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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, September 17, 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—excused
Camilleri—present
Cavanagh—present
Chang—present
Cherry—present
Daley—present
Damoose—excused
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—excused
Santana—present
Shink—present
Singh—present
Theis—excused
Victory—present
Webber—present
Wojno—present

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

Eternal Spirit, from whom all things come and to whom all things return; we gather today as people from various traditions; we gather as people reaching across our difference, sharing our commitment to compassion and truth together despite the record of violence and distrust in society around us. In this moment let us give thanks for the blessings in our lives. For home and family, for faith and meaningful work, we give thanks. For our ability to gather in this way as people of peace, we give thanks. In this silent moment we lift up those places in our lives and in our hearts where burdens reside; may there be peace, may there be grace, may there be support. In this moment let us cry out for the suffering of our world—for refugees fleeing oppression and for children haunted by cruelty, for the wars across the waters far away from us, for brutality and corruption, violence and distrust.

Oh, Spirit of life and of love, receive our cry. Let us speak in solidarity with the disempowered, and join the voices of compassion and reason instead of a world filled with cruelty and greed. Let us set aside hate, and devote our lives to the ways of peace and justice. Let us encourage peace to grow in any garden it can find. Let us remember the tragedies of our days and commit to building a better world. Let us be emissaries of justice, and ambassadors of compassion. In the name of all that is holy, may it be so. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

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

Senator Lauwers moved that Senators Bumstead, Runestad, Damoose and Theis be excused from today's session.

The motion prevailed.

The following communications were received:

Office of Senator Jeremy Moss

September 10, 2025

Please add my name as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 509.

September 10, 2025

Please add my name as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 539.

Sincerely,
Senator Jeremy Moss
President Pro Tempore
Michigan's 7th Senate District

The communications were referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Singh moved that Senators Anthony, Brinks, Camilleri, Cavanagh, Geiss, Hertel and Santana 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 10:04 a.m.

11:21 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Brinks, Santana, Camilleri, Anthony, Nesbitt, Hertel, Cavanagh, Geiss and McBroom entered the Senate Chamber.

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

Senators Cavanagh, Bayer, Chang, Polehanki, Moss, Klinefelt, Shink, Irwin and McMorro introduced
Senate Bill No. 543, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending sections 150 and 2038 (MCL 500.150 and 500.2038), as amended by 2019 PA 21.

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

Senators Klinefelt, Cavanagh, Bayer, Chang, Polehanki, Moss, Shink, Irwin and McMorro introduced
Senate Bill No. 544, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending section 2026 (MCL 500.2026).

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

Senators Cavanagh, Bayer, Chang, Polehanki, Moss, Klinefelt, Shink, Irwin and McMorro introduced
Senate Bill No. 545, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding section 2229.

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

Senators Bayer, Cavanagh, Chang, Polehanki, Moss, Klinefelt, Shink, Irwin and McMorro introduced
Senate Bill No. 546, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending sections 2006 and 3142 (MCL 500.2006 and 500.3142), section 2006 as amended by 2017 PA 223 and section 3142 as amended by 2019 PA 21.

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

Senators Chang, Cavanagh, Bayer, Polehanki, Moss, Klinefelt, Shink, Irwin and McMorro introduced
Senate Bill No. 547, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending section 3157a (MCL 500.3157a), as added by 2019 PA 21.

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

Senators Irwin, Cavanagh, Bayer, Chang, Polehanki, Moss, Klinefelt, Shink and McMorro introduced
Senate Bill No. 548, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by adding chapter 4A.

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

Senators Polehanki, Cavanagh, Bayer, Chang, Klinefelt, Shink, Moss, Irwin and McMorro introduced
Senate Bill No. 549, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending sections 553, 561, and 563 (MCL 500.553, 500.561, and 500.563), as added by 2018 PA 690, and by adding sections 564 and 564a.

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

Senators Moss, Bayer, Chang, Polehanki, Klinefelt, Shink, Irwin, McMorrow and Cavanagh introduced
Senate Bill No. 550, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending sections 2021, 2106, 2108, 2112, 2458, and 2652 (MCL 500.2021, 500.2106, 500.2108, 500.2112, 500.2458, and 500.2652), sections 2021, 2112, 2458, and 2652 as amended by 2015 PA 141 and sections 2106 and 2108 as amended by 2019 PA 21.

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

Senators Santana and Bayer introduced

Senate Bill No. 551, 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, and by adding section 109v.

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

Senators Santana and Bayer introduced

Senate Bill No. 552, entitled

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

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

House Bill No. 4349, entitled

A bill to amend 1909 PA 279, entitled “The home rule city act,” (MCL 117.1 to 117.38) by adding section 5l.

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 Transportation and Infrastructure.

House Bill No. 4750, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 203, entitled “Foster care and adoption services act,” (MCL 722.951 to 722.960) by adding section 8f.

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 Housing and Human Services.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned 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. 69

Senate Resolution No. 70

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

Senator Singh offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 69.

A resolution to recognize September 15-19, 2025, as Septic Smart Week.

Whereas, Proper septic system use and routine care are vital to protecting public health, preserving our groundwater, lakes, streams, and waterways, and avoiding costly repairs that can result from neglect; and

Whereas, Over 1.3 million septic systems in Michigan treat wastewater from homes and businesses which represents a significant part of our state’s wastewater infrastructure; and

Whereas, If not used and maintained properly, septic systems can become leaky, broken, or outdated and introduce nitrogen, phosphorous, household chemicals, bacteria, viruses, and other harmful pollutants into Michigan’s waters; and

Whereas, Wastewater professionals use their expertise in the design, installation, maintenance, and regulation of septic systems; and

Whereas, The United States Environmental Protection Agency's SepticSmart Program, used by Michigan health officials, educates homeowners about the need for proper septic system use and routine maintenance; and

Whereas, Michigan created and began a new statewide septic replacement loan program that assists system owners in replacing failing septic systems; and

Whereas, Our residents and environment benefit from properly designed, installed, operated, and maintained septic systems; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize September 15-19, 2025, as Septic Smart Week.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senator Santana was named co-sponsor of the resolution.

Senators Camilleri, Cavanagh, Anthony, Chang and Geiss offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 70.

A resolution to designate September 15-October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Whereas, Hispanic and Latino Americans have held a longstanding and significant contribution to the fabric of the United States; and

Whereas, September 15 to October 15 represents the anniversary of independence for Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua; and

Whereas, Each year, Americans celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by honoring the histories and cultures of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

Whereas, The United States has greatly benefitted from the cultural, economic, and societal contributions that Spanish-speaking people have brought to our nation, including the areas of law, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture, cuisine, theater, and exploration; and

Whereas, Hispanic Americans have consistently upheld the principles of freedom and representative government throughout our nation's history; and

Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Week was first recognized by President Lyndon Johnson and was further developed by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period from September 15 to October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, as Public Law 100-402; and

Whereas, Michigan is proud to count among its population a large concentration of citizens of Spanish and Latin American descent. Those who have lived in this state for generations as well as new residents contribute to our economy and society through their commitment to professions, commerce, family, and the arts; and

Whereas, During this month, Michigan's Hispanic-American community celebrates through a series of special programs featuring Hispanic history, food, dance, and art; and

Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Month is the period of time in the United States when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their varied heritage, background, and culture; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body designate September 15-October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senators McMorrow, Moss and Santana were named co-sponsors of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Camilleri's statement, in which Senators Cavanagh and Geiss concurred, is as follows:

I rise today in support of my resolution celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. For generations, our Hispanic community has made a significant contribution to the cultural fabric of our state. From Detroit to Grand Rapids and Lansing to the Upper Peninsula, Hispanic Michiganders are vital to the lifeblood and success of this great state that we call home. My great-grandmother, Delphina Rodriguez, crossed the border from Monterrey, Mexico with her family when she was three years old. My great-grandfather, Emilio Quiroz, and his family were in Texas when Texas was Mexico. They met in San Antonio, fell in love, and after my grandfather was born, moved to southwest Detroit in the 1940s in search of factory work. They found that opportunity, raised seven kids, and built our Quiroz family-version of the American Dream.

My family's story is similar to the newcomers and refugees from Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, who are making their way to places like Michigan, California, Texas, or Arizona. Latinos who come here today are seeking economic opportunities and safety for themselves and their families. While I stand here today to honor the culture and history of our community, it is incredibly difficult to find joy in what would otherwise be a month of music, food, and celebrations when members of our community and other immigrant communities are being snatched in the streets by ICE in their unmarked cars. As we stand here today, ICE is raining fear on Latinos across this country at the direction of our President and his administration. Not only are they targeting non-violent immigrants without papers but they are also picking up U.S. citizens and legal residents and detaining them. In some cases, it's unbelievable, but in some cases they are even deporting babies and children who are lawful U.S. citizens. To make matters worse, just a few weeks ago the Supreme Court upheld the President's decision to go after people simply on the basis of their race. The same Court said that race cannot be a factor in consideration of college admissions, but they have no problem with law-abiding residents being targeted by law enforcement based on race. The hypocrisy is astounding. This is happening in American in 2025 to citizens. This is cruel; this is wrong. And the power now wielded by ICE should scare every single American on both sides of the aisle who fear government overreach.

When you are not a targeted member of a specific group, it is easy to turn a blind eye, but what I am telling you today is that this is impacting fellow Americans. This includes educators, factory workers, union workers, business owners, chefs, janitors, housekeepers, farmworkers. We're not talking about violent criminals. We're talking about babies; we're talking about parents. We're talking about abuelas and abuelos. Our people are being traumatized by this administration. There have been less than 20 Latinos elected as state lawmakers in our entire state's existence. Four of us are currently serving today, three of us are here in the Senate. We are often the only Latino voices in conversations at the state level when big decisions are made about our future. We are simply asking that our country gives our community the same rights, the same opportunities, and the same dignity that everyone else has because even though America has not always loved us, we love this country deeply. While this administration continues to do everything in their power to stoke fear and tear our families apart, we must do everything we can to stand up to hatred and bigotry and protect our neighbors from these attacks.

As we celebrate, we also mourn; and this Hispanic Heritage Month, I am urging you to stand up and protect us.

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 Daley 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. 529, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding sections 483b, 544g, 590i, and 957a.

Senate Bill No. 530, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 482g.

Senate Bill No. 533, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law," (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 931c.

Senate Bill No. 293, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 50 (MCL 750.50), as amended by 2019 PA 135.

Senate Bill No. 294, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 50b (MCL 750.50b), as amended by 2018 PA 452.

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. 531, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending sections 482, 590h, 685, 957, and 958 (MCL 168.482, 168.590h, 168.685, 168.957, and 168.958), section 482 as amended by 2018 PA 608, sections 590h and 685 as amended by 2018 PA 650, and section 957 as amended by 2018 PA 120, and by adding sections 482f and 547.

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 returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

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

Senate Bill No. 533

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

Third Reading of Bills

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

Senate Bill No. 533

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 533, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” (MCL 168.1 to 168.992) by adding section 931c.

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. 227

Yeas—19

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

Nays—14

Albert	Hoitenga	Lindsey	Outman
Bellino	Huizenga	McBroom	Victory
Daley	Johnson	Nesbitt	Webber
Hauck	Lauwers		

Excused—4

Bumstead	Damoose	Runestad	Theis
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator Johnson, under her constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 533 and moved that the statement she made during the discussion of the bill be printed as her reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson’s statement is as follows:

I didn’t support similar legislation when it was taken up in the Senate last session. While I appreciate the intent of this bill, I am very concerned with how such a law might be enforced in a biased, partisan, or politically motivated way; and that it could potentially subject residents to civil penalties for innocent mistakes about election-related information. Therefore, I will be voting “no” on this bill.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Statements

Senators Bellino, Klinefelt and McMorro asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bellino’s statement is as follows:

Mr. President, we come together today under a dark shadow—the violent and cowardly assassination of Charlie Kirk. His life was cut short, not by chance, but by hatred. And let me say this plainly: when political violence enters our nation’s bloodstream, it threatens the very survival of our republic.

Mr. President, for years, the radical left has compared Americans like Charlie Kirk to Nazis, and to the world’s worst mass murderers. This type of language is directly responsible for the terrorism we’re seeing in our country today. Radical left political violence has hurt too many innocent people and has taken too many lives.

Charlie Kirk was more than a voice for conservatism. He was a husband, a father of two precious daughters, and a man who believed in the American promise. He challenged young people to think for themselves, to cherish their freedoms, and to never be ashamed of their love for this country. That voice has been silenced by violence—but his mission cannot, and will not, be silenced.

We must face a hard truth: this was not just an attack on Charlie. It was an attack on every American who dares to speak freely, who dares to stand against the tide, and who dares to defend the Constitution. If political disagreements can now be settled with bullets instead of ballots and civil debate, then none of us are safe—Democrats, Republicans, or independents. But let me also say this: conservatives will not be intimidated. We will not cower in fear. We will not let the enemies of liberty dictate what we can say or believe. Instead, we will stand taller, speak louder, and fight harder for the values Charlie lived and died defending: faith, family, freedom, and the greatness of America.

As we mourn, our prayers go to his wife and daughters. Their pain is unimaginable. We lift them up to almighty God for comfort and strength. And as we pray, we must also resolve: never again will we allow violence to be the weapon in American politics.

Charlie’s legacy calls for us to be courageous. Let us honor his life, not with silence, but with action. Let us carry his torch forward, ensuring that his sacrifice was not in vain. May God bless Charlie Kirk’s family, may God protect our nation, may our Lord Jesus Christ touch the shoulder of Donald J. Trump, and may God bless the United States of America.

Senator Klinefelt’s statement is as follows:

What happened to Charlie Kirk is a tragedy, it’s unconscionable, and unacceptable. But what else is unacceptable is to stand up and again say, “the far left, the far left, conservatives will not be intimidated.” When Nancy Pelosi’s husband was beaten with a hammer, there were snickers and jokes about it. Recently, we just had a state Representative in Minnesota murdered by somebody. You don’t hear us standing up here and saying, “the radical right, the radical right, the radical right.” We’re trying to bring the temperature down on all sides, and that kind of speech doesn’t do it.

Senator McMorrow's statement is as follows:

I agree with the end sentiments of what my colleague on the other side of the aisle shared, but as my previous colleague spoke, to start with an accusation about the so-called "radical left," when over the last few years we have seen way too many incidents of political violence. We've seen multiple of our colleagues receive bomb threats at their homes. We saw the Governor of Pennsylvania have his house set on fire while his family was inside. We saw the assassination of Speaker Hortaon in Minnesota. And we saw the assassination of Charlie Kirk just a few days ago—in a video that was horrific to watch. There are two little kids who woke up the next day without their dad, and that is horrifying.

Now, I've had a lot of conversations over the last few days with my colleagues and cohorts in the Rodel Fellowship, and I know another one of our colleagues in this room is also a member of this organization. This is an organization that consists of 24 state and local level elected officials from across the country in every class—an even number of Republicans and Democrats. We get together every six months to debate, to talk about the Constitution, to talk about the founding of this country, and to talk about ethics and leadership. My class includes a Republican State Senator from Minnesota, who has been dealing with the fallout from the assassination of her colleagues, and the Lieutenant Governor of Utah, who has been at every single press conference since the assassination of Charlie Kirk. Together, all of us, put out a joint statement over the last few days, taking responsibility.

Every single one of us in this room is a leader. We've been elected to lead, not to blame the other side, not to stoke hate, division, anger, and fear. This was a horrific murder that we saw play out. We each have a responsibility to bring the state and this country together, not to continue to divide it.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Tuesday, September 16:

House Bill Nos. 4664 4713 4714 4715 4716 4717 4718 4719

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Housing and Human Services submitted the following:

The meeting scheduled on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 12:00 noon, Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building, did not have a quorum present.

Scheduled Meetings

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

Energy and Environment – Thursday, September 18, 1:30 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-5323

Regulatory Affairs – Thursday, September 18, 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 11:48 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

