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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

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—present
Camilleri—present
Cavanagh—present
Chang—present
Cherry—present
Daley—present
Damoose—present
Geiss—present

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

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

Senator Stephanie Chang of the 3rd District offered the following invocation:

There is too much hardship in this world to not find joy, every day. There is too much injustice in this world to not right the balance, every day. There is too much pain in this world to not heal, every day. Each of us ministers to a weary world. Let us go forth now and do that which calls us to make this world more loving, more compassionate, and more filled with the grace of divine presence, every day.

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

Motions and Communications

The following communication was received:

Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

March 14, 2025

Section 4 of the Michigan Trust Fund Act (Public Act 489 of 2000) requires the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity to submit reports to the Governor and the Michigan Legislature summarizing activities of the Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve Fund. Pursuant to these requirements, attached is the FY 2024 report. Additionally included are reports on activities for the Critical Industry Program and the Michigan Strategic Site Readiness Program as required by Sections 88s and 88t of the Strategic Fund Act (Public Act 270 of 1984).

If you have any questions, please contact Jayshona Hicks, LEO Director of Legislative Affairs at HicksJ15@michigan.gov or 248-200-9134.

Greg Rivet, Director
Bureau of Administrative Services

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:

Michigan Strategic Fund

March 14, 2025

The Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) is required to submit an annual report to the governor and the Michigan Legislature summarizing activities and program spending for the previous fiscal year. This requirement is contained within the Michigan Strategic Fund Act (Public Act 270 of 1984) and boilerplate from the FY2025 Omnibus Budget (PA 121 of 2024).

The annual report for the MSF and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) as required in Section 501 of Public Act 121 of 2024 as well as the consolidated MSF Act reporting requirements found in Section 125.2009 of the MSF Act is available here on the transparency page of our website.

To further consolidate legislative reporting, the report includes the following budget boilerplate and statutory reports.

- Pure Michigan Annual Report (Section 503)
 - Michigan Business Development Program and Michigan Community Revitalization Program amendments (Section 506)
 - Corporate budget, revenue, expenditures/activities and state vs. corporate FTEs (Section 507)
 - Jobs for Michigan Investment Fund (Section 510)
 - Michigan Film incentives status (Section 515)
 - Michigan Film & Digital Media Office activities (Section 515)
 - Business incubators and accelerators annual report (Section 516)
 - Business Attraction and Community Revitalization (Section 522)
 - Community Revitalization and Placemaking Grant Program (Section 1094 of Public Act 87 of 2021)
 - Critical Industry Program and Strategic Site Readiness Program (Sections 88s and 88t; MSF Act)
 - State Historic Tax Credit Program Report (Sections 266a[15] and 676[15] of Public Act 343 of 2020)
- Please contact our Office of Legislative Affairs at medcgovrelations@michigan.org if you have any questions.

Quentin L. Messer Jr., President
Michigan Strategic Fund

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

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

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

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

March 13, 2025

Enclosed is a copy of the following reports:

- Preliminary survey summary of the Office of Banking, Department of Insurance and Financial Services (651-0145-25).
- Report on internal control, compliance, and other matters of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (815-0406-25).

Sincerely,
Doug Ringler
Auditor General

The preliminary survey summary and audit report were referred to the Committee on Oversight.

Senator Singh moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

Senate Bill No. 111

Senate Bill No. 112

Senate Bill No. 113

Senate Bill No. 114

Senate Bill No. 116

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of
Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Bellino entered the Senate Chamber.

Senators Cavanagh, Shink, Damoose, McMorrow, Victory, Klinefelt, Polehanki, Geiss, Bayer and Irwin introduced

Senate Bill No. 158, entitled

A bill to regulate the online sale of tickets for entertainment events; and to prohibit certain methods, acts, and practices in the sale or purchase of tickets for entertainment events.

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

Senators Damoose, Cavanagh, Shink, Klinefelt, Geiss, McMorrow, Bayer and Irwin introduced

Senate Bill No. 159, entitled

A bill to provide for certain investigations for violating the event online ticket sales act; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and departments; and to prescribe civil sanctions and provide certain remedies.

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

Senators Shink, Chang, Geiss and Bayer introduced

Senate Bill No. 160, entitled

A bill to enact the uniform premarital and marital agreements act; and to determine how and when a premarital or marital agreement is enforced.

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

Senator Bumstead introduced

Senate Bill No. 161, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled “Worker’s disability compensation act of 1969,” by amending section 405 (MCL 418.405), as amended by 2021 PA 129.

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

Senator Anthony introduced

Senate Bill No. 162, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, adjust, and consolidate appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator McCann introduced

Senate Bill No. 163, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 for capital outlay to finance projects to demolish, construct, renovate, or equip buildings and facilities on state property, property owned by institutions of higher education and community colleges, and property under the control of the state building authority; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Bayer introduced

Senate Bill No. 164, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Bayer introduced

Senate Bill No. 165, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Camilleri introduced

Senate Bill No. 166, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 11 and 17b (MCL 388.1611 and 388.1617b), section 11 as amended by 2024 PA 148 and section 17b as amended by 2007 PA 137.

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

Senator McCann introduced

Senate Bill No. 167, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 236 and 241 (MCL 388.1836 and 388.1841), as amended by 2024 PA 120.

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

Senator McCann introduced

Senate Bill No. 168, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 201 and 206 (MCL 388.1801 and 388.1806), as amended by 2024 PA 120.

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

Senator Shink introduced

Senate Bill No. 169, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of corrections for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Shink introduced

Senate Bill No. 170, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the judiciary for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Cherry introduced

Senate Bill No. 171, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of agriculture and rural development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Cherry introduced

Senate Bill No. 172, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of natural resources for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Cherry introduced

Senate Bill No. 173, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the legislature, the executive, the department of the attorney general, the department of state, the department of treasury, the department of technology, management, and budget, the department of civil rights, and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies; and to declare the effect of this act.

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

Senator Klinefelt introduced

Senate Bill No. 174, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the state transportation department for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 175, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 176, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Cavanagh introduced

Senate Bill No. 177, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of licensing and regulatory affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Cavanagh introduced

Senate Bill No. 178, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of insurance and financial services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Cavanagh introduced

Senate Bill No. 179, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of labor and economic opportunity for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 180, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of health and human services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Irwin introduced

Senate Bill No. 181, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Anthony introduced

Senate Bill No. 182, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Anthony introduced

Senate Bill No. 183, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 11, 17b, 201, 206, 236, and 241 (MCL 388.1611, 388.1617b, 388.1801, 388.1806, 388.1836, and 388.1841), section 11 as amended by 2024 PA 148, section 17b as amended by 2007 PA 137, and sections 201, 206, 236, and 241 as amended by 2024 PA 120.

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

Senator Anthony introduced

Senate Bill No. 184, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Anthony introduced

Senate Bill No. 185, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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

Senator Anthony introduced

Senate Bill No. 186, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 11, 17b, 201, 206, 236, and 241 (MCL 388.1611, 388.1617b, 388.1801, 388.1806, 388.1836, and 388.1841), section 11 as amended by 2024 PA 148, section 17b as amended by 2007 PA 137, and sections 201, 206, 236, and 241 as amended by 2024 PA 120.

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

House Bill No. 4025, entitled

A bill to amend 1933 PA 167, entitled “General sales tax act,” by amending section 4// (MCL 205.54//), as added by 2023 PA 15.

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

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

House Bill No. 4026, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled “Use tax act,” by amending section 4// (MCL 205.94//), as added by 2023 PA 14.

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

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

House Bill No. 4060, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending sections 681 and 684 (MCL 380.681 and 380.684), section 681 as amended by 2016 PA 532 and section 684 as amended by 2016 PA 535.

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

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

House Bill No. 4150, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending sections 1531h and 1538 (MCL 380.1531h and 380.1538), section 1531h as added and section 1538 as amended by 2007 PA 144.

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

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

House Bill No. 4151, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending section 1531 (MCL 380.1531), as amended by 2023 PA 110.

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

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

House Bill No. 4153, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending sections 501, 521, 551, 1231, 1233, 1311b, 1526, 1535a, and 1809 (MCL 380.501, 380.521, 380.551, 380.1231, 380.1233, 380.1311b, 380.1526, 380.1535a, and 380.1809), sections 501 and 551 as amended by 2016 PA 192, section 521 as added by 2003 PA 179, section 1231 as amended by 2020 PA 23, section 1233 as amended

by 2023 PA 111, section 1311b as amended by 2012 PA 620, section 1526 as amended by 2023 PA 110, section 1535a as amended by 2016 PA 532, and section 1809 as amended by 2020 PA 384, and by adding section 1531I.

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

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 McMorro as Chairperson.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Committee of the Whole recess subject to the call of the Chairperson. The motion prevailed, the time being, the time being 10:17 a.m.

10:56 a.m.

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by the Chairperson, Senator McMorro.

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

Senate Bill No. 51, entitled

A bill to declare the powers and duties of the Black leadership advisory council; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities.

Senate Bill No. 116, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending section 4105 (MCL 289.4105), as amended by 2016 PA 188.

Senate Bill No. 112, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 159g (MCL 750.159g), as amended by 2022 PA 174.

Senate Bill No. 113, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 174a (MCL 750.174a), as amended by 2013 PA 34.

Senate Bill No. 114, entitled

A bill to provide for the creation of a vulnerable adult multidisciplinary team; to prescribe the powers and duties of a vulnerable adult multidisciplinary team; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

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. 82, entitled

A bill to protect the safety of judges and certain other individuals; to protect certain information of judges and certain other individuals from disclosure; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and certain other people and entities; and to provide remedies.

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. 111, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judiciary act of 1961,” (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 2950p.

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.

During the Committee of the Whole, Senator Geiss entered the Senate Chamber.

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

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

Senate Bill No. 81

Senate Bill No. 25

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 81, entitled

A bill to amend 2013 PA 93, entitled “Michigan indigent defense commission act,” by amending the title and sections 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, and 23 (MCL 780.983, 780.985, 780.987, 780.989, 780.991, 780.993, 780.995, 780.997, 780.1001, and 780.1003), section 3 as amended by 2019 PA 108, sections 5, 9, 11, 13, 15, and 17 as amended by 2018 PA 214, and section 7 as amended by 2018 PA 443, and by adding section 14.

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. 36

Yeas—25

Anthony	Damoose	Klinefelt	Santana
Bayer	Geiss	McBroom	Shink
Brinks	Hertel	McCann	Singh
Camilleri	Huizenga	McMorrow	Victory
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Webber
Chang	Johnson	Polehanki	Wojno
Cherry			

Nays—12

Albert	Daley	Lauwers	Outman
Bellino	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bumstead	Hoitenga	Nesbitt	Theis

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Shink’s statement is as follows:

I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 81. This bill, which passed the Senate with bipartisan support last session, ensures that children accused of serious crimes have access to competent legal representation regardless of their financial status and ensures that their constitutional rights are protected. This can make the difference between a bright future for young people or a life of struggle and incarceration.

The bill adds a voting member to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission who has experience defending youth and delinquency proceedings. The bill allows the MIDC to establish standards and procedures for the determination of indigency. These changes will ensure that the fundamental right of legal counsel is accessible to all of Michigan’s children.

I ask that you support this bipartisan bill to ensure that children in Michigan will not be denied their constitutional rights and will be guaranteed fairness, justice, and the brighter future we’d prefer.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 25, entitled

A bill to amend 1974 PA 300, entitled “Motor vehicle service and repair act,” by amending sections 2, 13b, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 30, 32, 32a, 33, and 40 (MCL 257.1302, 257.1313b, 257.1314, 257.1315, 257.1316, 257.1317, 257.1318, 257.1330, 257.1332, 257.1332a, 257.1333, and 257.1340), section 2 as amended by 2020 PA 227 and sections 13b and 32a as added and sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 30, 32, and 33 as amended by 2016 PA 430, and by adding section 30a.

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. 37

Yeas—37

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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 resolutions:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4

Senate Resolution No. 18

Senate Resolution No. 19

Senate Resolution No. 20

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

Senator Singh offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

A concurrent resolution to prescribe the legislative schedule.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, March 20, 2025, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.; and be it further Resolved, That when the House of Representatives adjourns on Thursday, March 27, 2025, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being on the adoption of the concurrent resolution,

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Senators Chang, Cavanagh, Geiss, Santana, Anthony, Bayer, McMorro, Camilleri, Shink and Polehanki offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 18.

A resolution affirming that the Michigan Senate recognizes diversity, equity, and inclusion as essential foundational principles for achieving the American Dream and encouraging policymakers, educational institutions, workplaces, and other organizations throughout the state and nation to adopt and uphold these principles in their work.

Whereas, The concept of the American Dream embodies the ideals of opportunity, prosperity, and upward mobility, promising that every person in our nation - including Michiganders - should have the chance to achieve personal success and fulfillment through hard work and dedication. Essential to the American Dream is the promise that it belongs to all of us, not just a few; and

Whereas, The principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion perfectly embody the spirit of the American Dream, and our highest achievements as a state and nation have been realized when diversity, equity, and inclusion-informed policies harness the strength of people from all backgrounds. Diversity, equity, and inclusion policies are deeply rooted in America's founding principles and are embodied in our nation's long history of civil rights efforts aimed at delivering laws, policies, and initiatives that enable our society to live up to its constitutionally mandated promises. The 19th Amendment, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, among other diversity, equity, and inclusion-informed legal instruments, reflect the corrective actions taken throughout our nation's history to guarantee access to the educational, economic, and civil obligations and capacities we have to offer; and

Whereas, Diversity, equity, and inclusion-informed policies are committed to widening pathways for achieving the American Dream in every community so that all our citizens - in Michigan and beyond - can reap the benefits of shared prosperity in our nation. Policies informed by the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion can remove barriers to opportunity, strengthen productivity and morale across workplaces, increase innovation throughout industries, and ultimately bring satisfaction to Americans everywhere as a result of a healthy, vibrant economy open to all of us. Ultimately, adopting and maintaining diversity, equity, and inclusion-informed policies helps ensure that every individual - regardless of cultural, religious, or ethnic background - can fully participate in all aspects of society; and

Whereas, As diversity, equity, and inclusion principles reflect the fundamental rights enshrined in our nation and state's respective constitutions, we are compelled to adopt and promote them. Freedom of speech and expression are foundational rights at both the state and federal levels; together, they guarantee the right of individuals to voice their ideas and opinions without interference, punishment, or retaliation by the government. Any elected leaders who attempt to prohibit or otherwise limit diversity, equity, and inclusion-informed policies are acting at odds with the principles underlying these essential rights, restricting the ability of individuals to freely express themselves, diminishing the diversity of perspectives that strengthen our society, and undermining the spirit of anti-discrimination laws and policies; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we affirm our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion as an essential foundation for achieving the American Dream and fostering environments where all individuals have the freedom to be healthy, prosperous, and safe and have the opportunity to realize their full potential; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage local, state, and federal policymakers, educational institutions, workplaces, and other organizations to adopt and uphold the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion which promote inclusivity, protect freedom of expression, remove barriers, and provide equitable opportunities for every American to pursue their dreams; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Governor, and the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, 1/5 of the members present voting therefor.
The resolution was adopted, a majority of the members voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 38

Yeas—19

Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Santana
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Shink
Brinks	Geiss	McMorrow	Singh
Camilleri	Hertel	Moss	Wojno
Cavanagh	Irwin	Polehanki	

Nays—18

Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis
Bumstead	Huizenga	Nesbitt	Victory
Daley	Johnson	Outman	Webber
Damoose	Lauwers		

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Protests

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

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

The motion prevailed.

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

Well, colleagues, the American dream isn’t about handouts or forced outcomes. It’s about hard work, individual merit, and the freedom to fall and rise on your own terms. The DEI agenda reeks of the same big-government nonsense that President Trump fought against—telling people who to hire, who to promote, and how to think, all based on a cultural Marxist ideology that pits Americans against each other. It’s the exact opposite of E Pluribus Unum—out of many, one.

We all want hardworking Michiganders to succeed, but not through a system that sacrifices merit for discriminatory quotas. Michigan’s Senate should be focused on real priorities, priorities that matter to working families around the state—the education of children, fixing our roads, protecting our communities—not pandering to woke bureaucrats and left-wing ideologues. Educational institutions should teach kids how to think, not what to think. Workplaces should reward results, not checkboxes.

This resolution isn’t about unity; it’s division dressed up as progress. I think our President shows us we can win by putting America first—our values, our workers, and our families—not by bowing to every trendy ideology that comes along. Let’s reject this overreach, vote “no” on this resolution, keep Michigan strong, and protect the true American Dream: equal opportunity, not equal outcomes.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Chang's statement is as follows:

Many Michiganders are here because of the American Dream. Whether it was European immigrants who contributed to our education system or worked in mining or lumbering, or those who came here to work in the auto industry, the Mitten State was a place of opportunity. Whether it was African Americans who came up to Michigan during the Great Migration seeking jobs and escaping the segregated South, or Asian immigrants who came here to study at our universities, Michigan has been a place that so many have chosen to call home. Whether it was Latino immigrants who came to work on farms or start businesses, or Arab immigrants who came to work in Henry Ford's factories or years later came fleeing war, our state has been a beacon of hope.

Senate Resolution No. 18 affirms that a key part of the American Dream are the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The ideals of opportunity, prosperity, and upward mobility for all people, regardless of where they come from, their background, who they love, or what religious background, are core to the American story—and the Michigan story. Essential to the American Dream is the promise that it belongs to all of us, not just a few.

Policies regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion are about widening pathways for achieving the American Dream in every community so that all people can reap the benefits of shared prosperity in our nation. These policies are about removing barriers to opportunity, strengthening productivity, increasing innovation, and building a healthy, vibrant economy. They are about freedom of expression and the ability of all Michiganders to pursue a brighter future.

What does diversity, equity, and inclusion look like? It looks like helping more women and girls enter science, technology, engineering, and math fields. It looks like inclusive education for students with disabilities in our schools. It looks like Lunar New Year programs, Black History Month, and Women's History Month programs on college campuses. It looks like LGBTQ centers on campuses, providing support and saving lives. It looks like retention programs to support marginalized and first-generation students to stay in college and succeed. It looks like training to make sure that law enforcement and health care professionals know how to treat everyone in a culturally appropriate way which leads to safer, more positive interactions and better health outcomes. It looks like entrepreneurship programs and mentorship for Black and brown innovators who are bringing improvements to their communities every day.

As attacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion continue at the federal level, we must remind ourselves that we're not talking about an acronym—say each word and consider its impact for real people. We must consider our values and our responsibility to every Michigander, no matter who they are. And we must consider whether we want to move our state and nation forward, or set ourselves back decades. I choose forward.

If we are serious about delivering a better Michigan for all people, it is important to protect our progress and recognize that diversity, equity, and inclusion is, in fact, integral to that goal that is the American Dream. I ask for your support.

Senator Runestad's statement is as follows:

With all the issues that are facing Michigan—many, many extremely important issues—I have to wonder what dysfunctional universe the Democrats live in bringing up a resolution demanding equity. For anyone who does not understand, equity means an outcome, demanding an outcome. Not equality, where everyone gets an equal chance, but making sure an outcome is achieved, which is against the Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause.

It has now been 390 days since bills were introduced in this chamber to crack down on fentanyl that is killing Michiganders every single day—eight fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters, every single day. Every village, city, and township virtually in this state has been impacted. More than 3,000 lives have been lost here in the state of Michigan since we introduced these bills in this chamber. Children have been orphaned, wives widowed, parents suffering unthinkable pain of losing a child. Yet, the majority refuses to even allow a vote—won't even contemplate a hearing on this important series of bills. So what vital, all-important priority trumps the fentanyl deaths? Passing DEI resolutions, that's what. The Democrats are focused on asking our schools to teach DEI instead of the three Rs, this when 60 percent of the kids here in the state of Michigan cannot read at grade level.

Mr. President, I hear Democrats have been doing a lot of soul searching trying to figure out what went wrong in last November's elections. Here's a hint: when you are focused on resolutions promoting DEI instead of addressing the massive academic underperformance of our students, or the fentanyl crisis, you might just be out of touch with the priorities of the people here in the state of Michigan.

Senator Irwin's statement is as follows:

I rise to support this resolution, which identifies and focuses on some of the most important values that we have as Americans. When we're at our best, we're a land of equal opportunity—chances for people to act of their own accord, live in a free country, and chase their own dreams. But we know that this country has often pushed those dreams further away from certain groups who don't look like their neighbors, who don't love like their neighbors, or who don't act like their neighbors. One of the core principles of this nation was that we would respect everyone's freedom, that we would welcome everyone into the circle of community.

It's telling that we hear once again from Republicans that any effort to highlight our country's march towards actually realizing our highest ideals for all Americans is an attack on the privilege that they enjoy, is an attack on the wealthy people who they come here to represent, and it's an attack on the winners who Republicans want to make sure continue to be winners, continue to keep the losers down in this capitalist, winner-take-all society. Well, I will tell you one thing: I, for one, support resolutions that say, Let's widen the circle, let's bring all Americans in, let's give everyone an opportunity to succeed, and let's not continue to put up the ugly, racist, xenophobic, nativist barriers that we've been fighting against for hundreds of years as we try to bring this country closer to the ideals that good Americans believe in.

Senator Singh offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 19.

A resolution to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Ronald McDonald House Charities®.

Whereas, The mission of the Ronald McDonald Charities (RMHC) is to provide essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare; and

Whereas, In October 1974, the first Ronald McDonald House opened its doors in Philadelphia and has since transformed into a network of over 385 Ronald McDonald Houses, 270 Family Room programs, and more than 40 Care Mobiles across the globe; and

Whereas, RMHC has five locations across Michigan, including Lansing, Detroit, Grand Rapids, and two in Ann Arbor, offering families a place to stay, enjoy hot meals, and support to families while their child is receiving care; and

Whereas, The Ronald McDonald Family Rooms allow families to rest and find comfort within the hospital where their child is receiving care; and

Whereas, Going beyond helping those at hospitals, RMHC takes their care to the communities in need with Care Mobiles, which provide dental care, medical diagnosis and treatment, as well as health education and resources to underserved communities; and

Whereas, RMHC provided 2.7 million overnight stays to families in 2023 alone, and fostered the creation of over 1,000 programs in 62 countries; and

Whereas, From October 2024 to October 2025, RMHC is celebrating 50 years since it opened its doors; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Ronald McDonald House Charities® and all the work they have done to help those in need.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Singh's statement, in which Senators Irwin, Huizenga, Chang and Shink concurred, is as follows: I am proud and honored to be joined by my colleagues from all over the state to celebrate and congratulate the Ronald McDonald House Charities. We all have a Ronald McDonald House in our districts.

This resolution that you have in front of you commemorates the Ronald McDonald House Charities that was established in 1974. They have been keeping families together and near the medical care they need ever since that time. Their ever-growing network allows them to reach all corners of the globe, including five districts here in Michigan. They're located in Detroit, Grand Rapids, two in Ann Arbor, and one only a few blocks from this chamber here in the Lansing area.

Ronald McDonald House Charities has been helping millions of families with sick children find comfort, and provide vital resources and compassionate care while they've persevered through some of the toughest life battles that they are dealing with. They have supported over 2.7 million families in more than 62 countries across the globe. Not only have they been there for families receiving care at hospitals, they've also been taking care of those families that need through their mobile care unit program. This program has 40 state-of-the-art mobile units across the globe that bring dental, medical, and health care services to underserved communities.

Today, with this resolution, we commemorate and honor the Ronald McDonald House Charities for 50 years of service to those in need across the globe and for their continued efforts to support the health and well-being of Michiganders as well.

Senator Brinks offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 20.

A resolution to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Resolved by the Senate, That Rule 1.114 of the Standing Rules of the Senate be hereby amended to read as follows:

1.114 ENROLLMENT OF BILLS AND PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNOR

a) After a Senate bill has passed both houses, the Secretary of the Senate shall attend to the enrollment printing of the bill. The Secretary of the Senate shall present the enrolled bill to the Governor and obtain a receipt verifying the exact date and time the bill was deposited in the Executive Office.

b) Unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate may enroll a Senate bill while the Senate is not in session if that bill has passed both houses and no action is pending on the bill. If the only action pending on such a bill is the granting of immediate effect, and the Senate has adjourned sine die, immediate effect shall not be given, and the Secretary shall enroll the bill. The Secretary of the Senate shall notify the Senate of such action on the next Senate legislative day.

c) When a Senate bill is approved by the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate shall obtain a receipt from the Executive Office verifying the exact date and time the bill was filed with the Secretary of State. At the end of each year, the Secretary of the Senate shall deposit with the Secretary of State the official printed copy of the Senate bill as passed by both houses and obtain a receipt.

d) If a House bill has passed both houses, if the House previously enrolled that bill, and if the House provides that bill to the Senate for the purpose of presentation to the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate shall present the enrolled bill to the Governor and obtain a receipt verifying the exact date and time the bill was deposited in the Executive Office.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Anthony's statement is as follows:

We are well into the development of another state budget and as Appropriations Chair, I remain committed to ensuring that we're building a budget that makes sure everyone has fighting chance at success. Yet, at a time when we are working so hard to incorporate cost-saving measures into every part of our state budget, we continue to dodge jab after jab from the Trump administration that seems dead set on making life harder for people who actually keep this country running—our hardest working Michiganders.

Each day, we wake up to a new economic proposal from a federal government that's designed to help the ultra rich get even further ahead. An administration that imposes shortsighted and reckless tariffs on our closest trade partners, tariffs that leave the rest of us to foot the bill. American workers and workers right here in our state are scared, especially the hardworking men and women from our steel and lumber industries, our auto workers, and of course, our farmers. When confronted with the economic catastrophe that lies ahead, the President offers empty platitudes and chalks it up as "a little short-term pain." Think about that—short-term pain. This President and Republicans in D.C. have justified these blanket tariffs as necessary to protect core American industries, but I ask you, does anything represent the ideals of America and the dream that we all strive to more than our family farmers? Farmers that I've met throughout my district certainly don't have time for any length of pain and neither do families who rely on them to put food on their table.

Now, it's my job to make sure that the independent farms right here in mid-Michigan have the resources they need to survive, and thrive, in this market. I've done my homework. I know that Michigan farmers rely on fertilizer from our Canadian partners, but thanks to these Trump tariffs, that fertilizer just got more expensive. In addition, Michigan imports around \$1.5 billion worth of agriculture and food product just from Canada alone. All of this means that farmers are faced with two very terrible choices—I'm certain that the farmers on the other side of the aisle would be interested in these comments as well. All of this means, again, that our farmers are faced with two very terrible choices. Either they can pass the cost onto consumers, making our groceries even more unaffordable for working families, or fertilize less and deal with lower yields, meaning even higher prices down the road. It's a lose-lose situation.

When you do the math, it's clear these tariffs aren't just a temporary heartache and headache for our farmers. They're a long-term economic gut punch to the heartland of our nation. This isn't leadership. This is sabotage. It's time to call it what it is. It is a direct attack on Michigan farmers, on Michigan workers, and on Michigan families.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

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

House Bill Nos. 4025 4026

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Wednesday, March 12, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**House Bill Nos. 4211 4212 4213 4214 4215 4216 4217 4218 4219 4220 4221 4222 4223
4224 4225 4226 4227 4228 4229**

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

**Senate Bill Nos. 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157
House Bill Nos. 4230 4231 4232 4233 4234 4235 4236 4237 4238 4239 4240 4241 4242**

Committee Reports

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs reported

Senate Bill No. 116, entitled

A bill to amend 2000 PA 92, entitled "Food law," by amending section 4105 (MCL 289.4105), as amended by 2016 PA 188.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Jeremy Moss
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Moss, Polehanki, McCann, Wojno, Santana, Hertel, Singh, Hauck, Webber, Lauwers and Bellino
Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 111, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 2950p.

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

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin and Santana

Nays: Senators Runestad and Johnson

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

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 112, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 159g (MCL 750.159g), as amended by 2022 PA 174.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana, Runestad and Johnson

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 113, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 174a (MCL 750.174a), as amended by 2013 PA 34.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana, Runestad and Johnson

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 114, entitled

A bill to provide for the creation of a vulnerable adult multidisciplinary team; to prescribe the powers and duties of a vulnerable adult multidisciplinary team; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Chang, Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana, Runestad and Johnson

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Chang (C), Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana, Runestad and Johnson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on MiLEAP submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Bayer (C), Klinefelt and Albert

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Economic and Community Development submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 12:00 noon, Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators McMorrow (C), Cavanagh, Polehanki, Moss, Geiss and Webber

Excused: Senators Victory and Lindsey

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections & Judiciary submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Shink (C), Santana, Irwin and Outman

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Cherry (C), Bayer, Klinefelt, Albert and Hauck

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on EGLE submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building
Present: Senators Irwin (C), Shink, Cherry, Bayer, Bumstead, Hauck and Outman
Excused: Senator Singh

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Klinefelt (C), Hertel and McCann
Absent: Senators Camilleri, Damoose and Bumstead

Scheduled Meetings

Administrative Rules, Joint – Thursday, March 20, 1:30 p.m., Room 521, 5th Floor, House Office Building (517) 373-5312

Appropriations – Wednesday, March 19, 2:00 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-5307

Subcommittees –

Agriculture and Natural Resources – Wednesday, March 19, 12:00 noon, Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-2768

Corrections & Judiciary – Thursday, March 20, 1:30 p.m., or immediately following session, Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

General Government – Thursday, March 20, 1:30 p.m., or immediately following session, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

LEO/MEDC – Wednesday, March 19, 3:00 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

Universities and Community Colleges – Wednesday, March 19, 9:15 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

Health Policy – Wednesday, March 19, 3:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5323

Oversight – Wednesday, March 19, 12:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5314

Regulatory Affairs – Thursday, March 20, 9:00 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-1721

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:36 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

