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1:30 p.m.

The House was called to order by the Speaker Pro Tempore.

The roll was called by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, who announced that a quorum was present.

Alexander—present	Foreman—present	McFall—present	Schuette—present
Andrews—present	Fox—present	McKinney—present	Scott—present
Aragona—present	Frisbie—present	Meerman—present	Skaggs—present
Arbit—present	Glanville—present	Mentzer—present	Slagh—present
BeGole—present	Grant—present	Miller—present	Smit—present
Beson—present	Green, P.—present	Morgan—present	Snyder—present
Bierlein—present	Greene, J.—present	Mueller—present	St. Germaine—present
Bohnak—present	Hall—present	Myers-Phillips—excused	Steckloff—present
Bollin—present	Harris—present	Neeley—present	Steele—present
Borton—present	Herzberg—present	Neyer—present	Tate—present
Breen—present	Hoadley—present	O’Neal—present	Thompson—present
Brixie—present	Hope—present	Outman—present	Tisdell—present
Bruck—present	Hoskins—present	Paiz—present	Ternoglou—present
Byrnes—present	Jenkins-Arno—present	Paquette—present	VanderWall—present
Carra—present	Johnsen—present	Pavlov—present	VanWoerkom—present
Carter, B.—present	Kelly—present	Pohutsky—present	Wegela—present
Carter, T.—present	Koleszar—present	Posthumus—present	Weiss—present
Cavitt—present	Kuhn—excused	Prestin—present	Wendzel—present
Coffia—excused	Kunse—present	Price—present	Whitsett—excused
Conlin—present	Liberati—present	Puri—present	Wilson—present
DeBoer—present	Lightner—present	Rheingans—present	Witwer—present
DeBoyer—present	Linting—present	Rigas—present	Wooden—present
DeSana—present	Longjohn—present	Robinson—present	Woolford—present
Dievendorf—present	MacDonell—present	Rogers—present	Wortz—present
Edwards—present	Maddock—present	Roth—present	Wozniak—present
Fairbairn—present	Markkanen—present	Schmaltz—present	Xiong—present
Farhat—excused	Martin—present	Schrivver—present	Young—present
Fitzgerald—present	Martus—present		

e/d/s = entered during session

Rep. Carrie A. Rheingans, from the 47th District, offered the following invocation:

“As we enter this chamber today to work on behalf of more than ten million Michiganders, I invoke for guidance three of the eight principles upon which we Unitarian Universalists rely.

Our fourth principle encourages a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. For many of us in this chamber, that will include our understanding of a higher power, a God, a Great Spirit, or a Creator. For most religions, the higher power guides us in our day-to-day life and helps us determine what steps to take to address the problems faced by our constituents, the residents from every corner of our great state. May we be guided today to make decisions that positively impact our fellow Michiganders.

Our sixth principle sets out the goal for a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. May we strive for peace, liberty, and justice for all Michiganders, and all people in the world community, as we conduct our important work here today.

Lastly, I invoke our seventh principle, my favorite: ‘we respect the interdependent web of all existence’. Not only do we respect each other here, where we work together, but we are dependent on each other and all living beings, as they are all dependent on us. As humans, the pan-African principle of *ubuntu* describes inter-human relationships by explaining that we cannot be who we are without the other people with whom we are in relation; ‘I am because you are.’

As the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us in his *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, ‘All people are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.’ The work we conduct in this chamber affects directly and indirectly not only ten million Michiganders, but all of humanity.

May we go forth today following our democratic processes; striving for a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; and embodying *ubuntu*.”

Rep. Fitzgerald moved that Reps. Coffia, Farhat, Myers-Phillips and Whitsett be excused from today’s session.

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Posthumus moved that Rep. Kuhn be excused from today’s session.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

Motions and Resolutions

The Speaker, on behalf of the entire membership of the House of Representatives, offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 166.

A resolution of tribute offered as a memorial for Shelley Goodman Taub, former member of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, It is with great sorrow that we learned of the passing of Shelley Goodman Taub, who served with distinction as the Representative of the former Fortieth District from 2003 to 2006. She will be remembered always as a dedicated public servant not only by those she represented in the Oakland County area, but by the state of Michigan as a whole; and

Whereas, Shelley Goodman Taub was born in Detroit and attended the University of Michigan, where she received her degree in education. Along with her husband, Steve, who she married in 1961, Shelley traveled across the country, living in Missouri, Arizona, and California before returning home in 1969. For three decades, Shelley dedicated her life to serving those around her as a schoolteacher and medical office manager. From 1993 to 2002, Shelley served her future constituency as an Oakland County Commissioner,

demonstrating a deep commitment to her community and drive toward public service. This drive would launch her journey to statewide service, which culminated in a successful bid for the Fortieth District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives in 2002; and

Whereas, Shelley's two-term tenure in the Michigan House of Representatives began in 2003 and, upon arrival in this Chamber, she demonstrated her tenacity and commitment to the office by serving as chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and as vice chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on State Police/Military and Veterans Affairs. Throughout her time in the Legislature, Shelley also served with distinction as chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and as vice chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on History, Arts and Libraries. She also served as a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health and as a member of the Medicaid Task Force. During her second term in this Chamber, Shelley also served as the majority caucus vice chair. These roles exemplified her interest in serving her constituents in furtherance of a variety of matters important to her, including the health and well-being of Michiganders statewide; and

Whereas, Shelley's priorities in government were also reflected in her professional and personal activities following her service to this Chamber. Initially intending to retire from public service in 2007, Shelley ultimately found the task impossible – in 2009, she once again successfully ran for a seat on the Oakland County Commission. She would remain in public service as a member of that body until 2020; in total, Shelley served Oakland County in that role for 20 years. During her tenure as a commissioner, Shelley championed an appropriation of over two million dollars in federal funding to support cultural institutions negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which reflected her deep devotion to supporting development of the arts in Oakland County and statewide. From 2009 to 2020, Shelley was a member of the National Association of Counties' Arts and Culture Commission, which she chaired from 2019 to 2020. She also served the organization as vice chair of its Human Services and Education Steering Committee. In 2016, Shelley was elected as the president of the Michigan Association of Counties, an organization she had been a board member of since 2012. Those who knew her would not be surprised at these accomplishments, as her passion and skill in serving the interests of the community she loved were evident, and these qualities are what she will always be remembered for; and

Whereas, Along with recognizing Shelley's contributions to this Chamber as well as to our state as a whole, we also offer our condolences to her loved ones. We guarantee to her three children – Adam, Jennifer, and Andrew – and each of their families that Shelley's accomplishments and years of service to the Legislature, Oakland County, and the state of Michigan shall always be remembered; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we offer this expression of our highest tribute to honor the memory of Shelley Goodman Taub, a member of the House of Representatives from 2003 to 2006; and be it further

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

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted by unanimous standing vote.

The Speaker called the Speaker Pro Tempore to the Chair.

Reps. Pavlov, Rheingans, Conlin, Woolford, Breen, Lightner, Martus, Thompson, Longjohn, Schriver, Alexander, Glanville, MacDonell, Paiz, Rogers, Schuette, Weiss and Witwer offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 167.

A resolution to declare September 13, 2025, as Recovery Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Approximately 638,000 Michigan residents experience substance use disorders; and

Whereas, Only about 127,600 receive treatment; and

Whereas, Since treatment only refers to a brief time of assistance, recovery provides long-term assistance and resources to individuals experiencing substance use disorders; and

Whereas, Recovery organizations can help play in the larger assistance of recovery, and lead those who suffer from addiction to live sober and healthy lives; and

Whereas, Recovery community organizations provide meaningful assistance and resources to individuals at a fraction of the cost of treatment; and

Whereas, Recovery community organizations provide ongoing support that significantly improves the likelihood of long-term recovery; and

Whereas, Recovery community organizations deserve greater respect and appreciation for ongoing support and assistance for individuals experiencing substance use disorders; and

Whereas, The month of September is recognized as National Recovery Month; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 13, 2025, as Recovery Day in the state of Michigan. We support the commendable efforts of individuals striving for lifelong recovery from substance use disorders and recognize the crucial work of recovery community organizations throughout our state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Blue Water Recovery and Outreach Center with our highest esteem.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Arbit, Rheingans, Foreman, Martus, Myers-Phillips, Tsemoglou, Longjohn, Hope, Puri, Andrews, Breen, Fitzgerald, Conlin, Scott, MacDonell, Wooden and Steckloff offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 168.

A resolution to urge the Trump-Vance Administration to cease and desist from their radical policies of state socialism, including the partial nationalization of Intel Corporation, and encourage the federal government to refrain from any further nationalization of private corporations, so that free market capitalism may flourish in Michigan and across the United States.

Whereas, The United States has long thrived under a system of free enterprise and market-driven capitalism, which has spurred innovation, created millions of jobs, and lifted generations of Americans into prosperity; and

Whereas, The Trump-Vance Administration has undertaken an alarming step toward state socialism by entering into an agreement to partially nationalize Intel Corporation, a private-sector leader in the semiconductor industry, thereby undermining the independence of private enterprise and threatening the competitive forces that drive technological advancement; and

Whereas, The nationalization of any private corporation sets a dangerous precedent, inviting further federal intrusion into the private sector, chilling investment, reducing efficiency, and replacing the judgment of entrepreneurs and innovators with the heavy hand of centralized government planners; and

Whereas, The people of Michigan, whose livelihoods depend on a thriving and competitive economy – particularly in sectors such as manufacturing, automotive, and advanced technology – have a direct stake in preserving the freedom of markets from unnecessary government control; and

Whereas, State socialism erodes the very foundation of American prosperity, shifting risk and decision-making from private actors accountable to shareholders, workers, and consumers to government officials accountable only to political expediency; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Trump-Vance Administration to cease and desist from their radical policies of state socialism, including the partial nationalization of Intel Corporation, which threaten the basis of American capitalism on which Michigan companies thrive; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the federal government to refrain from any further nationalization of private corporations and to allow free market capitalism to flourish without socialist government intervention, so that innovation, competition, and prosperity may continue to define the American economy; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

The resolution was referred to Committee on Government Operations.

Reps. Kelly, Roth, Robinson, Fairbairn, Kunse, Steele, St. Germaine, Rigas, Martin, Wortz, Jenkins-Arno, Woolford, Schriver, Neyer, Jaime Greene, Johnsen, Schmaltz, Mueller, Harris, Frisbie, Fox, DeBoer, Bohnak, Prestin, Maddock, Alexander, DeSana, Meerman, Bierlein, Skaggs, Glanville, Rogers, Schuette and Witwer offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 169.

A resolution to declare September 11-17, 2025, as Patriot Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The events that led to the signing of the Constitution of the United States by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, have significance for every citizen of the United States and are honored in public schools across the United States on Constitution Day, which is September 17 of each year; and

Whereas, The rule of law, the social compact, democracy, liberty, equality, and unalienable human rights are the essential values upon which the United States flourishes; and

Whereas, Diversity is one of the greatest strengths of the United States, and the motto inscribed on the Great Seal of the United States, “E pluribus unum”, Latin for “out of many, one”, symbolizes that individuals in the United States from all walks of life are unified by shared values; and

Whereas, Exceptional, visionary, and indispensable individuals such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall, George Washington, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison founded or advanced the United States; and

Whereas, The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions signed in Seneca Falls, New York, the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the “I Have a Dream” speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr., express sentiments that have advanced liberty in the United States; and

Whereas, The Bennington flag (commonly known as the “76 flag”), the Betsy Ross flag, the current flag of the United States, the flag of the women’s suffrage movement, the Union flag (commonly known as the “Fort Sumter flag”), the Gadsden flag, and the flags of the States are physical symbols of the history of the United States: now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare September 11-17, 2025, as Patriot Week in the state of Michigan. We recognize that understanding the history of the United States and the first principles of the United States is indispensable to the survival of the United States as a free people; acknowledge in great reverence to the victims of the September 11, 2001, attacks, that citizens of the United States should take time to honor the first principles, founders, documents, and symbols of their history; recognize that each generation should renew the spirit of the United States based on the first principles, historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of the United States; and encourage citizens, schools and other educational institutions, and federal, state, and local governments and their agencies to recognize and participate in Patriot Week by honoring, celebrating, and promoting the study of the history of the United States so that all people of the United States may offer the reverence that is due to the free republic.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Rigas, Borton, Neyer, Harris, Jaime Greene, Thompson, McFall, Schriver, Rheingans, Bohnak, Prestin, Woolford, Longjohn, BeGole, Posthumus, Alexander, Glanville, Miller, Paiz, Rogers, Schuette and Witwer offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 170.

A resolution to declare September 10, 2025, as World Suicide Prevention Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, World Suicide Prevention Day is observed annually on September 10 to raise awareness about suicide prevention, honor those lost to suicide, and support survivors and their families; and

Whereas, Suicide remains a leading cause of death across the United States, with devastating impacts on individuals, families, and communities. In Michigan, thousands of lives are affected each year by suicide and suicidal ideation; and

Whereas, In Michigan, suicide remains the second leading cause of death among individuals aged 10 to 24, with over 150 youth lives lost annually; and

Whereas, World Suicide Prevention Day serves as a reminder that every life has value and that we must remain vigilant in supporting those who struggle with mental health challenges; and

Whereas, Community partners, faith-based organizations, healthcare providers, educators, and advocates across Michigan continue to work tirelessly to implement prevention strategies, expand access to mental health resources, and support those in crisis; and

Whereas, We recognize the importance of reducing stigma, encouraging honest conversations, and ensuring that individuals know they are not alone; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of this legislative body declare September 10, 2025, as World Suicide Prevention Day in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we honor the memory of those lost to suicide, support survivors, and encourage continued community-driven efforts to prevent suicide and promote hope.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Reps. Skaggs, Paiz and Rogers offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 171.

A resolution to declare September 11, 2025, as La Diada Day in the State of Michigan.

Whereas, The state of Michigan recognizes the cultural contribution of Catalonians in Michigan and therefore acknowledges the historical and democratic significance of La Diada; and

Whereas, The state of Michigan values the traditions of its citizens who hold Catalanian heritage and the presence that heritage contributes to the broader story of immigration represented in many different Michigan communities; and

Whereas, Catalanian traditions, including the celebration of La Diada, which commemorates the fall of Barcelona in the War of the Spanish Succession in 1714, exemplify the importance of diverse festivities that are already honored across Michigan; and

Whereas, We understand the struggle the Catalanian people have faced —having lost its political institutions and liberties under the Nueva Planta decrees imposed by King Philip V of Spain; and

Whereas, Despite centuries of repression, Catalonians have continued to celebrate La Diada as a remembrance of their struggle for autonomy and their enduring cultural identity, transforming the day into a symbol of resilience and quiet strength; and

Whereas, The observance of La Diada serves not only as a cultural celebration but also as a reminder of the universal values of freedom, resilience, and democratic self-governance—values that are closely bonded to the American ideals of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, Catalanian cultural associations and community organizations across Michigan continue to sustain and share the traditions of La Diada, fostering greater understanding and strengthening the kinship between Catalanian national heritage and the essence of American democracy; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representative, That the members of this legislative body declare September 11, 2025, as La Diada Day in the state of Michigan.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Third Reading of Bills

House Bill No. 4349, entitled

A bill to amend 1909 PA 279, entitled “The home rule city act,” (MCL 117.1 to 117.38) by adding section 5/.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays as follows:

Roll Call No. 203

Yeas—104

Alexander	Foreman	Martus	Schriver
Andrews	Fox	McFall	Schuette
Aragona	Frisbie	McKinney	Scott
Arbit	Glanville	Meerman	Skaggs
BeGole	Grant	Mentzer	Slagh
Beson	Green, P.	Miller	Smit
Bierlein	Greene, J.	Morgan	Snyder
Bohnak	Hall	Mueller	St. Germaine
Bollin	Harris	Neeley	Steckloff
Borton	Herzberg	Neyer	Steele
Breen	Hoadley	O’Neal	Tate
Brixie	Hope	Outman	Thompson
Bruck	Hoskins	Paiz	Tisdell
Byrnes	Jenkins-Arno	Paquette	Tsernoglou
Carra	Johnsen	Pavlov	VanderWall
Carter, B.	Kelly	Pohutsky	VanWoerkom
Carter, T.	Koleszar	Posthumus	Weiss
Cavitt	Kunse	Prestin	Wendzel

Conlin	Liberati	Price	Wilson
DeBoer	Lightner	Puri	Witwer
DeBoyer	Linting	Rheingans	Wooden
DeSana	Longjohn	Rigas	Woelford
Dievendorf	MacDonell	Robinson	Wortz
Edwards	Maddock	Rogers	Wozniak
Fairbairn	Markkanen	Roth	Xiong
Fitzgerald	Martin	Schmaltz	Young

Nays—1

Wegela

In The Chair: Smit

The House agreed to the title of the bill.
Rep. Posthumus moved that the bill be given immediate effect.
The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

House Bill No. 4750, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 203, entitled “Foster care and adoption services act,” (MCL 722.951 to 722.960) by adding section 8f.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, by yeas and nays as follows:

Roll Call No. 204

Yeas—60

Alexander	Frisbie	Meerman	Schuette
Aragona	Green, P.	Mentzer	Slagh
BeGole	Greene, J.	Miller	Smit
Beson	Hall	Mueller	St. Germaine
Bierlein	Harris	Neyer	Steele
Bohnak	Hoadley	Outman	Thompson
Bollin	Jenkins-Arno	Paquette	Tisdell
Borton	Johnsen	Pavlov	VanderWall
Bruck	Kelly	Posthumus	VanWoerkom
Cavitt	Kunse	Prestin	Wendzel
DeBoer	Lightner	Rigas	Witwer
DeBoyer	Linting	Robinson	Woelford
DeSana	Maddock	Roth	Wortz
Fairbairn	Markkanen	Schmaltz	Wozniak
Fox	Martin	Schrivver	Xiong

Nays—45

Andrews	Foreman	McFall	Scott
Arbit	Glanville	McKinney	Skaggs
Breen	Grant	Morgan	Snyder
Brixie	Herzberg	Neeley	Steckloff
Byrnes	Hope	O’Neal	Tate

Carra	Hoskins	Paiz	Tsernoglou
Carter, B.	Koleszar	Pohutsky	Wegela
Carter, T.	Liberati	Price	Weiss
Conlin	Longjohn	Puri	Wilson
Dievendorf	MacDonell	Rheingans	Wooden
Edwards	Martus	Rogers	Young
Fitzgerald			

In The Chair: Smit

The House agreed to the title of the bill.

Rep. Posthumus moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

Reps. Wilson, Rheingans, Young, Tsernoglou, Arbit, Longjohn, Rogers and MacDonell moved that their names be removed as co-sponsors of the bill.

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Young, having reserved the right to explain her protest against the passage of the bill, made the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker and members of the House:

I fully support foster youth receiving every dollar of benefits awarded them, which is the overall goal of this legislation. However I had deep concerns regarding the financial literacy requirements that were added to the substitute. Requirements including mandating traumatized children who live in uncertainty to complete career aptitude surveys; create annotated charts, tables, graphics based on career on interest;; require foster youth to craft an argumentative essay, citing specific textual evidence, that either supports or opposes the use of student loans; must create personal balance sheets, determine assets and liabilities, and calculate net worth for identified career and so much more. Additionally, financial literacy is already included for high school students based on a law I supported in a previous term. Foster youth should not be mandated to take these additional, extended courses. Children whose parents die, don’t have to jump through these hoops to receive their benefits and neither should some of our most vulnerable, foster youth. Respectfully - Rep. Young”

House Bill No. 4664, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 676b (MCL 257.676b), as amended by 2021 PA 43.

The bill was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Rep. Posthumus moved that consideration of the bill be postponed temporarily.

The motion prevailed.

Rep. Posthumus moved that the House adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 3:10 p.m.

The Speaker Pro Tempore declared the House adjourned until Thursday, September 11, at 12:00 Noon.

SCOTT E. STARR
Clerk of the House of Representatives