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10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Garlin D. Gilchrist II.

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
McDonald Rivet—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 Paul Wojno of the 10th District offered the following invocation:

Dear God, we seek Your help with our legislative affairs this morning. Bless our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and all those who are elected to serve here in our state. You have ordained government that we may live in harmony with each other as You have given us this great state as our heritage to govern. We thank You for Your generosity and faithfulness for entrusting us with such a high level of legislative power. Bless our state and those who serve to strive for statesmanship. Bless them with honesty, truthfulness, and strengthen the people who have come from throughout the world to make the state of Michigan their home.

Lead us to choose the difficult right instead of the easier wrong. Help us to appreciate the opportunities that are still ours here in Michigan as we struggle to bring harmony to an unsettled world. We pray for Your guidance as we work together for the best interest of our communities. We ask that You would guide and direct this Senate in productivity, respect for one another, and agreement in providing safety and security for the citizens of our state. Amen.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motions and Communications

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

Senator Singh moved that Senators Chang and Santana be temporarily 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.

10:26 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist.

During the recess, Senators Santana and Chang entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Resolutions

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

Senate Resolution No. 19

Senate Resolution No. 20

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

Senator Hauck offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 19.

A resolution to recognize March 12-18, 2023, as Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Week.

Whereas, Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting nearly one million people in the United States alone; and

Whereas, MS generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

Whereas, The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

Whereas, The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to cure MS while empowering people affected by MS to live their best lives, one that all Americans and Michiganians should support; and

Whereas, Since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments, and a cure, and has invested more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and

Whereas, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuels research on pathways to MS cures and invests in the MS research workforce at the best medical centers, universities, and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

Whereas, Together we have transformed what it means to live with MS and provided global leadership to help achieve our vision of a world free of MS; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown toward creating a world free of MS; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize March 12-18, 2023, as Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Week; and be it further

Resolved, That we commend this observance for all Michiganians and encourage citizens to learn more about MS and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hauck's statement is as follows:

Today I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 19 to recognize this week as Multiple Sclerosis Week. MS is a neurological disease that affects the central nervous system and causes communication issues between the brain and the rest of the body.

Nearly 1 million people in the United States alone currently live with MS, often affecting those in the prime of their lives between the ages of 20 and 50. At this time, the cause of the disease is unknown and there is also no known cure. The unknowns surrounding this disease paired with the increasing rate of diagnosis over the past 40 years is why spreading awareness for this disease is so important. Bringing MS into the spotlight could only bring more research and better care until hopefully one day this disease is eradicated.

Groups like the National MS Society and their advocates, such as the Digmans who are in the Gallery today do a great job of providing insight into MS and empowering those with MS to live their best lives while also being a driving force behind critical research and treatment. With increased public knowledge leading to increased research and care, one day we will hopefully reach the MS Society's goal of a world without MS. I thank you, colleagues, for your support and urge a "yes" vote on Senate Resolution No. 19, recognizing March 12-18 as MS Week in Michigan.

Today, we are joined in the west Gallery by Jennifer and Dan Digmann, along with Jennifer's caretaker Jen, Helen, Tammy Wells who are advocates for the National MS Society. Jennifer and Dan have both been diagnosed with MS and have been exceptional advocates for increasing awareness for the disease during my time in Lansing. Please help me in welcoming them to the Senate.

Senator Chang offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 20.

A resolution to commemorate the 60th anniversary of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) decision that guaranteed the right to an attorney for individuals accused of a crime.

Whereas, Public defenders, appointed counsel, investigators, mitigation specialists, and core staff in Michigan work every day to meet the needs of people facing loss of liberty and are a critical part of maintaining a fair justice system; and

Whereas, This dynamic was addressed sixty years ago in the case of Clarence Earl Gideon, a 51-year-old man with an eighth-grade education, whose conviction without a lawyer was ruled unconstitutional by SCOTUS; and

Whereas, On March 18, 1963, SCOTUS unanimously ruled that impoverished individuals have a constitutional right to an attorney when faced with imprisonment; and

Whereas, SCOTUS said “in our adversary system of criminal justice, any person hauled into court, who is too poor to hire a lawyer, cannot be assured a fair trial unless counsel is provided for him”; and

Whereas, Section 20 of Article I of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 guarantees that an accused person shall have the right to the assistance of counsel for their defense; and

Whereas, The Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution guarantee impoverished individuals the right to counsel where the prosecution may result in the actual deprivation of liberty; and

Whereas, For more than fifty years, the State Appellate Defender Office has represented people appealing their criminal convictions, and for almost forty years the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel has provided similar representation; and

Whereas, This representation has ensured protection under the state and federal constitutions and has resulted in exonerations of innocent people, years of lives saved through correction of trial, pleas, and sentencing errors, and the return to the community of individuals formerly sentenced to life without parole as children; and

Whereas, In 2013, the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission was created after decades of efforts to improve Michigan’s trial-level indigent defense system and was charged with creating and overseeing the implementation and enforcement of minimum standards to ensure indigent defense services consistently deliver effective assistance of counsel; and

Whereas, The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission has enacted and secured funding for needed reforms to protect the rights of people unable to afford counsel and facing criminal charges, including requiring counsel at arraignment, timely and confidential attorney meetings, annual training of defenders representing indigent clients, adequate resources for experts and investigators, and the separation of the administration of indigent defense from the judiciary; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 60th anniversary of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) decision that guaranteed the right to an attorney for individuals accused of a crime; and be it further

Resolved, That we rededicate ourselves to our core value of equal justice under law. The criminal legal system could not operate without dedicated and zealous defenders.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Chang’s statement is as follows:

I would like you to join me today in celebrating the 60th anniversary this Saturday, March 18, of the *Gideon v. Wainwright* decision. This was a landmark United States Supreme Court decision that upheld the right to counsel. The decision in *Gideon* upheld that the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution guarantees the right of all individuals to have an attorney present when they are being faced with criminal prosecution.

In 1961, Clarence Earl Gideon was accused and arrested for allegedly breaking and entering into a bar. At his trial, he could not afford to hire an attorney and requested that the judge appoint him an attorney to represent him. His request was subsequently denied, and Gideon was sentenced to five years in prison. However, Gideon did not give up, leading him all the way to the United States Supreme Court which ruled unanimously on March 18, 1963 that the right to counsel is fundamental to ensuring a fair trial.

Today, public defenders, appointed counsel, investigators, mitigation specialists, and core staff in Michigan and across the country work every day to meet the needs of people and are a critical part of maintaining a fair justice system. For more than 50 years, the State Appellate Defender Office has represented people appealing their criminal convictions and sentences, and for almost 40 years the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel has provided similar representation. This representation has ensured protection under the state and federal constitutions and has resulted in exonerations of innocent people; years of lives saved through correction of trials, pleas, and sentencing errors; and the return to the community of individuals formerly sentenced to life without parole.

It is thanks to this landmark decision and Gideon’s tenacity in fighting for his right to counsel that so many Michiganders and people across this country have benefitted. Our state and nation could not move towards a fairer and more just system without the *Gideon v. Wainwright* decision. I ask for your support and welcome your co-sponsorship.

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. 55, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled “The general property tax act,” by amending sections 7u and 53b (MCL 211.7u and 211.53b), section 7u as amended by 2020 PA 253 and section 53b as amended by 2022 PA 141.

The question being on the passage of the bill,
Senator McBroom offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 1, line 2, after “the” by inserting “supervisor and”.
- 2. Amend page 2, line 27, after “the” by inserting “supervisor or”.
- 3. Amend page 3, line 1, after “the” by inserting “supervisor or”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,
Senator McBroom withdrew the amendments.

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Senator McBroom withdrew the amendments.

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- 4. Amend page 3, line 1, after “the” by inserting “supervisor or”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,
Senator Singh moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed temporarily.
The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 52, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 40118 (MCL 324.40118), as amended by 2022 PA 23.

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. 75

Yeas—35

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

Nays—2

Albert	Lindsey
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Excused—1

Victory

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Albert, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 52 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:

First off, I’d like to state that I appreciate the bill sponsor—the Senator from the 27th District. This is taking a step in the right direction and it’s a good measure. Reducing the penalty from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction does help and I certainly want to acknowledge that.

However, we should be going further and addressing the fundamental problem with how this mandatory deer hunting reporting issue surfaced in the first place. This issue arose last year when the Natural Resources Commission decided unilaterally to mandate that Michigan hunters were to report where and how they harvested a deer for the fall season. Hunters were mandated to self-report information and that’s none of the state’s business. Members of the Natural Resources Commission were not elected; the Commission should not have the authority to establish this type of statewide mandate on its own. I have no problem with voluntary surveys. I have supported and participated in reporting related to chronic wasting disease for example. This sort of survey makes sense because it directly impacts monitoring and health of the deer herd.

But a mandatory statewide reporting requirement aimed at every hunter on every deer goes too far. What will this database be used for? The state should not collect or control this type of personal information. We know how many people are hunting by the licenses they purchase. We do not need to know who specifically took which 8-pointer on a Barry County property or on the north side of Battle Creek with a bow, especially when reporting is not connected to disease reporting. We know the size of the deer herd is increasing; the DNR estimates tell us that, the rising number of car-deer accidents tells us that, and our own eyes tell us that as we’re driving down our country roads and even in suburban ones in our state.

For these reasons, I urge a “no” vote.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator McBroom’s statement is as follows:

I’d like to speak a word of support for doing this survey. The critical nature of understanding this information is not just to protect the department but it protects the citizens of this state from a department that might otherwise skew those numbers with its own agenda. Having solid data for us to manage the deer herd is absolutely critical. It’s critical for our farmers who depend on crop damage tags and who have difficulty accessing them if the department has decided that there aren’t enough deer in that area already. A real genuine survey is something that other states have been doing for a very long time. Wisconsin in particular has had a robust survey of deer harvest for decades which allows them better to be able to manage the herd and to manage the human-deer interactions that occur, especially on the agricultural side.

Michigan is far, far behind on this curve with the silly camp survey we’ve been doing for decades now that’s filled out by a tiny percentage of the hunters, and then by counting deer on the hoods of cars that cross the Mackinac Bridge as if that was ever a good methodology and it’s certainly become a completely

worthless methodology at this point. This is a great change, I’m glad that we’re doing this survey now. I’m not happy with how it’s been rolled out and with this penalty so this is a good step in making sure that the survey is done in a fairer way to get the data we need to properly manage the deer herd.

I encourage a “yes” vote.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 101, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending sections 5228, 5230, and 5245 (MCL 500.5228, 500.5230, and 500.5245), as amended by 2020 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. 76

Yeas—33

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

Nays—4

Albert	Lindsey	McBroom	Moss
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Excused—1

Victory

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator McBroom, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 101 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 McBroom’s statement is as follows:

The issue we have in front of us with this board is similar to many discussions that have gone on particularly since the different executive orders surrounding public bodies meeting during COVID. Once again, it always

seems so simple to create these provisions to allow remote meetings—no big deal, it increases public participation, it’s really not a problem. That’s what seems so superficially obvious to everyone, but the underlying problems are very real. What we should be doing here is creating a mechanism that allows the public to participate remotely, to provide opportunity that the meeting would simply be available for remote participation. By not creating any sort of parameters that require at least a quorum of the board if not the entirety of the board to be meeting in person, we are creating a situation where the governing entity itself could be completely absent from being in each other’s physical presence.

We are creating a situation where the actual voting members of the board could be out doing any other number of items rather than paying attention to the issue in front of them. They could be sitting on the toilet, they could be watching the Lions lose to the Packers, they could be in line at McDonald’s, they could be sitting there with someone holding a gun to them for all we know forcing them to vote a certain way contrary to their own conscience. We don’t know and until we put in parameters to structure how boards meet remotely or what boards should even be allowed to meet remotely and what circumstances surround that and what parameters control the sacredness of the public access to an open meeting, we should not pass just these carte blanche broad sweeping allowances. Until those kinds of rules are established, how do we know what still constitutes an open meeting? What if the signal breaks down for a couple of the board members during the meeting? Does the meeting have to wait? Can they proceed on? We don’t know. What happens when the citizens’ link isn’t good? How do we know whether it’s good or not? How do we know if that board member heard from that member of the public who has something important to add?

All of us have been experiencing these Zoom meetings, GoToMeetings, Microsoft’s program that’s kind of inferior that the state uses. We’ve all been experiencing these things and have recognized the deficiencies in them and we’ve recognized our own duplicity in utilizing them because we turn off the camera to go and grab something to eat or to go put a kid to bed. Nobody knows we’re gone; they think we’re still there, but we’re not in front of the screen anymore. We cannot rightly accept or expect these members of the board behave differently than any of us do. We should work very hard, and I’ve been actually working on a reform to set up a way to do this so we have safety parameters to discuss how and when boards should meet and maintain the openness for the public while also providing the use of technology and modernizing in this way. Until we have that done though, I encourage a “no” vote on bills such as this one.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to consideration of the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 55, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled “The general property tax act,” by amending sections 7u and 53b (MCL 211.7u and 211.53b), section 7u as amended by 2020 PA 253 and section 53b as amended by 2022 PA 141.

(This bill was read a third time earlier today, amendments offered and consideration postponed. See p. 381.)

The question being on the adoption of the amendments offered by Senator McBroom, Senator McBroom withdrew the amendments.

Senator McBroom offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 1, line 2, after “the” by inserting “supervisor and”.
2. Amend page 2, line 27, after “the” by inserting “supervisor or”.
3. Amend page 3, line 1, after “the” by inserting “supervisor or”.

The amendments were adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

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. 77

Yeas—37

Albert	Daley	Klinefelt	Outman
Anthony	Damoose	Lauwers	Polehanki
Bayer	Geiss	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hauck	McBroom	Santana
Brinks	Hertel	McCann	Shink
Bumstead	Hoitenga	McDonald Rivet	Singh
Camilleri	Huizenga	McMorrow	Theis

Cavanagh
Chang
Cherry

Irwin
Johnson

Moss
Nesbitt

Webber
Wojno

Nays—0

Excused—1

Victory

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

Senators Irwin, Hauck, Moss, Bayer, Wojno, Santana and McMorro introduced

Senate Bill No. 179, entitled

A bill to amend 2018 IL 1, entitled “Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act,” by amending section 14 (MCL 333.27964).

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

Senators Hauck, Chang, Irwin, Bayer, Wojno, Santana and McMorro introduced

Senate Bill No. 180, entitled

A bill to amend 2018 IL 1, entitled “Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act,” by amending sections 3, 7, 8, 10, and 13 (MCL 333.27953, 333.27957, 333.27958, 333.27960, and 333.27963), sections 3 and 8 as amended by 2021 PA 56.

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

Senator Albert introduced

Senate Bill No. 181, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senators Webber, Moss, Polehanki, Santana, Wojno, Chang, Shink and Damoose introduced

Senate Bill No. 182, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled “General sales tax act,” by amending section 25 (MCL 205.75), as amended by 2021 PA 108.

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

Senators Moss, Webber, Wojno, Polehanki, Chang, Santana, Shink and Damoose introduced

Senate Bill No. 183, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 489, entitled “Michigan trust fund act,” by amending section 2 (MCL 12.252), as amended by 2022 PA 83, and by adding sections 11a and 11b.

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

Senators Webber, Nesbitt and Johnson introduced

Senate Bill No. 184, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; 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 Appropriations.

Senators Irwin, Geiss, Polehanki, Moss and Chang introduced

Senate Bill No. 185, 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 section 1 (MCL 423.201), as amended by 2014 PA 414.

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

Senator Bayer introduced

Senate Bill No. 186, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Cherry introduced

Senate Bill No. 187, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of agriculture and rural development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Cherry introduced

Senate Bill No. 188, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Cherry introduced

Senate Bill No. 189, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the legislature, the executive, the department of the attorney general, the department of state, the department of treasury, the department of technology, management, and budget, the department of civil rights, and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies; and to declare the effect of this act.

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

Senator Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 190, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of health and human services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Shink introduced

Senate Bill No. 191, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of corrections for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Shink introduced

Senate Bill No. 192, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the judiciary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator McDonald Rivet introduced

Senate Bill No. 193, entitled

A bill to provide for a capital outlay program and for certain state departments; to implement the program in the budgetary process; to make appropriations for planning and construction at state institutions and the acquisition of land; to provide for the elimination of fire hazards at the institutions; to provide for special maintenance, remodeling, renovation, or demolition of structures and additions to projects at state institutions; to provide for elimination of occupational safety and health hazards at state agencies and institutions; to provide for the awarding of contracts; and to provide for the expenditure of appropriations under the supervision of the director of the department of technology, management, and budget and the state administrative board.

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

Senator Cavanagh introduced

Senate Bill No. 194, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of labor and economic opportunity for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Cavanagh introduced

Senate Bill No. 195, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of licensing and regulatory affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Cavanagh introduced

Senate Bill No. 196, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of insurance and financial services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 197, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 198, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Irwin introduced
Senate Bill No. 199, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.
The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senator McCann introduced
Senate Bill No. 200, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 236 and 241 (MCL 388.1836 and 388.1841), section 236 as amended by 2022 PA 212 and section 241 as amended by 2022 PA 144.
The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senator McCann introduced
Senate Bill No. 201, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 201 and 206 (MCL 388.1801 and 388.1806), as amended by 2022 PA 144.
The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senator McCann introduced
Senate Bill No. 202, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.
The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senator McCann introduced
Senate Bill No. 203, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 11, 17b, 201, 206, 236, and 241 (MCL 388.1611, 388.1617b, 388.1801, 388.1806, 388.1836, and 388.1841), sections 11 and 236 as amended by 2022 PA 212, section 17b as amended by 2007 PA 137, and sections 201, 206, and 241 as amended by 2022 PA 144.
The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

March 14, 2023

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 380 of 1965, MCL 16.279:

Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development

Mr. David Williams of 8604 W. Allan Road, Elsie, Michigan 48831, county of Shiawassee, succeeding Charlie Meintz whose term has expired, is appointed to represent Independents, for a term commencing March 14, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2026.

Professor Felicia Wu of 4461 Alderwood Drive, Okemos, Michigan 48864, county of Ingham, succeeding Patricia Bergdahl whose term has expired, is appointed to represent Independents, for a term commencing March 14, 2023 and expiring December 31, 2026.

March 14, 2023

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.16121 and 333.18021:

Michigan Board of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery

Mrs. Andrea Ciaravino of 5629 Priory Lane, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48301, county of Oakland, succeeding Brandon Weber whose term has expired, is appointed to represent physician assistants, for a term commencing March 14, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2023.

Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following bills and joint resolution were printed and filed on Tuesday, March 14, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

House Bill Nos. 4261 4262 4263 4264 4265 4266 4267 4268 4269 4270 4271 4272 4273
4274 4275 4276 4277 4278 4279 4280 4281 4282 4283 4284 4285

House Joint Resolution A

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, March 15, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 173 174 175 176 177 178

Committee Reports

The Committee on Labor reported

House Bill No. 4007, entitled

A bill to require prevailing wages and fringe benefits on state projects; to establish the requirements and responsibilities of contracting agents and bidders; and to prescribe penalties.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

John Cherry
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Cherry, Camilleri and Cavanagh

Nays: Senator Albert

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Housing and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 137, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 260, entitled "Guardianship assistance act," by amending sections 5, 5a, 5b, and 6 (MCL 722.875, 722.875a, 722.875b, and 722.876), section 5 as amended by 2009 PA 15 and sections 5a, 5b, and 6 as amended by 2015 PA 227.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Jeff Irwin
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Irwin, Santana, Cavanagh, Bayer, Shink, Chang, Geiss, Lindsey, Hoytenga and Damoose

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Housing and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 138, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 260, entitled "Guardianship assistance act," by amending sections 2, 3, and 4 (MCL 722.872, 722.873, and 722.874), section 2 as amended by 2022 PA 210, section 3 as amended by 2015 PA 227, and section 4 as amended by 2019 PA 95.

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

The committee further recommends that the bill be given immediate effect.

Jeff Irwin
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Irwin, Santana, Cavanagh, Bayer, Shink, Chang, Geiss, Lindsey, Hoytenga and Damoose

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 Housing and Human Services submitted the following:
 Meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 12:00 noon, Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building
 Present: Senators Irwin (C), Santana, Cavanagh, Bayer, Shink, Chang, Cherry, Geiss, Lindsey, Hoitenga and Damoose

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Military, Veterans, State Police submitted the following:
 Meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
 Present: Senators Hertel (C) and Klinefelt
 Excused: Senator Theis

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:
 Meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building
 Present: Senators Polehanki (C), Geiss, Chang, Camilleri, McDonald Rivet, Damoose and Johnson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on LARA/DIFS submitted the following:
 Meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
 Present: Senators Cavanagh (C), Santana and Theis

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Local Government submitted the following:
 Meeting held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building
 Present: Senators Klinefelt (C), Wojno, Moss, Bayer, Shink, Hoitenga and Daley

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations –

Subcommittees –

Corrections and Judiciary – Thursday, March 16, 1:30 p.m. or immediately following session, Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

EGLE – Thursday, March 16, 3:00 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building(517) 373-2768

Transportation – Thursday, March 16, 3:00 p.m. or immediately following session, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety – Thursday, March 16, 12:00 noon, Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5312

Economic and Community Development – Thursday, March 16, 12:00 noon, Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

Energy and Environment – Thursdays, March 16, 1:30 p.m., and March 23, 8:30 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-5323

Regulatory Affairs – Thursday, March 16, 9:00 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:00 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

