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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, August 13, 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—excused

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

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

Senator Rick Outman of the 33rd District offered the following invocation:

Father, thank You for this new day. As we work through legislation, as we work to do the people's will in this state and this country, let's keep in mind what Your Son Jesus told someone when He was asked, What is the greatest commandment? His answer was, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment." Then He said, "And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Let us keep these two commandments in mind as we craft legislation, as we think about what the needs of this state are, and what the needs of this country are. Let us think of honoring our God and also loving our neighbor. Please be with us today and guide us.

In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

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

### Motions and Communications

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

Senator Singh moved that Senator Geiss be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

### Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:03 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

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

The following communication was received:  
Office of Senator John Cherry

August 13, 2025

Please add my signature as a co-sponsor to the following bill:

- Senate Bill 309

If there are any questions or issues, do not hesitate to reach out to me or members of my staff.

Sincerely,  
John Cherry  
State Senator, 27th District

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senators Brinks, Shink and Irwin 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:

I would like to take a moment to recognize and congratulate a special member of our time who has recently advanced to a new and exciting opportunity outside the Senate. Carson Lowell has been an integral part of the majority caucus services team since he first joined us in May 2023. His first summer here, he quickly took charge by leading the caucus services intern program. He gained deep institutional knowledge and freely shared it with interns and other team members, demonstrating his strong leadership skills and his willingness to take initiative. Throughout his time in the Senate, Carson really locked in and earned himself

a long list of accomplishments. He pioneered the constituent co-sponsorship program. He knocked on the doors of thousands of constituents. He planned and attended dozens of member events across the state. He mentored new staff and served as an advisor and researcher for our members. And he developed a new program that led to unprecedented levels of constituent outreach for our caucus. Carson will be leaving behind big shoes to fill, but we wish him all the best as he starts his new journey and his new career.

On behalf of the colleagues you have worked alongside, the constituents you have served, and our entire caucus who has benefited from your hard work, thank you for all that you have done. Colleagues, please join me in congratulating Carson and thanking him for his dedicated service to the Senate and to the people of Michigan. Thank you.

Senator Shink's statement is as follows:

Senate colleagues, in the Gallery are my summer interns: Dide, Jack, Melinda, Kelli, Oliivianna—I hope I didn't miss any—and Gavin. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for their dedication, professionalism, and enthusiasm throughout the summer. Their contributions have been invaluable to the daily operations of my office, and their commitment to public service has gone very highly noticed. Whether assisting with research, supporting constituent services, or knocking on constituent doors, they brought fresh perspectives and a strong work ethic that has enriched our team and strengthened our mission.

Interns, as you move forward in your academic and professional journey, I hope you carry with you the insights and experiences gained during your time in my office. Your service has had a positive impact on our community and I'm confident that you will continue to lead with integrity and purpose in the path you choose. Thank you for your time, your talent, and your passion.

Senator Irwin's statement is as follows:

I am pleased to be joined today on the floor by an amazing intern who's been doing some great work in my office—Anna Postula, here. I wanted to bring her up here today and have her on the floor with me so I could thank her and so I could thank her here on the record.

Anna is entering her sophomore year at the University of Michigan, where she is on a pre-law track. I certainly hope she continues along that track because we need skilled attorneys and we need skilled people in government. I'm very, very happy and proud that we had an opportunity to work with Anna in our office.

Before working in our office, Anna did an internship with Senator McCann's office as she was completing high school, and I think that shows a continuing and enduring commitment to state government. For those of us who serve here in state government, we know how important it is that we have people who care and who want to make our state a better place. I've been really honored and fortunate to be able to spend some time and my constituents have benefited from having the work and talents of Anna Postula in our office.

I hope—not only do I wish her great luck in her future endeavors, like we always do, but I hope her future endeavors take her back to the Capitol where she can continue to bring her skills to support the people and promote the public interest here in Michigan. Thank you for the opportunity, and thank you very much to you, Anna.

### **Recess**

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:37 a.m.

11:26 a.m.

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Huizenga's statement is as follows:

I'd like to take a moment to recognize the contribution of Senate intern Rylee Livesay who joins us in the Gallery today. Rylee is in her final year at Saginaw Valley State University completing her bachelor of arts degree in history with minors in French and political science. During her time here in the Senate, she's been able to work across multiple aspects of the Legislature, including policy, communications, and constituent relations. Throughout her experience, Rylee has demonstrated a passion for improving our state and the lives of those less fortunate. In particular, she spent time working on issues that are close to my heart: mental health and substance use care.

I have no doubt that Rylee will continue to show that same passion and drive, whatever her future holds. Today, please join me in recognizing Rylee for her hard work and wishing her the best in the years ahead.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**Introduction and Referral of Bills**

Senator Albert introduced

**Senate Bill No. 496, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 90, entitled “Youth employment standards act,” by amending the title and sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 20, 21, and 22 (MCL 409.102, 409.103, 409.104, 409.105, 409.107, 409.108, 409.110, 409.120, 409.121, and 409.122), the title and sections 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, and 20 as amended by 2024 PA 196, section 3 as amended by 1997 PA 132, and section 22 as amended by 1980 PA 436; 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 Labor.

Senator Albert introduced

**Senate Bill No. 497, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 14b of chapter XVII (MCL 777.14b), as added by 2002 PA 29.

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

Senator Irwin introduced

**Senate Bill No. 498, 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, and by adding sections 12a and 25a.

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

Senator Irwin introduced

**Senate Bill No. 499, 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, and by adding section 14c.

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

Senator Runestad introduced

**Senate Bill No. 500, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 2922d.

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

Senator Santana introduced

**Senate Bill No. 501, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending sections 16335, 17801, and 17821 (MCL 333.16335, 333.17801, and 333.17821), as amended by 2009 PA 55, and by adding sections 17820a and 17820b.

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

Senator Shink introduced

**Senate Bill No. 502, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 543m (MCL 750.543m), as added by 2002 PA 113.

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

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:31 a.m.

11:42 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  
**Third Reading of Bills**

Senator Singh moved that the Senate proceed to consideration of the following bills:  
**House Bill No. 4003**  
**House Bill No. 4046**  
**Senate Bill No. 349**  
**Senate Bill No. 350**  
The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4003, entitled**

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2092) by adding section 1073b.

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. 204**

**Yeas—33**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—4**

Geiss	Johnson	McBroom	Victory
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**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 consolidate prior acts naming certain Michigan highways; to provide for the naming of certain highways; to prescribe certain duties of the state transportation department; and to repeal acts and parts of acts and certain resolutions,”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4046, entitled**

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2092) by adding section 11d.

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. 205**

**Yeas—33**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—4**

Geiss	Johnson	McBroom	Victory
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**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 consolidate prior acts naming certain Michigan highways; to provide for the naming of certain highways; to prescribe certain duties of the state transportation department; and to repeal acts and parts of acts and certain resolutions,”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 349, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending section 1279g (MCL 380.1279g), as amended by 2016 PA 170.

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. 206**

**Yeas—33**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—4**

Geiss	Johnson	McBroom	Victory
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**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. 350, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending section 104b (MCL 388.1704b), as amended by 2018 PA 265.

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. 207**

**Yeas—33**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—4**

Geiss	Johnson	McBroom	Victory
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**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 11:50 a.m.

12:15 p.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 bills, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

**House Bill No. 4403**

**House Bill No. 4047**

**House Bill No. 4048**

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

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

**Senate Bill No. 435, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” by amending section 527a (MCL 206.527a), as amended by 2022 PA 266.

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:

**Senate Bill No. 435**

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

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

**House Bill No. 4081, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 288, entitled “Land division act,” by amending section 108 (MCL 560.108), as added by 1996 PA 591.

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. 4081**

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



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

**House Bill No. 4044, entitled**

A bill to designate the official duck of the state of Michigan.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, and the bill was placed on the order of General Orders.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brinks' statement is as follows:

Colleagues, today we also say farewell to someone who has been a key member of my office since the beginning of our majority. As director of internal affairs, Teresa Cuellar is instrumental in my office's budgeting, HR, onboarding all majority staff, event planning, staff support, and so much more. "Teresa can help with that," is one of the most commonly used phrases in my office. She says "yes" to tasks big and small, from putting together major member and staff retreats to perhaps one of the most painful jobs in this building, lining up late-night session meals. If you've seen a cart full of snacks rolling around behind the chamber on long session days, that is her doing. For everybody who's said "thank you" to me, this is us acknowledging that really, Teresa was behind all of those good snacks. She has done it all, and with a great attitude too.

Her fellow staff members describe her as someone who keeps calm but is always dedicated to the cause. They consider her a mentor, a jack of all trades, a role model, and the person to go to for guidance. They say she's resilient, hilarious, beloved by all, and able to make the best out of any situation. I happen to agree. In fact, the only person here who might be OK with Teresa's departure is the Senator from the 4th District, only because now he might be able to win the tamale competition this winter.

Perhaps most importantly, Teresa has brought a very special perspective to this office. The daughter of hardworking immigrants who made incredible sacrifices for their family, she often reminds us how lucky we are to all work in such a special place in service of democracy. And she's a shining example for her children who have learned from their mom that they, too, have a place in the halls of power. She has an incredible opportunity ahead of her at Michigan State University and we can't wait to see her continue to do great things there.

So, Teresa, *le deseamos mucha suerte en sus nuevos proyectos. Gracias por su arduo trabajo y toda la felicidad que ha traído a nuestra oficina. Le deseamos todo lo mejor.* And for those who are not bilingual, we wish you the best of luck in your new endeavors. Thank you for your hard work and for the joy that you have brought to this office. We wish you all the best.

Colleagues, please join me in congratulating Teresa on a job well done.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded 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 Bayer 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:

**House Bill No. 4403, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending sections 105 and 603 (MCL 436.1105 and 436.1603), as amended by 2022 PA 226.

**House Bill No. 4048, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 17b of chapter XVII (MCL 777.17b), as added by 2002 PA 28.

**Senate Bill No. 435, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled "Income tax act of 1967," by amending section 527a (MCL 206.527a), as amended by 2022 PA 266.

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:

**House Bill No. 4047, entitled**

A bill to impose civil liability and prescribe criminal penalties for the nonconsensual creation or dissemination of deep fake sexual images; and to provide for remedies.

Substitute (S-3).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

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

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

- House Bill No. 4403**
- House Bill No. 4047**
- House Bill No. 4048**
- Senate Bill No. 435**

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

Senator Theis moved that Senator Lauwers be excused from the balance of today’s session.  
The motion prevailed.

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. 4044**

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

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

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

- House Bill No. 4403**
- House Bill No. 4047**
- House Bill No. 4048**
- Senate Bill No. 435**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4403, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending sections 105 and 603 (MCL 436.1105 and 436.1603), as amended by 2022 PA 226.

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. 208**

**Yeas—32**

Albert	Chang	Irwin	Polehanki
Anthony	Cherry	Klinefelt	Runestad
Bayer	Daley	Lindsey	Santana
Bellino	Damoose	McCann	Shink
Brinks	Hauck	McMorrow	Singh

Bumstead  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Hertel  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga

Moss  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Theis  
Webber  
Wojno

**Nays—0**

**Excused—5**

Geiss  
Johnson

Lauwers

McBroom

Victory

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the bill title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows,

“An act to create a commission for the control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, and to prescribe its powers, duties, and limitations; to provide for powers and duties for certain state departments and agencies; to impose certain taxes for certain purposes; to provide for the control of the alcoholic liquor traffic within this state and to provide for the power to establish state liquor stores; to prohibit the use of certain devices for the dispensing of alcoholic vapor; to provide for the care and treatment of alcoholics; to provide for the incorporation of farmer cooperative wineries and the granting of certain rights and privileges to those cooperatives; to provide for the licensing and taxation of activities regulated under this act and the disposition of the money received under this act; to prescribe liability for retail licensees under certain circumstances and to require security for that liability; to provide procedures, defenses, and remedies regarding violations of this act; to provide for the enforcement and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act; to provide for allocation of certain funds for certain purposes; to provide for the confiscation and disposition of property seized under this act; to provide referenda under certain circumstances; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4047, entitled**

A bill to impose civil liability and prescribe criminal penalties for the nonconsensual creation or dissemination of deep fake sexual images; and to provide for remedies.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 209**

**Yeas—32**

Albert  
Anthony  
Bayer  
Bellino  
Brinks  
Bumstead  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Daley  
Damoose  
Hauck  
Hertel  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga

Irwin  
Klinefelt  
Lindsey  
McCann  
McMorrow  
Moss  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Polehanki  
Runestad  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Theis  
Webber  
Wojno

Nays—0

Excused—5

Geiss	Lauwers	McBroom	Victory
Johnson			

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.  
The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4048, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 17b of chapter XVII (MCL 777.17b), as added by 2002 PA 28.

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. 210**

Yeas—32

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

Nays—0

Excused—5

Geiss	Lauwers	McBroom	Victory
Johnson			

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 revise, consolidate, and codify the laws relating to criminal procedure and to define the jurisdiction, powers, and duties of courts, judges, and other officers of the court under the provisions of this act; to provide laws relative to the rights of persons accused of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to provide for the arrest of persons charged with or suspected of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to provide for bail of persons arrested for or accused of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to provide for the examination of persons accused of criminal offenses; to regulate the procedure relative to grand juries, indictments, informations, and proceedings before trial; to provide for trials of persons complained of or indicted for criminal offenses and ordinance violations and to provide for the procedure in those trials; to provide for judgments and sentences of persons convicted of criminal offenses and ordinance violations; to establish a sentencing commission and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for procedure relating to new trials and appeals in criminal and ordinance violation cases; to provide a uniform system of probation throughout this state and the appointment of probation officers; to prescribe the powers, duties, and compensation of probation officers; to provide penalties for the violation of the duties of probation officers; to provide for procedure governing proceedings to prevent crime and proceedings for the discovery of crime; to provide for fees of officers, witnesses, and others in criminal and ordinance violation cases; to set forth miscellaneous provisions as to criminal procedure in certain cases; to provide penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act,”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 435, entitled**

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” by amending section 527a (MCL 206.527a), as amended by 2022 PA 266.

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. 211**

**Yeas—32**

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

**Nays—0**

**Excused—5**

Geiss	Lauwers	McBroom	Victory
Johnson			

**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 12:45 p.m.

12:56 p.m.

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

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bellino's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, I stand before you today to talk about an issue that's squeezing the life out of Michigan families, small business owners, and seniors on fixed incomes: sky high property taxes. Property taxes were meant to fund essential local services like schools, police and fire departments, but over the years, the system has been twisted into a bloated, complex, and ever-growing tax burden that punishes homeowners for the crime simply living in and maintaining their own home. Families work hard to buy their slice of the American dream—a house, a yard in their community to raise their kids. But today, in Michigan, too many people are finding that they never truly owned their own homes. They're renting them back from the government through endless property tax bills that go up every year, and if you can't afford it, the government can take your home—outright. This is not freedom. This is not fairness. This is legalized overreach.

The truth is, high property taxes are driving people out of their neighborhoods, discouraging investment, and making it harder for young families to buy their first home. Retirees are being forced to downsize, not because they want to, but because they simply can't afford—they can't keep up with the higher and higher tax bills. And yet, us in Lansing, we keep shrugging our shoulders. Local government says they need more revenue, but somehow it never comes with the meaningful reforms or spending discipline which might drive property taxes down. The answer is always the same: tax more, spend more, and let's hope the tax owner doesn't notice. Well, I'm here to say we've all noticed, Mr. President.

It's time for serious tax reform here in Michigan. That means: one, capping the annual property tax increases even further, so they can plan for their future without the fear of being taxed out of their home; two, ending the practice of reassessing homes at inflated values just to squeeze more money out of families; three, expanding exemptions and relief for seniors and disabled residents, so they can live in their home in their final years with dignity and stability—and we know how much cheaper it is to have people live at home than in a nursing home; and four, make sure every dollar used is for core services, not for bloated bureaucracies.

Michigan doesn't have a revenue problem, Mr. President, it has a spending problem. Until we fix that, no taxpayer is safe. We must stop treating taxpayers as a bottomless bank account and start treating them as the hardworking citizens they are. If we fail to act, we will lose more families, more small businesses, and more of our future to states that respect their residents and their wallets. I refuse to let that happen.

Let's give the people of Michigan the relief they deserve, Mr. President, the stability they've earned, and the respect they should always have. Let's cut their property taxes.

Senator Irwin's statement is as follows:

Today, we have available for co-sponsorship a comprehensive package of bills meant to protect people, our water resources, our Great Lakes, and the broader environment from microplastics pollution. Now, you may have heard about plastic pollution in our oceans, and this is a problem that is gaining greater and greater attention around the world, but I want you to know that microplastics—and these are fragments of plastics five millimeters or smaller—are increasingly found in environmental samples of water, sediment, wildlife, in our air, and in our bodies all over the world.

Microplastic pollution has been found in drinking water supplied from our Great Lakes. In fact, the microplastic concentrations in fish found in our Great Lakes are some of the highest in the world. Microplastics accumulate in the human body—they accumulate in our brains, they accumulate in our reproductive systems, and, while the effects on human health of microplastics are still being researched,

they've been associated with inflammation, cell death, dementia, immune dysfunction, and maybe even cancer. Microplastics are in my body, microplastics are in your body, they're in every single one of us. It's time we get serious about getting microplastics out of our water so that we can protect our Great Lakes and so that we can protect future generations.

I welcome you in joining myself and other members who are taking action on getting ahead of this emerging problem. I hope that here in Michigan, we can be leaders in protecting the Great Lakes and human health against microplastics.

Senator Nesbitt's statement is as follows:

Two hundred twenty-two days—that's how long it's been since the people of the 35th State Senate District—Bay, Midland, Saginaw—have been without a state Senator. Seven months of taxation without representation. We all know it shouldn't take this long to call an election and act to ensure the people of this state have the necessary representation in our Legislature. In fact, it has never taken this long in modern history.

Since 1963, Michigan's governors—Democrat and Republican alike—have taken an average of 14 days to call a special election for 113 legislative vacancies. So why has it taken this governor so long? Last I checked, the book tour is over, I assume the failed run for president has been put on hold, and could it be that the Governor is more interested in pretending to care about democracy than doing her job to ensure 270,000 people in the Great Lakes Bay Area have representation in this body?

This shouldn't be a partisan issue, Governor. Republicans, Democrats, media outlets, even the Detroit Free Press and your own Lieutenant Governor have said the people of the 35th are ready for a special election. Yet, here we are, nine months from the day—you knew a vacancy would've occurred last year in November—with no action, no answers, just more delaying tactics, day after day after day as citizens wait.

But now this week, we find out that the citizens of the district have had enough, and they're suing the Governor. The courts have asked her to provide an answer. Maybe the courts may have better luck than this legislative body, the media, constituents who have called, and the 270,000 people who have been deprived of their voice.

Governor, it should be pretty easy. Just call the damn vote.

### Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Tuesday, August 12, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**Senate Bill Nos. 493 494 495**

### Committee Reports

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs reported

**House Bill No. 4403, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending sections 105 and 603 (MCL 436.1105 and 436.1603), as amended by 2022 PA 226.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Jeremy Moss

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Moss, Polehanki, McCann, Wojno, Santana, Hertel, Singh, Hauck and Bellino

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Moss (C), Polehanki, McCann, Wojno, Santana, Hertel, Singh, Hauck and Bellino

Excused: Senators Webber and Lauwers

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

**House Bill No. 4047, entitled**

A bill to impose civil liability and prescribe criminal penalties for the nonconsensual creation or dissemination of deep fake sexual images; and to provide for remedies.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Stephanie Chang  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana and Runestad

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

**House Bill No. 4048, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending section 17b of chapter XVII (MCL 777.17b), as added by 2002 PA 28.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana and Runestad

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Chang (C), Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana and Runestad

Excused: Senator Johnson

#### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Housing and Human Services submitted the following:

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

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

Excused: Senators Geiss and Hoitenga

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 1:05 p.m.

In pursuance of order previously made, the President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN  
Secretary of the Senate