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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, April 23, 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—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 Mark E. Huizenga of the 30th District offered the following invocation:

Heavenly Father, we come before You today as we begin this new session day. We ask that You would give us the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job as we work today for the people of Michigan. Even though we represent different districts and different people, we ask that You will help us to remember these inspiring words from John 16:33, especially as we have just celebrated Easter. Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Amen.

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

Senator Singh entered the Senate Chamber.

Motions and Communications

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

Senator Singh moved that Senators Anthony, Brinks, Cherry, Hertel and Klinefelt be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Nesbitt entered the Senate Chamber.

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

Senator Hertel introduced
Senate Bill No. 244, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 5139 (MCL 333.5139), as added by 2012 PA 354.

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

Senators Irwin, Chang, Shink, Geiss, Moss, Wojno, McMorrow and Singh introduced
Senate Bill No. 245, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending sections 2005, 2006, 2026, and 2049 (MCL 500.2005, 500.2006, 500.2026, and 500.2049), section 2005 as amended by 1989 PA 302 and section 2006 as amended by 2017 PA 223, and by adding section 2005b and chapter 30B.

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

Senators Camilleri, Geiss, Chang and Polehanki introduced
Senate Bill No. 246, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 11102, 11103, 11104, 11108, 11109, 11110, 11125, 11132, 11514b, 11525a, 62501, and 62509 (MCL 324.11102, 324.11103, 324.11104, 324.11108, 324.11109, 324.11110, 324.11125, 324.11132, 324.11514b, 324.11525a, 324.62501, and 324.62509), sections 11102 and 11125 as amended by 2010 PA 357, section 11104 as amended and section 11132 as added by 2018 PA 688, section 11108 as amended by 2013 PA 73, section 11109 as added by 2018 PA 689, section 11110 as amended by 1995 PA 61, section 11514b as amended by 2022 PA 245, section 11525a as amended by 2023 PA 140, section 62501 as amended by 1998 PA 467, and section 62509 as amended by 2004 PA 325, and by adding sections 11122, 62508b, and 62509d; 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 Camilleri, Geiss, Chang and Polehanki introduced

Senate Bill No. 247, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 62506a (MCL 324.62506a), as added by 1996 PA 168.

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

Senators Chang, Cavanagh, Bayer, Camilleri, Damoose, McMorro, Shink and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 248, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “The social welfare act,” (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 14t.

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

Senators Damoose, Chang, Cavanagh, Bayer, McMorro, Shink and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 249, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “The social welfare act,” (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 14q.

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

Senators Bayer, Chang, Cavanagh, Camilleri, Damoose, McMorro, Shink and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 250, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “The social welfare act,” (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding sections 14n, 14o, 14p, 14r, 14s, and 14u.

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

Senators Bayer, Chang, Cavanagh, Camilleri, Damoose, McMorro, Shink and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 251, entitled

A bill to require all state departments and agencies to establish certain residential water affordability criteria; to create the office of residential water affordability within the department of health and human services; to prescribe the powers and duties of the office of residential water affordability; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

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

Senators Chang, Bayer, Cavanagh, Camilleri, Damoose, McMorro, Shink and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 252, entitled

A bill to prescribe the powers and duties of certain providers of retail water service in this state; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officers and entities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of retail water service; and to provide for remedies and penalties for certain violations of this act.

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, Camilleri, Damoose, McMorro, Shink and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 253, 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,” (MCL 554.601 to 554.616) by adding section 1f.

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

Senators Cavanagh, Bayer, Camilleri, Damoose, McMorro, Shink and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 254, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 178, entitled “An act to provide for the collection of water or sewage system rates, assessments, charges, or rentals; and to provide a lien for water or sewage system services furnished by municipalities as defined by this act,” by amending section 1 (MCL 123.161), as amended by 1981 PA 132, and by adding section 4a.

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

Senators Wojno, Chang, Bayer, Cavanagh, Camilleri, Damoose, Shink, Geiss and McMorrow introduced **Senate Bill No. 255, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending the title and sections 282 and 383a (MCL 750.282 and 750.383a), the title as amended by 2010 PA 107, section 282 as amended by 1987 PA 32, and section 383a as amended by 2008 PA 413.

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

Senators Irwin, Chang, Bayer, Cavanagh, Camilleri, Damoose, McMorrow, Shink and Geiss introduced **Senate Bill No. 256, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending sections 160 and 16s of chapter XVII (MCL 777.160 and 777.16s), section 160 as amended by 2012 PA 169 and section 16s as amended by 2008 PA 414.

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

Senators Hertel and Singh introduced

Senate Bill No. 257, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 5851b (MCL 600.5851b), as added by 2018 PA 183.

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 Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 258, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 5805 (MCL 600.5805), as amended by 2018 PA 183.

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

Senators McMorrow and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 259, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 6452 (MCL 600.6452), as amended by 2020 PA 44.

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

Senators Klinefelt, Hertel, Cherry and Anthony entered the Senate Chamber.

Senators Irwin, McMorrow and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 260, entitled

A bill to amend 1964 PA 170, entitled “An act to make uniform the liability of municipal corporations, political subdivisions, and the state, its agencies and departments, officers, employees, and volunteers thereof, and members of certain boards, councils, and task forces when engaged in the exercise or discharge of a governmental function, for injuries to property and persons; to define and limit this liability; to define and limit the liability of the state when engaged in a proprietary function; to authorize the purchase of liability insurance to protect against loss arising out of this liability; to provide for defending certain claims made against public officers, employees, and volunteers and for paying damages sought or awarded against them; to provide for the legal defense of public officers, employees, and volunteers; to provide for reimbursement of public officers and employees for certain legal expenses; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 7 (MCL 691.1407), as amended by 2013 PA 173, and by adding section 7d.

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

Senators Klinefelt, Singh and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 261, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 6431 (MCL 600.6431), as amended by 2020 PA 42.

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

Senator Brinks 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 10:11 a.m.

10:28 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

Resolutions

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

Senate Resolution No. 33

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

Senator Cherry offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 33.

A resolution to commemorate Ronald Olson upon his retirement from his role as the Chief of Parks and Recreation at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Whereas, Ronald Olson has made outstanding contributions and shown unwavering dedication to the state, serving as a model to which we all should aspire; and

Whereas, He dedicated two decades of his career to the DNR, playing a pivotal role in enhancing Michigan's state parks, recreation system, and trail development. His relentless efforts led to the development and implementation of policies and programs that propelled Michigan's parks to national acclaim; and

Whereas, Under his leadership, initiatives focused on conservation, public engagement, and infrastructure improvements quickly transformed the state's natural spaces, establishing them as some of the best in the country; and

Whereas, Ronald Olson has been crucial in expanding Michigan's state parks and forging strong partnerships. His notable achievements include the development of Flint State Park with the Mott Foundation and the Menominee River State Recreation Area, Wisconsin's first collaborative park management effort. He also oversaw the management and revitalization of Belle Isle Park and played a key role in the Iron Belle Trail, which includes hiking and biking routes that expand from Detroit to the western tip of the Upper Peninsula; and

Whereas, He is recognized with multiple awards throughout his career with the DNR, including the Gold Medal Award from the National Recreation and Park Association. Ronald Olson has significantly contributed to Michigan's natural resources and recreational opportunities for all Michiganders; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate Ronald Olson upon his retirement from his role as the Chief of Parks and Recreation at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). May we honor Ronald Olson for his exceptional service and contributions to the state as well as his well-deserved retirement.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Geiss, McMorrow and Moss were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Cherry's statement, in which Senator Bumstead concurred, is as follows:

I'd like to urge my colleagues to support the resolution commemorating Ron Olson's service to the state, heading our state parks which he's done for 20 years. He's overseen a revitalization and expansion of our state park system, making us one of the top state park systems in the country. He's with us today as a guest of myself and Senator Bumstead. We want to congratulate him, wish him the best, and he's going to go on to new work and we know he will be as successful in those new endeavors as he has been for the 20 years that he's served the state of Michigan.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brinks' statement, in which Senators Victory, Huizenga, Hoitenga and Shink concurred, is as follows:

On behalf of the 16 members of the Michigan Legislative Dutch Caucus—including my Senate colleagues who are here with me today—we would like to take a moment to commemorate King's Day—the Dutch holiday *Koningsdag*—which will be observed this coming Saturday. My parents immigrated from the Netherlands in their youth, so honoring King's Day has always been a great way for me to connect with my Dutch heritage.

On your desk, you will find a Dutch treat courtesy of the Michigan Legislative Dutch Caucus and sponsored by our friends at MLC. Droste Chocolates are a staple of West Michigan's Dutch culture, and King Peppermints have longstanding tradition in the Netherlands and are the country's best-selling peppermint.

King's Day is recognized on King Willem-Alexander's birthday, April 27—or this year, on Saturday, April 26 because the 27th is a Sunday. Many celebrate by wearing orange to honor the House of Orange and the ruling family in the Netherlands since 1815. On behalf of your Dutch colleagues here in the Legislature, we would like to wish you a happy King's Day. Please enjoy your treats and as the Dutch commonly say before a meal, *Eet smakelijk*.

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 Chang 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. 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.

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.

Senate Bill No. 102, entitled

A bill to amend 1895 PA 161, entitled "An act to require county treasurers to furnish transcripts and abstracts of records, and fixing the fees to be paid therefor," by amending section 1 (MCL 48.101), as amended by 2022 PA 215.

Senate Bill No. 147, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 2534 (MCL 600.2534), as amended by 2017 PA 82.

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

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

Senate Bill No. 160, entitled

A bill to enact the uniform premarital and marital agreements act; and to determine how and when a premarital or marital agreement is enforced.

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.

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

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

Senate Bill No. 102

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Shink’s statement is as follows:

I want to take a moment today to thank Devon Pomeroy-Ruppert for his service in my office and to the state of Michigan. Devon has been an intern in my office since the fall of last year. He is completing his degree in public and nonprofit administration at Central Michigan University and he will be graduating very soon.

He’s been invaluable to our work, especially in researching policy areas and addressing constituent concerns. Devon’s smiling face, joyful spirit, and calm demeanor will be missed around the office. We are looking forward to hearing about his successes as he steps into the bright future before him.

Thank you, Devon. As a token of our gratitude, a seal.

Third Reading of Bills

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 102, entitled

A bill to amend 1895 PA 161, entitled “An act to require county treasurers to furnish transcripts and abstracts of records, and fixing the fees to be paid therefor,” by amending section 1 (MCL 48.101), as amended by 2022 PA 215.

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. 65

Yeas—37

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, assumed the Chair.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Geiss' statement, in which Senators Klinefelt and Bellino concurred, is as follows:

I'm joined by our colleagues from the 11th and 16th districts because we collectively—as you all know, I'm the chair of the Senate transportation policy committee, Senator Klinefelt is my majority vice chair, and Senator Bellino is the minority vice chair. We're not in fact Dutch, but we are wearing orange because today is Go Orange Day for National Work Zone Awareness Week.

I'm sure everyone is very aware of the orange barrels that are around our state, up and down our highways, but something you might've noticed on some of our roadways, and this is very serious, is that there are now, especially on I-96 for those of us who come from southeastern Michigan, speed limit alerts as you're entering the construction zones to remind us to slow down for our construction workers. This not only saves their lives, it saves the lives of our motorists, and it also means that as much as their work might interrupt our travels, that their work doesn't end up getting interrupted by unnecessary accidents that really cause great harm. So we wanted to make sure that everyone is aware of the importance of these workers who are helping rebuild our roads, but also that we need to make sure that we're helping to keep them safe so that after work, they get home safely.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Tuesday, April 22:

House Bill Nos. 4077 4078 4122 4245 4260 4261

The Secretary announced that the following bill was printed and filed on Tuesday, April 22, and is available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill No. 234

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, April 23, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**Senate Bill Nos. 229 230 231 232 233 235 236 237 238 239 240 241 242
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Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., Room 521, 5th Floor, Anderson House Office Building

Present: Senator Theis

Absent: Senators Wojno (C), Bayer, McMorro and Runestad

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

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

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on LARA/DIFS submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 22, 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 –**

Corrections & Judiciary – Thursday, April 24, 1:30 p.m., or immediately following session, Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

EGLE – Thursday, April 24, 12:15 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-2768 (CANCELLED)

MDE – Thursday, April 24, 9:00 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-2768

Military, Veterans, State Police – Thursday, April 24, 1:30 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-2768

Elections and Ethics – Thursday, April 24, 9:00 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:52 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

