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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator Jeremy Moss.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the Senate, who announced that a quorum was present.

Albert—present
Anthony—present
Bayer—present
Bellino—present
Brinks—present
Bumstead—excused
Camilleri—excused
Cavanagh—present
Chang—present
Cherry—present
Daley—present
Damoose—present
Geiss—present

Hauck—present
Hertel—present
Hoitenga—present
Huizenga—present
Irwin—present
Johnson—present
Klinefelt—present
Lauwers—present
Lindsey—present
McBroom—present
McCann—present
McDonald Rivet—present
McMorrow—present

Moss—present
Nesbitt—present
Outman—present
Polehanki—present
Runestad—excused
Santana—present
Shink—present
Singh—present
Theis—present
Victory—present
Webber—present
Wojno—present

Senator Dan Lauwers of the 25th District offered the following invocation:

Lord of all creation, bless this body and all who work in this chamber. Help us to always remain humble and kind. Amen.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Senators Singh and Johnson entered the Senate Chamber.

Motions and Communications

Senator Lauwers moved that Senators Hauck and Theis be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lauwers moved that Senators Runestad and Bumstead be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Singh moved that Senator Geiss be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Singh moved that Senator Camilleri be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Johnson and Runestad introduced

Senate Bill No. 832, entitled

A bill to authorize the making of medical treatment decisions for another individual under certain circumstances; to prohibit the authorization of certain types of medical treatment; and to provide for certain liability.

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

Senators Geiss, Bayer, Shink and Damoose introduced

Senate Bill No. 833, entitled

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

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

Senator Theis entered the Senate Chamber.

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:07 a.m.

10:35 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator Moss.

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

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

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

The motion prevailed, and the President pro tempore, Senator Moss, designated Senator McMorrow as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President pro tempore, Senator Moss, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bill:

House Bill No. 4580, entitled

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

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

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

House Bill No. 4131, entitled

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

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:

House Bill No. 4213, entitled

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

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:

House Bill No. 4579, entitled

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

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.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Resolutions

Senator Singh moved that rule 3.204 be suspended to permit immediate consideration of the following resolution:
Senate Resolution No. 109

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

Senators Chang and Webber offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 109.

A resolution to recognize April 2024 as Autism Acceptance Month.

Whereas, Autism, also known as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects millions of people worldwide and is characterized by difficulties in social interaction, communication, and repetitive behaviors; and

Whereas, Autism affects individuals in unique ways and can range from mild to severe, requiring different levels of support and services; and

Whereas, Autism Acceptance Day is observed on the second Tuesday of April each year as a time to raise awareness and understanding about autism and to celebrate the unique strengths and abilities of individuals on the autism spectrum; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize April 2024 as Autism Acceptance Month. We acknowledge and support individuals with autism and their families, and affirm our commitment to promoting, understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals on the autism spectrum in all aspects of community life; and be it further

Resolved, That we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of individuals on the autism spectrum to our society and support efforts to provide them with equal opportunities. We call upon all members of our community to work together to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for individuals on the autism spectrum and to raise awareness about the importance of early intervention and access to services.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators Geiss, McMorrow and Wojno were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Chang's statement, in which Senator Webber concurred, is as follows:

I am proud to—together with the Senator from the 9th District—offer this important resolution today, proclaiming April 2024 as Autism Acceptance Month here in the state of Michigan. During this month and the whole year, we acknowledge individuals on the autism spectrum as fully valuable and capable residents of our state and celebrate all their contributions to our society.

Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects millions worldwide and is characterized by difficulties in social interaction, communication, and repetitive behaviors. Many of us have autistic family members, friends, or neighbors. About one in 36 children are identified with autism spectrum disorder, and one in 45 adults has autism. Autism affects individuals in unique ways and can range in severity. Autism looks different for everyone. Some autistic people can speak; others are nonverbal. Some need a lot of assistance; others can live independently. An autistic person's experiences, challenges, and needs can change over their lifetime. Support methods for one person might not work for the next person.

The CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network found racial disparities—the percentage of eight-year-old Black, Hispanic, and Asian or Pacific Islander children identified with autism was higher than among eight-year-old white children. This is the opposite of previously observed racial and ethnic differences. They also found that boys were nearly four times as likely to be identified as girls, but the percentage of eight-year-old girls is now more than one percent.

This resolution today is a reminder of how important it is that we increase understanding about autism and encourage greater acceptance, inclusion, and celebration of people with autism. Every individual on the spectrum is individually unique, and having a greater encompassing awareness and acceptance of ASD will greatly benefit our Michigan communities. Let's work together to make sure that all autistic individuals are seen, recognized for who they are, and have the opportunities they deserve.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Tuesday, April 16, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 829 830 831

Committee Reports

The Committee on Appropriations reported

Senate Bill No. 817, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for certain capital outlay projects for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; to provide for expenditure of the appropriations; and to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations.

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.

Sarah Anthony
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Anthony, McCann, McDonald Rivet, Cherry, Bayer, Santana, Shink, Irwin, Hertel, Camilleri, Klinefelt, McMorro, Cavanagh, Bumstead, Albert, Damoose, Huizenga and Outman

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 Appropriations submitted the following:

Meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Anthony (C), McCann, McDonald Rivet, Cherry, Bayer, Santana, Shink, Irwin, Hertel, Camilleri, Klinefelt, McMorro, Cavanagh, Bumstead, Albert, Damoose, Huizenga and Outman

Excused: Senator Theis

The Committee on Housing and Human Services reported

House Bill No. 4331, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 2227 (MCL 500.2227), as amended by 2014 PA 509.

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

Jeff Irwin
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Senators Lindsey and Hoitenga

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

The Committee on Housing and Human Services reported

House Bill No. 4332, entitled

A bill to amend 1909 PA 279, entitled "The home rule city act," by amending section 4q (MCL 117.4q), as amended by 2013 PA 188.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Jeff Irwin
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Senators Lindsey and Hoitenga

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Housing and Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Irwin (C), Santana, Cavanagh, Bayer, Shink, Chang, Cherry, Geiss, Lindsey, Hoitenga and Damoose

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Military, Veterans, State Police submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Hertel (C), Klinefelt and Theis

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on PreK-12 submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 12:00 noon, Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Camilleri (C), Polehanki, Hertel, Klinefelt, Cavanagh, McDonald Rivet, Theis and Albert

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Polehanki (C), Geiss, Chang, Camilleri, McDonald Rivet, Damoose and Johnson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on LARA/DIFS submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Cavanagh (C), Santana and Theis

Scheduled Meetings**Appropriations –****Subcommittees –**

Corrections and Judiciary – Thursday, April 18, 1:30 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

EGLE – Thursday, April 18, 3:00 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-2768

Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety – Thursday, April 18, 12:00 noon, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5312

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:46 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate