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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

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.

Alexander—present  
Ananich—present  
Barrett—present  
Bayer—present  
Bizon—present  
Brinks—present  
Bullock—present  
Bumstead—present  
Chang—excused  
Daley—present  
Geiss—present  
Hertel—present  
Hollier—present

Horn—present  
Huizenga—present  
Irwin—present  
Johnson—present  
LaSata—present  
Lauwers—present  
MacDonald—present  
McBroom—present  
McCann—present  
McMorrow—present  
Moss—present  
Nesbitt—present  
Outman—present

Polehanki—present  
Runestad—present  
Santana—present  
Schmidt—present  
Shirkey—present  
Stamas—excused  
Theis—present  
VanderWall—present  
Victory—present  
Wojno—present  
Wozniak—present  
Zorn—present

Senator Paul Wojno of the 9th District offered the following invocation:

Father, we ask for Your guidance as we begin our legislative affairs this morning. Thank You for Your generosity and faithfulness for entrusting us with such a high level of legislative power. We ask for Your hand of blessing and understanding.

May we especially pray for the victims in Buffalo and their families that You bring peace and comfort to all that have suffered. Bless our health care providers, first responders, educators, and everyone who continues to serve others before themselves. We ask that You 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 Senators McBroom, Nesbitt and Shirkey be temporarily excused from today’s session. The motion prevailed.

Senator McMorrow moved that Senators Geiss, Ananich and Hollier be temporarily excused from today’s session. The motion prevailed.

Senator McMorrow moved that Senator Chang be excused from today’s session. The motion prevailed.

The following communication was received and read:  
Office of the Auditor General

May 10, 2022

Enclosed is a copy of the following report:

- Performance audit on the Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, Health and Aging Services Administration, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (391-0571-21).

Sincerely,  
Doug Ringle  
Auditor General

The audit report was referred to the Committee on Oversight.

Senator Lauwers moved that Senator Stamas be excused from today’s session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lauwers moved that the rules be suspended and that the following resolution, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the Resolutions calendar for consideration today:

**Senate Resolution No. 139**

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

The following communication was received:  
Office of Senator Curtis Hertel Jr.

May 12, 2022

I am writing to request my addition in co-sponsorship for Senate Bill 763, sponsored by Senator Bayer. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,  
Curtis Hertel Jr.  
State Senator  
District 23

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

### Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received:

Date: May 12, 2022  
Time: 9:05 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 258 (Public Act No. 76), being**

An act to amend 1963 PA 247, entitled “An act to define the term “newspaper” as used in the statutes of this state regarding publication of notices,” by amending section 1 (MCL 691.1051).

(Filed with the Secretary of State on May 12, 2022, at 9:50 a.m.)

Date: May 12, 2022  
Time: 9:07 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 259 (Public Act No. 74), being**

An act to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of the courts, and of the judges and other officers of the courts; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in the courts; pleading, evidence, practice, and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in the courts; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 1461 (MCL 600.1461); and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on May 12, 2022, at 9:46 a.m.)

Respectfully,  
Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

Senator Nesbitt entered the Senate Chamber.

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

May 12, 2022

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 232 of 1965, MCL 290.657:

**Michigan Apple Committee**

Mr. Caleb Coulter of 2112 W. Grant Road, New Era, Michigan 49446, county of Oceana, reappointed to represent District 3 growers, for a term commencing May 12, 2022 and expiring April 1, 2025.

Mrs. Kimberly A. Kropf of 12104 4 Mile Road, N.E., Lowell, Michigan 49331, county of Kent, reappointed to represent District 2 growers, for a term commencing May 12, 2022 and expiring April 1, 2025.

May 12, 2022

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 291 of 1966, MCL 29.363:

**Fire Fighters Training Council**

Mr. Kevin D. Beeson of 160 Fox Place, St. Louis, Michigan 48880, county of Gratiot, succeeding Greg Janik whose term has expired, appointed to represent the Michigan Townships Association, for a term commencing May 12, 2022 and expiring January 31, 2026.

Mr. Brian K. Blomstrom of 6170 West Peck Road, Sheridan, Michigan 48884, county of Montcalm, reappointed to represent the Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association, for a term commencing May 12, 2022 and expiring January 31, 2026.

Mr. Kurt Corradi of 1313 Valley Island Road, Sebewaing, Michigan 48759, county of Huron, succeeding Alan Styles whose term has expired, appointed to represent the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, for a term commencing May 12, 2022 and expiring January 31, 2026.

Chief John David Feichtner of 13469 Hess Road, Holly, Michigan 48442, county of Oakland, succeeding Chad Tackett whose term has expired, appointed to represent the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, for a term commencing May 12, 2022 and expiring January 31, 2026.

Mr. Steven D. Richardson of 533 Woodfield Circle, Unit C, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079, county of Van Buren, succeeding Terrence Blackmer whose term has expired, appointed to represent the Michigan State Firemen's Association, for a term commencing May 12, 2022 and expiring January 31, 2026.

Mr. Joseph W. Schehr of 20567 Armada Ridge Road, Armada, Michigan 48005, county of Macomb, succeeding Aileen Pettinger whose term has expired, appointed to represent the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union, for a term commencing May 12, 2022 and expiring January 31, 2026.

Commissioner Robert L. Stokes Jr. of 28774 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48238, county of Wayne, succeeding Jacob Steichen whose term has expired, appointed to represent an active fire service member nominated by the State Fire Marshal, for a term commencing May 12, 2022 and expiring January 31, 2026.

Mr. Kyle Svoboda of 510 Beyhill Drive, N.E., Belmont, Michigan 49306, county of Kent, succeeding Lynnae White whose term has expired, appointed to represent the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, for a term commencing May 12, 2022 and expiring January 31, 2026.

Respectfully,  
Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Advice and Consent.

Senators Ananich and Hollier entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**Introduction and Referral of Bills**

Senator Shirkey entered the Senate Chamber.

Senators Huizenga, Johnson, Nesbitt, Zorn, Lauwers, Victory, Wojno, VanderWall, Outman and Wozniak introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1035, entitled**

A bill to amend 1969 PA 242, entitled "An act to provide for the registration of trademarks and service marks; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state officers and agencies; to prescribe remedies; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 1 (MCL 429.31), as amended by 1984 PA 203.

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

Senator Santana introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1036, entitled**

A bill to repeal 2014 PA 187, entitled "Michigan settlement administration authority act," (MCL 141.1601 to 141.1611).

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

Senator Santana introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1037, entitled**

A bill to repeal 2014 PA 181, entitled "Michigan financial review commission act," (MCL 141.1631 to 141.1643).

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

Senator Santana introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1038, entitled**

A bill to amend 1909 PA 279, entitled "The home rule city act," by amending section 4i (MCL 117.4i), as amended by 2018 PA 498; 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.

Senator Santana introduced

**Senate Bill No. 1039, entitled**

A bill to amend 2011 PA 152, entitled "Publicly funded health insurance contribution act," by amending section 8 (MCL 15.568), as amended by 2014 PA 184.

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

Senator Santana introduced  
**Senate Bill No. 1040, entitled**

A bill to amend 1965 PA 314, entitled “Public employee retirement system investment act,” by amending section 12c (MCL 38.1132c), as amended by 2014 PA 185.

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

Senator Wozniak introduced  
**Senate Bill No. 1041, entitled**

A bill to amend 1969 PA 306, entitled “Administrative procedures act of 1969,” by amending section 3 (MCL 24.203), as amended by 2011 PA 239.

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

Senator Wozniak introduced  
**Senate Bill No. 1042, entitled**

A bill to amend 1984 PA 427, entitled “Municipal employees retirement act of 1984,” (MCL 38.1501 to 38.1555) by adding section 45b.

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

**Recess**

Senator Lauwers moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:11 a.m.

10:54 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Geiss and McBroom entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

**Resolutions**

Senator Lauwers moved that rule 3.204 be suspended to permit immediate consideration of the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 140**

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

Senator Theis offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 140.**

A resolution to recognize May 16-20, 2022, as Michigan Home Education Week.

Whereas, The state of Michigan is committed to excellence in education; and

Whereas, Michigan law affirms that it is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children; and

Whereas, Research demonstrates that educational alternatives and direct family participation improves academic performance; and

Whereas, Families engaged in home-based education are not dependent on public, tax-funded resources for their children’s education, saving Michigan taxpayers thousands of dollars annually; and

Whereas, Educating children at home was the predominant form of education during much of our nation’s history; and

Whereas, Home education has a long history of success in our country, producing such notable Americans including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, John Quincy Adams, John Marshall, Robert E. Lee, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Helen Keller, Clara Barton, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Franklin D. Roosevelt, George Patton, Douglas MacArthur, Frank Lloyd Wright, John Philip Sousa, and Tim Tebow among many others; and

Whereas, Michigan’s home educated students are equipped to be successful, informed, engaged, ethical, and productive citizens who enrich our society and contribute to the well-being of our state; and

Whereas, Michigan parents who home educate their children at their own expense dedicate their time and talents to ensure that their child's academic, physical, psychological, social, and emotional needs are met, and are, therefore, to be commended for their extraordinary sacrifice and commitment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize May 16-20, 2022, as Michigan Home Education Week; and be it further

Resolved, That we call this observance to the attention of all our citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Christian Homeschool Network with our highest esteem.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Lauwers moved that consideration of the resolution be postponed for today.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Lauwers moved that the Senate proceed to consideration of the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 139**

The motion prevailed.

**Senate Resolution No. 139.**

A resolution to urge Congress to pass legislation that would allow farmers, along with coalitions and trade associations representing farmers, to petition the U.S. International Trade Commission to temporarily waive tariffs on imports of fertilizer and fertilizer ingredients imported from Morocco.

(This resolution was reported by the Committee on Agriculture without amendment on Thursday, May 12. See p. 725.)

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator VanderWall's statement is as follows:

Colleagues, today I urge you to support Senate Resolution No. 139, a resolution which would urge Congress to pass a law helping farmers combat rising fertilizer costs by waiving a tariff on Moroccan phosphate imports. Fertilizer prices have more than doubled since last year due to the many factors including the Russian invasion of Ukraine, high energy costs, a limited supply of materials, strong global demand, and lack of competition in the fertilizer industry. The United States is a major importer of foreign fertilizer and farmers are dependent on foreign supplies. The top producers of major components of fertilizer include China, Russia, Canada, and Morocco; with Belarus also providing a significant share of the potash.

Due to anti-competitive concerns, the ITC instituted a 19 percent tariff on Moroccan phosphate imports. However, this was based on price from 2018 to 2020. Since then the price of potash has tripled, causing the tariff burden to triple as well. Where farmers used to pay \$300 per ton, they now are paying over \$900. At a time like this, the costs of the rise of American—one thing we can do is help our farmers lower their cost which ultimately lowers the cost for us at the stores and other products as consumers. I urge a swift passage of this resolution and look forward to continuing to work, supporting those who feed us. Thank you very much and I urge your support.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

**Third Reading of Bills**

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

**Senate Bill No. 691**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 691, entitled**

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 159g (MCL 750.159g), as amended by 2019 PA 174.

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. 230**

**Yeas—36**

Alexander	Geiss	MacDonald	Santana
Ananich	Hertel	McBroom	Schmidt
Barrett	Hollier	McCann	Shirkey
Bayer	Horn	McMorrow	Theis
Bizon	Huizenga	Moss	VanderWall
Brinks	Irwin	Nesbitt	Victory
Bullock	Johnson	Outman	Wojno
Bumstead	LaSata	Polehanki	Wozniak
Daley	Lauwers	Runestad	Zorn

**Nays—0**

**Excused—2**

Chang	Stamas
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**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**House Bill No. 4953, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1293.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Theis offered the following substitute:

Substitute (S-3).

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. 231**

**Yeas—36**

Alexander	Geiss	MacDonald	Santana
Ananich	Hertel	McBroom	Schmidt
Barrett	Hollier	McCann	Shirkey
Bayer	Horn	McMorrow	Theis
Bizon	Huizenga	Moss	VanderWall
Brinks	Irwin	Nesbitt	Victory
Bullock	Johnson	Outman	Wojno
Bumstead	LaSata	Polehanki	Wozniak
Daley	Lauwers	Runestad	Zorn

**Nays—0**

**Excused—2**

Chang

Stamas

**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 provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to make appropriations for certain purposes; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

Senator Lauwers moved that consideration of the following bill be postponed for today:

**House Bill No. 4326**

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**General Orders**

Senator Lauwers 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 Horn 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 bills:

**Senate Bill No. 530, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1138a.

**House Bill No. 4631, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending section 7521a (MCL 333.7521a), as added by 2019 PA 7.

**House Bill No. 4632, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending section 7523a (MCL 333.7523a), as added by 2019 PA 8.



**House Bill No. 4960, entitled**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 252d and 252e (MCL 257.252d and 257.252e), section 252d as amended by 2012 PA 498 and section 252e as amended by 2008 PA 539.

The bills were placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 101, entitled**

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled "Mental health code," by amending sections 100d, 281c, 282, 408, 409, 426, 427a, 427b, 429, 436, 438, 469a, 498k, 498t, 516, 519, and 537 (MCL 330.1100d, 330.1281c, 330.1282, 330.1408, 330.1409, 330.1426, 330.1427a, 330.1427b, 330.1429, 330.1436, 330.1438, 330.1469a, 330.1498k, 330.1498t, 330.1516, 330.1519, and 330.1537), section 100d as amended by 2020 PA 99, section 281c as added by 2014 PA 200, section 282 as amended by 2014 PA 200, sections 408, 427a, and 498k as amended by 1995 PA 290, sections 409, 436, 438, and 469a as amended by 2018 PA 593, sections 426 and 429 as amended by 2016 PA 320, section 498t as added by 1988 PA 155, and sections 516, 519, and 537 as amended by 2018 PA 596, and by adding sections 170 and 172.

Substitute (S-4).

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.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 1028, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for certain capital outlay projects for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022; to provide for expenditure of the appropriations; and to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations.

Substitute (S-2).

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.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 1023, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 331, entitled "Michigan consumer protection act," (MCL 445.901 to 445.922) by amending the title and by adding sections 3n and 3o.

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.

The Committee of the Whole reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 1024, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 331, entitled "Michigan consumer protection act," by amending section 3 (MCL 445.903), as amended by 2021 PA 46.

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 proceeded to the order of  
**Statements**

Senators Hollier, Bayer, Horn and Polehanki asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hollier's statement is as follows:

Yesterday the city of Detroit celebrated the 50 year anniversary of EMS and my dad was excited and grateful to be able to join the folks. My dad joined EMS in 1981, so almost 40 years ago he was one of a very early set of folks in the city of Detroit who signed up to respond to all levels of emergencies. It was really exciting and gratifying for him to be able to share that as Detroit continued to do that and when he ran for union president and was working tooth and nail to advance that effort, he had one thing that he wanted to get done. He wanted firefighters and EMTs to work together.

At the 50 year anniversary of EMS they announced that for the first time the trial firefighters would all be firefighter EMTs. My dad retired as a captain of the fire academy where he instructed folks on how to run into burning buildings and save lives. So I know as we get ready to celebrate EMT and Paramedic Week I'm just excited to be able to share this moment with my father and to recognize him here in this space because the work that he did made sure that so many of us are able to be safe, to be able to live in the spaces that we do and to respond in these moments. As we look out in the world there are so many terrible things that happen and only in those moments do we think about the people who everyday pray with their children—at night and in the morning—that they'll come home to their families. They are the folks who ensure that we are able to do so.

So I just want to say thanks to all the folks who joined them in that moment and to encourage everyone to say thank you to a firefighter and a paramedic this week.

Senator Bayer's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, I rise today to not only condemn the Buffalo shooting but the continued silencing of Black lives, including right here in this chamber. Since some colleagues on the other side of the aisle continue to be upset when my friends over here voice their sadness and their outrage over another person who looks like them being senselessly killed, I will stand up for them—with them—since my skin color and my voice are probably less threatening.

First, Black lives matter. Not a single person in this chamber can claim to be a friend of one of our colleagues here while simultaneously waving off calls for action. Whether it's a killing by a police officer with immense authority or a white 18-year-old gunman who drove hundreds of miles to specifically target a community of color, the problem is the same. White people with the privilege to carry a gun are exerting that influence over vulnerable people because they know that the system will find a way to bail them out. They know and they see that people who look like them can gather and casually display nooses and wear Confederate flags and get away with it. That they can plot to kidnap and murder elected officials and get away with it.

Yes, I know there are responsible gun owners out there. I know that, because they stand with me and others in this fight to support safe storage of firearms and other common-sense gun legislation. Even if it would have made no difference to what happened in Buffalo, this is not what this is about. This is about standing for something bigger than us, something greater than us, for the people we represent. This is about seeing innocent children and people murdered because they woke up like any other normal day, and then didn't go home to their loved ones, and they should have. No one should be shot going to the grocery store to buy strawberries.

So, today I am standing up against hate and bias and conspiracy theories. I am standing up against the hate of people who are Jewish, people who identify as LGBTQ, against the hate of people of color, and the hate of women who decide their own future and what that looks like. My question today, however, is asking my colleagues who have stood by and pushed dangerous rhetoric over the last few years, who have pushed conspiracy theories, repeated falsehoods that have been debunked over and over again, who have tried to insert fear where there is no reason to, and to my colleagues who are not saying anything at all, my question is, What do you stand for?

The moment to be great, to make a real difference, is calling upon us now. This time, how about we be honest. Let's be true to ourselves, to the people we represent, to our grandchildren. This time, let's answer the call.

Senator Horn's statement is as follows:

The moment to be great happened an hour ago when you had the opportunity to talk to your colleagues. The moment to be great happened a day ago when you could have talked to colleagues on the telephone, set up a meeting in their office, examined what they really think about issues, to talk to them privately. The moment to be great isn't to stand up at the microphone on the floor of the Senate and pre-judge other people's intentions and hearts. That's been my point for the last three weeks; it will be my point, Mr. President, for the remainder of my time here in the Senate—to bring decorum back to this body.

I hope you will join me, Mr. President, as the President of the Senate, in talking to our colleagues about talking to our colleagues outside of this chamber because when we stand up at this microphone, it's just for

show. Just like resolutions, that one of my colleagues pointed out, when we record these in the Journal they're just words on paper after all. Silence isn't violence. All you have to do is ask. But you don't, so you shout. You wag your finger, you wave your fist—makes for good theater back home, but it does nothing for the relationships that are supposed to happen in this body. To make things happen, to get things done, to get real work done. To wag your finger, to shake your fist, to yell at your colleagues, and then expect them to vote on your bills next month, to expect them to appropriate money for you in their committees, how does this even happen? That we got this far down the road, that we are judging each other instead of fixing things on the outside, which is what our people elected us to do. Now, every time somebody judges the heart of somebody in this chamber, we should be challenging that and then we can debate policy in committee.

Senator Polehanki's statement is as follows:

You know, I have watched for the past three weeks as the Senator from the 32nd District has gotten up and talked about how women's voices—three women in particular; the third one just happened today—offend him. How dare the Senator say that our words are just for show. That we're performing in political theater, that we're wagging our fingers, shaking our fists, or god forbid shrieking, that we don't have decorum. How dare he. Who's judging hearts? Don't you judge my heart. I'm going to get up and say what I want to say. We will not be silenced, we will not be tone-policed, we will not be told what decorum is. Get used to it.

### Committee Reports

The Committee on Agriculture reported

#### **Senate Resolution No. 139.**

A resolution to urge Congress to pass legislation that would allow farmers, along with coalitions and trade associations representing farmers, to petition the U.S. International Trade Commission to temporarily waive tariffs on imports of fertilizer and fertilizer ingredients imported from Morocco.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 45, p. 682.)

With the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Kevin Daley  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Daley, Victory, Lauwers and Polehanki

Nays: None

The resolution was placed on the order of Resolutions.

### COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Agriculture submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Daley (C), Victory, Lauwers and Polehanki

Excused: Senator Brinks

The Committee on Health Policy and Human Services reported

#### **Senate Bill No. 1012, entitled**

A bill to establish a student mental health apprenticeship retention and training (SMART) internship grant program; to prescribe conditions for the administration of the student mental health apprenticeship retention and training (SMART) internship grant program; to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments; and to require the promulgation of rules.

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.

Curtis S. VanderWall  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators VanderWall, Bizon, Johnson, MacDonald, Theis, Hertel, Santana and Wojno

Nays: None

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

The Committee on Health Policy and Human Services reported

**House Bill No. 5875, entitled**

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “The social welfare act,” by amending section 109 (MCL 400.109), as amended by 2018 PA 315.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

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

Curtis S. VanderWall

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators VanderWall, Bizon, Johnson, MacDonald, Theis, Hertel, Santana and Wojno

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Health Policy and Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators VanderWall (C), Bizon, Johnson, MacDonald, Theis, Hertel, Santana and Wojno

Excused: Senators LaSata and Brinks

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Economic and Small Business Development submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 12:00 noon, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Horn (C), VanderWall, Lauwers, Schmidt, MacDonald, Huizenga, McMorrow and Moss

Excused: Senators LaSata and Geiss

**Scheduled Meetings**

**Agriculture** – Thursday, May 19, 8:30 a.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

**Economic and Small Business Development** – Thursday, May 19, 12:00 noon, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

**Health Policy and Human Services** – Thursday, May 19, 1:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5323

**Natural Resources** – Wednesday, May 18, 9:00 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5312

Senator Lauwers moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:27 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

MARGARET O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate