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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, June 5, 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—excused
Chang—present
Cherry—present
Daley—excused
Damoose—present
Geiss—present

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

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

Senator Thomas A. Albert of the 18th District offered the following invocation:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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

Senators Camilleri and Outman entered the Senate Chamber.

Motions and Communications

The following communication was received:

Office of Senator Paul Wojno

June 4, 2025

Per Senate Rule 1.110(c), I am requesting that my name be added as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 304 which was introduced on May 15, 2025 by Senator Damoose.

Warmest regards,
Paul Wojno
State Senator
10th District

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:

Office of Senator Rosemary Bayer

June 5, 2025

Per Senate Rule 1.110(c), I am requesting that my name please be added as a co-sponsor to Senate Bills 349 and 350, introduced by Senator Dayna Polehanki on June 3, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Bayer
13th Senate District
State Senator

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Lauwers moved that Senators Daley, Hoitenga, Lindsey, McBroom, Runestad and Victory be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Singh moved that Senators Cavanagh, Moss and Wojno be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

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

Senate Bill No. 132

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

Senator Bumstead entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Albert introduced

Senate Bill No. 356, entitled

A bill to amend 2006 PA 384, entitled “Driver education provider and instructor act,” by amending section 23 (MCL 256.643), as amended by 2022 PA 192.

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

Senators Anthony and Bumstead introduced

Senate Bill No. 357, 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 Bumstead and Anthony introduced

Senate Bill No. 358, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled “Use tax act,” by amending section 21 (MCL 205.111), as amended by 2023 PA 175.

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

Senators Bayer, Chang, Cavanagh, Geiss, McMorrow, Shink, Anthony, Irwin, Damoose and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 359, entitled

A bill to establish the privacy rights of consumers; to require certain persons to provide certain notices to consumers regarding the collection, processing, sale, sharing, and retention of personal data; to provide for a universal opt-out mechanism; to prohibit certain acts and practices concerning the collection, processing, sale, sharing, and retention of personal data; to establish standards and practices regarding the collection, processing, sale, sharing, and retention of personal data; to require the registration of data brokers; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to create certain funds; and to provide civil sanctions and remedies.

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

Senators Bayer, Chang, Cavanagh, Geiss, McMorrow, Shink, Anthony, Irwin, Damoose and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 360, entitled

A bill to amend 2004 PA 452, entitled “Identity theft protection act,” by amending sections 3, 12, and 12b (MCL 445.63, 445.72, and 445.72b), section 3 as amended by 2010 PA 318 and sections 12 and 12b as amended by 2010 PA 315, and by adding sections 11a, 11b, 20, 20a, 20b, and 20c; 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 Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection.

Senators McBroom, Bayer, Chang, Cavanagh, Geiss, McMorrow, Shink, Anthony, Irwin, Damoose and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 361, entitled

A bill to amend 2005 PA 244, entitled “Deferred presentment service transactions act,” by amending section 22 (MCL 487.2142).

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

Senators Damoose, Bayer, Chang, Geiss, McMorrow, Shink, Cavanagh, Anthony, Irwin and Santana introduced **Senate Bill No. 362, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 159g (MCL 750.159g), as amended by 2022 PA 174.

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

Senators Shink, Bayer, Chang, Geiss, McMorrow, Cavanagh, Anthony, Irwin, Damoose and Santana introduced **Senate Bill No. 363, entitled**

A bill to amend 1846 RS 1, entitled “Of the statutes,” by amending section 9 (MCL 8.9), as added by 2015 PA 250.

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

Senators Cavanagh, Bayer, Chang, Geiss, McMorrow, Shink, Anthony, Irwin, Damoose and Santana introduced **Senate Bill No. 364, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 10c of chapter II (MCL 762.10c), as amended by 2013 PA 215.

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

Senators Lindsey, Klinefelt, Lauwers and Daley introduced

Senate Bill No. 365, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 660 (MCL 257.660), as amended by 2021 PA 43.

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

Senator Hoitenga introduced

Senate Bill No. 366, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 43531 (MCL 324.43531), as amended by 2013 PA 108.

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

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 Bellino 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. 266, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “The social welfare act,” (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 112I.

Senate Bill No. 285, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 83, entitled “Of marriage and the solemnization thereof,” by amending section 7 (MCL 551.7), as amended by 2014 PA 278.

Senate Bill No. 286, entitled

A bill to amend 1887 PA 128, entitled “An act establishing the minimum ages for contracting marriages; to require a civil license in order to marry and its registration; to provide for the implementation of federal law; and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act,” by amending sections 1, 4, and 6 (MCL 551.101, 551.104, and 551.106).

Senate Bill No. 287, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 83, entitled “Of marriage and the solemnization thereof,” by amending section 16 (MCL 551.16), as amended by 2006 PA 419.

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. 132, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 261. 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.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:14 a.m.

10:22 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Santana entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

Senators Damoose, Bellino and Klinefelt asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Damoose’s statement is as follows:

I rise today to ask you, my colleagues, to help us with a situation that has become absolutely desperate in my district, throughout the entire Upper Peninsula, and in fact, throughout our state. You know this story, and in fact, this body banded together last year, did the right thing, and passed a fix that has sadly been held up by political maneuverings that make not a lot of sense to me.

Our corrections officers and their families are in a state of panic. The vacancy rate for employees at the Chippewa County Correctional Facility is an unheard-of 34 percent. That means forced overtime for those who choose to stay, often without any warning whatsoever. People have literally been headed out to their cars to go home to be with their families and were turned around for another 8-hour shift in a positively dangerous environment. We have been talking directly to many families involved, and they are unequivocal. The officers are suffering, family relationships are suffering, and children are suffering, as corrections officers have been mandated to work often five consecutive days at a time with 16-hour shifts—sometimes week after week after week.

It is a frightening circle because conditions are so bad that the strain has recently caused even more officers to quit. Now, entire shifts are being mandated to keep going despite sheer exhaustion. I have never in my life seen a more demoralized workforce. The officers have told us what the solution is: allow them access to the State Police pension fund, which turns this from a job into a career and provides an incentive for more officers to stay on the job. We already passed that legislation last year in Senate Bill Nos. 165 to 167, which also passed the House but were never given to the Governor. A mere technicality is causing serious trauma to families in my district and elsewhere, and it has made our government look completely incompetent. Again, the Senate did the right thing, and thank you for that, but the job was left incomplete by a small group who have now unwittingly inflicted real harm on our corrections officers.

We have the solution this year in terms of Senate Bill No. 47, which also provides access for those employees to the State Police pension fund. I actually don't care which of these bills are signed into law—the bills that were duly passed by both chambers last year or Senate Bill No. 47 this term—but we have to do something. I fear if we let this continue to slide for yet another year, we will literally be left with riots and a complete breakdown of our state's correctional system. Just talk to the families I've talked to; it really is that bad.

Senator Bellino's statement is as follows:

What I'm about to say isn't easy—but it's necessary, because the truth matters. Right now, the truth has been buried under layers of spin, silence, and political games. Everyone here—we all witnessed the slow, painful unraveling of a presidency. The cognitive decline of President Joe Biden is no longer a widespread concern, it's an undeniable reality and fact. It's not just an embarrassment, it was a major threat to the integrity of our government and the security of our nation.

For the last few years, the American people watched as President Biden struggled in public—struggling with basic names, losing his train of thought midsentence, and reading stage directions off teleprompters like “end quote” and “repeat line.” This isn't a partisan jab. This was a crisis. And the most disturbing part is: it was being hidden. His closest advisors knew exactly what was going on. His Cabinet knew. Top Democrats knew. And yes, most governors, like Gretchen Whitmer, absolutely knew. They knew for a long time. And, instead of doing the honorable thing—speaking up, stepping in, or putting country before party—they did just the opposite. They built a wall of silence. They insulated themselves from the press. They fed him carefully scripted talking points and ushered him away at the first sign of a tough question. That was not just enabling. Madam President, I know what enabling is. As an addict, we survive on enabling. This wasn't enabling. This was a full-blown cover-up.

Take Governor Whitmer, for example. She's been floated as a possible future presidential candidate—her, and that idiot in California—a rising Democratic star. And yet, rather than demand transparency, rather than raise a voice of concern for the country she claims to serve, she chose ambition over accountability. She was part of the problem. And if the day comes when she's seeking the White House, the American people must remember: she helped to hide the truth.

The media, too. They played a large role. And not just the national media—even the media here in Lansing. How many articles were written about the President's cognitive decline by the media in Lansing? Zip. None. It's like they were so stupid, they didn't see what was going on. They turned a blind eye, they edited footage, and they treated obvious signs of mental decline as minor gaffes. If this were a Republican president, they'd be screaming from the rooftops. But because it was Joe Biden—and because protecting the Democratic machine is more important than protecting the public—they all stayed silent. Meanwhile, our country suffered.

We had a wide-open border, skyrocketing inflation, weakness abroad, and crime. And the man tasked with leading us through these crises was being shielded by political operatives more interested in preserving their own power than doing what was right.

Let me be crystal clear: this is not just a political failure, it's a moral one, and it betrayed the American people. This country was built on strength, on leadership, on boldness in the face of adversity—not on hiding behind advisors or a doctor, not on pretending all is well when the world clearly sees it's not. And yes, the whole world clearly saw the decline of President Biden. The American people deserve a president who is fully capable and fully accountable—not a figurehead propped up by strategists, handlers, and opportunistic governors looking for their next promotion. But I must say, Madam President, thank God that President Trump's here to put an end to all of this crap.

So today, I call for real oversight. I call for a Congressional investigation into who knew what, and when. And I call on the American people to remember—come future elections—who stood for the truth, and who helped bury it. Because in this republic, power belongs to the people, and it's time we take it back.

Senator Klinefelt's statement is as follows:

I certainly hope that the voters will remember the massive gift schemes taking place—the selling of the presidency for personal profit—and hold the party accountable that's been covering that up and protecting a corrupt president.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, June 4:

House Bill Nos. 4113 4114 4189 4285 4301 4302 4401 4420

The Secretary announced that the following bills and joint resolution were printed and filed on Tuesday, June 3, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**House Bill Nos. 4527 4528 4529 4530 4531 4532 4533 4534 4535 4536 4537 4538 4539
4540 4541 4542 4543 4544 4545 4546 4547**

House Joint Resolution J

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, June 4, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

House Bill Nos. 4548 4549 4550

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Thursday, June 5, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 349 350 351 352 353 354 355

Committee Reports

The Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection reported

Senate Bill No. 132, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 261. With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Mary Cavanagh
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 12:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

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

Excused: Senator Daley

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Health Policy submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 12:30 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Hertel (C), Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt, Geiss, Webber, Hauck and Huizenga

Excused: Senator Runestad

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:31 a.m.

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

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

