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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

10:00 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Erika Geiss.

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—present
Geiss—present

Hauck—present
Hertel—present
Hoitenga—present
Huizenga—present
Irwin—present
Johnson—present
Klinefelt—present
Lauwers—present
Lindsey—present
McBroom—excused
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 Thomas A. Albert of the 18th District offered the following invocation:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

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

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

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

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

October 21, 2025

Enclosed is a copy of the following report:

- Performance audit report on Licensing and Surveys of Hospice Facilities, Bureau of Community and Health Systems, and Bureau of Survey and Certification, Department of Health and Human Services (641-0454-24).

Sincerely,
Doug Ringler
Auditor General

The audit report was referred to the Committee on Oversight.

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.

11:39 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senators Cavanagh, Nesbitt, Brinks, Anthony, Johnson and Theis entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

House Bill No. 4039, entitled

A bill to amend 1969 PA 306, entitled "Administrative procedures act of 1969," by amending section 39 (MCL 24.239), as amended by 2011 PA 239.

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. 4045, entitled

A bill to enact the uniform public expression protection act; and to provide protections and remedies to persons sued for exercising rights to expression and other constitutionally protected rights.

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. 4422, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 205 (MCL 436.1205), as amended by 2022 PA 142.

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. 4484, entitled

A bill to amend 1939 PA 280, entitled “The social welfare act,” (MCL 400.1 to 400.119b) by adding section 109z.

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 Health Policy.

House Bill No. 4665, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1138a.

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

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

House Bill No. 4666, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending section 2082 (MCL 500.2082).

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 Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection.

House Bill No. 4690, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 479a (MCL 750.479a), as amended by 2012 PA 60.

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. 4691, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 602a (MCL 257.602a), as amended by 1999 PA 73.

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. 4793, entitled

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending sections 309 and 310 (MCL 168.309 and 168.310), section 309 as added by 2004 PA 288 and section 310 as added by 2003 PA 302.

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 Elections and Ethics.

House Bill No. 4794, entitled

A bill to amend 1966 PA 331, entitled “Community college act of 1966,” by amending sections 156 and 157 (MCL 389.156 and 389.157).

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 Elections and Ethics.

House Bill No. 4795, entitled

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled “The revised school code,” by amending section 861 (MCL 380.861), as amended by 2008 PA 1.

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 Elections and Ethics.

House Bill No. 4823, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending sections 105, 303, 526, 607, 609b, and 1025 (MCL 436.1105, 436.1303, 436.1526, 436.1607, 436.1609b, and 436.2025), section 105 as amended by 2022 PA 226, section 303 as amended by 2018 PA 154, section 526 as amended by 2020 PA 111, section 607 as amended by 2018 PA 417, section 609b as added by 2016 PA 81, and section 1025 as amended by 2019 PA 131, and by adding section 412.

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. 4824, entitled

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 105 (MCL 436.1105), as amended by 2022 PA 226, and by adding section 604.

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.

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 Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Geiss, designated Senator Webber as Chairperson.

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

Senate Bill No. 329, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending sections 2116b, 2118, and 2120 (MCL 500.2116b, 500.2118, and 500.2120), section 2116b as added and sections 2118 and 2120 as amended by 2019 PA 21; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

Senate Bill No. 595, entitled

A bill to amend 2022 PA 81, entitled “Michigan-Indiana state line remonumentation act,” by amending sections 7, 11, and 13 (MCL 54.317, 54.321, and 54.323); and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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. 133, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” by amending section 1204c (MCL 500.1204c), as amended by 2017 PA 67.

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. 423, entitled

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "The general property tax act," by amending sections 78g and 78q (MCL 211.78g and 211.78q), section 78g as amended by 2020 PA 256 and section 78q as amended by 2020 PA 33.

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

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

October 23, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 191 of 1968, MCL 123.1002:

State Boundary Commission

Richard Datema of 2360 Rosewood Lane, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, Emmet County, reappointed for a term commencing October 23, 2025, and expiring November 15, 2027.

October 23, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 232 of 1965, MCL 290.657:

Michigan Cherry Committee

Juliette McAvoy of 10154 Valley Court, Central Lake, Michigan 49622, Antrim County, reappointed as a District 1 tart cherry grower, for a term commencing October 23, 2025, and expiring February 1, 2027.

Emily Miezio of 10351 East Solem Road, Suttons Bay, Michigan 49682, Leelanau County, reappointed as a District 1 tart cherry grower, for a term commencing October 23, 2025, and expiring February 1, 2027.

Mark Schilling of 5795 Scottdale Road, Saint Joseph, Michigan 49085, Berrien County, reappointed as a District 3 tart cherry grower, for a term commencing October 23, 2025, and expiring February 1, 2027.

October 23, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 232 of 1965, MCL 290.657:

Michigan Soybean Committee

Ryan Drozd of 36253 20th Avenue, Gobles, Michigan 49055, Van Buren County, reappointed as a District 7 grower, for a term commencing October 23, 2025, and expiring September 23, 2028.

Jeffrey Fromm of 1901 East Wilkinson Road, Owosso, Michigan 48867, Shiawassee County, succeeding Mark Senk whose term has expired, appointed as a District 6 grower, for a term commencing October 23, 2025, and expiring September 23, 2028.

October 23, 2025

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 403 of 2004, MCL 338.3620:

Michigan Unarmed Combat Commission

Ruben Martinez of 1077 Whitter Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, Ingham County, reappointed as a general public member, for a term commencing October 23, 2025, and expiring June 15, 2029.

Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

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. 595

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 bills:

Senate Bill No. 478

Senate Bill No. 595

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 478, entitled

A bill to authorize the state administrative board to transfer state-owned property in Livingston County from the administrative jurisdiction of the department of corrections to the administrative jurisdiction of the department of military and veterans affairs; and to provide for powers and duties of state agencies and departments with regard to the property and the jurisdictional transfer.

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. 284

Yeas—34

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

Nays—0

Excused—3

Bumstead	McBroom	Runestad
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

Senate Bill No. 595, entitled

A bill to amend 2022 PA 81, entitled “Michigan-Indiana state line remonumentation act,” by amending sections 7, 11, and 13 (MCL 54.317, 54.321, and 54.323); and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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. 285

Yeas—34

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

Nays—0

Excused—3

Bumstead	McBroom	Runestad
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Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Geiss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, October 23:

House Bill Nos. 4039 4665 4666 4793 4794 4795

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Thursday, October 23, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos. 624 625 626

Committee Reports

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

Senate Bill No. 580, entitled

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan vehicle code,” by amending section 304 (MCL 257.304), as amended by 2024 PA 113.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Stephanie Chang
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 12:00 noon, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Chang (C), Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana and Runestad
Excused: Senator Johnson

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Labor submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building
Present: Senators Cherry (C), Camilleri, Cavanagh and Albert

Scheduled Meetings

Administrative Rules, Joint — Wednesday, October 29, 8:30 a.m., Room 521, 5th Floor, House Office Building (517) 373-5312

Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety — Thursday, October 30, 12:00 noon, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5312

Economic and Community Development — Thursday, October 30, 12:00 noon, Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-1721

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

Health Policy — Wednesday, October 29, 12:30 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5323

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:55 a.m.

The Assistant President pro tempore, Senator Geiss, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN
Secretary of the Senate