

No. 41
STATE OF MICHIGAN
Journal of the Senate
102nd Legislature
REGULAR SESSION OF 2023

Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

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
McDonald Rivet—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 Dan Lauwers of the 25th District offered the following invocation:

Heavenly Father, I come before You to thank You for Your blessings and ask for Your continued guidance, direction, and protection of all those who serve in this chamber, those who serve in the House, and for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Watch over our work and grant us wisdom, patience, and discernment. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

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

The following communication was received:
Office of Senator Dayna Polehanki

May 3, 2023

Per Senate Rule 1.110(d) I am requesting that my name be removed as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 294 which was introduced on April 25, 2023 and was referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment.

Sincerely,
Dayna Polehanki
State Senator, District 5

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Hauck introduced

Senate Bill No. 318, entitled

A bill to amend 2001 PA 142, entitled "Michigan memorial highway act," (MCL 250.1001 to 250.2092) by adding section 111.

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

Senators Runestad, Johnson and Damoose introduced

Senate Bill No. 319, entitled

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "The management and budget act," (MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594) by adding section 364.

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

Senators Runestad, Johnson and Damoose introduced

Senate Bill No. 320, entitled

A bill to amend 1986 PA 268, entitled "Legislative council act," (MCL 4.1101 to 4.1901) by adding section 104b.

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

Senators Chang, Wojno, Polehanki, Bayer, Cavanagh and Geiss introduced

Senate Bill No. 321, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled "The code of criminal procedure," by amending sections 12 and 25 of chapter IX (MCL 769.12 and 769.25), section 12 as amended by 2012 PA 319 and section 25 as added by 2014 PA 22, and by adding sections 27a, 27b, 27c, 27d, 27e, 27f, 27g, and 27h to chapter IX.

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

Senators Wojno, Irwin, Bayer, Chang, Polehanki, Geiss and Cavanagh introduced

Senate Bill No. 322, entitled

A bill to amend 1953 PA 232, entitled “Corrections code of 1953,” by amending sections 33e and 34 (MCL 791.233e and 791.234), section 33e as amended by 2022 PA 28 and section 34 as amended by 2019 PA 14, and by adding section 34e.

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

Senators Polehanki, Bayer, Cavanagh, Geiss, Chang and Wojno introduced

Senate Bill No. 323, entitled

A bill to amend 1985 PA 87, entitled “William Van Regenmorter crime victim’s rights act,” by amending sections 13 and 41 (MCL 780.763 and 780.791), section 41 as amended by 2000 PA 503.

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

Senators Bayer, Polehanki, Cavanagh, Geiss, Chang and Wojno introduced

Senate Bill No. 324, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending section 17764 (MCL 333.17764), as amended by 2004 PA 214.

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

Senators Irwin, Chang, Polehanki, Wojno, Bayer, Geiss and Cavanagh introduced

Senate Bill No. 325, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending sections 16, 18, 200i, 204, 207, 209, 210, 211a, 227b, 316, 436, 520b, and 543f (MCL 750.16, 750.18, 750.200i, 750.204, 750.207, 750.209, 750.210, 750.211a, 750.227b, 750.316, 750.436, 750.520b, and 750.543f), sections 16, 18, 200i, 204, 207, 209, 210, 211a, 436, 520b, and 543f as amended by 2014 PA 23, section 227b as amended by 2015 PA 26, and section 316 as amended by 2022 PA 149.

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

Senator Singh introduced

Senate Bill No. 326, entitled

A bill to amend 1937 PA 94, entitled “Use tax act,” by amending section 2 (MCL 205.92), as amended by 2018 PA 1.

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

Senator Geiss entered the Senate Chamber.

House Bill No. 4201, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 537a (MCL 436.1537a), as amended by 2021 PA 64.

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 Regulatory Affairs.

House Bill No. 4250, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 602b (MCL 257.602b), as amended by 2016 PA 332.

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. 4251, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending sections 319b, 320a, and 320d (MCL 257.319b, 257.320a, and 257.320d), section 319b as amended by 2015 PA 11, section 320a as amended by 2018 PA 349, and section 320d as amended by 2012 PA 498.

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. 4252, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending sections 602c, 732, and 907 (MCL 257.602c, 257.732, and 257.907), section 602c as added by 2012 PA 592, section 732 as amended by 2017 PA 160, and section 907 as amended by 2020 PA 382.

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.

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:08 a.m.

10:13 a.m.

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

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 Shink 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. 66, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding sections 1508 and 1526b.

Senate Bill No. 67, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 90 (MCL 750.90).

Senate Bill No. 68, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 16d of chapter XVII (MCL 777.16d), as amended by 2016 PA 88.

Senate Bill No. 69, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” (MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding sections 16279 and 16279a.

Senate Bill No. 71, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending sections 16213, 20175, 20175a, and 20199 (MCL 333.16213, 333.20175, 333.20175a, and 333.20199), sections 16213 and 20175a as added and section 20175 as amended by 2006 PA 481, and by adding sections 16213a, 16429, 17029, 17529, 17829, 17909, and 20175b.

Senate Bill No. 73, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 442, entitled “Freedom of information act,” by amending section 13 (MCL 15.243), as amended by 2021 PA 33.

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. 70, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 13n of chapter XVII (MCL 777.13n), as amended by 2018 PA 583.

Substitute (S-1).

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

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

Senate Bill No. 72, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 13n of chapter XVII (MCL 777.13n), as amended by 2018 PA 583.

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
Third Reading of Bills

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 236, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 520a (MCL 750.520a), as amended by 2014 PA 64.

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. 143

Yeas—38

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

Nays—0

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4166, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending sections 392, 502, 503, 507, 522, 528, 552, and 561 (MCL 380.392, 380.502, 380.503, 380.507, 380.522, 380.528, 380.552, and 380.561), as amended by 2018 PA 601; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The question being on the passage of the bill,
Senator Damoose offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 55, following line 6, by inserting:

“**Sec. 1280h. The department shall develop a statewide accountability measurement that assigns a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F to each public school based on the federal accountability requirements as provided under the every student succeeds act, Public Law 114-95.**”

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, 1/5 of the members present voting therefor.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 144

Yeas—18

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

Nays—20

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

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

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. 145

Yeas—20

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

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

Pursuant to Joint Rule 20, the full title of the act shall be inserted to read as follows:

“An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to make appropriations for certain purposes; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

Protests

Senators Webber and Johnson, under their constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of House Bill No. 4166 and moved that the statements they made during the discussion of the bill be printed as their reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Webber’s statement is as follows:

Mr. President, this is no time to backtrack on transparency, accountability, or on high education standards. Yet the majority seems intent on watering down each of these at every turn, including with this bill.

I rise to oppose this bill as a Senator, but more so as a parent. Like all parents, my wife and I want what’s best for our 10-year-old son. We are lucky he attends a great public school in our community. Millions of Michigan parents want the same for their children, but this bill will unquestionably make it harder for them to easily make those determinations. It will end the simple, easy-to-understand grading system and instead make parents jump through more hoops and decipher much more complex data to get the information they need to make informed decisions. Michigan parents shouldn’t need a statistics degree to understand how their child’s school is performing.

Mr. President, students and schools are both better off when parents are informed and involved. This bill will make it harder for them—for us—to do so. I ask for a “no” vote.

Senator Johnson’s statement is as follows:

House Bill No. 4166 would make it harder for parents to know how their children’s schools are performing. Our current system, which this bill seeks to eliminate, assigns letter grades A-F to several areas of school performance, including proficiency in reading and math, student growth, graduation rates, and a school’s

performance in comparison with its peers. This easy-to-understand system allows parents to quickly see how a school is performing on these metrics and compare the performance of multiple schools in their area when making choices about what is best for the education of their children. While Michigan currently maintains this system in addition to the more confusing system it uses to meet federal accountability requirements, this is not an excuse to strip parents of their right to have meaningful and easy-to-understand information about the performance of their child's school. In fact, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, it's actually a pretty common approach for states to adopt the A-F grading system for the school that's also in compliance with the required federal standards. However, an amendment to accomplish just this has now been defeated by the Democratic majority both in committee and in this chamber.

As my colleague from the 23rd District has often called to the attention of this body, while it's easy to talk about transparency and accountability, talk is cheap and actions speak louder than words. Today, the actions of this body speak loud and clear. They say that parents do not have the right to understand how schools are performing. Well, this is simply wrong. Parents do have a right to know how the schools are doing; students have the right to know; taxpayers have the right to know.

The current system is deceptive and difficult to understand, and if you haven't looked up your school district, please do it. What do random numbers mean to a parent? Our states students get graded A-F on their report cards so that their parents know how they are doing in every subject. Yet we stand here today, poised in this body to pass a bill that says our schools that teach our state's children—that are paid for by state tax dollars—cannot be subjected to the same type of scrutiny.

The only thing this bill accomplishes is to obscure information from the public by making it harder to understand. This is not sunshine; this is not transparency. I oppose this bill and will be voting "no" and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Senators Damoose, Johnson, Polehanki and Singh asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Damoose's statement is as follows:

Through the testimony we received in committee, I was actually persuaded that the current A-F system may not be measuring the right things. I was persuaded that we do not necessarily need the redundant measurements we currently have in the A-F system and the index system, and I will even grant that the federally-mandated index system provides a more comprehensive look at the factors that would be useful in determining whether a school is meeting its marks. But we also must recognize that people are demanding more transparency from government and our public schools are an enormous part of our government. From state funds, federal funds, bonds and millages, and so much more, our taxpayers are literally spending tens of billions of dollars per year on these schools and they are entitled to an open, easy-to-understand assessment on what they're getting for that money. Even more, we must remember that the kids are the responsibility of their parents. They are not wards of the state and parents need to be able to understand how well their children's schools are doing and what areas might need some improvement.

The A-F system, in my mind, is about communication. We are all conditioned to immediately understand what these grades represent. Parents who are not experts in detailed charts can look at the broad categories and get it right away. I have a copy of the A-F system—you can't see it here—but I see this school is doing great in terms of graduation—they got an A—and they need some work on performance amongst peers—they got a C. It's easy to understand. The index and parent dashboard now available are nowhere near as comprehensible, even if the data is good. Plus, we must recognize the common narrative, true or not, is that schools are trying to hide their performance data. This bill as it is does nothing but fuel that narrative.

My amendment is very simple. Use all the data and measurements solely from the federally-mandated index as is the intent of this bill, but also include an easy-to-understand A-F report like many other states are doing, of that index data that parents can easily understand. This amendment is an easy fix that doesn't change the intent of the bill, that gives supporters of this bill everything they're asking for but preserves the intent of the A-F rankings system which is pure, simple, and something everybody should support. Common-sense reporting of those results that empowers everyone to see the effectiveness of the schools we are paying so much money for.

Senator Johnson's statement is as follows:

I rise in support of this amendment offered by my colleague from the 37th District. This amendment represents a fair compromise which would allow the department to run only one school accountability dashboard that complies with federal requirements, but it would also still provide parents with an easy-to-understand A-F grade for our schools in our state. This is an approach that's been taken by many

states. I feel it’s important that this information be readily accessible and understandable to Michigan parents who are trying to make the best choices for their children’s education. I would strongly urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

Senator Polehanki’s first statement is as follows:

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to vote “no” on this amendment, and here’s why. As I explained to the Senator from the 37th District in committee, the School Index System components are not aligned with what the public would view as a standard grading system, so it’s not a matter of simply sticking letter grades onto schools in the School Index System. That would be an apples-to-oranges proposition that would need federal approval which is a lengthy process that I see as a misuse of limited resources for a duplicative and inferior process. The School Index System coupled with the Parent Dashboard that was created with significant parent input are sufficient indicators of school performance for anyone seeking that information.

Senator Polehanki’s second statement is as follows:

I rise today to ask you to vote “yes” on House Bill No. 4166 which would eliminate the A-F school accountability system. A-F is a second education accountability system, after the federally-approved School Index System. Passed without a review of its alignment to federal ESSA requirements in the 2018 lame duck session, the A-F system alone is insufficient in meeting federal requirements and even violates a section of federal law. Most importantly, the A-F system is redundant to the School Index System and pales in comparison in scope and precision. It should be noted that the repeal of the state’s duplicative and inferior A-F system does not affect the popular and user-friendly Parent Dashboard, developed using parent focus groups and launched in January 2018.

Thank you, Mr. President, and I ask my colleagues to vote “yes” on House Bill No. 4166.

Senator Singh’s statement is as follows:

I wanted to lend my support to this legislation and explain why I’m supporting it. We have a system that is duplicative of what is actually in federal law. Federal law has created a system that all 50 states are required to utilize; we have that system in place. Based off that system, the Michigan Department of Education created a portal for parents. I would ask each of the people in the minority to actually go to the parents’ portal and take a look at it. When you do, you will see that it’s easy to utilize, it is transparent, and it actually makes all the pieces that are part of the federal requirement make sense. It was created by parents with feedback by parents, so it is a transparent system. All you’re doing is removing this duplicative process that was put in at the last minute in 2018 in the lame duck session when even some of the final people who voted for it now regret that they voted for it. What we’re doing here is what we were asked for by superintendents and school boards—the people who are working in our education system. I am pleased to support this removing the duplicative process because we have transparency in the system with the parents’ portal.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 127, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 261.

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. 146

Yeas—33

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

Nays—5

Bumstead	Johnson	McBroom	Nesbitt
Hauck			

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 128, entitled

A bill to amend 1967 PA 281, entitled “Income tax act of 1967,” (MCL 206.1 to 206.847) by adding section 260.

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. 147

Yeas—35

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

Nays—3

Bumstead	McBroom	Nesbitt
----------	---------	---------

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Protest

Senator McBroom, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 128.

Senator McBroom's statement is as follows:

While these bills are certainly laudable in their efforts and incentivizing people to do good and to be charitable—it is something that we should be encouraging—I had to vote “no” today as these bills undo changes that I voted affirmatively for over 10 years ago, that I think were important and good policy changes that shouldn't be discontinued. The results of those changes that we made over 10 years ago were to see this state come out of a significant one-state recession, reestablish its credit rating, find itself with surplus monies, and able to invest in its infrastructure, its people, its students, and its natural resources.

Now, when we find ourselves in a rare moment of incredible bounty, to undo those wise decisions we made then, I think, is a mistake and an unwise decision that later on, when times are tough again, we are going to find ourselves once again confronted with the shortage of funds, resources, and yet these sacred cows that should never be gored will be back again. I think that is an unfortunate reality that those who succeed us in these positions will once again face, and whether or not they will have the courage and whether or not their leadership in particular will have the courage to take on those sacred cows at that time—I have great doubts. Therefore, I voted “no.”

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Resolutions

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

Senate Resolution No. 45

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

Senators McDonald Rivet, Singh, Hertel, Klinefelt, McCann, Geiss, Irwin, Cavanagh, Runestad, Damoose, Wojno, Bayer, Outman and Anthony offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 45.

A resolution to recognize May 2023 as Nurses Month.

Whereas, Registered nurses in the United States constitute our nation's largest health care profession; and
Whereas, The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings, including the frontline of the pandemic; and

Whereas, The American Nurses Association, as the voice for registered nurses in this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing access to primary and preventive health care, and better utilization of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

Whereas, Michigan nurses are an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care for hospitalized and non-hospitalized patients; and

Whereas, The demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging population, emerging health challenges, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

Whereas, More qualified registered nurses are needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

Whereas, Nurses in Michigan fight for the health, safety, and human rights not only of the sick and injured, but also of the elderly, the young, those with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged, and the most vulnerable among us; and

Whereas, Under the leadership of the Michigan Nurses Association, the largest group representing Michigan registered nurses, nurses across Michigan are working to enhance the profession; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize May 2023 as Nurses Month. We convey our utmost respect and gratitude for the work of nurses every day throughout our state and urge all residents to do so; and be it further

Resolved, That supporting nurses' ability to provide safe, quality care and developing and maintaining a thriving nurse workforce is of concern to all Michigan residents. We honor the work and dedication of nurses around the world and here in Michigan.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator McDonald Rivet's statement is as follows:

I am excited today to rise to address the body and ask that you please join me in recognizing May as Nurses Month in Michigan. It's really important that we recognize nurses' vital role in our health care system. They are the backbone of our hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities, providing compassionate care and support to patients and their families. Particularly over the past several years, we've seen a number of nurses' incredible dedication and resilience as they've been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. While risking their own health, their tireless work and sacrifices saved countless lives. The 4.2 million nurses nationwide and the 150,000 here in Michigan fight for the health, safety, and human rights of the sick and injured, the elderly, the young, those with disabilities, the economically disadvantaged, and our most vulnerable.

Thank you for allowing me to speak on my resolution. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing May as Nurses Month in Michigan.

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nesbitt's statement is as follows:

Today is a bittersweet day in my office as we say goodbye to two extremely valued members of Team Nesbitt. Our legislative interns Sarah McNally and Marissa Pierce, who are in the west Gallery, have served our office very well in getting back to constituents and working with our staff. I appreciate their dedication to the people of west Michigan and the people of the Michigan Senate.

Sarah is currently a sophomore at Michigan State University in the James Madison College—my wife has a very strong feeling about the James Madison College, as she is a graduate of that program—and she has interned with us for the last two semesters. Sarah has done an outstanding job of connecting with the constituents of the 20th District in helping us provide them with the assistance they need to navigate state government. Her work ethic and that seize-the-day attitude will be truly missed in our office.

Marissa is currently a political science and pre-law junior at Michigan State University and has been a valued addition to the office this semester. Over the past few months it has become quite clear that she has a deep love of public service, and the constituents of the 20th District have seen a direct benefit from her commitment. Wherever she lands next, she will no doubt benefit from her ability to dissect complex problems and find solutions to them.

My special thanks to both of them. Please join me in wishing them Godspeed in their future endeavors.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Tuesday, May 2:

House Bill Nos. 4201 4250 4251 4252

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Tuesday, May 2, for her approval the following bills:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 97 at 1:00 p.m.

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 160 at 1:02 p.m.

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 63 at 1:04 p.m.

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 101 at 1:06 p.m.

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Tuesday, May 2, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

House Bill Nos. 4494 4495 4496 4497 4498 4499

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

Senate Bill Nos. 308 309 310 311 312 313 314 315 316 317

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Appropriations submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

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

Scheduled Meetings

Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety – Thursday, May 4, 12:00 noon, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5312

Economic and Community Development – Thursday, May 4, 12:00 noon, Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

Labor – Thursday, May 4, 8:30 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5314

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:49 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate

