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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, May 1, 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—excused
Damoose—present
Geiss—excused

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

Moss—present
Nesbitt—present
Outman—present
Polehanki—present
Runestad—excused
Santana—present
Shink—excused
Singh—present
Theis—present
Victory—present
Webber—present
Wojno—excused

Senator Jonathan Lindsey of the 17th District offered the following invocation:

Be with us, wise God, and guide our respected assembly. Help us to establish all things on a solid foundation. Let our conflicts end quickly, restore order, peace, and harmony so that truth, justice, religion, and goodness can thrive among the people. Take care of their health and strengthen their minds. Bless us and the millions we represent with what they need in this life and the next. Grant them eternal glory in the afterlife. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior. Amen.

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

Senator Bellino entered the Senate Chamber.

Motions and Communications

Senator Theis moved that Senator Webber be temporarily excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Theis moved that Senators Daley, Johnson, Lauwers, McBroom and Runestad be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Singh moved that Senators Chang, Cherry and Irwin be temporarily excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Singh moved that Senators Wojno, Shink and Geiss be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Cherry and Bumstead introduced

Senate Bill No. 276, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 43520, 43522, 43523a, 43523b, 43524, 43525b, 43525c, 43527a, 43528, 43528a, 43528b, 43529, 43531, 43532, 43532a, 43533, 43535, 43540a, 43540c, 43546, and 43553 (MCL 324.43520, 324.43522, 324.43523a, 324.43523b, 324.43524, 324.43525b, 324.43525c, 324.43527a, 324.43528, 324.43528a, 324.43528b, 324.43529, 324.43531, 324.43532, 324.43532a, 324.43533, 324.43535, 324.43540a, 324.43540c, 324.43546, and 324.43553), section 43520 as amended by 2024 PA 96, section 43522 as amended by 1996 PA 585, section 43523a as amended by 2018 PA 3, sections 43523b and 43527a as added and sections 43524, 43528, 43528a, 43528b, 43529, 43531, 43535, and 43553 as amended by 2013 PA 108, section 43525b as amended by 2016 PA 462, section 43525c as amended by 2021 PA 6, section 43532 as amended by 2020 PA 271, section 43532a as amended by 2020 PA 270, section 43533 as amended by 2016 PA 463, section 43540a as amended by 2018 PA 237, section 43540c as added by 2005 PA 117, and section 43546 as amended by 2004 PA 587, and by adding section 503d.

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

Senators Bumstead and Cherry introduced

Senate Bill No. 277, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled "General sales tax act," by amending section 25 (MCL 205.75), as amended by 2023 PA 20.

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

Senators Shink, Geiss and Chang introduced

Senate Bill No. 278, entitled

A bill to amend 1966 PA 346, entitled "State housing development authority act of 1966," by amending sections 58, 58b, and 58c (MCL 125.1458, 125.1458b, and 125.1458c), sections 58 and 58c as amended by 2008 PA 216 and section 58b as amended by 2008 PA 244.

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

Senators Webber, Irwin and Cherry entered the Senate Chamber.

Senators Victory and Daley introduced

Senate Bill No. 279, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 270, entitled “Michigan strategic fund act,” (MCL 125.2001 to 125.2094) by amending the title, as amended by 2005 PA 225, and by adding chapter 7A.

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

Senators Cherry and Bumstead introduced

Senate Bill No. 280, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 805 (MCL 257.805), as amended by 2021 PA 96.

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

Senators Bumstead and Cherry introduced

Senate Bill No. 281, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 2001, 2045, 74101, 74116, 74117, 74120, 78101, 78105, and 78119 (MCL 324.2001, 324.2045, 324.74101, 324.74116, 324.74117, 324.74120, 324.78101, 324.78105, and 324.78119), section 2001 as amended by 2010 PA 32, sections 2045, 74117, 74120, 78105, and 78119 as amended by 2013 PA 81, section 74101 as amended by 2018 PA 599, section 74116 as amended by 2016 PA 1, and section 78101 as amended by 2010 PA 302.

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

Senators Irwin and Anthony introduced

Senate Bill No. 282, entitled

A bill to establish the rights of tenants to organize tenant unions; to prohibit certain conduct; to provide remedies and prescribe penalties; and to provide for 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.

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:07 a.m.

10:20 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Chang entered the Senate Chamber.

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 President pro tempore, Senator Moss, designated Senator Damoose as Chairperson.

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

Senate Bill No. 234, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1304.

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 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. 39

Senate Resolution No. 40

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

Senators Bayer, Chang, Shink and Runestad offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 39.

A resolution to express our commitment to strengthening and deepening ties between the state of Michigan and Taiwan.

Whereas, Taiwan shares values of freedom, democracy, human rights, rule of law, peace, and prosperity with the United States and the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, Taiwan and the United States are key partners in trade. The United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner, and in 2023, Taiwan was the United States' eighth-largest goods trading partner. Bilateral goods trade reached over 127.7 billion dollars in 2023 and over 158.6 billion dollars in 2024; and

Whereas, Taiwan is a particularly important market for United States agricultural products. Taiwan imported 3.93 billion dollars' worth of agricultural products from the United States in 2023, and another 3.8 billion dollars' worth of agricultural and related products in 2024. In 2022, the United States Department of Agriculture noted that Taiwan was the fourth-largest export market for U.S. agricultural products on a per capita basis. Furthermore, in 2023, Taiwan was our nation's eighth-largest export market for corn and our sixth-largest export market for soybeans. Due to our nation's high-quality produce, the United States remains one of Taiwan's largest sources of agricultural products, supplying nearly a quarter of Taiwan's agricultural imports in 2023; and

Whereas, Taiwan and the state of Michigan have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship. Michigan has a vibrant Taiwanese American community that has enriched the state's culture, cuisine, and commerce for decades. Taiwan was Michigan's tenth-largest export market in Asia in 2024, with over 257 million dollars' worth of Michigan goods exported to Taiwan that year. In early March 2024, the state of Michigan opened the Michigan Taiwan Office to promote further investment by Taiwanese firms in our state. Recent efforts to build additional connections with Taiwan have already borne fruit, as the Taiwanese business community is partnering with our communities in accordance with our economic strategy of "Make it in Michigan." These partnerships are helping to secure our domestic supply chains and strengthen our research and development in the automotive industry, ensuring our place as the automotive capital of the world. There is great potential for future growth if we continue to deepen our ties with Taiwan; and

Whereas, In conducting business with Taiwan, Michigan businesses should refer to Taiwan as "Taiwan." In 1979, the United States enacted the Taiwan Relations Act to provide for the continuation of relations between the people of the United States and the people on the island of Taiwan. Section 4(b)(1) of the act provides: "Whenever the laws of the United States refer or relate to foreign countries, nations, states, governments, or similar entities, such terms shall include and such laws shall apply with respect to Taiwan." Thus, it is legitimate for Michigan businesses to refer to Taiwan as "Taiwan" when conducting business and establishing ties with Taiwan; and

Whereas, The United States is actively taking steps to strengthen bilateral trade between the United States and Taiwan. On June 1, 2023, representatives of the American Institute in Taiwan and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States signed a bilateral trade agreement under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade, and Congress enacted legislation to approve and implement that agreement in August 2023. The first agreement under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade officially came into effect on December 10, 2024, marking a significant milestone. Negotiations regarding a second agreement are ongoing. While this progress is encouraging, an avoidance of double taxation agreement for Taiwan has not yet been enacted, though legislation on this subject has been approved in the United States House of Representatives. Taiwan also remains excluded from the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity. The United States could take further action to encourage bilateral investment and technical collaboration through tariff reduction and other trade facilitation measures; and

Whereas, Tensions between Taiwan and the People's Republic of China seem to be escalating. The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency stated in 2023 that the President of the People's Republic of China, Xi Jinping, has instructed the People's Liberation Army to be ready by 2027 to conduct a successful

invasion of Taiwan. In 2025, the People's Republic of China has been conducting unannounced military drills using live-fire ammunition near the island of Taiwan. Further, Taiwan reports that Chinese-affiliated ships have intentionally damaged undersea communication cables, which are vital to Taiwan's connection to the world. In navigating relations with the People's Republic of China and Taiwan, the United States is guided by President Reagan's Six Assurances, including the assurance that the United States "[w]ill not exert pressure on Taiwan to enter into negotiations" with the People's Republic of China; and

Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "integrated diplomacy," highlighting values-based diplomacy, alliance diplomacy, and economic and trade diplomacy. This policy prioritizes mutual assistance and robust relationships with governments that share common values. Taiwan is capable of, and willing to, fulfill its responsibilities and collaborate with the world to deal with the challenges of humanitarian aid and disease control; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we express our commitment to the strengthening and deepening of ties between the state of Michigan and Taiwan; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge all enterprises in Michigan to refer to Taiwan as "Taiwan," consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the United States and Taiwan to enter into additional bilateral trade agreements and an avoidance of double taxation agreement; and be it further

Resolved, That we support the inclusion of Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the United States to continue our relationship with Taiwan to ensure our shared values of freedom, democracy, human rights, rule of law, peace, and prosperity are upheld by making available to Taiwan such defense articles and defense services in such quantity as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the United States to continue the policy established in the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act to maintain the capacity of the United States to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize the security, or the social or economic system, of the people of Taiwan; and be it further

Resolved, That we support Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations, such as the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the International Criminal Police Organization, which impact the health, safety, and well-being of not only the people of Taiwan, but the rest of the world; and be it further

Resolved, That we support Taiwan's aspiration to make more contributions in international societies; and be it further

Resolved, That we support Taiwan in its efforts to increase its international profile.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senator Webber was named co-sponsor of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bayer's statement, in which Senator Chang concurred, is as follows:

Today, I offer a resolution to recognize and support our continued strong partnership with Taiwan. Taiwan shares values of freedom, democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and prosperity with the United States and with Michigan. Taiwan and the U.S. are key trade partners. In fact, we are Taiwan's second largest trading partner; over \$158 billion in bilateral trade just last year. Taiwan is particularly important for U.S. agricultural products, importing nearly \$4 billion per year of U.S. agricultural products in recent years, and we are one of Taiwan's largest importers of agricultural goods. Michigan has a vibrant Taiwanese American community that has enriched our culture, our cuisine, and our commerce for decades. Last year, Michigan received over \$257 million from exports to Taiwan, our tenth largest export market. We now have the Michigan Taiwan Office, and our efforts to build more connections with Taiwan continue to grow. The resulting partnerships are improving our supply chains and strengthening our automotive R&D, making our key industry even stronger.

The United States is also strengthening our relationship with Taiwan with a new bilateral trade agreement in 2023. Sadly, tensions are increasing between Taiwan and China, including Chinese military exercises near Taiwan and damage done to Taiwan's communication infrastructure, plus statements regarding potential invasion. We are reminded of President Regan's Six Assurances that guide the United States in our relationships with Taiwan and China, including the assurance that the U.S. will not exert pressure on Taiwan to enter into negotiations with the People's Republic of China.

With Taiwan's continued commitment to be a values-based world partner, using diplomacy and willingness to be a strong democratic ally and economic partner, we resolve to support Taiwan and its aspirations to contribute to international democratic and scientific communities. In light of this and the strength of our economic partnership today, and the great potential for future growth of Michigan if we continue to deepen our ties with Taiwan with this resolution, we express our commitment to our partnership with Taiwan and look forward to our fruitful and growing future together.

Senator Camilleri offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 40.

A resolution to recognize May 1, 2025, as International Workers' Day.

Whereas, May 1 is globally recognized as International Workers' Day and is publicly celebrated in over 80 countries; and

Whereas, This day celebrates the contribution of workers, promotes workers' rights, and commemorates the historic struggles and gains made by workers and the labor movement; and

Whereas, Additionally, it commemorates the events of the Haymarket Affair and the associated general strike, which led to the establishment of an important day of remembrance and a long-lasting call to action; and

Whereas, International Workers' Day is the declaration of the labor movement's demands to improve the working conditions of workers, such as better pay, shorter working days, and safer worker conditions; and

Whereas, We honor the bitter struggles of the working class and the many sufferings of the past; and

Whereas, The United Auto Workers was formed in Detroit in 1935 during the Flint Sit-Down Strike, putting Michigan at the forefront of the modern labor movement as America struggled with the distress of the Great Depression; and

Whereas, Michigan continues its legacy as a leader in the national labor movement and its efforts to bring economic and social justice to our state and nation; and

Whereas, Recognition of the integrity of Michigan's workforce and its achievements is important in advancing our economic growth; and

Whereas, We renew our efforts to improve working conditions, including workplace safety and health protections, better standards and enforcement, and fair and just compensation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize May 1, 2025, as International Workers' Day; and be it further

Resolved, That we respect and highlight the contributions of Michigan's workforce to our state and all of society.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Camilleri's statement is as follows:

I rise today in support of my resolution which recognizes May 1 as International Workers' Day here in the state of Michigan. Today, May 1, is a day that we celebrate solidarity among our labor movement and reflect on the struggle and sacrifices that everyday Michiganders have made to fight for better wages, better workplace conditions, and the right to the American Dream. Across my communities in western Wayne and Downriver, you can find ironworkers, millwrights, electricians, auto workers, teachers, health care workers, and every profession in between. Our state could not function without the contributions that these everyday Michiganders make, and it is vital that for us as lawmakers that we not only acknowledge the services they provide but also uplift and support them as they can ensure that every single one of our neighbors has fair compensation and a safe place to work. Thirteen years ago, we saw Michigan become a Right to Work state, and the consequences were felt immediately—our unions were weakened, the voice of our workers was silenced, and the future of our labor movement was left uncertain.

I'm proud to be up here today as it's now been over a year since we reversed those policies and have officially repealed Right to Work in the state of Michigan. We've restored workers' rights and Michigan's status as a world leader in the labor movement. We have so much more to do here in the Legislature to support the men and women in our workforce, and here on May 1, I ask my colleagues to stand in solidarity with the millions of Michigan workers as we celebrate International Workers' Day.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, May 1:

House Bill Nos. 4027 4028 4029

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, April 30, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 272 273 274 275

House Bill Nos. 4410 4411

Committee Reports**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

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

Meeting held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators McCann (C), Irwin, Singh, Albert and Damoose

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 12:00 noon, Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Cherry (C), Shink, Singh, Bumstead and Theis

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Cherry (C), Bayer, Klinefelt, Albert and Hauck

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:30 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

