No. 41**
- Senate Bill No. 94**
- Senate Bill No. 95**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**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.

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. 14		Yeas—36	
Albert	Daley	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Anthony	Damoose	Lauwers	Runestad
Bayer	Geiss	Lindsey	Santana
Bellino	Hauck	McBroom	Shink
Brinks	Hertel	McCann	Singh
Bumstead	Hoitenga	McMorrow	Theis
Cavanagh	Huizenga	Moss	Victory
Chang	Irwin	Nesbitt	Webber
Cherry	Johnson	Outman	Wojno

**Nays—0**

**Excused—1**

Camilleri

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**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 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. 15**

**Yeas—33**

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

**Nays—3**

Huizenga	Nesbitt	Santana
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**Excused—1**

Camilleri

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

**Protest**

Senator Santana, under her constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 94.

Senator Santana’s statement is as follows:

Today I rise to give my opposition to Senate Bill No. 94, not because I’m against the intent of the 340B program, but because this bill fails to address the real concerns about transparency, accountability, and most critically, ensuring that this program serves the patients who need it most. The 340B program is a federal program that was created to provide discounted medications to hospitals and clinics that serve low-income patients. It was a well mentioned effort to stretch scarce federal resources and make lifesaving prescriptions more affordable for those in need. But over the years, we’ve seen where this program has shifted away from the original mission.

The reality is that while some entities reinvest their 340B savings into patient care, too many others do not. There are no guardrails ensuring that the revenue generated is actually used to help the underserved. There are no requirements for how hospitals use the profits they make through the program. There are no rules governing how 340B entities expand, and now only 38 percent of the 340B disproportionate share hospitals are located in medically underserved areas. This means that a program that was originally designed to help vulnerable patients is now, in some ways, contributing to the very inequities it was meant to solve.

Over the last decade, the number of 340B pharmacies in disadvantaged communities has declined, while the number of high income areas has increased. That is a problem. Yet despite the serious concerns, Senate Bill No. 94 does not take the necessary steps to fix them. This bill requires covered entities to provide some disclosure. However, it can be described as anemic at best. It does not require hospitals to disclose how much revenue they generate from the program, how much is siphoned off to third-party actors, or how much is actually reinvested into patient care. Without the level of transparency, we are not ensuring that this program is working as intended. We don't even know the full impact of the 340B program in Michigan, this Medicaid program. At the time when we should be doing everything we can to safeguard resources, our most vulnerable residents, we cannot afford to turn a blind eye to the lack of oversight in this system.

Other states are starting to examine the financial realities of the 340B program. Just last year, Minnesota released its first ever 340B covered entity report. It found that 340B providers in states generated at least \$630 million in net revenue through the program in a single year. Yet the largest hospital systems which make up to 13 percent of all reported entities, took in 80 percent and that is in revenue. Meanwhile, some of the safety net clinics that serve the most vulnerable actually reported a negative net revenue because they had to make payments to third-party middlemen.

Let's be clear. When we talk about transparency and accountability in 340B, we are talking about ensuring that the program actually benefits the patients it was designed to help. Unfortunately, Senate Bill No. 94 does not achieve that. It does not require covered entities to explain how they spend their savings, it does not ensure that 340B dollars go towards charity care, or other critical services that understand underserved patients need. It does not close loopholes that allow for bad actors to profit from the program without reinvesting in patient care. Because of these failings, it does not move us closer to a truly equitable system. I have always supported the local hospitals. I recognize the vital role they play in our communities, but I also believe that ethics and transparency should be nonnegotiable. Nobody, whether it's the hospitals, the pharmaceutical companies, the third-party administrators, should be able to operate without accountability when it comes to a program designed to help the low-income patients.

That's why I cannot support Senate Bill No. 94 in its current form. I hope that this bill moves forward and my colleagues in the House will take a serious look at these concerns and work to strengthen this legislation, because if we are serious about addressing systemic inequities, then we will need to ensure that programs like 340B are working as they were intended to work, not as a revenue stream but as a lifeline to patients who need the help the most.

The following bill was read a third time:

**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 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. 16**

**Yeas—35**

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

**Nays—1**

Santana

**Excused—1**

Camilleri

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**Statements**

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert's statement is as follows:

My grandmother had an expression. She would say, Never wake a sleeping baby. And once a year, I will find the wisdom and the truth behind this expression. On Sunday, I'll wake my kids up from a dead sleep. And they'll sleepily get ready. And somehow I'll get them in the van, and with my wife, we'll get to church and about halfway through, I'll find myself in the back with an unusually large group of parents with other children that are upset. I'll look at another dad and without saying anything, our eyes will say, Time change is the worst. It's inconvenient; it's not healthy. There's no conclusive evidence that it provides any energy savings, which is the whole reason why this pretext of why we changed the clocks twice a year. It's a failed attempt to control human nature. I think of the French Jacobins who added a 10-day calendar only to find that people and horses were worn out by the end of the week so they had to move back to seven days. There was even a proposal for what was called USA Time, I found, where all the United States would be in one time zone, and the legislator who proposed it said the human being is not a slave to the sun. I think it's time for voters to decide on this issue.

What can we do? Federal law gives us two options. We can either stay on daylight saving time and flip the clock back and forth twice a year, or we can opt out and stay on standard time. Those are our two options. The real debate I've heard, like the Senator from Ann Arbor, had talked about last year, said the real debate is about which side of the fence do we want to land on? Most people are tired of the time change. Some people want to stay on daylight saving time. Some people want to stay on standard time.

Like I said, we only have one option here at the state level. It is worth noting in 1974, we did try this. During the energy crisis, the United States moved to permanent daylight saving time. It started out in January 1974 with a 79 percent approval. Within three months, approval dropped to 42 percent and it was repealed by that summer. Like I said, voters deserve a chance to decide on this issue. We've done it twice before. In 1968, it failed by, I think, less than 1,000 votes; and in 1972, daylight saving time passed with about 9 percent. We're now 53 years later. This is an issue where everybody—everybody has intimate experience as to how deeply this impacts their lives and it's time that they have a chance on this. My proposal, Senate Bill No. 126, will put the issue of the time change back on the ballot. Let voters have a say of whether or not they want to move their clocks back and forth during the year. Let's do this. Let's decide if we're going to continue with the time change.

Senator Shink's statement is as follows:

Today I stand before you to celebrate the beauty of Michigan's landscapes and majesty of the Great Lakes, and to sound an alarm. If we do not act now, the dedicated people who safeguard our natural spaces and waterways, the scientists, conservationists, and park employees who dedicate their lives to this mission will no longer be there to protect them. The time to act is now and the responsibility to speak out is ours.

Michigan is defined by its waters and wild spaces. The Great Lakes holds 20 percent of the world's fresh surface water. Sustaining local economies, providing drinking water to millions, and supporting a diverse ecosystem that depends on our careful stewardship. Our beautiful national lakeshore, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, brings over one and a half million visitors a year with a cumulative benefit of over \$200 million to the communities around the lakeshore.



Yet today, the very foundation of these protections, is under threat. Another wave of devastating federal cuts brought on by the Republican administration of Donald Trump and Elon Musk has stripped funding from Great Lakes research, invasive species control, and conservation efforts, including work to keep pollution out of our streams, protect the endangered piping plover during breeding season, and make trails and parks accessible to the public. The Republican Trump and Musk administration is firing important federal workers whose work benefits everyday normal Americans and Michiganders to fund tax cuts for billionaires. In my district, scientists in the Ann Arbor office making up 15 percent of the Fish and Wildlife Service workforce who monitor fish populations, invasive lamprey eels, and toxic algae blooms have been summarily fired. These vital positions protect Michigan fishery from destructive economic losses and collapse. Forestry workers who preserve and maintain our public parks have been let go thanks to Donald Trump. The National Park Service, which supports over 415,000 jobs in Michigan and contribute over \$26 billion dollars to our economy last year, now have many of their staff fired to fund billionaire tax breaks and they face fast staffing shortages that threaten both jobs and visitor access and safety. I almost can't go anywhere in my district without meeting someone who has lost their job, and then understanding that the work they did was important and would benefit us, the people of Michigan.

The consequences of these funding cuts are real. Not only are there hundreds of thousands of jobs at stake, but without experts working to control invasive species like the sea lamprey and Asian carp, our fisheries, a cornerstone of Michigan economy, face collapse. The Brandon Road dam, key to keeping the giant, fertile, and very hungry Asian carp out of the Great Lakes was put on hold amid the chaos of the federal funding freeze. Without proper funding for Sleeping Bear Dunes and other natural landmarks, communities that rely on outdoor tourism will suffer significantly, with dwindling opportunities for residents. Our constituents will and are suffering. Many are already.

We should not underestimate the harmful economic effects of mass firings, environmental degradation of sensitive or publicly accessible lands, nor overlook the impact on residents' physical and mental health. Well-maintained forests and wetlands have been proven to absorb excess carbon dioxide, which improves our air quality and is crucial to the health of Michiganders. They reduce flooding, and tourism depends on proper staffing in our parks which belong to all of us. This isn't just about keeping our state beautiful. It's about standing up for the people whose livelihoods depend on it—the biologists, park rangers, and conservation—to protect our shared future. It's about ensuring that we, our families, and the next generation of Michiganders can drink clean water, hike our trails, and fish in our lakes without fear of contamination or collapse.

I ask all of my colleagues to stand with me to fight for funding and policies—federal and state—prioritizing conservation, research, funding protection from pollution and destruction, and investing in the people who make this work possible, many of whom are our constituents. Our natural heritage, and the thousands of jobs tied to it are worth protecting. The responsibility to protect the land, the water, the air, and the people of our state, and the responsibility to ensure our residents have access to our parks, complete with camping and sanitary facilities, is not just mine or yours. It doesn't belong to Democrats or Republicans either. It belongs to all of us. Protecting our great state is a shared responsibility, and together we must ensure that Michigan's landscapes remain a source of pride in economic activity and a healthy, thriving home for generations to come.

Senator Anthony's statement is as follows:

It has been 45 days since Donald Trump and unelected billionaires took office. During that time, we have seen new headlines each and every day that have sowed fear and confusion in our people, a freeze on federally funded programs, a tax on healthcare, on housing, on education, and all-around massive cuts to basic human services that we rely on and deserve from our state and federal government. Whether you're a parent scrambling to figure out childcare after confusion over your child's Head Start or a veteran struggling to get through to someone at the VA after DOGE plowed ahead with uninformed mass terminations, everyday people are left scrambling, trying to figure out what these changes mean for us and the social safety net that we have systematically funded and built over years, all while the ultra rich and greedy corporations can rest easy knowing that Trump and his administration will take good care of them.

Congressional Republicans have put forward a budget that should alarm all of us. The fact that congressional Republicans are even considering slashing Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, and SNAP benefits, is immoral and irresponsible. And guess what? Grocery prices are still high. Eggs are still expensive. Now, Republicans are going after policies that lower drug costs for seniors, protect consumers, and support our hardest working Americans. While we in Michigan have worked to codify the most popular and impactful provisions in the Affordable Care Act into our state's law, the Trump administration is actively working to roll them back, seeking to cut funding for the very programs that provide healthcare to people throughout our state, regardless of their political party.

The impact of the U.S. House budget proposal goes beyond just federal programs. These reckless cuts will have consequences right here in Michigan. As a reminder, about 42 percent of the state's budget comes from federal funds—our tax dollars. And as a reminder, these dollars impact men, women, and children across every corner of our state. Under the House-proposed budget, millions of dollars would disappear from our state's budget, forcing us to make impossible choices and leaving Michiganders left to suffer. Our people deserve better, and I know that everyone here—on both sides of the aisle—want what's best for our constituents. But my question today is, When will you stand up and say, Enough is enough?

As you know, we are in the middle of crafting our next state budget. While we can't control what happens in Washington, we can control how we fight for the people of this state. I, for one, refuse to let the people of Michigan be left behind. My Democratic colleagues and I will continue to work to protect the vital social safety net that we have fought for year after year after year, because a government by the people should work for the people. Budgets are moral documents. They show in clear and undeniable terms what we value and who we prioritize. You can say you support kids, you can say you support teachers, cops, firefighters, and farmers, but when the time comes to invest, the numbers will not lie.

Senator Bayer's statement is as follows:

Today was our first hearing of the Department of Education Appropriations Subcommittee for this session. For me personally, it brings up very strong feelings of an obligation for our state and our country to succeed, to thrive, and to become world leaders. We need to ensure that we provide the best education in the world. To be a leader in automotive, in clean energy, in agribusiness, in economic growth, in democracy, we must be leaders in education. We must provide our children, from the time they're babies to adults, the tools, knowledge, and skills to be capable, confident, thoughtful, and ever-learning throughout their lives. Here in this building and across the road, we must put education first, we must strive to provide the resources needed for our education system to be the best there is. I am confident that everyone in this building believes in achieving this goal, especially now as we face a potential disaster for Michigan and for the entire country.

The President of the United States intends to close the U.S. Department of Education. This will cost the United States billions, even trillions of dollars, as our entire future depends on our children and their ability to staff our country. Our global competitiveness will drop to the floor, and then we'll just fall off the list of countries who have a global impact. Approximately 80 percent of Michigan's students attend public schools, but a loss of funding from the U.S. Department of Education will negatively impact all schools in Michigan and across the country. All our schools need to support all of their students. Whatever funding they have will get spread thinly across all the students.

In addition, our public education system provides daycare for more children than all other childcare institutions put together. Our preschool and childcare programs across the country are largely funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Those reductions will impact our K-12 students preparedness for school, for adulthood, for employment, higher education, and other types of skills and development. Without those resources, without childcare, how many people will no longer be able to go to work? We are seeing a significant decline in birthrates already, and one key reason is the lack of childcare. Sixty-six percent of families have two income earners. Most families will tell you, they need both of those incomes. Who gets to not work? How many companies? How many companies will fail for the loss of employees who can't work?

The loss of funding for higher education institutions will impact our health and our wellness, our ability to manage our finances at every level, from our personal finances to the finances of the state and this country. Cuts to student loans and grants for higher education will cause drops in enrollment, hurting the universities' resources and their ability to teach. Combined with direct university funding costs, we will lose the continued supply of professionals that make our country run. Engineers, scientists, teachers—without a continued source of teachers, all types of education will fail. Without universally available education, the United States will fail.

President Trump, stop this destructive nonsense and build up—do not destroy—build up our education system to make our country even greater than it already is.

### Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following bills and joint resolution were printed and filed on Wednesday, March 5, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**Senate Bill Nos. 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122**

**House Bill Nos. 4165 4166 4167 4168 4169 4170 4171 4172 4173**

**House Joint Resolution F**

### Committee Reports

The Committee on Education reported

**Senate Bill No. 83, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending section 27c (MCL 388.1627c), as amended by 2024 PA 120.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Dayna Polehanki  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Polehanki, Geiss, Chang, Irwin and Damoose

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Polehanki (C), Geiss, Chang, Irwin and Damoose

Excused: Senators Camilleri and Johnson

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Oversight submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Singh (C), McMorrow, Geiss, Polehanki, McBroom and Lindsey

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Universities and Community Colleges submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators McCann (C), Irwin and Albert

Excused: Senators Singh and Damoose

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., Room 521, 5th Floor, Anderson House Office Building

Present: Senators Wojno, Bayer, McMorrow and Theis

Excused: Senator Runestad

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on LARA/DIFS submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Cavanagh (C), Santana and Theis

### Scheduled Meetings

#### Appropriations –

##### Subcommittees –

**Agriculture and Natural Resources** – Wednesday, March 12, 12:00 noon, Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

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

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:30 a.m.

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

DANIEL OBERLIN  
Secretary of the Senate