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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 1.101, in the absence of the Presiding Officers, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary of the Senate.

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

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

Hauck—present
Hertel—present
Hoitenga—present
Huizenga—present
Irwin—present
Johnson—excused
Klinefelt—present
Lauwers—excused
Lindsey—present
McBroom—present
McCann—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 Jonathan Lindsey of the 17th District offered the following invocation:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the many blessings You have given us. Most of all, thank You for the grace and mercy You offer through salvation made possible by Your Son, Jesus. Please, Lord, continue to bless us. Today, please grant us guidance and wisdom as we undertake the work of the people of Michigan. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

The Secretary of the Senate, Daniel Oberlin, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Motions and Communications

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

Senator Shink entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Singh moved that Senators Brinks, Irwin, Moss and Santana be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

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

The following communication was received:
Office of Senator Paul Wojno

June 5, 2025

Per Senate Rule 1.110(c), I am requesting that my name be added as a co-sponsor to Senate Bills 293 and 294 which were introduced on May 13, 2025 by Senator Polehanki.

Warmest regards,
Paul Wojno
State Senator
10th District

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Office of Senator Thomas Albert

June 10, 2025

Please add my name as a co-sponsor to the following Senate Bills: SB 378, 379, 380.

Sincerely,
Senator Thomas Albert

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communications were received:
Office of Senator Rosemary Bayer

June 10, 2025

Per Senate Rule 1.110(d), I am requesting that my name please be removed as sponsor of Senate Bill 362, introduced by Senator John Damoose on June 5th, 2025.

June 10, 2025

Per Senate Rule 1.110(c), I am requesting that my name please be added as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 362, introduced on June 5th, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rosemary K. Bayer
13th Senate District
State Senator

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Office of Senator Joseph N. Bellino, Jr.

June 10, 2025

I write to respectfully request that my name be removed as co-sponsor from SB 304.

Thank you,
Joseph Bellino
State Senator - District 16

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Office of Senator John N. Damoose

June 10, 2025

I would like to remove my name as primary sponsor of Senate Bill 362 as well as the co-sponsor of Senate Bills 359, 360, 361, 363, and 364.

Sincerely,
John Damoose
State Senator
37th District

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Office of Senator Veronica Klinefelt

June 10, 2025

Per Senate Rule 1.110(d), I am requesting that my name be removed as a co-sponsor from Senate Bill 365, which was introduced by Senator Lindsey and referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on June 5, 2025.

Sincerely,
Senator Veronica Klinefelt

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Irwin entered the Senate Chamber.

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

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:03 a.m.

10:37 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Moss, Santana, Brinks and McBroom entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senators Hertel and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 397, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled "The social welfare act," by amending section 109h (MCL 400.109h), as amended by 2022 PA 19.

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

Senators Bellino, Hertel and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 398, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending sections 6230 and 6234 (MCL 333.6230 and 333.6234), as added by 2012 PA 501.

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

Senators Irwin, Hertel and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 399, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending section 7451 (MCL 333.7451), as added by 1988 PA 139.

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

Senators Hertel and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 400, entitled

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

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

Senators Santana and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 401, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending section 17744b (MCL 333.17744b), as amended by 2019 PA 36.

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

Senators Wojno and Hertel introduced

Senate Bill No. 402, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “The social welfare act,” by amending section 109 (MCL 400.109), as amended by 2024 PA 248.

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

Senators Singh, Hertel and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 403, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 7333c.

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

Senators Camilleri, Hertel and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 404, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending section 1178 (MCL 380.1178), as amended by 2020 PA 320, and by adding section 1179c.

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

Senators Camilleri, Hertel and Santana introduced

Senate Bill No. 405, entitled

A bill to amend 2019 PA 39, entitled “Administration of opioid antagonists act,” by amending section 101 (MCL 15.671).

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

Senators Theis, Johnson, Hoytenga, Lindsey, Bellino, Nesbitt, Lauwers, Hauck, Damoose, Runestad and Daley introduced

Senate Bill No. 406, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending sections 231 and 237a (MCL 750.231 and 750.237a), as amended by 2017 PA 96; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

Senators Lindsey, Theis, Johnson, Hoytenga, Bellino, Nesbitt, Lauwers, Hauck, Damoose, Runestad and Daley introduced

Senate Bill No. 407, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled “An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,” by amending sections 2, 2a, 5b, 5o, 12, and 15 (MCL 28.422, 28.422a, 28.425b, 28.425o, 28.432, and 28.435), sections 2 and 5b as amended by 2023 PA 37, sections 2a and 12 as amended by 2023 PA 19, section 5o as amended by 2017 PA 95, and section 15 as amended by 2023 PA 17.

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

Senators Hoytenga, Theis, Johnson, Lindsey, Bellino, Nesbitt, Lauwers, Hauck, Damoose and Runestad introduced

Senate Bill No. 408, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 43510 (MCL 324.43510), as amended by 2013 PA 108.

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

Senators Johnson, Theis, Hoytenga, Lindsey, Bellino, Nesbitt, Lauwers, Hauck, Damoose, Runestad and Daley introduced

Senate Bill No. 409, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 12 of chapter IX and sections 11b and 16m of chapter XVII (MCL 769.12, 777.11b, and 777.16m), section 12 of chapter IX as amended by 2012 PA 319, section 11b of chapter XVII as amended by 2023 PA 22, and section 16m of chapter XVII as amended by 2023 PA 200.

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

Senators Bellino, Theis, Johnson, Hoytenga, Lindsey, Nesbitt, Lauwers, Hauck, Damoose, Runestad and Daley introduced

Senate Bill No. 410, entitled

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled “Corrections code of 1953,” by amending section 33b (MCL 791.233b), as amended by 2019 PA 16.

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

Senator Bellino introduced

Senate Bill No. 411, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 609 (MCL 436.1609), as amended by 2021 PA 18.

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

Senators Runestad, Damoose, Bellino, Theis, Daley, Outman and Victory introduced

Senate Bill No. 412, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending sections 21702 and 21703 (MCL 333.21702 and 333.21703), section 21702 as amended by 1994 PA 73 and section 21703 as amended by 2015 PA 155, and by adding sections 21788, 21788a, 21788b, 21788c, 21788d, 21788e, 21788f, 21788g, 21788h, and 21788i.

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

Senators Wojno, Bayer, Chang, Shink and Victory introduced

Senate Bill No. 413, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending sections 18221, 18223, 18233, and 18237 (MCL 333.18221, 333.18223, 333.18233, and 333.18237), section 18221 as amended by 2006 PA 395, section 18223 as amended by 2018 PA 24, section 18233 as amended by 1994 PA 234, and section 18237 as amended by 1998 PA 496.

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

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 Santana 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 bills:

Senate Bill No. 288, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled “Open meetings act,” by amending section 8 (MCL 15.268), as amended by 2021 PA 166.

Senate Bill No. 217, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 12e of chapter XVII (MCL 777.12e), as amended by 2011 PA 59.

Senate Bill No. 224, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 224 (MCL 750.224), as amended by 2006 PA 401.

Senate Bill No. 225, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled “An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,” by amending section 5o (MCL 28.425o), as amended by 2017 PA 95.

Senate Bill No. 226, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 234d (MCL 750.234d), as amended by 2024 PA 158.

Senate Bill No. 331, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 372, entitled “An act to regulate and license the selling, purchasing, possessing, and carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices; to prohibit the buying, selling, or carrying of certain firearms, gas ejecting devices, and electro-muscular disruption devices without a license or other authorization; to provide for the forfeiture of firearms and electro-muscular disruption devices under certain circumstances; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to prohibit certain conduct against individuals who apply for or receive a license to carry a concealed pistol; to make appropriations; to prescribe certain conditions for the appropriations; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act,” (MCL 28.421 to 28.435) by adding section 14c.

Senate Bill No. 332, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 11b of chapter XVII (MCL 777.11b), as amended by 2023 PA 22.

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. 216, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending sections 303, 320a, 601c, and 653a (MCL 257.303, 257.320a, 257.601c, and 257.653a), section 303 as amended by 2024 PA 42, section 320a as amended by 2023 PA 39, section 601c as added by 2001 PA 103, and section 653a as amended by 2018 PA 349, and by adding sections 79g and 79h; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Substitute (S-1).

The Senate agreed to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole, and the bill as substituted was placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Resolutions

Senator Singh moved that rule 3.204 be suspended to permit immediate consideration of the following resolutions:

Senate Resolution No. 57**Senate Resolution No. 58****Senate Resolution No. 59**

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

Senator Bumstead offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 57.

A resolution to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Whereas, More than a century ago, hunters and anglers were among the first conservationists who realized America’s natural resources were in peril and could not sustain unregulated harvest and habitat destruction; and Whereas, Sportsmen and women took it upon themselves to support laws that stopped excessive harvest of fish and wildlife, established state agencies to protect fish, wildlife, and their habitat, and supported special fishing and hunting license fees to help fund these efforts to provide healthy natural resources for future generations; and

Whereas, The Sport Fish Restoration Program, which began with the passage of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act in 1950, (further expanded with the Wallop Breaux amendment to the Sport Fish Restoration Act in 1984) is a vital part of conservation funding in the United States (U.S.); and

Whereas, We recognize that the primary authority to protect and manage fish within state waters resides in the state agencies; and

Whereas, Upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish populations, anglers supported excise taxes on fishing equipment to raise additional funds to support restoration and enhancement efforts of the state agencies; and

Whereas, A manufacturers’ excise tax on fishing equipment, along with an excise tax on motorboat and small engine fuels, is mostly distributed back to the states through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for fisheries conservation, management, and angler and boater access; and

Whereas, Since 1939, the combined contribution of the Sport Fish Restoration Program and license fees to state fish and wildlife agencies exceeds \$78 billion – more than any other single conservation effort in American history - which constitute, collectively, the American System of Conservation Funding; and

Whereas, This cooperative partnership between the sportfishing industry, anglers, boaters, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and state agencies has resulted in the most successful model of fisheries management in the world, restoring and enhancing populations across the U.S. and its territories; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Sport Fish Restoration Program; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize America’s anglers, boaters, the sportfishing industry, state fish and wildlife agencies, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for their leading role in restoring healthy populations of fish and aquatic resources, both game and non-game, to the abundance we see today.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Santana was named co-sponsor of the resolution.

Senators Lindsey and Outman offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 58.

A resolution to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States (U.S.) Army.

Whereas, June 14, 2025, marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Army in 1775 when the Continental Congress established the first Continental Army and named George Washington, Commander-in-Chief; and

Whereas, The Continental Army proudly served from 1775 to 1783, defeating British tyranny and ushering in an era of American independence. In 1783, the U.S. Army officially debuted to the world; and

Whereas, The mission of the U.S. Army is to deploy, fight, and win our nation's wars by securing ready, prompt, and sustained land dominance by Army forces across the full spectrum of conflict as part of the joint force; and

Whereas, Today, the U.S. Army is the most powerful and effective land force in the world. It is a ready-to-fight force that is experienced, lethal, and trained to conduct any mission, anywhere, in support of our nation's security; and

Whereas, The Army's greatest asset is our people – the finest men and women our great nation has to offer – with a myriad of talents that make us strong; and

Whereas, From the Revolutionary War onward, our warfighters have consistently demonstrated their resolve to defend freedom at home and abroad; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States (U.S.) Army. We commend all the work they have done to defend our nation.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hertel offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 59.

A resolution to recognize June 10, 2025, as Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) Day.

Whereas, Approximately 1 in 7 American adults have chronic kidney disease. The third leading cause of chronic kidney disease is glomerulonephritis, often caused by rare kidney diseases such as focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS); and

Whereas, FSGS is a condition referring to the scarring in the kidneys, often leading to a difficult journey that can result in kidney failure requiring dialysis, transplant, and often cycles of remissions and relapse; and

Whereas, Fifty percent of patients with FSGS require dialysis or a kidney transplant within 5–10 years of their diagnosis; and

Whereas, FSGS is a severe disease because it often progresses rapidly to kidney failure. For patients with primary FSGS who receive a kidney transplant, FSGS can recur in their transplanted kidney up to 50 percent of the time; and

Whereas, FSGS can be diagnosed at any age, but is most commonly diagnosed in adults rather than in children and most prevalent in adults over 45 years old; and

Whereas, This disease is a burden on our healthcare system, with a 2019 study estimating that FSGS costs Medicaid, Medicare, and private health insurance about \$2 billion annually in direct medical costs, not including indirect and quality of life costs; and

Whereas, FSGS is a significant burden not just to the health and lives of patients and their families, but also incurs great challenges for the healthcare system and healthcare financing of Michigan; and

Whereas, According to the RaDaR Database, rare kidney diseases like FSGS make up just 5-10 percent of chronic kidney disease patients but account for approximately 30 percent of kidney failure; and

Whereas, Many patients face delays in being diagnosed with FSGS, due both to the difficulty of the rare disease diagnostic odyssey averaging 5-7 years and challenges in accessing nephrology care that specializes in rare kidney diseases as there is currently a shortage in the United States; and

Whereas, Certain variants of the APOL1 gene significantly increase the risk of developing FSGS and other kidney diseases; and

Whereas, These high-risk variants are found almost exclusively in individuals of African ancestry. FSGS contributes to the disproportionate burden of kidney disease in Black communities, often occurring at a rate 4–5 times higher than white Americans; and

Whereas, There is new hope for patients with FSGS, with clinical trials underway for products that may delay progression of FSGS and the onset of kidney disease, including the potential for FDA approved therapies in the near future, and significant progress being made by scientists, regulators, patient groups, and industry to validate proteinuria as an indicator of improvement in patients; and

Whereas, Patients, families, advocacy organizations like NephCure, healthcare providers, industry, and researchers are working tirelessly to raise awareness, promote early detection, and develop new innovative therapies for FSGS and other rare kidney disease patients living in our state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize June 10, 2025, as Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) Day; and be it further

Resolved, That FSGS Awareness Day is designated to raise awareness, provide support and inspiration to patients and families struggling with the disease, and to promote the efforts needed for better diagnosis and access to future treatments that can transform the course of the disease.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hertel's statement is as follows:

I rise today in support of the resolution recognizing FSGS Awareness Day and urge my colleagues to join me in shining light on this rare but devastating kidney disease. FSGS is a condition that attacks the kidneys' filtering system, leading to serious damage, kidney failure, and in many cases, the need for dialysis and a kidney transplant. It affects both children and adults, cutting across all racial and ethnic groups, but it disproportionately impacts communities of color, particularly Black Americans. Currently, there is no cure for FSGS. Treatment options are limited and outcomes are often uncertain. Many patients and families endure years of uncertainty, misdiagnosis, and medical challenges, often without the awareness, research, and support they desperately need.

That is why FSGS Awareness Day matters. By recognizing this day, we bring more attention to the need for greater investment in research, better access to care, and support for the families who live with this condition every single day. We also lift up the stories of courage, resilience, and advocacy from individuals across our state and our nation who refuse to let this disease define their futures. Let this resolution not just be a symbol but a call to action. Let it encourage medical innovation, foster public education, and above all, remind those affected by FSGS that they are not alone and that their fight is our fight too.

I thank my colleagues for their support of this important resolution and for standing with the FSGS community.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

Senators McBroom, Cavanagh, Camilleri and Polehanki asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator McBroom's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, yesterday I spoke to you regarding what I believe is a significant miscarriage of justice going on from our Secretary of State and how people are treated regarding the return of their driver's license after a DUI. I just want to—I ran out of time yesterday, which probably doesn't surprise anyone here—this situation is so bureaucratically nonsensical that it boggles the mind that we have allowed this to go on for so long and hurt so many of our citizens.

Right now, when I help some of my constituents with this process, the amount of paperwork that we have to do in Michigan for them is inordinate—we're talking 50, 60 pages. They have to get certain counseling, they have to get signed off on drug testing, and then when they get heard by the administrative law judge, who dismisses the case for some snafu of a legislator who didn't put a time or a date on the letter, they're then relegated to wait six or twelve months later, which means they have to go and do all of those other things again because the timeframes on all of those expire. So the citizen has to go and get reupped on the counseling and reupped on the drug testing. They have to get new letters written and new timeframes established and start all over again. I've been in several of these cases where I've literally been in the room with the attorney for the citizen and with the administrative law judge on the TV screen where they have said, Oh, you're missing certain paperwork—case dismissed. I've had other times when they've claimed the paperwork is missing and we fortunately had with us the receipts—the fax receipts—saying we sent those papers. If you don't have them, it's a problem at your end. Fortunately, one case had a judge who was at least willing to let us fax it again, but in many of these cases, the judges seem to be driven by dismissing them and not hearing the facts of the case as quickly as possible.

Citizens are being harmed by this—their ability to work, their ability to raise their families, take their children to school, take their moms to doctors' appointments—all because our state agency at the Secretary of State is unwilling to put any changes forward, to consider that they have created a nightmare that is holding up citizens in our state and other states. In some of the other states I've dealt with, citizens simply have had to pay a fine or turn in a court document. Nothing like what we do in Michigan. Michigan is the most abusive and obtrusive state when it comes to returning people's driver's licenses. We are doing nothing about it so far except for the work that the Lieutenant Governor and I did a few years ago, and that was only to help people get the advanced driver licenses later. This is to help reinstate people.

Recently I helped a citizen who was over 80 years old. He had lost his license more than 50 years previous—just wanted to get his driver's license for his antique car to drive around in his 80s. We spent three years helping him with the paperwork, multiple hearings. They won't even prescribe the guy the opportunity to have one of those breath checkers so he could drive his car. Before he got permission to drive again, before he got his license back, he died. An 80-year-old guy hasn't drunk in 50 years, but because the judge wasn't satisfied with the paperwork we did to the letter, he was denied his rights.

This is a travesty, and we need the attention of the Secretary of State on this issue. It is a pressing issue that is harming tens of thousands of our citizens, and I ask for your help in pressuring our Secretary of State to do something about this, and do it soon.

Senator Cavanagh's statement is as follows:

I rise today, asking for your help. There are days when the weight of this job feels like a stone in the lungs, and today—for the past couple of days, actually—it's been one of those days. Because carrying the title of the youngest Latina or the youngest woman ever elected in this Chamber isn't just history-making—it's heavy. Heavier still because I'm the daughter of an immigrant—a first-generation Mexican American—because what we are witnessing, what we are allowing—it's personal. When we tell people to do it the right way, we forget what the so-called right way changes, depending on who's in charge, what borders have been redrawn, or what part of the system is breaking that year.

A legal pathway to citizenship can take over 26 years. My grandma—it took until she was over 75. The forms are long; the lines are longer. Families wait decades; children age out. While they wait, they work, they pray, they live beside us—yet today, our country has shaved their heads, sent them to countries they don't know. We raid their homes in the early hours of the morning. We snatch graduates, seniors on field trips, and detain actual U.S. citizens whose only crime was existing while brown.

Now, in Los Angeles, young people—Latinos—whole communities are marching. They're screaming into the streets for a justice that refuses to hear them. Their signs are not weapons; their chants are not threats—but the response that they've received from the federal government and the current administration has been force, silence, and shame. The history of this state is built on immigrants—German, Polish, Yemeni, Chaldean, and yes, Mexican. We harvest the food you eat. We attend the churches you pass on the way to work. We sit next to you at your child's soccer game. These are not nameless outsiders—these are our neighbors—and right now, they are being hunted.

This isn't policy; this is cruelty. I stand here today, asking not with anger but with exhaustion, to help me carry this burden, because it's not just mine—this is Michigan's story too. How we choose to respond will write the next chapter. Let's not let it be the one we regret. Join me in standing with the City of Angels.

Senator Camilleri's statement is as follows:

We finally have another proposal from the House Republicans for a school budget. It's big news. Their last idea was to cut \$5 billion in funding. Today, they are trying a shell game that cuts billions of dollars of vital programs, which isn't all that surprising given their public statements over the last couple of months.

From an education standpoint, this budget is a travesty. It slashes funding that pays for counselors, school safety officers, and other staff kids turn to when they're in crisis. It guts funding for transportation, mental health support, and educator fellowship programs that are putting more good teachers in classrooms across Michigan. It does all the things that we thought it would do by cutting vital programs that help us achieve our statewide goals.

One of those critical wins last term—one of those statewide goals—was ending childhood hunger and lowering costs for families through our school meals for all program. What did the House Republicans do? Their budget cuts the free meals for all program, because out of a multibillion-dollar budget, why not start with taking away food from children? What were they thinking? Why are they attempting to raise costs on families in an economy that is already dealing with rising prices across the board?

When I was elected, after being a teacher, I thought that helping young people was what our elected officials were supposed to do. A constituency that could not vote for themselves, but was at the heart of every single one of our decisions—that’s someone that we should be thinking about in all of these decisions that we make. The House Republican budget is the opposite of that. It says that if you are a hungry kid in school in Detroit or the Upper Peninsula, you don’t matter. If you’re a recent college graduate who wants to go into the honest profession of teaching to shape the next generation, you don’t matter. If you’re a counselor helping kids struggling with mental health challenges, you too don’t matter. If you’re a CTE student—can you believe this?—they cut CTE funding. If you’re a CTE student, you don’t matter. If you are a rural and isolated school district—yes, I’m talking to my friends on the other side of this Chamber—you apparently don’t matter to the House Republicans. If you want a secure retirement, you don’t matter.

Their plan costs schools even more for retiree pensions, which reverses our work to lower those costs last year. What a shame that we’re starting this budget process in completely opposite places. Since being elected, I’ve always been open to bipartisan solutions—as people in this room can attest to. We’ve done things together. But this budget is a non-starter. Let me be clear: This budget is a non-starter.

Speaker Hall—our job is to negotiate a budget and pass it by July 1. That’s what the law says. So let me be very clear here: We are not negotiating cuts in schools. We have funding to support our kids. We will only negotiate investments in our kids, in our classroom, and already proven programs that we’ve invested in the last two years. Our schools deserve so much better than your attempts at cutting their funding. The clock is ticking. Let’s get something done.

Senator Polehanki’s statement is as follows:

In the two years that Democrats held all the gavels here in Michigan, we did more to dig us out of the giant hole the Governor Rick Snyder years cast Michigan’s public schools into, and more to improve academics over the long term than at any time in recent history. We have completely overhauled the way we teach reading in the early grades by returning to teaching Reading as a Science. We made teaching more attractive by paying teachers closer to what they deserve. We inched ever closer to high-quality, free preschool for all of Michigan’s kids. We passed historic School Aid budgets that have inched us closer to the bare minimum of what academically successful states like Massachusetts spend on their kids.

By contrast, Michigan House Republicans unveiled a total embarrassment of a School Aid budget proposal this morning. There is no money set aside for student mental health. No money set aside for school safety. No money set aside for transportation. No money set aside for teacher recruitment. No money set aside for rural and isolated school districts. No money set aside for student vision and dental health screenings. No money set aside for tuition-free student-teacher semesters for college students. No money set aside for health clinics inside schools. No money set aside for after-school or summer programs. No money set aside for teacher student-loan repayment programs. Forty million dollars cut from preschool. Six hundred million dollars added for MPSERS. No money set aside for increased teacher pay. No money set aside for career and technical education. No money set aside for free breakfast and lunch.

How do you like that, Michigan parents? How does this budget make sense? How does this budget improve academics, school safety, or mental and physical health? How? I call on my colleagues in the Legislature to please don’t return us to the Rick Snyder years that produced the biggest slashing of school funding in Michigan history, and that Democrats are steadily digging us out of.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following bills and joint resolution were printed and filed on Wednesday, June 11, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos.	367	368	369	370	371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379
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Committee Reports

The Committee on Housing and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 19, entitled

A bill to amend 1846 RS 66, entitled “Of estates in dower, by the curtesy, and general provisions concerning real estate,” by amending section 39 (MCL 554.139).

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 and Geiss

Nays: Senators Lindsey, Hoytenga and Damoose

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

Senate Bill No. 20, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 454, entitled "Truth in renting act," by amending section 6 (MCL 554.636).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Jeff Irwin

Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Senators Lindsey, Hoytenga and Damoose

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Housing and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 454, entitled "Truth in renting act," by amending sections 3 and 4 (MCL 554.633 and 554.634), section 3 as amended by 1998 PA 72.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Jeff Irwin

Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: Senators Lindsey, Hoytenga and Damoose

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Housing and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 22, entitled

A bill to amend 1972 PA 348, entitled "An act to regulate relationships between landlords and tenants relative to rental agreements for rental units; to regulate the payment, repayment, use and investment of security deposits; to provide for commencement and termination inventories of rental units; to provide for termination arrangements relative to rental units; to provide for legal remedies; and to provide penalties," by amending section 9 (MCL 554.609).

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Jeff Irwin

Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

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, June 10, 2025, at 12:00 noon, Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building

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

The Committee on Local Government reported

House Bill No. 4090, entitled

A bill to authorize the state administrative board to convey state-owned property in Wayne County; to prescribe conditions for the conveyance; to provide for powers and duties of state departments, agencies, and officers regarding the property; and to provide for disposition of revenue derived from the conveyance.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Veronica Klinefelt

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Klinefelt, Wojno, Moss, Bayer, Hoitenga and Daley

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Local Government submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Klinefelt (C), Wojno, Moss, Bayer, Shink, Hoitenga and Daley

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

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

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations –

Subcommittee –

Agriculture and Natural Resources and Natural Resources and Agriculture, Joint – Thursday, June 12, 12:30 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

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

Energy and Environment – Thursday, June 12, 1:30 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-5323

Labor – Thursday, June 12, 8:30 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5314

Natural Resources and Agriculture and Appropriations Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee, Joint – Thursday, June 12, 12:30 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

Regulatory Affairs – Thursday, June 12, 8:30 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-1721

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:10 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

