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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Senator Stephanie Chang of the 3rd District offered the following invocation:

We seek our place in the world and the answers to our hearts' deep questions. As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected answers. May we be reminded that all beings are whole, sacred, and worthy. Let our hearts be welcoming of multiple truths, not holding hard or fast to closed mindedness or judgmental thinking. What can we learn from each other in the richness of our differences? May the heart of compassion help us recognize the sacred in each other and bridge differences in these challenging times. May each of us be held in relationship, accountability, and the power of beloved community. Blessed be. Amen.

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

Senator Nesbitt entered the Senate Chamber.

Motions and Communications

Senator Lauwers moved that Senator Johnson be temporarily excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Singh moved that Senators Anthony, Brinks, Santana and Geiss be temporarily excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

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

House Bill No. 4345, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending section 101 (MCL 388.1701), as amended by 2023 PA 103.

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. 4345

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 10:04 a.m.

10:29 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Johnson, Anthony, Brinks, Santana and Geiss entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Singh moved that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, May 22, it stand adjourned until Thursday, May 29, at 10:00 a.m.; and when it adjourns on Thursday, May 29, it stand adjourned until Tuesday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m.

The motion prevailed.

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 Concurrent Resolution No. 5

Senate Resolution No. 51

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

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5

The motion prevailed.

Senators Brinks and Nesbitt offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5.

A concurrent resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Darwin Booher, former member of the Michigan Senate and Michigan House of Representatives.

Whereas, It was with great sorrow that the members of the Senate learned about the passing of Darwin Booher. He will be remembered as a dedicated public servant by his constituents in northwest Michigan and the people of our great state; and

Whereas, Darwin Booher was born in 1942 at Rohen's Maternity House in Evart, Michigan. He remained in Evart for much of his life, graduating from Evart High School in 1961. Darwin furthered his education by graduating from the University of Wisconsin School of Banking and the Michigan Assessors School; and

Whereas, Darwin wore many different hats during his life. Before starting his political career, he spent more than four decades in the banking industry. He worked his way up the corporate ladder, starting off as a vault teller and eventually becoming the vice president of First National Bank, which later became Citizens Bank; and

Whereas, Outside of Darwin's success in the corporate world, he maintained a strong and steadfast passion for agriculture. Darwin, whose family runs a seventh-generation family farm in Evart, loved working the land and getting his hands dirty, and was always willing to talk about anything related to agriculture. In 2018, Darwin was inducted into the Michigan 4-H Emerald Clover Society, which honors former 4-H members for their leadership; and

Whereas, During his life, Darwin was also a dedicated public servant. He served as the Osceola Township supervisor and assessor for 28 years. In 2004, he was elected to the House of Representatives where he served three terms representing the One Hundred-second District, before being elected to the Senate to represent the Thirty-fifth District. He would serve in the Senate until 2018. During his time in the Legislature, Darwin utilized his knowledge, experience, and humor to serve on and lead a number of committees. This included serving as the chair of the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions, the Senate Appropriations subcommittees on Capital Outlay and Community Colleges, and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Colleges. He also served on many other committees including the Senate committees on Appropriations, Agriculture, Education, and Infrastructure Modernization, and the House committees on Appropriations and Banking and Financial Services. He additionally served on the Senate Appropriations subcommittees on General Government, the Department of Community Health, the Department of Environmental Quality, and Natural Resources, as well as the House Appropriations subcommittees on the Department of Natural Resources, Joint Capital Outlay, Community Colleges, Human Services, Special Governmental Operations, Investigations, and Intergovernmental Affairs and Oversight. Moreover, Darwin was recognized by his colleagues when he was elected the Senate assistant majority caucus whip; and

Whereas, Darwin's commitment to his community went beyond elected office. He faithfully served in a number of roles including the Board of Trustees for Spectrum Health, Reed City Campus; charter member of the Evart Downtown Development Association; the Evart Local Development Finance Commission; the Evart Jaycees; the Evart Historical Society; and the Evart Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Darwin was known to those around him as a true family man, and he was always happiest when he could spend time with his family. He and his wife of more than 60 years, Janice, made their home in Evart, where they raised four children. His family expanded to include six grandchildren, two step great-grandchildren, and one great-grandson. During their marriage, Darwin and Janice also opened their home to ten exchange students from all around the world; and

Whereas, Darwin loved to remain active, even after leaving the Legislature. He always looked forward to traveling, family vacations, and testing his luck at the casino. Darwin loved to be hands-on with his grandchildren, which included teaching them how to drive on farming equipment. This led to more than a few dents, but even more happy memories. Until his last moments, Darwin always put his family first; and

Whereas, By those who knew him best, Darwin is remembered as warm, welcoming, curious, and always willing to offer advice. He always remained respectful of others and was committed to serving and working for his constituents to the best of his ability; and

Whereas, Upon Darwin Booher's passing, we offer our condolences to his loved ones. His contributions to these chambers and the State of Michigan will be remembered; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Darwin Booher, a member of Michigan's House of Representatives from 2005 to 2010 and the Senate from 2011-2018; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Booher family as evidence of our lasting esteem for his memory.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted by a unanimous standing vote of the Senate.

Senator Singh moved that rule 3.204 be suspended to name the entire membership of the Senate and the Lieutenant Governor as co-sponsors of the concurrent resolution.

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Darwin L. Booher, former member of the Senate and House of Representatives

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brinks' statement is as follows:

Colleagues, I rise today to honor the memory of one of our own, former Senator Darwin Booher. Senator Booher was a dedicated public servant and engaged member of his local community; a family man; and a curious, respectful leader with a passion for agriculture. While he loved working on his family's seventh-generation farm, he was also an expert in the banking industry with over four decades of experience. He went on to serve the people of northwest Michigan in both chambers. He chaired several committees and served as the assistant majority caucus whip here in the Senate.

Beyond his public service, Senator Booher was also a loving father, grandfather, and husband to his wife Janice of over 60 years. Senator Booher was known to put his family's needs before his own, and he will be remembered for his warm and welcoming demeanor. Today we express our gratitude for Senator Booher's dedicated service to the people of Michigan, for his contributions to this chamber, and his passion for public service. May he rest in peace.

Senator Hauck's statement is as follows:

I was sitting here thinking about what I was going to say today, and how do you summarize someone's life that's been dedicated to public service in a short little speech? Luckily, I was able to attend his memorial service, and I got to witness the outpouring of how much he was loved in his community, so I will try to do a little bit of justice today.

Today we honor the life and legacy of a remarkable public servant, former State Senator Darwin L. Booher, who passed away on March 16, 2025, at the age of 82. On behalf of the 34th Senate District and the entire state of Michigan, I extend our deepest condolences to his beloved wife for 60 years, Janice, his four children, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and the countless family members and friends and constituents who cherished him. Darwin Booher was a true son of Evart, born and raised in the heart of the rural community. His life was defined by service to his family, his neighbors, and the people of Michigan. From his early days as a banker, rising to vice president at Citizens Bank, to his passion for farming on his family's seventh-generation land, Darwin lived with a purpose and integrity.

His commitment to public service, beginning as Osceola Township supervisor and assessor for 28 years, followed by three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives from 2005 to 2010, and two terms in the State Senate from 2011 to 2018, representing the 35th District. As I was reading over this, it's amazing but probably the most amazing thing and a testament to how well he was liked in his own community is that he was a tax assessor for 28 years and continued to get elected as supervisor and also got elected to the House and the Senate. That told me he knew how to deal with people.

Senator Booher was a champion of rural Michigan, particularly for the agricultural community. As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, he understood that caring for land meant caring for its people. He worked tirelessly across party lines to support farmers, improve land management, and strengthen our state's agriculture industry. His leadership on Appropriations subcommittees for community colleges and joint capital outlay, as well as his role as assistant majority caucus whip showcase his dedication to thoughtfulness and impactful policy. In fact, my office still receives calls from constituents who mention Darwin Booher, a testament to his lasting impact on his community.

Senator Darwin Booher's life of service to Michigan's communities will live on. Let us honor his legacy by continuing his work with dedication and care for our state. I was only around Darwin in public office for two years because I came in and he was term limiting out but every time he talked, he always talked about his deer count—not what he shot with a rifle but what he killed with a car. When I was at his memorial service, I went up to his daughter and said, Well, at least the deer are safe. She looked at me and I'm like, uh oh, and she goes, Well, not really. The last time I took dad to the emergency room, we hit a deer on the way to the emergency room.

Senator McBroom's statement is as follows:

When I first came to the Legislature in 2011, I was 28. Didn't know many people at all. Tom Casperson was pretty much the only person I knew in the State Senate. My first few months around here, I occasionally crossed Senator Booher's path at dinners and other events and was introduced to him, but didn't really know him. Toward the end of that first six months, we voted on legislation dealing with pigs. I knew Darwin came along with us for the ride and was supportive of our effort, but I still didn't know him very much. It was July and I was out raking hay when I got a phone call from Darwin, a phone call telling me, I'm stealing your back desk person, Kara Butters. What are you going to say to a very important powerful Senator that everybody likes and he calls you up and says I'm stealing your staff? You say, Well, good luck, I hope it goes alright. And, you know, if you have some recommendations for replacements, let me know. After that Darwin and I became friends and talked a lot more. My apologies to his family. If I relay some of these stories with some inaccuracy, I'm telling them as best I remember Darwin telling them to me—and he was subject to some embellishment.

Darwin would talk about growing up farming and how he was so accident-prone on the farm and was getting hurt all the time, and how his father told him he needed to find a different career away from farming because he was always getting hurt. When you'd shake Darwin's hands, you could kind of get that impression. It's like, don't squeeze too hard. This man has fine bones and fine hands. He would tell me sometimes that he had a farmer's heart and a banker's body. I think that he, in his mind, had both. He was shrewd, he was clever, he knew how to solve problems, but he was also really good with numbers.

He was really good at his job here in the Legislature. He made a huge difference. He made a big difference for community colleges especially. One time he drove all the way to Ironwood to host a community colleges subcommittee meeting at Gogebic Community College. That's a long drive for those of us in the U.P., let alone for somebody from downstate, and he made that commitment and came all the way up there.

In 2013, Tom Casperson and I, who carpooled frequently, attended a conservation district meeting for the whole state of Michigan over in Big Rapids, and there were a number of other legislators there for the evening. Darwin received an award, I believe; I know Tom Casperson received an award that night. After the event was over, Tom and I were driving all the way back to the U.P. We got on the road and sure enough, who should come up behind us on the freeway but Darwin Booher. He and Tom's drag-raced for a little while, and then Tom said, You know, I'm going to let Darwin lead in this because he's a lot better at hitting deer than me. Tom calls him up on the phone and Tom's like, You go on ahead up there and see if there's any deer for us. I'm not kidding you, just seconds later, this deer comes across the road right in front of Darwin's car. He just misses it. Tom calls him back up—just in time for Darwin to hit the next deer. And then, of course, the joke was, well, should we stop and pick it up? Because of course, Darwin had all this legislation dealing with roadkill and the ability of citizens to keep the deer they hit with their cars. Darwin said, Not tonight, it's too late, we're going to go home. So we drove on, but I witnessed one of the many deer that Darwin hit. I think I've probably broken his record for how many deer have been hit by a legislator, but he hit a lot of deer over the years, and turkeys too. He and I worked on making sure people could also keep the turkeys they hit.

Darwin was a lot of fun, and he had a great mind, a great sense of humor, but most of all, I think he's remembered for his kindness, for his generosity, and his truly gentle spirit. When it comes to having the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control; faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—Darwin had so many of those, but he especially was a faithful friend and a gentle friend. Somebody who had tremendous self-control during floor debates. He was well known for standing up here in the Senate when people were angry on both sides and offering calming words, expecting

people to come together. He believed in the Golden Rule, in treating other people like you want to be treated. His harshest words, which were often reserved for bureaucrats and departments, were oftentimes little more than, I think I'm going to disagree with you. He was a great tribute to a true statesman and someone who cared about this place and cared about the people of the state of Michigan. It's a sad day too when he left here, and it's an even sadder day for us with him gone, but I hope and know that I'll see him again.

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.

10:54 a.m.

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

Senators Damoose, Bumstead, Hoitenga, Hauck and McBroom offered the following resolution:
Senate Resolution No. 51.

A resolution to commemorate May 21, 2025, as Cherry Industry Day.

Whereas, One of the most beautiful sites in Michigan or anywhere in the world during the month of May is the blossoming of the cherry trees; and

Whereas, Michigan is the number one cherry producing state in the nation and is the unofficial "Cherry Capitol of the World"; and

Whereas, Our state hosts the world's largest cherry celebration, the National Cherry Festival. It takes place each July in Traverse City, Michigan, welcoming more than 500,000 people to celebrate and promote cherries, community involvement, and the Grand Traverse region; and

Whereas, In 1926, the first "Blessing of the Blossoms Festival" was held on this date before evolving into the National Cherry Festival as we know it today; and

Whereas, The United States (U.S.) produces about 610 million pounds of sweet and tart cherries each year, with Michigan producing the largest tart cherry crop. An average of almost 250 million pounds of tart cherries are harvested each year, with 75 percent coming from our state; and

Whereas, Cherries contain powerful antioxidants that may help fight cancer, heart disease, and relieve pain associated with arthritis. Tart cherries are especially high in the antioxidant melatonin, which may help prevent or reduce brain deterioration associated with aging. Additionally, cherries are high in vitamin A and beta-carotene; and

Whereas, The Cherry Marketing Institute (CMI) was formed in 1988 and is funded by U.S. tart cherry growers. The goal of the CMI is to increase the use of cherries through promotion, market expansion, product development, and research; and

Whereas, Growers, processors, and merchants continue to support the Grand Traverse region with community support and a push to promote the impact and benefits of the cherry harvest; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate May 21, 2025, as Cherry Industry Day.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Bayer, Cavanagh, Chang, Geiss, Polehanki and Santana were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Damoose's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, I'm proud to introduce this resolution to commemorate today, May 21, 2025, as Cherry Industry Day in the state of Michigan. Michigan is the unofficial cherry capital of the world. We grow more cherries here than any state in the entire nation; approximately 75 percent of the cherries grown in America are grown right here in our great state.

Today, that industry is in trouble from factors ranging from unfavorable weather trends to unfair trading practices amongst foreign countries who've been illegally dumping their products into our market for years.

Thankfully, we live in a nation where we value our workers. Our cherry farmers pay their laborers a fair wage and ensure safe working environments. But as with so other industries, that often puts our domestic industry at a serious disadvantage when competing with other nations that don't offer similar protections for their workers. This is a real problem. So too, our cherry industry in northern Michigan is being threatened by changing market forces in real estate and other industries that make it very difficult to make a business case for keeping these farms open. And like so many areas within agriculture, too often younger generations, who've watched their families struggle for years, have no interest in carrying on the cherry orchard tradition.

What a shame it would be to see this great industry die in Michigan. We can't let that happen. One way to help is to simply pause and recognize how important this industry and this crop are to our great state. It is with this in mind that I ask all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating Cherry Industry Day, and I ask that as you enjoy that wonderful piece of cherry pie and the dried cherries that were given to us today by the National Cherry Festival, the cherry growers, and the Cherry Marketing Institute, that you would take a moment and say a quiet "thank you" to the great men and women who grow our cherries and turn them into the products we love.

In addition to that, I do want to welcome—we have joining us today, this year's 2024-2025 National Cherry Queen, Tessa Nico, from Elk Rapids.

Senator Victory offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 52.

A resolution to designate May 2025 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Month.

Whereas, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord; and

Whereas, ALS makes even the simplest movements including walking, speaking, and gesturing nearly impossible; and

Whereas, Approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any given time, with 5,000 new cases appearing annually; and

Whereas, Approximately 15 new cases of ALS are diagnosed every day, with a person losing their battle with the disease every 90 minutes; and

Whereas, ALS strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

Whereas, Finding the causes and cure for ALS will prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of thousands of Americans of their dignity and lives; and

Whereas, Aggressive treatments of the symptoms of ALS can extend the lives of those living with the disease; and

Whereas, Raising public awareness of this disease will facilitate the discovery of a cure and bring much needed funding for support and services to families in Michigan affected by ALS; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body designate May 2025 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Month.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Bayer, Cavanagh, Geiss, Polehanki and Santana were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senator Wojno offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 53.

A resolution to recognize May 2025 as Treatment Court Month.

Whereas, Treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation and are recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

Whereas, Nearly 4,000 treatment courts nationwide, including Michigan's 200 treatment courts, have restored the lives and families of more than 1.5 million individuals; and

Whereas, Outcomes have shown significant improvements to substance use disorder treatment, substantially reduced addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy with a savings of an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

Whereas, Treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, substance use disorder treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and community supervision personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders, and others dedicated to drug courts and similar types of treatment programs and are healing families and communities across the country; and

Whereas, Treatment courts improve public safety, education, employment, housing, financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate of mothers delivering babies who are drug-free; and

Whereas, Treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize May 2025 as Treatment Court Month. The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Bayer, Cavanagh, Chang, Geiss, Johnson, Polehanki and Santana were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Wojno and Johnson asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Wojno's statement, in which Senator Johnson concurred, is as follows:

Both Senator Johnson and I rise in support of this resolution to recognize May as Treatment Court Awareness Month in the state of Michigan. Senator Johnson has worked tirelessly on this issue for the past several years, and I would ask her to share some of her remarks now at this time.

Senator Johnson's statement, in which Senator Wojno concurred, is as follows:

Nationwide, 4,000 treatment courts have served more than 1.5 million individuals. Michigan oversees 200 treatment courts that improve and restore the lives of those struggling with addictions. Outcomes show that specialty treatment courts are a better alternative to address substance use, addiction, and related crime.

Treatment courts represent a collaboration that encourages county-wide partnerships, bringing together judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement, and members of the community to support improved outcomes for offenders and society. Treatment courts can help reduce recidivism and other negative outcomes. They also encourage individuals to get the treatment they need to better meet their own potential. Treatment courts promote public safety, while improving the lives of offenders and their families.

Today, we have with us up in the west Gallery, Judge Harvey Hoffman and Katharine Hude, representing the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals. We ask our colleagues to support this resolution and to help us in welcoming our guests to the Michigan Senate today.

Senate Resolution No. 37.

A resolution to urge the President of the United States and the United States Congress to renew the African Growth and Opportunity Act and expand the program to include other sub-Saharan African countries.

(This resolution was offered on Wednesday, April 30, rules suspended and consideration postponed. See Senate Journal No. 38, p. 386.)

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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

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 is as follows:

I rise today to offer Senate Resolution No. 37, a resolution urging Congress to renew the African Growth Opportunity Act, also known as AGOA. In the year 2000—a quarter century ago—Congress passed the African Growth and Opportunity Act, a U.S. trade preference program, to help spur market-led economic growth and development in sub-Saharan Africa and deepen U.S. trade and investment ties with the region. Since its inception, AGOA has been amended four times and is set to expire September of this year, and Congress can no longer wait to renew this important economic development tool that is mutually beneficial to us here in the U.S. and to the Continent.

AGOA has been the cornerstone of America's economic engagement with sub-Saharan Africa over the first quarter of the 21st century providing eligible sub-Saharan African nations with additional duty-free access to more than 1,800 designated products, with the aim of assisting the countries and easing economic

relations between the U.S. and Africa. It also creates a way of economic partnerships that are not exploitative or extractive, but instead, collaborative—and across multiple sectors including, but not limited to crude oil, passenger vehicles, apparel, agricultural and food products, and base metals. In 2023, total U.S. AGOA imports were \$9.3 billion and \$8 billion in 2024. Here in Michigan specifically, trade between the state of Michigan and sub-Saharan Africa was over \$1 billion in 2024 with AGOA-eligible countries according to the International Trade Administration, with South Africa and Nigeria leading the way.

Our geographic position on the Great Lakes makes us well-sited in addition to being well-poised for the type of trade and investments that AGOA helps facilitate and encourage. Last year, the state imported nearly \$440 million in goods from the 32 AGOA-eligible countries and exported over \$566 million in goods.

Encouraging increased trade and investment between the state of Michigan and sub-Saharan Africa must happen. Urging Congress to renew AGOA and expand U.S. assistance to sub-Saharan Africa's regional integration efforts is necessary, especially as the state of Michigan continues to expand its global reach through trade and investment. Further, the state of Michigan is well positioned to support AGOA products from nations like Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa and other sub-Saharan African nations to create a two-way pipeline of investment for local entrepreneurs in Michigan. Additionally, right now, at this moment, as questions about trade relationships with other countries loom large and intensify, many of these AGOA-eligible nations already have the products and capabilities to fill gaps in the supply chain, meet the market and industry needs and demands across multiple sectors, and in ways that are not exploitative, but rather collaborative and mutually beneficial. As such, it is important that Congress renew AGOA—especially for the people of the diaspora here in Michigan and worldwide.

AGOA has been renewed several times during administrations led by both Democrats and Republicans. I urge support of this resolution urging Congress to renew AGOA before it sunsets in September of this year. Tick tock—time's a-waistin'.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Irwin's statement is as follows:

As so many offices do, today I bid farewell to a great intern in the Senate District 15 office. Maeve Larco has brought strong skills and perspective to our office. She has really brought tremendous writing and communication skills, she's brought fluency in Spanish, and these are all things that have been a real benefit to my constituents and our residents.

It's not just "farewell" that we're saying to Maeve today, we're also saying "congratulations" because Maeve graduated this month from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in public policy and a minor in biology. All of us here working in this public policy space would encourage you to stick with that minor; it's always very important to have multiple irons in the fire. Maeve, on campus—she wasn't just serving us here in the Michigan Senate, she was also serving on campus as one of the campus day leaders, welcoming students from across the state to the beautiful campus in Ann Arbor and advocating for issues facing those who suffer from type 1 diabetes.

Maeve's been a strong part of our office. I wish her farewell. I also wish her congratulations and thank you, and maybe most importantly, good luck, because this weekend in Burlington, Washington, the U of M women's Ultimate Frisbee team is playing in the 2025 D-I college championships. Maeve is not just a leader here in our office helping constituents, but she's also a leader hucking discs and scoring points. Thank you very much, Maeve.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Klinefelt, Bayer, Shink, Geiss, McMorrow, Hertel, Chang, Santana, Wojno and Camilleri introduced **Senate Bill No. 319, entitled**

A bill to amend 1947 PA 336, entitled "An act to prohibit strikes by certain public employees; to provide review from disciplinary action with respect thereto; to provide for the mediation of grievances and the holding of elections; to declare and protect the rights and privileges of public employees; to require certain provisions in collective bargaining agreements; to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to make appropriations," by amending sections 11 and 15 (MCL 423.211 and 423.215), section 15 as amended by 2023 PA 143.

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

Senators Nesbitt, Theis, Damoose, Hauck, Lauwers, Hoyenga, Runestad, Webber, Daley, Bellino, Victory and Albert introduced

Senate Bill No. 320, entitled

A bill to establish a student opportunity scholarship program for eligible students; to provide for the certification of scholarship-granting organizations; to provide for student opportunity scholarship accounts; to prescribe conditions for use of the funds in the scholarship accounts; to provide for the administration of the student opportunity scholarship program; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments; and to allow certain tax credits and deductions.

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

Senators Theis, Nesbitt, Damoose, Hauck, Lauwers, Hoyenga, Runestad, Webber, Daley, Bellino, Victory and Albert introduced

Senate Bill No. 321, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 30 (MCL 206.30), as amended by 2023 PA 4, and by adding sections 279 and 679.

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

Senators Hoyenga, Albert, Daley, Damoose, Bellino, Theis, Hauck, Victory, Huizenga, Nesbitt, Lauwers and Webber introduced

Senate Bill No. 322, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 295, entitled "Clean and renewable energy and energy waste reduction act," by amending the title, the heading of subpart A of part 2, and sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 22, 28, 29, 39, 45, 47, 49, 71, 73, 75, 77, 78, 91, 93, 173, 177, and 191 (MCL 460.1001, 460.1003, 460.1005, 460.1007, 460.1009, 460.1011, 460.1013, 460.1022, 460.1028, 460.1029, 460.1039, 460.1045, 460.1047, 460.1049, 460.1071, 460.1073, 460.1075, 460.1077, 460.1078, 460.1091, 460.1093, 460.1173, 460.1177, and 460.1191), the title, the heading of subpart A of part 2, and sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 22, 28, 29, 39, 45, 47, 49, 173, 177, and 191 as amended by 2023 PA 235 and sections 71, 73, 75, 77, 78, 91, and 93 as amended by 2023 PA 229; 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 Government Operations.

Senators Nesbitt, Albert, Hoyenga, Daley, Damoose, Bellino, Theis, Victory, Huizenga, Hauck, Lauwers and Webber introduced

Senate Bill No. 323, entitled

A bill to amend 2006 PA 110, entitled "Michigan zoning enabling act," by amending section 205 (MCL 125.3205), as amended by 2023 PA 234.

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

Senators Hauck, Albert, Hoyenga, Daley, Damoose, Bellino, Theis, Victory, Nesbitt, Huizenga, Lauwers and Webber introduced

Senate Bill No. 324, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled "An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers and certain providers of electric vehicle charging services; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 460.1 to 460.11) by adding section 6x.

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

Senators Bellino, Albert, Hoytenga, Daley, Damoose, Bellino, Theis, Victory, Nesbitt, Huizenga, Hauck, Lauwers and Webber introduced

Senate Bill No. 325, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled “An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers and certain providers of electric vehicle charging services; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending sections 6a, 6m, and 6t (MCL 460.6a, 460.6m, and 460.6t), as amended by 2023 PA 231, and by adding section 6x; 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 Government Operations.

Senators Albert, Hoytenga, Daley, Damoose, Bellino, Theis, Nesbitt, Huizenga, Hauck, Lauwers, Webber and Victory introduced

Senate Bill No. 326, entitled

A bill to repeal 2023 PA 232, entitled “Community and worker economic transition act,” (MCL 408.911 to 408.919).

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

Senators Daley, Albert, Hoytenga, Damoose, Bellino, Theis, Victory, Nesbitt, Huizenga, Hauck, Lauwers and Webber introduced

Senate Bill No. 327, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 36104e (MCL 324.36104e), as added by 2023 PA 230.

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

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 McCann 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 without amendment, the following bills:

Senate Bill No. 207, entitled

A bill to create a Michigan veterans coalition fund; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities.

Senate Bill No. 208, entitled

A bill to create a Michigan veterans coalition grant program; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental entities.

Senate Bill No. 215, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 331, entitled “Michigan consumer protection act,” by amending section 3k (MCL 445.903k), as added by 2018 PA 211.

House Bill No. 4345, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending section 101 (MCL 388.1701), as amended by 2023 PA 103.

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

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 219, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled “Mental health code,” by amending sections 401, 427, 430, 461, 468, 472a, and 475 (MCL 330.1401, 330.1427, 330.1430, 330.1461, 330.1468, 330.1472a, and 330.1475), sections 401, 461, 468, 472a, and 475 as amended by 2018 PA 593, section 427 as amended by 2016 PA 320, and section 430 as amended by 1995 PA 290.

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. 149

Yeas—37

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 220, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled “Mental health code,” by amending sections 206a and 429 (MCL 330.1206a and 330.1429), section 206a as added by 2020 PA 55 and section 429 as amended by 2022 PA 214.

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. 150

Yeas—37

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 221, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled “Mental health code,” (MCL 330.1001 to 330.2106) by adding section 1021 and chapter 10A.

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. 151

Yeas—37

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 222, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled “Mental health code,” by amending section 473 (MCL 330.1473), as amended by 2018 PA 593.

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. 152

Yeas—37

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 303, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 16189.

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. 153

Yeas—36

Albert	Cherry	Johnson	Polehanki
Anthony	Daley	Klinefelt	Runestad
Bayer	Damoose	Lauwers	Santana

Bellino	Geiss	McBroom	Shink
Brinks	Hauck	McCann	Singh
Bumstead	Hertel	McMorrow	Theis
Camilleri	Hoitenga	Moss	Victory
Cavanagh	Huizenga	Nesbitt	Webber
Chang	Irwin	Outman	Wojno

Nays—1

Lindsey

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:23 a.m.

11:29 a.m.

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

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. 4345
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Third Reading of Bills

The following bill was read a third time:
House Bill No. 4345, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending section 101 (MCL 388.1701), as amended by 2023 PA 103.
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. 154

Yeas—35

Anthony	Damoose	Lauwers	Runestad
Bayer	Geiss	Lindsey	Santana

Bellino	Hauck	McBroom	Shink
Brinks	Hertel	McCann	Singh
Camilleri	Hoitenga	McMorrow	Theis
Cavanagh	Huizenga	Moss	Victory
Chang	Irwin	Nesbitt	Webber
Cherry	Johnson	Outman	Wojno
Daley	Klinefelt	Polehanki	

Nays—2

Albert Bumstead

Excused—0

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 make appropriations to aid in the support of the public schools, the intermediate school districts, community colleges, and public universities of the state; to make appropriations for certain other purposes relating to education; to provide for the disbursement of the appropriations; to authorize the issuance of certain bonds and provide for the security of those bonds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to create certain funds and provide for their expenditure; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

Protest

Senator Albert, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of House Bill No. 4345 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert’s statement is as follows:

I guess I’d like to start by just saying I understand and appreciate why this bill is up for consideration today. For those who support it, I do understand it and appreciate where they’re coming from and their desire to help their communities. This bill results from an unforeseen act of nature that caused—very disruptive for our schools and for families in northern Michigan. I understand there needs to be some type of action to address and accommodate the needs for that community.

That being said, this bill takes me back to 2019. At that point in time, I was serving in the House of Representatives and my House district covered—in January 2019, there was a large amount of snow days in my district. The Ionia public schools, I don’t think met for the entire month of January. They got very far behind and it was a little earlier in the school year. Pressure kept mounting and mounting. All the adults and administrators kept creating all these scenarios and why we had to forgive more days, all these reasons as to why. All the adults made it seem like it was impossible to make sure these kids were able to make up their days. I voted in favor of that bill. Little did I know, one year later we would have the COVID lockdowns and I had no idea at that point in time the amount of lost learning that would occur for the subsequent two school years. If I could go back in time, I would have voted “no” on that bill and fought to have those days made up so they could be in the classroom learning.

I do think there are other accommodations we could consider. We could say if the schools are open, maybe we could take away the financial penalties if they fall below a certain attendance threshold. The bottom line is, we have just had in my opinion way too much lost learning. The kids who are behind are only going to continue to fall behind. I just wish we could look at a different approach instead of just saying, Hey, we're not going to keep the schools open. Again, I appreciate this bill. I appreciate how there's a recognition that something outside of human control occurred in this region and their desire to help their community. I just wish we could try to find a different solution. I encourage my colleagues to vote "no" on this and let's come up with a different plan.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Damoose's statement is as follows:

Those words, Thank you, are really important. So often in this line of work, we don't take time to say "thank you." At this moment, I just want to thank everybody. I want to thank the Majority Leader and everybody for taking up this bill right now. I want to thank everybody who's about to vote for this bill, and I hope everybody does vote for this bill. Thank you for the overwhelming outpouring of support that we've gotten from both sides of the aisle throughout the course of this entire ice storm.

It's been devastating up north, make no mistake about it. We're still very much in the recovery process. It's going to take a long time. Our schools are desperate for this. I know some are wondering, Why do we have to race and do this right away? Why isn't it going through the normal committee process? The bottom line is it's a technical issue that school is about to end. Our schools can't wait until we do this in the budget like we often do. They need to know now whether they need to keep running through the month of June or not. Our students really need to know whether they can start their summer jobs or not, especially in a short three-month economy like we have up north so much.

I know we're racing through this pretty quickly, but I wanted to say thank you to everybody for being willing to take this up so quickly on behalf of our schools, our school districts, and all of our families.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

Senators Hoitenga and Shink asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoitenga's statement is as follows:

I stand before you as a voice for thousands of Michigan residents who feel overshadowed by a delusional and totalitarian push for solar and wind energy. Watching Michigan policymakers fall prey to the biggest greed-driven energy scam of our time is troubling. To be clear, we all share a commitment to a cleaner environment and a sustainable future; no one disputes that. But no one can be so blind to the environmental impact of solar panels and wind turbines. Wind turbines, also known as bird blenders.

Michigan's Green New Scam energy policies only trade one environmental issue for a multitude of others. In northern Michigan, towering structures and expansive plastic panels are already transforming green pastures and forest into industrial wastelands, forever changing our ag lands, ecosystems, habitats, and endangering precious wildlife. While our Democratic friends may dream about an eco-friendly utopia powered by breezes and sunshine, let's not forget Mother Nature's mood swings. After all, we live in Michigan. Furthermore, the cost of unrealistic energy policies extend beyond grid reliability and degradation of our land and the creatures that we claim to protect. The promise of affordability and the highly subsidized renewable energy is nothing more than smoke and mirrors. Michiganders are not stupid. Energy bills are rising and grid stability is falling.

The bottom line is the Democratic controlled trifecta is over, and it's time to restore common sense to Michigan's energy policies. That is why I've introduced legislation that will bring an end to Michigan's Green New Scam. These bills restore a balanced approach, embracing an all-of-the-above energy policy, one that respects our land and the environment while returning energy decisions to the hands of our local communities. This is what they want. This is what they're demanding. I ask my colleagues to support policies rooted in reality and support this package of bills.

Senator Shink's statement is as follows:

I want to address a little bit about reality here. We just voted to excuse schools who missed up to two weeks due to a severe ice storm that has caused millions of dollars worth of damage to our sugar maple industry, many of our other industries, took the National Guard to clean up, and is the subject of a request for federal emergency assistance. The science shows—the science says and has been saying for many years that those kinds of ice storms are because of excess carbon emissions—man-made climate change. It's not global warming; it's climate change, catastrophic climate change, that is affecting the very district of the Senator who just got up talking about just ending, ending solar, ending clean energy production. Give me a break.

We're in this together. I'm asking my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to quit using catastrophic climate change as a campaign shill and start working with us to address a very real problem that is affecting all of our constituents—all of them.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Tuesday, May 20:

House Bill Nos. 4010 4100 4105 4145 4267

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Tuesday, May 20, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 314 315 316 317 318

House Bill Nos. 4503 4504

Committee Reports

The Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection reported

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.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Mary Cavanagh
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Cavanagh, Irwin, McCann, Bayer and Camilleri

Nays: Senators Theis and Daley

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 9:45 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Cavanagh (C), Irwin, McCann, Bayer, Camilleri, Theis and Daley

Excused: Senator Huizenga

The Committee on Housing and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 46, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 399, entitled "Safe drinking water act," by amending sections 2, 3, and 15 (MCL 325.1002, 325.1003, and 325.1015), section 2 as amended by 1998 PA 56 and section 15 as amended by 1993 PA 165.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Jeff Irwin
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Irwin, Santana, Cavanagh, Bayer, Chang, Cherry, Geiss and Damoose

Nays: Senator Hoitenga

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Housing and Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 12:00 noon, Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Irwin (C), Santana, Cavanagh, Bayer, Shink, Chang, Cherry, Geiss, Hoitenga and Damoose

Excused: Senator Lindsey

Scheduled Meetings

Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety – Thursday, May 22, 12:00 noon, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5312

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:44 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

