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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—present
Webber—present
Wojno—present

Senator Joseph N. Bellino, Jr. of the 16th District offered the following invocation:

My Creator, I am now willing that You should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that You now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to You and my fellows. Grant me the strength as I go off from here and do Your bidding. Amen.

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

Senator McMorrow entered the Senate Chamber.

Motions and Communications

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. 702

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 790, entitled

A bill to create the home help caregiver council and to prescribe its powers and duties; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

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

Senator Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 791, entitled

A bill to amend 1947 PA 336, entitled "An act to prohibit strikes by certain public employees; to provide review from disciplinary action with respect thereto; to provide for the mediation of grievances and the holding of elections; to declare and protect the rights and privileges of public employees; to require certain provisions in collective bargaining agreements; to prescribe means of enforcement and penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to make appropriations," by amending sections 1 and 14 (MCL 423.201 and 423.214), section 1 as amended by 2023 PA 237 and section 14 as amended by 2012 PA 349.

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

Senators Polehanki, Geiss, Hertel, Wojno, Shink, Klinefelt and Chang introduced

Senate Bill No. 792, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 224, entitled "An act to license and regulate dealers that deliver, transport, board, buy, or sell dogs or cats for laboratory research purposes; to regulate research facilities that use dogs or cats for laboratory research; to require research facilities to offer laboratory animals no longer needed for laboratory research to certain animal protection shelters for adoption before euthanizing; to require research facilities to submit annual reports; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain conditions; to create certain funds; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 11a (MCL 287.391a), as added by 2023 PA 314.

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

Senators Cavanagh, Bayer, Polehanki, Shink, Geiss, McBroom, Runestad, Wojno, McCann, Irwin, Klinefelt and Chang introduced

Senate Bill No. 793, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending sections 134 and 3104 (MCL 500.134 and 500.3104), section 134 as amended by 1990 PA 256 and section 3104 as amended by 2019 PA 21.

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

Senators Bayer, Cavanagh, Polehanki, Shink, Geiss, McBroom, Runestad, Wojno, McCann, Irwin, Klinefelt and Chang introduced

Senate Bill No. 794, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled "Open meetings act," by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 15.262 and 15.263), section 2 as amended by 2001 PA 38 and section 3 as amended by 2020 PA 254.

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

Senator Theis introduced

Senate Bill No. 795, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending section 11 (MCL 388.1611), as amended by 2023 PA 103, and by adding section 34a.

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

Senator Damoose introduced

Senate Bill No. 796, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1280h.

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

Senator Damoose introduced

Senate Bill No. 797, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending sections 1248, 1249, 1249a, 1249b, and 1280f (MCL 380.1248, 380.1249, 380.1249a, 380.1249b, and 380.1280f), section 1248 as amended by 2023 PA 116 and sections 1249, 1249a, 1249b, and 1280f as amended by 2023 PA 224, and by adding sections 1250a, 1531i, and 1531m.

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

Senator Johnson introduced

Senate Bill No. 798, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 (Ex Sess) PA 4, entitled "An act relative to continuing tenure of office of certificated teachers in public educational institutions; to provide for probationary periods; to regulate discharges or demotions; to provide for resignations and leaves of absence; to create a state tenure commission and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof; and to prescribe penalties for violation of the provisions of this act," by amending section 4 of article I, sections 2a and 3b of article II, and section 3 of article III (MCL 38.74, 38.82a, 38.83b, and 38.93), as amended by 2023 PA 225.

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

House Bill No. 4603, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 306, entitled "An act to promote the safety, welfare, and educational interests of the people of this state by regulating the construction, reconstruction, and remodeling of, and the installation of certain security devices at, certain public or private school buildings or additions to those buildings and by regulating the construction, reconstruction, and remodeling of, and the installation of certain security devices at, buildings leased or acquired for school purposes; to define the class of buildings affected by this act; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 1, 1a, and 2 (MCL 388.851, 388.851a, and 388.852), section 1 as amended by 2004 PA 510 and section 2 as amended by 2002 PA 627.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect.

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

House Bill No. 5203, entitled

A bill to amend 1851 PA 156, entitled "An act to define the powers and duties of the county boards of commissioners of the several counties, and to confer upon them certain local, administrative and legislative powers; and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act," by amending section 12a (MCL 46.12a), as amended by 2017 PA 204.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill and ordered that it be given immediate effect. The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:08 a.m.

10:32 a.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
Resolutions

Senator Singh moved that rule 3.204 be suspended to permit immediate consideration of the following resolution:
Senate Resolution No. 103
The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

Senators McCann, Daley, Polehanki, Shink, Chang, Wojno, Klinefelt, Lauwers, McBroom and Cavanagh offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 103.

A resolution to recognize March 17, 2024, as Saint Patrick's Day.

Whereas, On March 17th, Irish Americans join with men, women, and children of all different ethnicities who, for one day, become Irish and celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland; and

Whereas, On Saint Patrick's Day, all who wear green live in the spirit of Saints Patrick, Brigid, and Colmcille; and

Whereas, Irish immigrants helped form the United States' cultural foundation. Today, those of Irish lineage proudly sing support for Ireland; and

Whereas, The songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love, the joyous songs of battle, the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows, the glories of the Emerald Isle, the lamentations of life's myriad travails, and the odes to joy and life eternal; and

Whereas, We celebrate the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus with its aim of fostering the longstanding and equally beneficial relationship between the United States and Ireland, with leadership in all 50 states; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize March 17, 2024, as Saint Patrick's Day. We commemorate the celebration of the Feast of St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Brinks, Geiss, Santana and Singh were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator McCann's statement is as follows:

I appreciate a moment of the chamber's time and the spirit of the chamber, from the sergeants to our members to our staff, to embrace the day with green and St. Patrick's Day, and my colleague Senator Daley who is my bipartisan co-chair of the bicameral Irish American Caucus, our colleagues in the House, Representatives Breen and Green. So I just thought that I had to come and quote for you a passage of the resolution of which I cannot claim authorship of. I had a little assistance, but the Whereas that says: "The songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love, the joyous songs of battle, the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows, the glories of the Emerald Isle, the lamentations of life's myriad travails, and the odes to joy and life eternal;" May we embrace this resolution and give it our approval today.

Senator Daley’s statement, in which Senator McCann concurred, is as follows:

Top o’ the morning to you, Mr. President. St. Patrick’s Day is this Sunday, so I wanted to wish all of you a happy St. Patrick’s Day from Senator McCann and myself. On each of your desks this morning is a four-leaf clover lapel pin from my office. Please join me in wearing them to show your support for our proud Irish American heritage. God bless the Irish and God bless the wannabe Irish.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of
General Orders

Senator Singh moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, designated Senator Wojno as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bill:

House Bill No. 4012, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 628 (MCL 257.628), as amended by 2016 PA 447.

The bill was 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. 702, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled “Occupational code,” by amending sections 1206, 1209, and 1210 (MCL 339.1206, 339.1209, and 339.1210), as amended by 1997 PA 97.

Substitute (S-1).

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

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

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

Senate Bill No. 632

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 632, entitled

A bill to amend 2005 PA 244, entitled “Deferred presentment service transactions act,” by amending section 33 (MCL 487.2153).

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Theis offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 5, line 12, by striking out the balance of the section and inserting:

“Enacting section 1. If less than 5,000 deferred presentment service transactions occur within 6 months after the enactment of this act, the change related to the annual percentage rate of 36% is repealed.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not 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. 58

Yeas—24

Albert
Anthony

Chang
Cherry

Irwin
Klinefelt

Moss
Polehanki

Bayer	Damoose	McBroom	Santana
Brinks	Geiss	McCann	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McDonald Rivet	Singh
Cavanagh	Huizenga	McMorrow	Wojno

Nays—13

Bellino	Hoitenga	Lindsey	Theis
Bumstead	Johnson	Nesbitt	Victory
Daley	Lauwers	Outman	Webber
Hauck			

Excused—0

Not Voting—1

Runestad

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protests

Senators Nesbitt, Bellino and Theis, under their constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 632.

Senator Nesbitt moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nesbitt’s statement, in which Senators Bellino and Theis concurred, is as follows:

Mr. President, killing the payday lending in this state will do nothing—nothing—to help the thousands of Michiganders who turn to short-term loans to make ends meet. In fact, it will make the situation even worse. The demand for these kinds of loans will remain; they won’t go away. The only thing the bill before us will change is who people will be able to get those loans from. Customers who no longer have the option of getting a loan from a lender highly regulated by the state and federal government will instead turn to completely unregulated offshore lenders or perhaps even their neighborhood loan shark. If you think payday lender interest rates are high, wait until you hear what your local loan shark charges, or how he goes about collecting when you’re late. While the Tony Sopranos of the world will say this is good for their business, I say this is bad for folks in need of these short-term loans, and I ask for a “no” vote on these bills.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Theis’ statement is as follows:

Let’s be honest, finding yourself at the end of your paycheck when you have an urgent need like a car repair is a horrible place to be in. It’s made even worse if your credit card is maxed out or you can’t even get a credit card due to bad credit. You’re stuck between a rock and a hard place, you ask for a loan from your family if you can, but what if you can’t? That’s the space payday lenders have been filling. I will readily agree that fully understanding the impact of debt is urgently necessary, and as such co-sponsored the Financial Literacy Month resolution from yesterday, but I’m asking for people to consider what it feels like to be in that space and desperately need the money and not be able to get it.

I understand, this is not a pretty place to be in. The solutions aren't pretty, but I want us to take a closer look at it. There are normally about 850,000 transactions on the payday lending database. What my amendment says is that if within the first six months there are 5,000 or less transactions tracked on that database, we'd revert back to current law. The thought behind this is the number would definitely prove that these products—the short-term loans—are no longer being regulated. The need for those don't go away. People will find a different solution. This proves these people went to an unregulated market, one that's even worse than what the payday lending market currently is. Our financial situation in the U.S., whether it be for this car repair or for any urgent need, is not getting less expensive.

If my colleagues have other ideas for helping the population that desperately needs these loans I'm all ears, but understand the need for these loans doesn't go away and this solution assumes it does. What I'm asking for is a "yes" vote on this amendment so we can actually work to solve the problem if this doesn't work.

Senator Anthony's statement is as follows:

I rise to speak to Senate Bill No. 632, a bill to combat predatory lending in the state of Michigan. This bill simply would cap the interest rate at 36 percent, which currently it's at 370 percent here in the state of Michigan. Hardworking people deserve protection and that's a core part of our role here in the Legislature. This is an issue I've been working on for many years, both as a county commissioner, as a Representative in the chamber over there, as well as here in the Michigan Senate. Growing up on the south side of Lansing, I remember seeing predatory lending facilities as well as liquor stores and fast food all around me and it always bothered me that because I came from a marginalized community, that individuals and organizations and businesses tried to basically come into our community and prey on the most vulnerable among us. Michigan payday lenders disproportionately locate their stores in communities of color and rural areas. This means predatory lending has the biggest impact on family farmers, on working poor, and, again, on low-income individuals in every corner of our state.

I'm really passionate about this issue but I don't want to take up too much time with facts and figures; I want to elevate the stories of Michiganders. People like Samika Douglas of Grand Rapids who sought help from a predatory lending store for a minor car repair. Samika and her family assumed this would be a quick solution but became trapped in a cycle of debt that was nearly catastrophic. They could not afford to pay the initial loan and its associated fees, which resulted in the family having to repeatedly reborrow again and again and again. She and her husband and her two children almost lost their home in the process. We also heard from a single mother named Regina who needed a small-dollar loan to put food on the table for her children while she was pursuing her Ph.D. After taking out a \$600 loan, Regina could not afford to pay it back immediately plus all the interest within 30 days, so she filed for an extension. Just a few short months later, what began as a \$600 loan grew to over \$1,400. Because of this, Regina experienced homelessness, wage garnishment, bankruptcy, and she was forced to end her Ph.D. program.

Michiganders like Samika and Regina deserve better. The 36 percent interest rate written into this bill is based on a national model and is a huge compromise. In fact, if you talk to most of our constituents they would tell you, Wow, 36 percent is still really high, but compared to 370 percent, it's a huge step in the right direction. Twenty other states, including the District of Columbia, have capped interest rates at 36 percent. As a nation we've also made the decision to solidify interest rates at 36 percent for active duty military and their family members, so why would the hardworking men and women back home in our communities not deserve the same level of consumer protection we afford for our military personnel?

I know people still will have a need. There's still going to be a need for short-term loans and as the Senate Appropriations Committee chairwoman I can tell you I am committed to making sure in this budget and budgets in the future, that we have resources available to help Michigan families. But today we can take a big step in the right direction. We have a chance to stand up for people who we serve which is what, quite honestly, we're all here to do. I urge a "yes" vote.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4343, entitled

A bill to amend 2005 PA 244, entitled "Deferred presentment service transactions act," by amending section 51 (MCL 487.2171).

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Cavanagh offered the following substitute:

Substitute (S-2).

The substitute was 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. 59

Yeas—38

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

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

“An act to regulate the business of providing deferred presentment service transactions; to require the licensing of providers of deferred presentment service transactions; to prescribe powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies,”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Klinefelt introduced

Senate Bill No. 799, entitled

A bill to amend 2008 PA 23, entitled “Enhanced driver license and enhanced official state personal identification card act,” by amending section 4 (MCL 28.304), as amended by 2021 PA 72.

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

Senators Lauwers and Daley introduced

Senate Bill No. 800, entitled

A bill to authorize the state administrative board to convey state-owned property in Tuscola County; to prescribe conditions for the conveyance; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; and to provide for disposition of revenue derived from the conveyance.

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

Statements

Senators Runestad, Theis 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 Runestad's statement is as follows:

This week we celebrate National Sunshine Week, a national event promoting open government and readily accessible public information. This week is meant to celebrate our supposedly shared bipartisan ideals, a government that is open for the people, honest with the people, and ultimately accountable to the people. At least in my opinion, every week in Michigan should be Sunshine Week.

Once again, there is little to celebrate here in Michigan this year. When the people of Michigan voted for financial disclosure, they expected Michigan to go above and beyond the bare minimum. Wow, did we fool them. We embarrassingly passed the bare minimum with a boatload of loopholes. After being ranked 50th in the nation for transparency, Michigan has miles and miles to go. So, instead of patting ourselves on the back every year for doing the absolute bare minimum, we should be trying to shed a light every single day.

During my time in the Legislature, I have introduced over 30 transparency bills and amendments that would help shine a light on the very very shady state of Michigan government. With great frustration in March last year, I introduced the same bill package—the same one—that passed unanimously out of the House in 2018. Although it was voted on by a majority of the members here and by all of those in the House in 2018, it was unceremoniously assigned to the Elections and Ethics Committee by the Democrats where it was dead on arrival and has had no activity since. With great irony, the chair of the Elections and Ethics Committee who voted for the same bill package has sat on this bill for a year and three months as the fawning media with their tails wagging with great enthusiasm continue to tout him as the king of transparency. I have put in bills to require greater transparency on important issues for many years—bills like budget appropriations, taxpayer projects, utility company transparency, child protective services transparency, court proceedings transparency, lobbying influence transparency, and much much more.

This week I introduced legislation that keeps the fight for transparency going by helping Michiganders try to get access to public records. Senate Bill No. 785 would create an independent office of FOIA ombudsman to speed up FOIA requests. Far too often we see government entities brazenly stalling FOIA requests or reporting the bare minimum requirements. That is simply not acceptable. Institutions funded by taxpayer dollars should be fully open and accountable. That is why I introduced Senate Bill Nos. 786 and 787 to expand FOIA and the Open Meetings Act to include the taxpayer-funded Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Zoo. If the taxpayers are footing the bill, the taxpayers need to know what they are paying for.

I will continue to fight for greater transparency this Sunshine Week, this week, next week, and every week after that. We have not gone far enough. We owe too much to our constituencies. We must continue working to make government more accessible to them. Join me and let's actually get true transparency here for the state of Michigan—at least let's take one step at a time.

Senator Theis' statement is as follows:

Two weeks ago I stood before you to shed light on the pressing issue of illegal immigration, asking our Governor to increase transparency regarding the influx of illegal immigrants in our state. Many of my colleagues balk at this issue and desperately try to sweep it under the rug using the excuse, This is a federal issue, we have more important state issues that we should be focused on. Well, today I return with a sobering follow-up, focusing on the direct impact illegal immigration is having on our cities and states across America, including right here in Michigan.

As we witness record numbers of illegal immigrants entering our country unchecked, the consequences are painfully evident. Sanctuary cities such as Washington, D.C., New York City, and Chicago are buckling under the weight of the financial burden required to support the massive number of illegal immigrants invading their cities. The costs are staggering. New York City alone is budgeting an astronomical \$12 billion to accommodate over 173,000 recent illegal migrants by the end of the fiscal year 2025. Let that sink in. Twelve billion, a sum surpassing the budgets of crucial city agencies combined, and in fact even some states. This is not a mere statistic, it's a stark reminder of the real-life impact on our citizens.

While some may attempt to downplay or ignore the financial strain that Joe Biden's open-border policies are having on our cities and states, the reality is undeniable. Across the nation, cities and by extension states are grappling with the daunting task of allowing resources to provide shelter, food, and other essential services for hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants. Consider Chicago, where \$255.7 million was spent between August 2022 and the end of 2023. In Washington, D.C., expenditures reached \$36.4 million by late August of last year, and by the time we reached October expenditures soared over \$55 million. These figures represent a fraction of the immense burden faced by municipalities nationwide.

And what about Michigan? Despite our sanctuary cities and Governor who encourages illegal immigrants to settle here, or maybe expressly because of that, we cannot afford to turn a blind eye to the impending financial crisis. The impact on our state's budget and more importantly on the pockets of our hardworking citizens can't be underestimated. As we witness mayors and governors, many of them democrats, voicing

their concerns about the strain on their resources, now on what seems like a daily basis, it’s clear that the federal government’s response has been lacking. While New York, Illinois, and Colorado have provided additional support to their respective cities, the federal government’s contribution remains muted.

We cannot afford to ignore the lessons learned from other states and cities. We must heed the warning and change course before it’s too late for Michigan. The financial strain resulting from illegal immigration is not a distant threat, it’s not just a federal issue that we can brush away and ignore, it is our present reality. Our duty as elected officials is to protect the interests of our residents and to assure the prudent allocation of our resources. I employ you to join me in advocating for measures that address the urgent issue head-on. Let us stand united in demanding greater transparency from Governor Whitmer and the Biden administration, and implore them to implement policies that safeguard the fiscal stability of our state. The time for action is now, before the financial burden becomes insurmountable.

Senator Irwin’s statement is as follows:

I just want to say for the record that we do not have an open-borders policy in this country. That is simply untrue. People are going to continue to tell that lie for political effect, but it’s not true. We haven’t had an open-borders policy in the United States since many of your ancestors flooded in through Ellis Island when we did have an open-borders policy. That is not the current policy. You are simply wrong.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Wednesday, March 13:

House Bill Nos. 4603 5203

The Secretary announced that the following bills and joint resolutions were printed and filed on Wednesday, March 13, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 781 782 783 784 785 786 787 788 789

House Bill Nos. 5565 5566 5567 5568 5569 5570 5571 5572 5573 5574 5575 5576 5577

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Committee Reports

The Committee on Oversight reported

Senate Bill No. 669, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 442, entitled “Freedom of information act,” by amending sections 2 and 3 (MCL 15.232 and 15.233), section 2 as amended by 2018 PA 68 and section 3 as amended by 2018 PA 523.

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

Sam Singh
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Singh, McMorrow, Geiss, Polehanki and McBroom

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Oversight reported

Senate Bill No. 670, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 442, entitled “Freedom of information act,” by amending sections 6, 10, and 13 (MCL 15.236, 15.240, and 15.243), section 6 as amended by 1996 PA 553, section 10 as amended by 2014 PA 563, and section 13 as amended by 2023 PA 64, and by adding section 14a.

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

Sam Singh
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Singh, McMorrow, Geiss, Polehanki and McBroom

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Oversight reported

Senate Bill No. 728, entitled

A bill to amend 1975 PA 238, entitled “Child protection law,” by amending section 2 (MCL 722.622), as amended by 2022 PA 67.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Sam Singh
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Singh, McMorrow, Geiss and Polehanki

Nays: Senator Lindsey

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Oversight submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Singh (C), McMorrow, Geiss, Polehanki, McBroom and Lindsey

The Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection reported

Senate Bill No. 237, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled “Use tax act,” by amending section 4cc (MCL 205.94cc), as added by 2015 PA 252.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-5) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Mary Cavanagh
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Cavanagh, Irwin, McCann, Camilleri, Huizenga and Daley

Nays: Senator Theis

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

The Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection reported

Senate Bill No. 238, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled “General sales tax act,” by amending section 4ee (MCL 205.54ee), as added by 2015 PA 251.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Mary Cavanagh
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Cavanagh, Irwin, McCann, Camilleri, Huizenga and Daley

Nays: Senator Theis

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection reported

House Bill No. 4905, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled “Use tax act,” by amending section 4cc (MCL 205.94cc), as added by 2015 PA 252.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Mary Cavanagh
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Cavanagh, Irwin, McCann, Camilleri, Huizenga and Daley

Nays: Senator Theis

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection reported

House Bill No. 4906, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled “General sales tax act,” by amending section 4ee (MCL 205.54ee), as added by 2015 PA 251.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-3) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Mary Cavanagh
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Cavanagh, Irwin, McCann, Camilleri, Huizenga and Daley

Nays: Senator Theis

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, March 13, 2024, at 12:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

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

The Committee on Health Policy reported

Senate Bill No. 633, entitled

A bill to provide for the establishment of a state-based health insurance exchange as a nonprofit corporation; to create the board of exchange and prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for assessments and user fees; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and agencies.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-3) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Kevin Hertel
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hertel, Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt and Geiss

Nays: Senators Webber, Hauck, Huizenga and Runestad

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

The Committee on Health Policy reported

Senate Bill No. 634, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending sections 1261, 1262, 1262a, and 1264 (MCL 500.1261, 500.1262, 500.1262a, and 500.1264), as added by 2014 PA 566.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Kevin Hertel
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hertel, Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt and Geiss

Nays: Senators Webber, Hauck, Huizenga and Runestad

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Health Policy reported

Senate Bill No. 635, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3406mm.

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

Kevin Hertel
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hertel, Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt and Geiss

Nays: Senators Webber, Hauck, Huizenga and Runestad

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

The Committee on Health Policy reported

Senate Bill No. 636, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 2212a (MCL 500.2212a), as amended by 2023 PA 161.

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

Kevin Hertel
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hertel, Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt and Geiss

Nays: Senators Webber, Hauck, Huizenga and Runestad

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

The Committee on Health Policy reported

Senate Bill No. 637, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 3406nn.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Kevin Hertel
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hertel, Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt and Geiss

Nays: Senators Webber, Hauck, Huizenga and Runestad

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

The Committee on Health Policy reported

Senate Bill No. 638, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 3406o (MCL 500.3406o), as amended by 2020 PA 322; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Kevin Hertel
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hertel, Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt and Geiss

Nays: Senators Webber, Hauck, Huizenga and Runestad

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Health Policy reported

House Bill No. 4101, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 17609 (MCL 333.17609), as amended by 2010 PA 304.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Kevin Hertel
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hertel, Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt, Geiss, Webber, Hauck, Huizenga and Runestad

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Health Policy reported

House Bill No. 4131, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 3476 (MCL 500.3476), as amended by 2020 PA 97.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Kevin Hertel
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hertel, Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt, Geiss, Webber, Hauck, Huizenga and Runestad

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Health Policy reported

House Bill No. 4213, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “The social welfare act,” by amending section 105h (MCL 400.105h), as added by 2020 PA 101.

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

Kevin Hertel

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hertel, Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt, Geiss, Webber, Hauck, Huizenga and Runestad

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Health Policy reported

House Bill No. 4579, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending section 3476 (MCL 500.3476), as amended by 2020 PA 97.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-4) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Kevin Hertel

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hertel, Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt, Geiss, Webber, Hauck, Huizenga and Runestad

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Health Policy reported

House Bill No. 4580, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “The social welfare act,” by amending section 105h (MCL 400.105h), as added by 2020 PA 101.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Kevin Hertel

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Hertel, Santana, Wojno, Cherry, Klinefelt, Geiss, Webber, Hauck, Huizenga and Runestad

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Health Policy submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

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

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs reported

Senate Bill No. 702, entitled

A bill to amend 1980 PA 299, entitled “Occupational code,” by amending sections 1206, 1209, and 1210 (MCL 339.1206, 339.1209, and 339.1210), as amended by 1997 PA 97.

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

Jeremy Moss

Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

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 Regulatory Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

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

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 12:00 noon, Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

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

Excused: Senator Shink

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Elections and Ethics submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Moss (C), Wojno, Santana, McMorro, Chang, Johnson and McBroom

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

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

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:03 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

