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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Thursday, February 4, 2021.

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—present
Daley—present
Geiss—present
Hertel—present

Hollier—present
Horn—present
Irwin—present
Johnson—present
LaSata—present
Lauwers—present
MacDonald—present
McBroom—excused
McCann—present
McMorrow—excused
Moss—present
Nesbitt—present

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

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

Father, thank You for this day and for yet another chance to serve this nation, this state, and another chance to serve You. We certainly seem to find ourselves in unprecedented times, although I'm sure every generation found much the same way. Just like those generations, we seem to be facing insurmountable obstacles, or giants. Luckily for us, You have instructed us in Your Word on how to deal with these so-called giants. Much like David facing Goliath, or Moses facing Pharaoh, or even Gideon facing the Midianites, these men of old called upon You. They knew that their giants were much smaller than their God, or their God was way bigger than their giants. You promised us that if we reach out to you and ask, You would give us Your Spirit, and in Your Word, You said You didn't give us a spirit of fear but of power and love and of a sound mind.

Today we're facing some giants also. We're facing giants in our personal lives—family struggles, unexpected deaths—the COVID-19 pandemic, also giants that seem to be related to our jobs here, such as legislation we're working on or our budget, but probably the biggest giant we seem to be facing in this nation, this state, and this world is our divisiveness. But again, this giant is not a giant to You. You are much bigger than any problem we face, and so once again I would beseech You to fill us with Your Spirit, to give us a sense of unity, so that we can continue to be one body that's united, one state that's united, and one nation that's united, so that we can serve Your will.

Thank you Father. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

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

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

The following communications were received:
Department of State

Administrative Rules Notices of Filing

May 21, 2020

In accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being MCL 24.246, and paragraph 16 of Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Emergency Administrative Rule Extension #2019-201-LR (Secretary of State Filing #20-05-05) on this date at 8:58 a.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Manufacturing of Marihuana Products Intended for Inhalation."

These rules take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect for 6 months.

May 21, 2020

In accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being MCL 24.246, and paragraph 16 of Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Emergency Administrative Rule Extension #2019-202-LR (Secretary of State Filing #20-05-06) on this date at 9:04 a.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Testing of Marihuana Products Intended for Inhalation."

These rules take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect for 6 months.

July 1, 2020

In accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being MCL 24.246, and paragraph 16 of Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Emergency Administrative Rule #20-207-HS (Secretary of State

Filing #20-07-01) on this date at 1:09 p.m. for the Department of Health and Human Services entitled, "Creating A Schedule of Fines for Violation of June 15, 2020 EO 2020-123, 2020-136 formerly 2020-108."

These rules take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect for 6 months.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Benson

Secretary of State

Melissa Malerman, Departmental Supervisor

Office of the Great Seal

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:

Office of Senator Jim Ananich

February 3, 2021

I would like to request that my name be added as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 52, a bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Sincerely,

Jim Ananich

Senate Minority Leader

District 27

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Recess

Senator Lauwers moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:05 a.m.

10:39 a.m.

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

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. 9

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

Senator Lauwers moved that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure be discharged from further consideration of the following bill:

Senate Bill No. 30, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2083) by adding section 1070a.

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

Senator Lauwers moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of General Orders, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

Senate Bill No. 30

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

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 Bayer 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:

Senate Bill No. 30, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2083) by adding section 1070a.

The bill was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Lauwers moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on Third Reading of Bills, be placed on its immediate passage:

Senate Bill No. 30

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

Third Reading of Bills

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 30, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled “Michigan memorial highway act,” (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2083) by adding section 1070a.

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. 7

Yeas—34

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

Nays—0

Excused—2

McBroom

McMorrow

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

Senator Hollier's statement is as follows:

I just want to say thank you and to just read again the Firefighter's Prayer. This memorial highway is for the father of Representative Tate. He passed 40 years ago on February 21 while being injured in the line of duty on February 17. The Firefighter's Prayer is something that my dad and I used to pray together as he went out on these runs. And so it simply says:

When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age. Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out. I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me, to guard my neighbor and protect his property. And if according to your will I have to lose my life, bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.

And this is a prayer that my dad and I used to say fairly regularly. And I thank God every day that he was always able to come home, but we know so many firefighters who are unable to do that because they protect us. And so I just really appreciate all of you for taking the time and the effort to recognize Representative Tate's father who did 40 years ago just a few weeks from now when Representative Tate was eight weeks old. Because we lose so many firefighters and folks who spend all their time protecting us. And so as you think about this I hope that you will consider honoring some other firefighters and emergency personnel in this time and in this way because these are people who are often forgotten as we think about the people who every day put their lives on the line for us.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Resolutions

Senate Resolution No. 9.

A resolution to request that that the Secretary of State and the Bureau of Elections complete the signature review process for the Unlock Michigan initiative petition.

(This resolution was reported by the Committee on Elections on February 3. See p. 130.)

The question being on the adoption of the following committee substitute:

Substitute (S-1).

The substitute was adopted.

The resolution as substituted was adopted.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bumstead's statement is as follows:

Senate Resolution No. 9 is a resolution to request the Secretary of State and the Bureau of Elections to begin the signature review and process for the Unlock Michigan initiative petition. One hundred twenty-five days ago, on October 2, 2020, Unlock Michigan filed over 500,000 signatures for its petition, and no progress has been made to verify the signatures of our residents. Earlier this week, the Secretary of State's staff said the deadline to review the Unlock Michigan petition is July 2022. The Michigan Bureau of Elections currently remains focused on the final procedures of the 2020 general election. While I appreciate that the department is focused on the 2020 election, I find it hard to believe that they can't work on the signature-verification process at the same time.

Further, just yesterday a spokesman for the Secretary of State said no amount of grandstanding or political pressure for special treatment will impact the work of the dedicated public servants at the Bureau of Elections. We are not asking Secretary Benson for special treatment. We are asking her to do the job she was elected to do.

In her 2021 State of the State Address, Governor Whitmer said, "While we had to focus on the virus, we proved that we can walk and chew gum at the same time." I couldn't agree more with the Governor's

statement. We as a state are more than capable of walking and chewing gum at the same time. I urge Secretary Benson to get this process going and completed.

Throughout the years, there have been citizen petitions I supported and others I did not. My political opinion and those of the Secretary and her staff should not matter. The process to review and verify the signatures of lawful petitions should be the same, and I believe the department should begin the necessary work to get the job done.

Colleagues, I urge you to support the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 9 so that the voices of over half a million residents can be heard.

Senator Chang's statement is as follows:

I just want to point out for everyone in this body that there is a signature review process that is already underway and that we're at 124 days. But if you look back in history not too long ago about review of other petition signatures, in 2018 the redistricting petition took 184 days to verify, the Right to Life petition in 2019 took 175 days to verify, and as noted, there is still a lot of work to be done to ensure that we are looking at the 2020 election. So I think we've got a very busy, yet understaffed Secretary of State's office that is doing a very good job and working extremely hard and I think it's very disappointing that this resolution is unnecessary and is questioning the swiftness and sincerity of the office when it's very clear that they are working actively to review these signatures.

Senators Bullock, Santana, Irwin, Wojno, Alexander, Hertel, Hollier, Ananich, Brinks, Polehanki, Bayer, Moss, Chang, Zorn, Daley, VanderWall, Victory, Barrett, MacDonald, Horn, Bizon, Shirkey, Lauwers, Johnson, McBroom, Outman and Schmidt offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 11.

A resolution to recognize February 2021 as Black History Month.

Whereas, The origins of Black History Month began first as a concept in 1915 and in earnest in 1924 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, through his beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., created Negro History and Literature Week in the United States. Since 1976, every United States President has adopted the month of February as Black History Month, an annual celebration of African-American achievements and roles in our history; and

Whereas, As a result of growing awareness of Black identity and the contributions of the Civil Rights Movement, Black History Month is a time to reflect on the burdens of racial prejudice and to explore, understand, and appreciate the identities and cultures across and within the African diaspora; and

Whereas, We pay tribute to, not only the many African-American historical figures in our nation's history, but also the hidden figures that have contributed to American ingenuity and innovation throughout the existence of this great nation, the celebration of which has evolved into a month-long celebration of Black progress and power; and

Whereas, President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history"; and

Whereas, Michigan recognizes the injustices that African-Americans have endured and commends the African-American community for the continuous pursuit of overcoming those injustices, while changing the course and nature of history. We honor the prominent leaders and activists who have paved the way for equality and justice; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize February 2021 as Black History Month; and be it further

Resolved, That we honor the contributions and sacrifices made toward building pride in Black history and educating all Americans; and be it further

Resolved, That during a national pandemic which disproportionately affects African-Americans, we join other organizations throughout the state of Michigan and this country to raise awareness about the hardships African-Americans have endured, celebrate the milestones achieved, and continue the unrelenting pursuit of equality and justice for all.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Lauwers moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Geiss, Stamas and Theis were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

Senators Schmidt, Bizon, Moss, Santana, Wojno, Hertel and LaSata offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 12.

A resolution to recognize February 2021 as School-Based Health Care Awareness Month.

Whereas, Michigan's school-based and school-linked health centers (also known as child and adolescent health centers) have delivered comprehensive primary health care, mental health care, and prevention services for over 30 years; and

Whereas, There are over 125 school-based and school-linked health centers and programs in the state of Michigan that deliver a range of primary, preventive, early intervention, and mental health services to children and youth of all grade levels in urban, rural, and suburban schools across the state; and

Whereas, Children and youth served by school-based and school-linked health centers show improved rates of school attendance, enhanced scores on standardized tests, less absenteeism due to illness, and increased immunization rates, while having their wellness and health care needs addressed; and

Whereas, School-Based Health Care Awareness Month acknowledges the commitment and passion that school-based and school-linked health center staff and parents/guardians have for all Michigan children and youth; and

Whereas, We also recognize the critical role that these individuals play in improving the health and well-being of all Michigan children and youth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize February 2021 as School-Based Health Care Awareness Month.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Lauwers moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

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

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator McBroom introduced

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.

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

Senators Ananich, McCann, Wojno, Polehanki, Chang, Hertel, Bullock, Bayer and Hollier introduced

Senate Bill No. 102, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code," by amending section 1272b (MCL 380.1272b), as amended by 2015 PA 42.

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

Senators Schmidt and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 103, entitled

A bill to provide for the rights of certain electric transmission line owners.

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

Senators Hollier, Chang, Moss, Santana, Wojno, Alexander, Ananich, Hertel, Bullock, Polehanki, Bayer, McBroom, Horn, Zorn, Outman and Schmidt introduced

Senate Bill No. 104, entitled

A bill to amend 2014 PA 259, entitled “Michigan national guard tuition assistance act,” by amending the title and sections 3 and 4 (MCL 32.433 and 32.434), section 3 as amended by 2016 PA 531.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and referred to the Committee on Families, Seniors, and Veterans.

Senators Irwin, Brinks, Wojno, Santana, Bullock, Moss and Chang introduced

Senate Bill No. 105, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” by amending section 272 (MCL 206.272), as amended by 2011 PA 38.

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

Senator VanderWall introduced

Senate Bill No. 106, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending sections 73102, 73104, and 73105 (MCL 324.73102, 324.73104, and 324.73105), section 73102 as amended by 1998 PA 546 and sections 73104 and 73105 as added by 1995 PA 58.

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

Senator MacDonald introduced

Senate Bill No. 107, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1170c.

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

Senators Chang, Irwin, Wojno, Polehanki, Bayer, Ananich, Alexander and Brinks introduced

Senate Bill No. 108, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 5525b.

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

Senators Chang, Irwin, Wojno, Polehanki, Bayer, Ananich, Alexander and Brinks introduced

Senate Bill No. 109, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 5506b.

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

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Wojno’s statement is as follows:

I rise today to ask for your help and support that at this time we all come together and act promptly to take up Senate Bill No. 2 which is currently in the Committee on Economic and Small Business Development. This bill that I have introduced will restore unemployment benefits from the current 20 weeks to 26 weeks. I know that all of us here in this chamber has a story we can share of the hardship from those who have been unemployed in our districts. We have the opportunity and responsibility to work with each other to deliver relief for so many out there right now who are experiencing financial challenges to this pandemic to be

helped. Restoring unemployment benefits an extra six weeks helps to provide that. People need hope and something to look forward to. We can help. People know that with some extra support, they'll be able to keep a roof over their heads, and we can help. People need to know that we are here in Lansing to work on other issues that matter to them, and we can help with that too.

Please, I ask you not to forget those we represent, and I urge passage of this legislation soon because we can't afford to let so many wait much longer. Michigan's hard-working families are counting on us, and I'm asking that we deliver the support they deserve.

Senator Theis' statement is as follows:

Last week a Democrat Attorney General issued a searing report about the deadly nursing home policy of her state's Democrat Governor. Of course, this didn't happen here in Michigan, because our own Attorney General has flatly denied requests to investigate our Governor's decision to expose nursing home patients to COVID-19. No, this was New York, whose Governor also issued a similarly-disastrous order—a policy that New York corrected long before our Governor corrected Michigan's policy.

So what did New York's investigation find? That at least four thousand nursing home residents died after their Governor issued an executive order requiring the facilities re-admit still suffering from COVID-19 patients. And, shockingly, that the Governor's health department had underreported COVID deaths in nursing homes by as much as 50 percent. Their Attorney General said,

It is imperative that we understand why the residents of nursing homes in New York unnecessarily suffered at such an alarming rate. While we cannot bring back the individuals we lost to the crisis, this report seeks to offer transparency that the public deserves and to spur increased action to protect our most vulnerable residents.

Meanwhile, the Democrat Chair of the Senate Investigation Committee in New York said he will use his subpoena power if necessary to get answers out of the Governor's office about this tragedy. This is what bipartisanship and accountability should actually look like. I applaud our counterparts in the New York Senate and their Attorney General for putting people before party. It is shameful that our own Attorney General here in Michigan has done the same exact opposite in refusing to investigate this tragic loss of life. The good news for Attorney General Nessel and my Democrat colleagues who have resisted looking into Governor Whitmer's decision is that it's not too late. We can still do this. You can still join us in demanding answers for the thousands of Michiganders who unnecessarily died from this virus. Michiganders who spent their last moments not surrounded by their loved ones, but suffering alone.

Senator Bullock's statement is as follows:

Colleagues I simply rise to thank you for your support of the resolution to recognize February 2021 as Black History Month. The theme this year is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity."

My brother, the Senator from the 27th District gave you a brief overview yesterday of Black History Month so I'm just going to help you with paying homage to Carter Godwin Woodson, the "Father of Black History," where in 1924 through the beloved Omega Psi Phi fraternity, of which I am a proud member, organized Negro History and Literature Week. Then in February of 1926 he launched the celebration of Negro History Week, which was the precursor to what we now say is Black History Month. February was chosen to bracket President Abraham Lincoln's and activist and scholar Frederick Douglass's birthdays, which is why February was chosen. Brother Woodson was also one of the first scholars to study African American history, collected thousands of artifacts and publications for historical research, and eventually founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Black History Month would not be the celebration it is today without his tireless contribution. Brother Woodson's intention has never been to dictate or limit the exploration of the Black experience, but to bring to the public's attention important developments that merit emphasis.

President Gerald Ford, a Michigan man, officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history" and beyond. And every U.S. President has adopted the month of February as Black History Month throughout. It's an annual celebration of achievements and roles in our history where we pay tribute to not only the many Black American historical figures in our nation's history, but also the hidden figures that have contributed to American ingenuity and innovation throughout the existence of this great nation and beyond. This celebration has evolved into a month-long celebration of Black progress and power, however, those that truly understand, Black history is every day. Black history is a part of American history, which is why I also want to encourage you to follow the Senator from the 3rd District in making Juneteenth a state holiday.

Here in Michigan we recognize the injustices that Black Americans have endured and commend Black excellence for the continuous pursuit of overcoming these injustices while changing the course and nature of history. It should not go unnoticed that during a national pandemic which disproportionately affects Black America, to mention the lead scientist, Dr. Corbett, a Black woman on the development of a COVID-19 vaccine. We continue to use this occasion to raise awareness about the hardships Black Americans have endured, we honor the prominent leaders and activists who have paved the way for equality and justice. We have a shining example right here in this chamber—Garlin Gilchrist being the first Black Lieutenant Governor in Michigan history. And on the national stage, Kamala Harris being the first Black woman Vice President, so let's celebrate the milestones achieved and continue the unrelenting pursuit of equality and justice for all. With that being said, a few members have not signed onto this resolution, so turn to your left, get on your laptop, and sign on so we have a unanimous decision there.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, February 3, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos.	97	98	99	100										
House Bill Nos.	4089	4090	4091	4092	4093	4094	4095	4096	4097	4098	4099	4100	4101	
	4102	4103	4104	4105	4106	4107	4108	4109	4110	4111	4112	4113	4114	
	4115	4116	4117	4118	4119	4120	4121							

Committee Reports

The Committee on Elections reported

Senate Resolution No. 9.

A resolution to request that that the Secretary of State and the Bureau of Elections complete the signature review process for the Unlock Michigan initiative petition.

(For text of resolution, see Senate Journal No. 4, p. 90.)

With the recommendation that the following substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the resolution then be adopted:

A resolution to request that the Secretary of State and the Bureau of Elections complete the signature review process for the Unlock Michigan initiative petition.

Whereas, Government must always respond to citizens in a timely and accurate manner. Democracy demands that government serve its citizens with the utmost efficiency; and

Whereas, Over three months ago, on October 2, 2020, Unlock Michigan filed over 500,000 signatures for its petition to repeal the Emergency Powers of Governor Act, 1945 PA 302, MCL 10.31 to 10.33, entitled “an act authorizing the governor to proclaim a state of emergency, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the governor with respect thereto; and to prescribe penalties”; and

Whereas, Multiple statewide petition proposals from recent years have been processed in less than three months, including some in much less time. The Director of the Bureau of Elections stated in an affidavit that “it takes approximately 60 days to complete the random sampling and challenge process.” Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has said petition review could take 105 days; and

Whereas, When citizens lawfully petition their government in an action of direct democracy, it is imperative that the government act swiftly and sincerely; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we request that the Secretary of State and the Bureau of Elections complete the signature review process for the Unlock Michigan initiative petition; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of State, the Director of the Bureau of Elections, and the Board of State Canvassers.

Ruth A. Johnson
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Johnson, McBroom and VanderWall

Nays: None

The resolution and the substitute recommended by the committee were placed on the order of Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Elections submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Johnson (C), McBroom, VanderWall and Wojno

The Committee on Families, Seniors, and Veterans reported

Senate Bill No. 10, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled "Open meetings act," by amending section 8 (MCL 15.268), as amended by 2018 PA 467.

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

John Bizon, M.D.

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Bizon, Barrett, Runestad, Johnson, Zorn, Bullock and Alexander

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 Families, Seniors, and Veterans submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., Room 403, Fourth Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Bizon (C), Barrett, Runestad, Johnson, Zorn, Bullock and Alexander

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections and Judiciary submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Bizon (C), Runestad and Hollier

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Appropriations submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators Stamas (C), Bumstead, Barrett, Bizon, LaSata, MacDonald, Nesbitt, Outman, Runestad, Schmidt, Victory, Daley, Hertel, Bayer, Hollier, Irwin, McCann and Santana

Scheduled Meetings

Advice and Consent – Thursdays, February 11, February 18, and February 25, 12:00 noon, Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5314

Appropriations –**Subcommittees –**

Corrections and Judiciary – Wednesday, February 10, 11:30 a.m. or immediately following session, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

General Government – Wednesday, February 10, 3:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

Universities and Community Colleges – Thursday, February 11, 3:00 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-2768

Education and Career Readiness with House Education – Tuesday, February 9, 12:00 noon, Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (517) 373-5314

Energy and Technology – Tuesday, February 9, 2:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (517) 373-1721

Families, Seniors, and Veterans – Wednesday, February 10, 3:00 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-1721

Senator LaSata moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:09 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, declared the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

MARGARET O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate