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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, May 10, 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 Sean McCann of the 19th District offered the following invocation:

Harry Truman is believed to have said, “It’s amazing what you can accomplish when you do not care who gets the credit.”

Abraham Lincoln is believed to have said, “When I do good I feel good, when I do bad I feel bad, and that’s my religion.”

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

Senator Chang entered the Senate Chamber.

### **Motions and Communications**

Senator Lauwers moved that Senator Johnson be temporarily excused from today’s session. The motion prevailed.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**General Orders**

Senators Geiss and Johnson entered the Senate Chamber.

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 Wojno as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, having assumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 200, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 236 and 241 (MCL 388.1836 and 388.1841), section 236 as amended by 2022 PA 212 and section 241 as amended by 2022 PA 144.

Substitute (S-4).

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. 201, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 201 and 206 (MCL 388.1801 and 388.1806), as amended by 2022 PA 144.

Substitute (S-3).

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. 190, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of health and human services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 9, line 8, after “operations” by striking out “1,500,000” and inserting “100”.
2. Amend page 9, line 23, after “\$” by striking out “729,166,400” and inserting “727,666,500”.
3. Amend page 10, line 9, after “\$” by striking out “303,831,300” and inserting “302,331,400”.
4. Amend page 23, following line 26, by inserting:

“Child and family campus project	6,000,000”
5. Amend page 23, following line 28, by inserting:	
“Community health programs	10,000,000
Community health residency program	100”
6. Amend page 24, following line 4, by inserting:	
“Critical access hospital renovation	100”
7. Amend page 24, following line 16, by inserting:	
“Genemarkers	100”
8. Amend page 24, following line 17, by inserting:	
“Health care worker housing initiative	100”
9. Amend page 24, following line 24, by inserting:	
“Michigan medicine survival flight program	100”
10. Amend page 24, following line 27, by inserting:	
“Nursing staff supports	100”
11. Amend page 25, following line 7, by inserting:	
“Sexual assault nurse examiner program	100”
12. Amend page 25, following line 11, by inserting:	
“Warming center services	800,000”

13. Amend page 25, line 14, after “\$” by striking out “145,060,600” and inserting “161,861,300”.

14. Amend page 25, line 16, after “\$” by striking out “145,060,600” and inserting “161,861,300” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

15. Amend page 105, line 25, after “allocate” by striking out “\$1,500,000.00” and inserting “\$100.00”.

16. Amend page 106, line 2, after “section,” by striking out “\$750,000.00” and inserting “\$50.00”.

17. Amend page 106, line 8, after “section,” by striking out “\$750,000.00” and inserting “\$50.00”.

18. Amend page 118, line 18, after “of” by striking out “\$2,800,000.00” and inserting “\$100.00”.

19. Amend page 118, following line 25, by inserting:

“(f) The department shall allocate a grant of \$100.00 to a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of this state that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501, located in a city with a population between 50,000 and 110,000 and is within a county with a population between 265,000 and 290,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census to establish 3 opioid treatment program and suicide prevention facilities capable of serving at least 500 patients on an outpatient basis. To be eligible for funds under this subdivision the nonprofit organization must be accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and have been providing outpatient services in this state since 1986.

(g) The department shall allocate a grant of \$1,300,000.00 to a nonprofit, community-based organization organized under the laws of this state that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501, located in a city with a population between 100,000 and 600,000 and in a county with a population greater than 1,500,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census that provides recreational therapy, healthy living, and substance use intervention services for a program to prevent substance abuse for youth fighting drug and alcohol misuse.”.

20. Amend page 188, line 22, after “age.” by striking out the balance of the line through “section.” on line 24.

21. Amend page 193, following line 2, by inserting:

“Sec. 1808. The department shall provide preference to health plans that are owned by nonprofit hospitals or integrated health systems licensed in Michigan in the rebid for the comprehensive health plan contract for Michigan’s Medicaid program.”.

22. Amend page 202, line 16, after “on” by striking out “October 1” and inserting “January 1”.

23. Amend page 221, line 15, after the first “to” by striking out the balance of the line through “the” on line 16 and inserting “support the implementation of a”.

24. Amend page 221, line 16, after “Medicaid” by striking out the balance of the line through “an” on line 17.

25. Amend page 221, line 18, after the first “methodology” by inserting “for federally qualified health centers (FQHCs)”.

26. Amend page 221, line 19, after “population-based” by striking out “capitated”.

27. Amend page 221, line 20, after “patient” by striking out “per-month”.

28. Amend page 221, line 21, after “center.” by inserting “Funds appropriated in this section shall be used both to support alternative payment methodology implementation costs incurred by the department and to provide funding to support the preparation and success of FQHCs participating in the alternative payment methodology.”.

29. Amend page 221, line 22, after “(2)” by inserting “The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for alternative payment model transition are designated as a work project appropriation. Unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures under this section until the project has been completed. All of the following are in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

(a) The purpose of the project is to design and implement a FQHC Medicaid alternative payment methodology as well as provide funding to help FQHCs prepare for and be successful in their alternative payment methodology participation.

(b) The project will be accomplished by utilizing state employees, contracting with vendors, and providing funding to FQHCs.

(c) The estimated cost of the project is \$15,000,000.00.

(d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2028.

(3)”.

30. Amend page 221, line 23, after “of” by striking out “5” and inserting “several”.

31. Amend page 221, line 24, after “years” by inserting “with pre-implementation and preparation occurring this fiscal year and implementation of the alternative payment methodology in the following fiscal year, with additional FQHCs having the opportunity to begin participation in the alternative payment methodology in subsequent fiscal years”.

32. Amend page 221, line 25, after “(” by striking out “3” and inserting “4”.

33. Amend page 221, line 26, after “Association” by inserting “on the design of the alternative payment methodology.”.

34. Amend page 221, line 26, after “FQHCs” by striking out “or areas of the state”.

35. Amend page 221, line 27, after “necessary” by striking out the balance of the line through “(1)” on line 29 and inserting “care delivery and system changes required for the alternative payment methodology described in subsection (1), and to develop funding approaches that support the preparation and success of FQHCs participating in the alternative payment methodology”.

36. Amend page 227, line 24, after the first “to” by striking out the balance of the line through the first “the” on line 25.

37. Amend page 227, line 25, after the first “to” by striking out the balance of the line through “centers” on line 26 and inserting “improve services and supports to unpaid family and informal caregivers”.

38. Amend page 227, line 27, after “payment” by striking out “divided equally between the” and inserting “to”.

39. Amend page 227, line 27, after “aging” by inserting “using the interstate funding formula approved by the commission on services to the aging”.

40. Amend page 235, following line 24, by inserting:

“Sec. 1994. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for warming center services, the department shall allocate \$800,000.00 to a city with a population between 50,000 and 110,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census and located in a county with a population between 265,000 and 290,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census to support an emergency housing program for adults that provides shelter and case management services.

Sec. 1995. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for child and family campus project, the department shall appropriate \$6,000,000.00 to a nonprofit, community-based organization organized under the laws of this state that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501, and is located in a city with a population between 50,000 and 110,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census and located in a county with a population between 265,000 and 290,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census to construct and renovate a consolidated facility on a site formerly owned by a hospital system. To be eligible for funds under this section, the nonprofit organization must have been established in 1911 and have a stated mission to strengthen and support children, families, and individuals as they evolve and grow in a changing community.

Sec. 1996. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for critical access hospital renovation, the department shall allocate \$100.00 to a critical access hospital located in a county with a population between 3,750 and 5,750 according to the most recent federal decennial census to implement multiple infrastructure renovations, including all of the following, to improve patient care:

(a) Remodeling and upgrading family clinics to meet current codes and practices.

- (b) Expanding operating room and recovery facilities for basic orthopedic surgeries.
- (c) Improving windows, parking lots, and other areas.

Sec. 1997. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for sexual assault nurse examiner program, the department shall allocate \$100.00 of state general fund/general purpose revenue for a sexual assault nurse examiners program at a hospital in a city with a population between 21,600 and 21,700 according to the most recent federal decennial census within a county with a population between 64,300 and 64,400 according to the most recent federal decennial census. Funds must be used to support staff compensation and training, victim needs, and community awareness, education, and prevention programs.

Sec. 1998. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for nursing staff supports, the department shall appropriate \$100.00 to the Michigan Nurses Association to support nursing staff training and education initiatives.

Sec. 1999. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for genemarkers, the department shall allocate \$100.00 to Ferris State University to develop and provide for a test that identifies genetic risk factors correlated with opioid use disorder.

Sec. 2000. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for community health residency programs, the department shall allocate \$100.00 to implement a residency program in nonprofit health center in a city with a population of between 61,000 and 63,000 and within a county with a population between 1,270,000 and 1,275,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census.

(2) The unexpended portion of funds appropriated in part 1 for the residency program is designated as a work project appropriation. Any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditure for the project under this section until the project has been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

- (a) The purpose of the work project is to provide funding for the start-up costs and ensure the first cohort graduates within three years while awaiting federal funding.
- (b) The project will be accomplished by a nonprofit 501(c)(3) health center organization.
- (c) The total estimated cost of the work project is \$100.00.
- (d) The estimated completion date is September 30, 2028.”.

The Senate agreed to the substitute as amended 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. 194, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of labor and economic opportunity for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-3).

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. 199, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-2).

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

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

**Senate Bill No. 198, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-1).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

1. Amend page 10, following line 23, by inserting:

“Firearm safety and response

3,300,000”

- 2. Amend page 10, line 28, after “\$” by inserting “9,290,400”.
- 3. Amend page 10, line 28, after “\$” by striking out “5,990,400”.
- 4. Amend page 39, following line 26, by inserting:

“Sec. 803. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for firearm safety and response, \$2,000,000.00 must be allocated to local law enforcement agencies to support the cost of firearm storage or safety equipment, including, but not limited to, lock boxes, safes or storage lockers, or cable or trigger locks. The department must establish guidelines to implement a grant program under this section. As applicable, grants to local law enforcement agencies may be used to support distribution of firearm safety equipment to the public at no cost.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for firearm safety and response, \$1,300,000.00 must be allocated to MCOLES for the purpose of training law enforcement officers in the response to active shooter situations.”.

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The Senate agreed to the substitute as amended 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. 197, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-3).

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. 178, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the state transportation department for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Substitute (S-2).

The following are the amendments to the substitute recommended by the Committee of the Whole:

- 1. Amend page 2, line 1, after “\$” by striking out “6,822,449,900” and inserting “6,830,949,900”.
- 2. Amend page 2, line 4, after “\$” by striking out “6,818,096,900” and inserting “6,826,596,900”.
- 3. Amend page 2, line 11, after “\$” by striking out “543,000,000” and inserting “551,500,000”.
- 4. Amend page 10, line 25, after “projects” by striking out “100,000,000” and inserting “104,000,000”.
- 5. Amend page 10, following line 27, by inserting:

“Trail network	4,500,000”
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- 6. Amend page 11, line 1, after “\$” by striking out “653,000,000” and inserting “661,500,000”.
- 7. Amend page 11, line 5, after “\$” by striking out the balance of the line and inserting “551,500,000”.
- 8. Amend page 11, line 13, after “\$” by striking out “6,525,402,000.00” and inserting “6,533,902,000.00”.
- 9. Amend page 11, line 15, after “\$” by striking out “2,892,791,500.00” and inserting “2,901,291,500.00”.
- 10. Amend page 12, following line 19, by inserting:

“Trail network	4,500,000”
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- 11. Amend page 12, line 21, after “\$” by striking out the balance of the line and inserting “2,901,291,500”.
- 12. Amend page 37, line 5, after “\$” by striking out “10,000,000.00” and inserting “14,000,000.00”.
- 13. Amend page 37, line 7, after “reconstruction” by inserting “and improvements to local roads at state highway intersections to reduce congestion and improve capacity”.
- 14. Amend page 37, following line 25, by inserting:

“(s) \$100.00 for bridge repair in a city with a population between 61,600 and 62,000 according to the latest federal decennial census.

Sec. 1010. Funds appropriated in part 1 for Trail network shall be used to fund the expansion of a multi-county non-motorized trail network that utilizes a former railroad corridor. Funds shall be used to provide connections and improvements to the portion of the trail network located in a county with a population between 68,000 and 69,000 according to the latest federal decennial census.”.

The Senate agreed to the substitute as amended 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. 189, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the legislature, the executive, the department of the attorney general, the department of state, the department of treasury, the department of technology, management, and budget, the department of civil rights, and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies; and to declare the effect of this act.

Substitute (S-5).

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. 186, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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. 173, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 11 and 17b (MCL 388.1611 and 388.1617b), section 11 as amended by 2022 PA 212 and section 17b as amended by 2007 PA 137.

Substitute (S-3).

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 bills, now on Third Reading of Bills, be placed on their immediate passage:

- Senate Bill No. 200**
- Senate Bill No. 201**
- Senate Bill No. 190**
- Senate Bill No. 194**
- Senate Bill No. 199**
- Senate Bill No. 198**
- Senate Bill No. 197**
- Senate Bill No. 178**
- Senate Bill No. 189**
- Senate Bill No. 186**
- Senate Bill No. 173**

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of  
**Third Reading of Bills**

**Recess**

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 10:20 a.m.

11:12 a.m.

The Senate was called to order by the President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist.

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

**Senate Bill No. 124**

**Senate Bill No. 125**

**Senate Bill No. 201**

**Senate Bill No. 198**

**Senate Bill No. 186**

**Senate Bill No. 178**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 124, entitled**

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; to investigate and study the tolling of roads, streets, highways, or bridges; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 247.651 to 247.675) by adding section 11j.

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. 186**

**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: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

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 is as follows:

Today I rise in support of my bills—Senate Bill Nos. 124 and 125—which, taken together, would create a statewide grade separation program to build bridges and underpasses at busy rail crossings and outline priority parameters for selection of projects to receive matching grants. These bills were originally inspired by a successful program in Indiana which has helped make so many grade separation projects a reality and as they put it, “catalyze economic development, create jobs, and strengthen local transportation networks.”

The fact that these bills are before us on the Senate floor today is the result of years of work by so many people. It's something I immediately set to work on fixing when I was first elected to the State Legislature and in the time since, we've made progress through the appropriations process. If you haven't heard me talk about trains, then we've probably never had a conversation. I've met two presidential candidates in my life and the first thing I talked to each of them about was our train problem. But today, I want to give you examples of why this is a critical problem and why we need to fix it with bold action. I'm thinking today of the people who will always wonder whether a 25-minute delay at a train crossing in an ambulance was the reason their loved one didn't make it. I'm thinking today of the family in Huron Township whose house burned down as emergency crews watched from the other side of the tracks unable to do anything. I'm thinking today of the man in Woodhaven who reported he waited over two hours at a blocked crossing. And even across the country, a recent news story revealed kids in one small town were crawling under stopped trains each day in order to get to school.

These stories are all too real and there are countless others like them because these delays due to blocked rail crossings are happening every single day. Across the Downriver region I represent, they're an unfortunate reality for drivers everywhere and they're not only inconveniencing drivers, they're endangering lives. Beyond that, they're also preventing economic development. We've heard so many times about businesses choosing to locate elsewhere because they don't want to deal with these logistical nightmares. The legislation before us today would help solve some of Michigan's most critical transportation issues by breaking down barriers to build under- and overpasses at our most problematic train crossings across Michigan. Today we have the opportunity to provide permanent solutions to these public safety, logistical, and economic development challenges.

Now is the time to take these bills across the finish line and help improve public safety, bring new jobs to our state, and solve headaches for thousands of Michiganders each and every day. I urge a “yes” vote on both of these bills. Let's solve this problem together, once and for all.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 125, entitled**

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled “An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide

for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; to investigate and study the tolling of roads, streets, highways, or bridges; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” (MCL 247.651 to 247.675) by adding section 11i.

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. 187**

**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: President

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 201, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 201, 202a, 206, 207a, 207b, 207c, 219, 229a, and 230 (MCL 388.1801, 388.1802a, 388.1806, 388.1807a, 388.1807b, 388.1807c, 388.1819, 388.1829a, and 388.1830), sections 201, 202a, 206, 207a, 207b, 207c, 229a, and 230 as amended by 2022 PA 144 and section 219 as amended by 2016 PA 249, and by adding sections 216c, 217a, and 217b; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The question being on the passage of the bill,  
Senator Albert offered the following substitute:  
Substitute (S-2).

The substitute was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 21, line 14, after “**year**” by inserting a period.
2. Amend page 21, line 14, after “**year**” by striking out the balance of the line through “**greater.**” on line 15.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 188**

**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: President

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 22, following line 11, by inserting:

**“(5) Community colleges that exceed the tuition and fee rate cap described in subsection (2) will not receive a planning or construction authorization for a state-funded capital outlay project in fiscal year 2024-2025 or 2025-2026.”**

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. 189**

**Yeas—18**

Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis

Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Nesbitt  
Outman

Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: President

Senator Webber offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 12, following line 5, by inserting:

**“(9) From the appropriations described in subsection (1), \$117,445,000.00 is appropriated from the state school aid fund for community college safety grants. Payments shall be made in an equal amount per full-year equivalent student, based on the most recently available enrollment data collected through the center for educational performance and information. Funds shall be used for safety infrastructure, including, but not limited to, cameras, door blocks, hardened vestibules, window screening, and technology necessary to operate alert systems and coordinate with local law enforcement. This may also include firearm detection software that integrates to existing security cameras to detect and alert school personnel and first responders to visible firearms on school property.”** and adjusting the totals in section 201 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

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. 190**

**Yeas—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

Excused—0

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: President

Senator McBroom offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 23, following line 4, by inserting:

**“Sec. 225a. A community college receiving an appropriation in section 201 must not require a student to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of attendance at that community college.”.**

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 15, after “is” by striking out “\$420,082,800.00” and inserting “\$461,360,300.00”.
2. Amend page 2, line 20, by striking out “\$6,887,000.00” and inserting “\$7,242,100.00”.
3. Amend page 2, line 23, by striking out “\$505,100.00” and inserting “\$860,200.00”.
4. Amend page 2, line 23, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
5. Amend page 2, line 27, by striking out “\$7,074,600.00” and inserting “\$7,576,300.00”.
6. Amend page 3, line 1, after “and” by striking out “\$713,700.00” and inserting “\$1,215,400.00”.
7. Amend page 3, line 1, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
8. Amend page 3, line 5, after “is” by striking out “\$19,522,400.00” and inserting “\$21,407,000.00”.
9. Amend page 3, line 7, after “and” by striking out “\$2,681,100.00” and inserting “\$4,565,700.00”.
10. Amend page 3, line 8, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
11. Amend page 3, line 12, by striking out “\$3,365,800.00” and inserting “\$3,646,600.00”.
12. Amend page 3, line 15, by striking out “\$399,400.00” and inserting “\$680,200.00”.
13. Amend page 3, line 15, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
14. Amend page 3, line 19, by striking out “\$5,759,100.00” and inserting “\$6,002,500.00”.
15. Amend page 3, line 22, by striking out “\$346,200.00” and inserting “\$589,600.00”.
16. Amend page 3, line 22, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
17. Amend page 3, line 26, by striking out “\$25,751,300.00” and inserting “\$28,963,100.00”.
18. Amend page 3, line 29, after “and” by striking out “\$4,569,300.00” and inserting “\$7,781,100.00”.
19. Amend page 3, line 29, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
20. Amend page 4, line 4, by striking out “\$29,899,100.00” and inserting “\$33,209,300.00”.
21. Amend page 4, line 7, after “and” by striking out “\$4,709,300.00” and inserting “\$8,019,500.00”.
22. Amend page 4, line 7, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
23. Amend page 4, line 11, after “is” by striking out “\$15,733,200.00” and inserting “\$16,952,100.00”.
24. Amend page 4, line 13, after “and” by striking out “\$1,734,000.00” and inserting “\$2,952,900.00”.
25. Amend page 4, line 14, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
26. Amend page 4, line 18, after “is” by striking out “\$17,313,200.00” and inserting “\$19,163,700.00”.
27. Amend page 4, line 21, by striking out “\$2,632,600.00” and inserting “\$4,483,100.00”.
28. Amend page 4, line 21, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
29. Amend page 4, line 25, by striking out “\$12,689,400.00” and inserting “\$13,600,500.00”.
30. Amend page 4, line 28, by striking out “\$1,296,200.00” and inserting “\$2,207,300.00”.
31. Amend page 4, line 28, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
32. Amend page 5, line 3, by striking out “\$4,302,300.00” and inserting “\$4,632,900.00”.
33. Amend page 5, line 6, by striking out “\$470,300.00” and inserting “\$800,900.00”.
34. Amend page 5, line 6, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
35. Amend page 5, line 10, by striking out “\$7,418,700.00” and inserting “\$8,142,200.00”.
36. Amend page 5, line 13, by striking out “\$1,029,200.00” and inserting “\$1,752,700.00”.
37. Amend page 5, line 13, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
38. Amend page 5, line 17, by striking out “\$40,049,800.00” and inserting “\$42,865,000.00”.
39. Amend page 5, line 20, after “and” by striking out “\$4,005,100.00” and inserting “\$6,820,300.00”.
40. Amend page 5, line 20, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
41. Amend page 5, line 24, by striking out “\$44,648,400.00” and inserting “\$49,317,100.00”.
42. Amend page 5, line 27, after “and” by striking out “\$6,641,800.00” and inserting “\$11,310,500.00”.
43. Amend page 5, line 27, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.

44. Amend page 6, line 2, by striking out “\$6,980,300.00” and inserting “\$7,771,000.00”.
45. Amend page 6, line 5, by striking out “\$1,124,900.00” and inserting “\$1,915,600.00”.
46. Amend page 6, line 5, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
47. Amend page 6, line 9, by striking out “\$6,191,500.00” and inserting “\$6,787,900.00”.
48. Amend page 6, line 12, by striking out “\$848,400.00” and inserting “\$1,444,800.00”.
49. Amend page 6, line 12, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
50. Amend page 6, line 16, by striking out “\$4,500,800.00” and inserting “\$4,848,400.00”.
51. Amend page 6, line 19, by striking out “\$494,500.00” and inserting “\$842,100.00”.
52. Amend page 6, line 19, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
53. Amend page 6, line 23, by striking out “\$20,479,200.00” and inserting “\$22,248,800.00”.
54. Amend page 6, line 26, by striking out “\$2,517,400.00” and inserting “\$4,287,000.00”.
55. Amend page 6, line 26, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
56. Amend page 7, line 1, by striking out “\$11,771,900.00” and inserting “\$12,898,700.00”.
57. Amend page 7, line 4, by striking out “\$1,452,800.00” and inserting “\$2,474,000.00”.
58. Amend page 7, line 4, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
59. Amend page 7, line 8, by striking out “\$4,586,200.00” and inserting “\$4,955,000.00”.
60. Amend page 7, line 11, after “and” by striking out “\$524,600.00” and inserting “\$893,400.00”.
61. Amend page 7, line 11, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
62. Amend page 7, line 15, by striking out “\$12,009,100.00” and inserting “\$12,898,700.00”.
63. Amend page 7, line 18, after “and” by striking out “\$1,265,500.00” and inserting “\$2,155,100.00”.
64. Amend page 7, line 18, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
65. Amend page 7, line 22, by striking out “\$30,599,500.00” and inserting “\$34,529,400.00”.
66. Amend page 7, line 25, after “and” by striking out “\$5,590,800.00” and inserting “\$9,520,700.00”.
67. Amend page 7, line 25, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
68. Amend page 7, line 29, by striking out “\$18,321,900.00” and inserting “\$20,729,300.00”.
69. Amend page 8, line 3, by striking out “\$3,424,900.00” and inserting “\$5,832,300.00”.
70. Amend page 8, line 3, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
71. Amend page 8, line 7, by striking out “\$8,453,900.00” and inserting “\$8,937,700.00”.
72. Amend page 8, line 10, by striking out “\$688,300.00” and inserting “\$1,172,100.00”.
73. Amend page 8, line 10, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
74. Amend page 8, line 14, after “is” by striking out “\$9,540,100.00” and inserting “\$10,403,900.00”.
75. Amend page 8, line 17, by striking out “\$1,228,900.00” and inserting “\$2,092,700.00”.
76. Amend page 8, line 17, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
77. Amend page 8, line 21, by striking out “\$20,555,700.00” and inserting “\$23,650,400.00”.
78. Amend page 8, line 24, after “and” by striking out “\$4,402,700.00” and inserting “\$7,497,400.00”.
79. Amend page 8, line 24, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
80. Amend page 8, line 28, by striking out “\$22,440,700.00” and inserting “\$24,605,200.00”.
81. Amend page 9, line 2, by striking out “\$3,079,300.00” and inserting “\$5,243,800.00”.
82. Amend page 9, line 2, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
83. Amend page 9, line 6, by striking out “\$3,237,700.00” and inserting “\$3,481,100.00”.
84. Amend page 9, line 9, by striking out “\$346,200.00” and inserting “\$589,600.00”.
85. Amend page 9, line 9, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
86. Amend page 9, line 11, after the first “is” by striking out “\$420,082,800.00” and inserting “\$461,360,300.00”.
87. Amend page 16, line 3, after “for” by striking out “ITEM” and inserting “DITEM”.
88. Amend page 16, line 4, after “for” by inserting “the repayment of debt.”.
89. Amend page 16, line 10, after “maintenance.” by striking out the balance of the line through “housing.” on line 11.
90. Amend page 16, line 13, after “section.” by inserting “Each community college must use not less than 50% of funds received under this section to reduce debt held by that community college as of March 1, 2023. A community college that pays off debt using funds under this section must prioritize the payment of debt related to obligations under the retirement system.” and adjusting the totals in section 201 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, resumed the Chair.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,  
Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 191**

**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

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 16, line 4, after “for” by inserting “the repayment of debt.”.

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. 192**

**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. 193**

**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

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Senators Huizenga, Albert, Webber, McBroom and McCann asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Huizenga’s statement is as follows:

My amendment would freeze tuition rates at the community colleges that serve our constituents. Costs are high and everything is more expensive for our residents today. We must look at ways to reduce barriers to higher education and a tuition freeze for community colleges in this budget will significantly reduce the most significant barrier to obtaining a degree. I respectfully ask my colleagues in this chamber to join me in supporting this amendment.

Senator Albert’s first statement is as follows:

This amendment keeps in place financial penalties for community colleges that do not keep tuition below a capped increase. This penalty impacts community colleges’ ability to access capital outlay funding if they exceed the cap. It is imperative that the state’s increased funding toward community colleges benefits the students. This is critical, especially in this era of high inflation.



Senator Webber's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, I find it inexcusable that the new majority continues to oppose efforts to make a serious investment in the safety of our schools, whether they be elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, or our universities and community colleges. My amendment will provide real, meaningful investment in making our community college campuses safer places for thousands of Michiganders. I ask for a "yes" vote.

Senator McBroom's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, I think most people have probably heard, but the announcements have been made widely at the federal level, and even at the international level from the WHO, that the COVID-19 pandemic is ending—or over already—and yet a number of our colleges and universities are continuing to insist that students get vaccinated. My amendment simply disallows the requirement for a COVID vaccine in order to be enrolled at our community colleges. I'd appreciate your support.

Senator Albert's second statement is as follows:

This amendment builds on an initiative presented by the Governor and supported by Senate Democrats. They provided \$58.7 million of funding for item funding which supports investments in infrastructure, technology, deferred maintenance, and other related equipment. This funding will help community colleges address liabilities before they get worse. My amendment increases the funding to \$100 million and also adds debt as an eligible use and requires 50 percent of the funding to be used for this purpose. It also prioritizes the paying down of pension debt which is a growing liability for our community colleges.

Senator Albert's third statement is as follows:

This amendment mirrors the language that was supported in the higher education budget in the full Appropriations Committee. It simply allows for debt to be an allowable use of item funding. All this does is provide flexibility for community colleges to pay down their liabilities.

Senator McCann's statement is as follows:

I rise in support of this budget for our Michigan community colleges. Our community colleges are the critical learning and employment training centers located in so many of our districts. They touch the lives of countless constituents, families, businesses, and organizations. They are the core building block of our workforce development efforts beyond K through 12. This budget includes an across-the-board 6 percent ongoing increase in operational funding. It will help create a pipeline for jobs of the future including nursing, pharmacy technicians, utility line workers, nurses, and electric vehicle related positions. We know that Michigan is making historic investments in our new electrified future and this budget helps us realize the benefits of that investment. And it sets a below-inflation rate 4.5 percent tuition cap. It also provides new funding for our community colleges to help them address long-deferred needs in infrastructure, technology, equipment, and maintenance. Lastly, this is a realistic budget crafted within broader spending guidelines and achievable goals.

Colleagues, Michigan's community colleges are the core of building our great state's future prosperity. I ask for your "yes" vote.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 198, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of state police for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Bellino offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 23, after "\$9.0" by striking out "12,209,600" and inserting "14,709,600".
2. Amend page 2, line 24, after "\$" by striking out "86,337,300" and inserting "88,837,300".
3. Amend page 4, line 17, after "\$" by striking out "76,584,500" and inserting "79,084,500".
4. Amend page 6, line 7, after "7.0" by striking out "18,240,000" and inserting "20,740,000".
5. Amend page 6, line 12, after "\$" by striking out "33,824,200" and inserting "36,324,200".
6. Amend page 6, line 23, after "\$" by striking out "19,363,800" and inserting "21,863,800".

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 194****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

Senator Theis offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 4, line 23, after “60.0” by striking out “19,963,200” and inserting “24,963,200”.
2. Amend page 5, line 1, after “\$” by striking out “122,005,100” and inserting “127,005,100”.
3. Amend page 5, following line 9, by inserting

“Coronavirus relief fund	5,000,000”.
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and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 195****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  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Theis offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 8, line 4, after “64.0” by striking out “16,709,700” and inserting “17,141,700”.
2. Amend page 8, line 10, after “\$” by striking out “162,294,500” and inserting “162,726,500”.
3. Amend page 9, line 9, after “\$” by striking out “53,464,200” and inserting “53,896,200”.

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 196**

**Yeas—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator McBroom offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 35, following line 2, by inserting:

“(4) The department must require that all new vehicles for use by motor carrier officers not be painted to look similar to those used by Michigan state police officers and that the motor carrier division develop and display a division logo that is significantly dissimilar to that used by Michigan state police.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator McBroom offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 35, following line 2, by inserting:

“(4) The department must require that motor carrier division officers wear a uniform color other than dark blue and that motor officers specifically state that they are not police officers when they begin interactions/enforcement activities.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Theis offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 16, following line 16, by inserting:

“Sec. 218. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this article, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, intertransfer funds within this article for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

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. 197**

**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

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

**Protest**

Senator Theis, under her constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 198 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 Theis' statement is as follows:

According to the Michigan State Police, the rate of violent crime offenses has increased in this state by more than double the national average, both in 2020 and increased again in 2021—that's the most recent numbers we have—while the national average dropped that year. At a time when lawlessness and violence is on the rise, not only do individual citizens need to be able to better protect themselves but we must also better dedicate our resources to hiring, training, and retaining qualified law enforcement officers. We must also acknowledge the challenges that police officers face in their work and increased scrutiny of the risks of the job and the toll it can take on their physical and mental health. The MSP is no different and we should be investing more in these efforts. This budget simply does not go far enough in doing that. I recommend a "no" vote.

Senators Bellino, Theis, McBroom and Hertel 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, it has been said that the first and foremost important job of government is to ensure the safety of its people. Every day, our dedicated Michigan State Police troopers and local police officers put their lives on the line to help fulfill their job and keep our families safe. In fact, Mr. President, since the year 2000 in the United States of America, 4,433 law enforcement officers have been killed. Now I know many were car accidents, but most were shot by bad people. In fact, in the last three years 1,264 officers have been killed. It isn't an easy job and having better-trained law enforcement officers—which we all want—is important for the safety of everyone in this state. My amendment would increase the justice training grants and law enforcement continuing education grants by \$2.5 million. This money is used to provide vital training to men and women for our state and local police. I ask for a "yes" vote on my amendment.

Senator Theis' first statement is as follows:

Increased funding for victim support services is crucial for ensuring the well-being and recovery of individuals who have experienced trauma and hardship. Victims of crime, abuse, and violence often face significant challenges on their path to healing and these support services play a vital role in their journey. My amendment would help expand the availability and accessibility of victim support services by increasing the funding for victim support by \$5 million. Supporting increasing funding for victim support services is a testament to our commitment to justice, to empathy, and to community well-being. It demonstrates that we prioritize the needs of those who have suffered and acknowledge the importance of the healing process. By investing in victim support services, we empower survivors, promote resilience, and work toward a society that fosters compassion and support for all. I ask my colleagues for their support on this amendment.

Senator Theis' second statement is as follows:

In times of disaster and emergency, the State Emergency Operations Center is where state, local, and federal agencies coordinate efforts when responding to and recovering from an event. Needless to say, the SEOC is vital to public safety. Unfortunately, the SEOC lost federal and sustaining funding and we need to dedicate state resources to fill the federal void. My amendment would provide \$432,000 for necessary and sustaining funding for the SEOC and I urge a "yes" vote.

Senator McBroom's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, motor carrier was not originally part of the Michigan State Police Department. It was transferred there through an executive restructuring order by Governor Milliken. In fact, the Legislature originally rejected the first EO to transfer them—the first time the Legislature utilized that power to do so. Unfortunately, that legislative wisdom was eventually worn down and the change was made anyway. Motor carrier since then has presented itself as State Police—they drive cars that are emblazoned with the State Police name and logo, they either have the same blue or a very similar blue, they wear uniforms that are very similar or the same to State Police uniforms. No other state inspector or regulator or agent is permitted to do such things. They don't get to wear State Police uniforms or present themselves in a car that's labeled "State Police" or allow people to have the impression that they are State Police. In fact, if they did or if any one of us did, we'd probably be written up on chargers for impersonating an officer.

Across my district, motor carrier has made a regular practice of harassing regular citizens who are simply trying to do their daily work. A stop from the State Police can take hours away from important critical time when you are being paid by the hour or by the load delivered. One farmer in my area was pulled over while

driving his pickup truck pulling a hay wagon with some round bales on it. He spent over an hour with a motor carrier officer who didn't know the law who wanted to weigh his hay wagon, who wanted to write him up for not having a license plate on the wagon or having lights on the wagon—none of which he was required to do. Fortunately for him, he was patient and kind with the officer and when the interaction was over, he called me and I was able to call the State Police who then had to go fix the mess and retract the tickets. I've had interactions with motor carrier who claim they don't do random inspections by stopping vehicles on the road, and yet my own family has had these random stops always under some pretext—Oh, I thought that light was out, oh, I thought you were over width—and then, Oh well, since we're stopped, we're going to do an inspection now, and they can always find some little thing to bug you about, something that was there, waste tremendous amounts of your time. One old man in my district was pulled over because his load of firewood in the back of his truck wasn't tarped. We're out harassing 80-year-old guys trying to haul firewood home to keep their houses warm. My father got stopped for hauling a load of dirt—barnyard dirt—didn't have to be tarped. And a citizen in my district last year was pulled over under the pretext that his trailer wasn't properly secured and yet later on he got a ticket because of a license plate issue on his truck and when the ticket was written, that was written down as the primary cause for being pulled over even though it was impossible to see his license plate. Not only did they write him up, but they gave him a felony charge—a ridiculous thing that the court later laughed at and threw out, wasting time, wasting money, wasting our citizens' time and money. It is time to stop motor carrier from pretending to be police officers.

My amendments say they can't drive a car that looks like a State Police car, they don't get to wear uniforms that look like State Police uniforms, and they have to announce to a person who's subject to regulation, to a regulatory interaction, that they are not police officers. No other regulator, whether they're coming to inspect an elevator in your building or inspect my milk tank on my farm or go to the airport to inspect planes, gets to pretend to be a police officer and these people shouldn't be either. I encourage a “yes” vote on my amendments.

Senator Theis' third statement is as follows:

Mr. President, the Legislature has been given a constitutional responsibility to control the power of the purse which why any of us would choose to take that away, would choose to give that away, is beyond me. I'm trying desperately to make sure that we are keeping our proper responsibility in the proper place. This particular amendment restores the section 218 language. I ask for a “yes” vote on my amendment.

Senator Hertel's statement is as follows:

I rise today in support of Senate Bill No. 198 which contains appropriations for the Department of State Police. It's been an honor to work on this as my first budget here in the Senate and I am pleased to present this recommendation for the department to my colleagues today. This budget was crafted in consultation with members of the department and other stakeholders to ensure that the State Police are best equipped to provide services Michigan residents need.

I want to highlight a few key pieces of this budget that I know have been of utmost concern to members here in this body and also residents across our state. First, this budget contains funding to train sufficient numbers of troopers to account for attrition across the state. Continuing to maintain these numbers helps protect our communities but also prevent any one officer from being overburdened, which leads to burnout and can cause people to leave this important profession. But we know the trooper recruit school is not the end of training for our law enforcement officials. It is a profession that requires continued learning. This budget includes funding for ongoing in-service training to ensure that those enforcing the law are kept up to date on best practices for public safety as policing continues to change across our communities.

Finally, I want to highlight that this budget is not only focused on law enforcement but on the citizens they serve across our state. It contains provisions for gun violence prevention including an updated ballistics lab for the department, an expansion of victim support services all across the state. There is also funding to expand the capacity of the OK2Say program, a program that has demonstrated to help students feel safer in our schools and to give them an outlet for any concerns they may witness in their community. It is my belief that weaving together funding for our law enforcement—for the recruitment, training, and support for students and residents who have been victimized—will help create the best network of public safety here in Michigan. Thank you for the opportunity.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 186, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 1, line 9, after “positions” by striking out “628.5” and inserting “621.5”.
  2. Amend page 3, line 3, after “positions” by striking out “54.6” and inserting “47.6”.
  3. Amend page 3, line 4, after “operations--FTEs” by striking out “45.6” and inserting “38.6”.
- The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 13, line 4, after “\$” by striking out “10,000,000” and inserting “5,000,000”.
  2. Amend page 13, line 10, after “\$” by striking out “700,000” and inserting “400,000”.
  3. Amend page 13, line 22, after “\$” by striking out “3,000,000” and inserting “1,500,000”.
- The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

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. 198**

**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

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

**Protest**

Senator Albert, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 186 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert’s statement is as follows:

This is supposed to be Teacher Appreciation Week. I am voting against this budget primarily because of a toolkit development line item that I feel disrespects teachers, specifically by calling into question their ability to teach history. The language for this program in the bill states, “From the funds appropriated in part 1 for

toolkit development, the department is authorized to hire 1 limited term employee to cover necessary costs to develop a toolkit to provide professional development regarding the teaching of full and complex American history across subject areas including the history of communities of color and other marginalized communities.”

There is no question that our nation’s history is full of sins committed against communities of color. This history should be taught and we should learn from it. I love and support history. I like it so much that I picked up a major in history while studying political science at the University of Michigan. I firmly believe we should understand and learn from our history. Understanding from our past mistakes and successes can help us to become better people and improve society, but it appears to me that by including this line item Democrats are questioning how history is currently being taught. Are Democrats saying that our teacher prep programs are glossing over this past and not properly discussing the pain our nation endured in the struggles it went through? Are Democrats saying that our teachers are not teaching this correctly? Our schools should teach history, including history that shows our nation at its worst and how we’ve reckoned with those failures and how we’ve grown from them, but I’m worried this inadequately-defined proposal potentially opens the door to going beyond history and straying into a politically-motivated agenda.

Senators Albert and Bayer asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert’s first statement is as follows:

My amendment will merely eliminate the growth of new government bureaucrats called for in this budget. The rate of government growth in this and many other budgets we have seen presented on the floor is simply unsustainable as we watch our budget surplus get depleted and the state head into a slowed economy. More Lansing bureaucrats is not a long-term solution for anything, and only further burdens our already-struggling taxpayers. I ask for your support of this amendment.

Senator Albert’s second statement is as follows:

This amendment would reduce the additional contingency funds allocated in this budget to the current year level. Pouring extra dollars into these unconstrained funds strips the Legislature of its proper oversight responsibilities. It is not transparent, and it excuses the department from serious fiscal accountability. The people of Michigan deserve transparency and accountability when their hard-earned tax dollars are being spent. We were elected to be good stewards of this money. Let’s not shirk our duty by surrendering legislative budgetary oversight. I ask for a “yes” vote on my amendment.

Senator Bayer’s statement is as follows:

I’m delighted to speak to this budget for the Department of Education. It is both caring for our students, teachers, and families and intelligent about spending as well as practical in providing the services needed to our massive public education system and innovative in bringing some new ideas to our schools and fresh faces to bring fresh ideas for our system as a whole. We are investing in early childhood—about a 30 percent increase for care and teaching, leveraging federal dollars to fund that investment and to make sure that we can continue to subsidize access to child care for all our families earning up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. We’re also leveraging federal funding to increase our Great Start program. For decades, the data has proven to us that the return on investment is highest when you invest in early childhood education.

Some of the innovations that we’ve included are matching fund grants for districts buying equipment for internet access—high-speed internet—through the federal E-rate program enabling an additional \$50 million in federal funding available to districts. We’ve also included funding for MDE to create a toolkit for optional American history curriculum providing a full and diverse view of our complex history. That toolkit will provide optional opportunity for curriculum and professional development option for teachers for teaching that full and complex history. To create the toolkit, MDE intends to get input from curriculum leaders across the state and community leaders all representing the diversity of Michiganders including people with heritage representing everything you can think of, all the people you have met—Asian, Arabic, African, Canadian, European, Indigenous, South and Central American, and more geographies, covering all the history of our state. We’re really excited about that program. And we’ve allocated funds to bring in those outside experts in statewide, provincewide, even countrywide education systems for that fresh look at Michigan. There are suggestions that have been proven in many places that we don’t even know about yet.

I ask you to please vote for this budget that enables and inspires our department to be the best possible leaders in education.



The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 178, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the state transportation department for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 1, after "\$" by striking out "6,822,449,900" and inserting "6,823,249,900".
2. Amend page 2, line 4, after "\$" by striking out "6,818,096,900" and inserting "6,818,896,900".
3. Amend page 2, line 11, after "\$" by striking out "543,000,000" and inserting "543,800,000".
4. Amend page 6, following line 24, by inserting:

"Road crush, reshape, and resurface project	800,000"
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5. Amend page 6, line 25, after "\$" by striking out "3,859,046,200" and inserting "3,859,846,200".
6. Amend page 7, line 6, after "\$" by striking out "0" and inserting "800,000".
7. Amend page 11, line 13, after "\$" by striking out "6,525,402,000.00" and inserting "6,546,202,000.00".
8. Amend page 11, line 15, after "\$" by striking out "2,892,791,500.00" and inserting "2,893,591,500.00".
9. Amend page 12, following line 20, by inserting:

"Road crush, reshape, and resurface project	800,000"
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10. Amend page 12, line 21, after "\$" by striking out the balance of the line and inserting "2,893,591,500".
11. Amend page 37, following line 25, by inserting:

"Sec. 1009. Funds appropriated in Part 1 for Road crush, reshape, and resurface project is to be distributed to a village with a population between 500 and 600 according to the latest federal decennial census, in a county with a population between 600,000 and 700,000 according to the latest federal decennial census, to be used for the crushing, reshaping, and resurfacing of a road."

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Bumstead offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 11, line 15, after "\$" by striking out "2,892,791,500.00" and inserting "2,853,691,500".
2. Amend page 11, line 20, after "villages" by striking out "698,031,200" and inserting "719,831,200".
3. Amend page 11, line 21, after "commissions" by striking out "1,251,973,100" and inserting "1,291,073,100".
4. Amend page 12, line 19, by striking out "Critical infrastructure projects".
5. Amend page 12, line 19, by striking out "100,000,000".
6. Amend page 12, line 21, after "\$" by striking out the balance of the line and inserting "2,853,691,500".
7. Amend page 35, line 5, after "be" by striking out the balance of the page through "project." on line 25 of page 37 and inserting "deposited into the MTF."

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Bellino offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 10, following line 28, by inserting:

"Soar road and bridge investment	500,000,000"
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and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 37, following line 25, by inserting:

"Sec. 1011. From the funds deposited in the strategic outreach and attraction reserve fund created in the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL. 12.254, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the state treasurer shall lapse \$500,000,000.00 to the general fund and deposit \$500,000,000.00 from the general fund into the Michigan transportation fund created in section 10 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660, for distribution as per the following:

- (1) \$178,981,900.00 general fund distributed among cities and villages in accordance with section 13 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.663, to be used by cities and villages as provided under that section.
- (2) \$321,018,100.00 general fund distributed among county road commissions, as defined by section 10c of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660c, in accordance with section 12 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.662, to be used by county road commissions as provided under that section."

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 199**

**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

Senator Bellino offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 10, following line 28, by inserting:

“Soar road and bridge investment	175,000,000”
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and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 37, following line 25, by inserting:

“Sec. 1010. From the funds deposited in the strategic outreach and attraction reserve fund created in the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL. 12.254, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the state treasurer shall lapse \$175,000,000.00 to the general fund and deposit \$175,000,000.00 from the general fund into the Michigan transportation fund created in section 10 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660, for distribution as per the following:

(1) \$62,643,700.00 general fund distributed among cities and villages in accordance with section 13 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.663, to be used by cities and villages as provided under that section.

(2) \$112,356,300.00 general fund distributed among county road commissions, as defined by section 10c of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660c, in accordance with section 12 of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.662, to be used by county road commissions as provided under that section.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 200**

**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

Senator Damoose offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 34, line 23, after “247.660c” by inserting “proportionate to population”.
2. Amend page 34, line 23, after “247.660c” by striking out the balance of the line through “population” on line 25.
3. Amend page 34, line 28, after “governments” by striking out the balance of the line through “(a)” on line 29.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Damoose offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 10, line 26, by striking out “High-speed rail/regional transit” and inserting “Local road project”.
2. Amend page 12, line 18, by striking out “High-speed rail/regional transit” and inserting “Local road project”.
3. Amend page 33, line 29, after “1005.” by inserting “(1)”.
4. Amend page 33, line 29, after “for” by striking out the balance of the page through “2028.” on line 18 of page 34 and inserting “Local road project shall be expended for road projects and are to be divided accordingly:

(a) Sixty percent goes to the county road commissions as that term is defined in section 10c of 1951 PA 51, MCL 247.660c, proportionate to population. Ten percent of the total amount is to go to the township roads in the counties described in this subdivision.

(b) Forty percent goes to local municipal governments. As used in this subdivision, “local municipal government” means a city or village as categorized by the latest federal decennial census, proportionate to population.”.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Damoose offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 15, line 10, after “\$” by striking out “200,000,000.00” and inserting “40,000,000.00”.
2. Amend page 15, line 16, after “\$” by striking out “40,000,000.00” and inserting “5,000,000.00”.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Webber offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 1, after “\$” by striking out “6,822,449,900” and inserting “6,832,449,900”.
2. Amend page 2, line 4, after “\$” by striking out “6,818,096,900” and inserting “6,828,096,900”.
3. Amend page 2, line 11, after “\$” by striking out “543,000,000” and inserting “553,000,000”.
4. Amend page 10, following line 24, by inserting:

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“Sound wall	10,000,000”
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5. Amend page 11, line 1, after “\$” by striking out “653,000,000” and inserting “663,000,000”.
6. Amend page 11, line 5, after “\$” by striking out the balance of the line and inserting “553,000,000”.
7. Amend page 11, line 13, after “\$” by striking out “6,525,402,000.00” and inserting “6,535,402,000.00”.

8. Amend page 37, following line 25, by inserting:

“Sec. 1011. Funds appropriated in part 1 for Sound wall shall be spent on a sound wall in Troy, sections 10 and 11 along the interstate-75 corridor that qualified through a sound wall study.”.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 37, following line 25, by inserting:

“Sec. 1008. Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for State trunkline federal aid and road and bridge construction, \$3,000,000.00 shall be expended for deterrence systems for wrong way drivers on freeways in the MDOT Grand region.”.

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. 201**

**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

Senator Damoose offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 17, following line 29, by inserting:

“Sec. 218. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this act, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, intertransfer funds within this act for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

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. 202**

**Yeas—20**

Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana

Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Nays—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

**Protest**

Senator Damoose, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 178 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Damoose’s statement is as follows:

Mr. President, we need to improve our roads. Everyone in this room agrees with that, so I’m very disappointed to have to vote against this transportation budget. The American Society of Civil Engineers recently gave our state failing grades for the quality of our roads and bridges. It was a report stating the obvious; we don’t need a study to tell us what a mess we have on our hands. We need a comprehensive transportation spending plan that places a priority on fixing our local roads and bridges and does so in a way that meets the needs of all Michigan communities and families. Unfortunately, that’s not what we have in this budget before us. I’m voting “no” on this transportation budget because it only focuses on a small segment of our state. Unfortunately our amendments to broaden this funding equitably statewide, invest in more local roads, and keep important oversight were rejected. We can do much better than this for the people of our state and I ask for a “no” vote.

Senators Outman, Bumstead, Bellino, Damoose, Webber, Huizenga and Klinefelt asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Outman’s statement is as follows:

Michigan’s roads have been the focus of this legislative body for years now and there has been progress made. Like me, many of you probably pass barrels or cones to and from Lansing every day and it’s an issue we can all agree should remain a priority. My amendment would strengthen this budget’s commitment to fixing the state’s roads and bridges and include funding for much-needed repairs in my district. Budgets and funding efforts from the last few years have made tremendous progress across the state, and my amendment would help build on that success. I ask for a “yes” vote.

Senator Bumstead's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, we should be investing our historic surplus to fix the roads in all Michigan counties, not just ones represented by legislators in the majority. My amendment would cut funding listed as critical infrastructure projects and reallocate those funds through PA 51 to support roads and bridge improvements across our state. This removes several obvious Democratic-priority road projects and invests those tax dollars statewide to benefit all Michigan residents. I urge members to put people over politics and support this amendment.

Senator Bellino's first statement is as follows:

Mr. President, anyone who has driven in Michigan knows that our roads are in poor condition. Not surprisingly, just this last week, the American Society of Civil Engineers recently released a report card giving our bridges a D-plus and our roads a D. We have an historic surplus, Mr. President, and instead of spending it on expanding government, supporting Chinese-affiliated companies, or doling out more pork than a CAFO off I-94, we should be using this to help Michigan families make long-term investments in our roads. That being said, my amendment would take \$500 million from the SOAR fund and direct it to local governments to fix our roads and bridges. Our local roads are in most need of repair and this amendment would direct \$321 million to county roads and almost \$179 million to cities and villages. Now, Mr. President, here's the key part. I ask members to put a priority on fixing the damn roads and vote "yes" on my amendment.

Senator Bellino's second statement is as follows:

Mr. President, let's try this again. If my colleagues on the other side of the aisle can't support \$500 million for our local roads, how about \$175 million? I'm sure some of you are saying, Hey babe, why \$175 million? That's an odd number. Well let me tell you: \$175 million is exactly the amount my Democratic colleagues voted to give a Chinese battery plant, Gotion. So here's an opportunity for my friends on the other side of the aisle to put Michigan families first by investing in our local roads by providing \$112 million for county roads and \$63 million for cities and villages. Once again, I'm asking members to put a priority on fixing our damn roads.

Senator Damoose's first statement is as follows:

Mr. President, we should be using some of our unprecedented budget surplus to make long-term infrastructure investments in our state, like improving our local roads and bridges. Our local roads are the ones that Michigan families use the most, yet this budget does not treat all local roads equally. My amendment would fix that by revising the local road funding section to remove the population requirement and allow the funds to be used to improve roads in all 83 counties of the state. I urge members to support all local roads by supporting this amendment.

Senator Damoose's second statement is as follows:

I love rail and it's a shame how badly we have mismanaged our railroad assets in this country over the last century. Had we continued with the great push that culminated with the Golden Spike being driven into the ground with the completion of the first transcontinental railroad, we would be so far ahead of where we are today. The railroads that move freight throughout our continent are great. They drive our economy. But passenger rail falls short, especially in Michigan and for years I've found it tremendously sad to watch our rails that our earlier generations broke their backs to build be pulled up so we can ride our bikes. Needless to say, I think most of us love the concept of rail, but as far as spending \$100 million on a non-defined high-speed rail project in Michigan, we're just not there yet. First, I ask, What do we get for \$100 million worth of high-speed rail? Next to nothing. \$100 million is a huge amount of money but wouldn't even make a dent toward developing this infrastructure which will cost tens of billions of dollars to do it right. This budget proposes \$100 million with no clear goal in sight at a time when we do know what our top priority in terms of infrastructure needs to be. I look forward to the day when we can afford to invest in new high-speed rail, but that day is nowhere in sight. Not until we address the shameful conditions of our roads.

Earlier this week I drove from northern Michigan to the very southern tip of our state and this is just shameful that we have let our roads get this bad—state roads and local roads. It sends a signal to the rest of the nation that Michigan just doesn't care, that we're that neighbor who refuses to mow his lawn and keep his house painted. I remember someone sharing a story with me about how excited they were to relocate their business to Michigan, and by the time they crashed and banged their way over our roads from the airport to the potential site, they changed their minds completely. This amendment deletes that funding for the high-speed rail corridor with high hopes that someday we'll be in position to accomplish such a worthy goal. It reallocates all of that money to local road funding spread throughout our 83 counties. Until we get our roads right, we simply don't deserve to be looking at shiny new projects like high-speed rail.

Senator Damoose's third statement is as follows:

Mr. President, this amendment would reduce contingency funds to current levels. As we work to fix our deteriorating roads and bridges, we must make sure our tax dollars are being spent wisely and effectively. To do that, we must maintain critical legislative oversight which is what this amendment will do. I urge members to vote "yes" on this amendment.

Senator Webber's statement is as follows:

The I-75 revitalization project is both needed and supported in my district. However, it has had some unintended consequences for the residents of Troy. The new section of highway has expanded the lanes and reduced the vegetation resulting in a major increase in sound pollution for nearby residents. \$4 million has previously been appropriated for this project and supported by my colleagues across the aisle. However, MDOT requires an additional \$10 million to fund the sections that meet the requirements for sound walls. The state created this problem and the state must finish the job and fix the problem. I ask today that we come together to provide the necessary support to a community that has been negatively affected by the unintended consequences of the rebuilding of I-75 in Troy.

Senator Huizenga's statement is as follows:

I cannot recall hearing of so many wrong-way driver accidents occurring in the west Michigan area. There have been several wrong-way accidents on the highway system over the past several months resulting in several fatalities of innocent people. It's true that other variables outside of proper signage have led to these accidents, but the question remains: How can someone misinterpret which ramp is an on ramp and which one is an off ramp? Mr. President, my amendment would provide MDOT with \$3 million in funding to purchase and install state-of-the-art wrong-way deterrence systems on highway off ramps in the Grand region. This would be used to better communicate the rules of the road to drivers. Investing in this type of safety infrastructure will save lives. That's what government is supposed to do. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment.

Senator Klinefelt's statement is as follows:

I rise to ask your support for Senate Bill No. 178. We've done a few imaginative things in this bill. No. 1, we have increased the bridge bundling initiative. We all know we've got several bridges in our state that are crumbling and this is an attempt to tackle that issue. We have set aside money for local roads that has never been done before, and we are focusing on areas that are particularly congested because those roads are in great disrepair. We have money set aside for intermodal capital investment grants to match with the federal government. Money for critical infrastructure projects for communities that are in dire need but simply don't have the funds to deal with those. Rail grade separation was a priority in this budget and will hopefully continue to be a priority in the future. The high-speed rail regional transit money, I'd like to see us modernize our mass transit the way a lot of other states have, so that was one of the focuses of this budget.

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

**Senate Bill No. 197**

**Senate Bill No. 189**

**Senate Bill No. 200**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 197, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Lindsey offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 3, line 18, after "administration--FTEs" by striking out "49.0" and inserting "51.0".
2. Amend page 3, line 18, after "49.0" by striking out "9,265,800" and inserting "9,515,800".
3. Amend page 3, line 28, after "\$" by striking out "17,705,800" and inserting "17,955,800".

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 203**

**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

Senator Theis offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 3, line 18, after “49.0” by striking out “9,265,800” and inserting “9,565,800”.

2. Amend page 3, line 28, after “\$” by striking out “17,705,800” and inserting “18,005,800”.

and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 204**

**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  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Theis offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 34, following line 4, by inserting:

“Sec. 458. The MVH shall do the following regarding member care:

(a) Provide an on-site, board-certified psychiatrist for all resident members with mental health disorders in order to ensure that those resident members receive needed services in a professional and timely manner.

(b) Provide all resident members and staff a safe and secure environment.

(c) Ensure that the veterans’ facility effectively develops, executes, and monitors all comprehensive care plans in accordance with federal regulations and the veterans’ facility’s internal policies, with a goal that a comprehensive care plan is fully developed for all resident members.”.

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. 205**

**Yeas—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Theis offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 6, following line 9, by inserting:

“Records consolidation and digitization

2,500,000”

2. Amend page 6, line 13, after “\$” by striking out “1,500,000” and inserting “4,000,000” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments, Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 206**

**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

Senator Theis offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 13, following line 1, by inserting:

“Sec. 218. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this article, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, intertransfer funds within this article for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

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. 207**

**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

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

**Protest**

Senator Theis, under her constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 197 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 Theis’ statement is as follows:

Michigan does not have a great track record of housing and caring for its military veterans. The department’s list of failures and bad audits is long. I sat on the Oversight Committee while we went through those audits and it was heartbreaking. While some improvements have been made in recent years, the budget before us today—in my view—does not do enough to achieve our shared responsibility of taking care of our veterans. We need reasonable amendments to add support for our veteran service officers to improve claims assistance. We need to increase funding for suicide prevention. We need to provide for onsite psychiatrists. We need to improve records retention. And we need to maintain legislative oversight. Yet, all of those amendments were rejected.

The brave men and women who serve and fought for our country deserve our respect, and the least we can do is ensure their care and wellbeing when they return home. This budget does not do enough to reach that goal. I recommend a “no” vote.

Senators Lindsey, Theis and Hertel asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Lindsey’s statement is as follows:

I find myself in a very awkward situation today. It’s rare that I get up and argue on behalf of the Governor’s recommendation. I don’t see eye to eye with her on a lot of issues. It’s also rare that I would get up here and argue that we need to spend a little bit more money. I think our budget across the state—and a lot of them we’ve seen—these are bloated budgets. We continue to overspend; we continue to be disrespectful to the taxpayers of Michigan; and we continue to squander a lot of the surplus that we have seen.

It baffles me that one of the few areas that we’ve found space to cut from the Governor’s recommendation is in serving our veteran community. This amendment is an attempt to restore that original recommendation by providing an additional amount of funding for veteran service officers. This is something that is critical. It’s something that was recommended because of an increased caseload we see coming from our veteran community. And it is an area where I think our state should step up, we should adopt this amendment, we should restore that funding recommendation that the Governor made. I urge your support for the amendment.

Senator Theis' first statement is as follows:

Increased funding for veteran suicide prevention is of paramount importance. Our veterans—who have sacrificed so much for our nation—face unique challenges upon returning home. They carry the burdens of war, both seen and unseen, which can take a devastating toll on their mental and emotional wellbeing. By allocating more resources, we can invest in comprehensive mental health programs tailored specifically to our veterans. These programs can provide critical support, counseling and therapy to help address the deep-rooted trauma they've experienced.

Additionally, increased funding enables us to expand outreach efforts, ensuring that struggling veterans are aware of the resources available to them and can access them easily. Moreover, increased funding for veteran suicide prevention sends a powerful message to our heroes. We see you, we hear you, and we care. It shows that we value their service and recognize the immense sacrifices they've made for our country. By providing the necessary funding, we demonstrate our commitment to their wellbeing and provide them with hope for a better future.

Furthermore, investing in veterans' mental health is not only a moral imperative, but also a strategic move. Veterans possess valuable skills and experiences that can contribute significantly to our society. By supporting their mental health and preventing suicide we ensure that we retain their expertise and potential contributions, benefitting our communities and our nation as a whole.

My amendment supports our veterans by increasing the funding for suicide prevention from the currently proposed \$1.2 million, to \$1.5 million. Increased funding for veteran suicide prevention is a tangible way to honor their sacrifices, provide them with the support they deserve, and create a society that truly values their service. I ask my colleagues for their support.

Senator Theis' second statement is as follows:

This amendment would restore the section 458 boilerplate language that requires Michigan veterans homes to require onsite psychiatric service, to provide a safe and secure environment, and also requires them to develop, execute, and monitor all comprehensive care plans. Why would we even consider removing this language with some of the past experiences we've had in our state's veterans homes? It's beyond me. I ask my colleagues for their support.

Senator Theis' third statement is as follows:

When veterans file claims for assistance or to receive benefits they've earned through their service, they must produce paperwork and records as proof of their service. Unfortunately, this already tedious-process is made worse because the department currently does not have a requirement for records consolidation and digitization. This can literally mean hunting through old boxes for paperwork that may never be found, all while a veteran could be waiting and not receiving the assistance they need. My amendment simply requires that the department consolidate and digitize its records to help solve this problem. It provides \$2.5 million to get that done. I ask for your "yes" vote.

Senator Theis' fourth statement is as follows:

Once again colleagues, I am asking that we replace the language, we put the boilerplate back in place that takes away the power of the Ad board and gives the power of the purse back to the Legislature where it belongs. I ask for a "yes" vote on my amendment.

Senator Hertel's statement is as follows:

I rise again today, this time in support of Senate Bill No. 197 which contains appropriations for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. I want to first thank every member of the department, every active service member, and every veteran who has taken the time to speak with me throughout this process and ensure that this budget meets the needs of today's military and our veterans. The highlight of this budget, not only from my district—it's something that's very close to my heart—but for the state's military future as a strong investment in Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Selfridge, which has been in Harrison Township for 100 years, provides a billion dollars in economic activity each year to our state and creates over 5,000 jobs across our state.

In addition to the funding to help secure our state's future as a leader in the defense sector, this budget contains needed dollars for those who have already served our nation through the military. Investing in veteran suicide prevention and VA claims assistance—it is direly needed. Funding these programs tells Michigan veterans, We have your back, you have served your nation well, and now your state is here to help you thrive as you return to civilian life. These dollars will help prevent countless unnecessary deaths and they will ensure that those entitled to additional benefits through the PACT Act will be able to easily access them, the benefits they have earned.

Once again, I ask my colleagues to support this budget and share in my values of supporting our state’s future, while keeping our promise to those who have served.

**Recess**

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess until 1:35 p.m.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 12:48 p.m.

The Senate reconvened at the expiration of the recess and was called to order by the President pro tempore, Senator Moss.

**Recess**

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 1:36 p.m.

1:43 p.m.

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

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 189, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the legislature, the executive, the department of the attorney general, the department of state, the department of treasury, the department of technology, management, and budget, the department of civil rights, and certain other state purposes for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by the state agencies; and to declare the effect of this act.

The question being on the passage of the bill,  
Senator Webber offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 32, following line 10, by inserting:

“Pension best practices and debt reduction grant program	250,000,000”
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2. Amend page 32, line 13, after “\$” by striking out “48” and inserting “298”.

3. Amend page 32, line 20, after “\$” by striking out “20” and inserting “270” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

4. Amend page 127, following line 20, by inserting:

“Sec. 949t. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for pension best practices and debt reduction grant program, the department of treasury shall establish and operate a grant program that provides grant awards to qualified units that certify and attest to establishing pension best practices as provided in subsection (2) for their qualified retirement system.

(2) To qualify for a grant award under this section, a qualified unit must certify and attest via an affidavit that it shall implement all of the following practices upon the receipt of a grant award:

(a) Retiree health care, if offered, shall be prefunded. As used in this subdivision, “prefunded” means qualified units must amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the retiree health care system over a maximum closed period as determined by the uniform actuarial assumptions of retirement systems published as of December 31, 2021 by the state treasurer under the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, 2017 PA 202, MCL 38.2801 to 38.2812. The grant award deposited into a qualified retirement system, as provided in subsection (3)(c)(i), may be used by the qualified unit to prefund health care.

(b) The qualified unit shall make, in full, all actuarially determined contributions. If a qualified unit’s actual contribution is less than the actuarially determined contribution, the qualified unit shall remit an amount equal to the difference to the qualified retirement system within 12 months. If the qualified unit fails to remit this payment within 12 months, the department of treasury may intercept the qualified unit’s revenue sharing payment. For a qualified unit that is a road commission, the department of transportation, in cooperation with the department of treasury, may intercept an available state revenue distribution.

(c) The discount rate and the assumed rate of return for the qualified retirement system shall be capped at current levels. The discount rate and assumed rate of return may be approved for adjustment to a lower level.

(d) The qualified retirement system shall adopt the most recent mortality tables recommended by the Society of Actuaries, which may subsequently be adjusted based on an experience study of the qualified retirement system.

(e) Within 5 years, the qualified unit shall comply with the uniform actuarial assumptions of retirement systems published as of December 31, 2021 by the state treasurer under the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, 2017 PA 202, MCL 38.2801 to 38.2812, for the qualified retirement system.

(3) Grant awards distributed under this section must meet all of the following conditions:

(a) Grant awards to a qualified unit are capped at 5% of the amount of funds available for grant awards. This cap does not apply if subsequent rounds of applications are established under subdivision (b).

(b) Any funds not awarded by September 30, 2022 must be used for additional rounds of applications until all funds are dispersed.

(c) A qualified unit receiving a grant award under this section shall be subject to the following uses in the following order of priority:

(i) The grant award must be deposited into the qualified retirement system and must be in addition to the qualified unit’s actuarially determined contribution and must not be used by the qualified unit to meet its actuarially determined contribution for the qualified retirement system. The amount deposited into the qualified retirement system must establish a funded ratio of at least 100% before the qualified unit can use funds under subparagraph (ii). Grant awards may also be deposited for a retirement health benefit of a retirement system, as defined in section 3 of the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, 2017 PA 202, MCL 38.2803, of a qualified unit that is transitioning from pay-as-you-go to prefunding.

(ii) The qualified unit may use any funds available after satisfying subparagraph (i) to make principal payments on any outstanding debt obligations as of December 31, 2021. A qualified unit is allowed to create a debt sinking fund to prefund any debt repayments that are not eligible for early repayment. The qualified unit must have no remaining debt obligations before the qualified unit can use funds under subparagraph (iii).

(iii) The qualified unit may use any funds available after satisfying subparagraphs (i) and (ii) to satisfy any matching fund requirements for infrastructure investments.

(4) The department of treasury shall develop, and publish on the department website, program guidelines, an application process, and the associated application materials no later than July 1, 2022. The department of treasury must accept applications from qualified units beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on July 31, 2022. Grant awards must be dispersed no later than September 30, 2022.

(5) As used in this section:

(a) “Qualified retirement system” means a retirement pension benefit within a retirement system, as defined in section 3 of the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, 2017 PA 202, MCL 38.2803, of a qualified unit, with a funded ratio greater than or equal to 60% as of December 31, 2021.

(b) “Qualified unit” means a city, county, township, village, or road commission that operates a qualified retirement system or has closed a qualified retirement system and offers a defined contribution retirement plan.

(6) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for pension best practices and debt reduction grant program are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

(a) The purpose of the project is to promote pension best practices and debt reduction measures among qualified units.

(b) The project will be accomplished by grants to qualified units approved by the department of treasury.

(c) The estimated cost of this project is \$250,000,000.00.

(d) The tentative completion date for the work project is September 30, 2026.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 208**

**Yeas—17**

Albert  
Bellino

Hauck  
Hoitenga

Lindsey  
McBroom

Runestad  
Theis

Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Huizenga  
Lauwers

Nesbitt  
Outman

Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—1**

Johnson

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Lauwers moved that Senator Johnson be temporarily excused from today’s session.  
The motion prevailed.

Senator Runestad offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 82, line 5, by striking out all of section 815.
- The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

Senator Johnson entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Lindsey 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. 209**

**Yeas—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0****Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 23, line 23, after "\$" by striking out "2,555,440,900" and inserting "2,607,749,500".
2. Amend page 30, line 18, after "\$" by striking out "293,535,300" and inserting "307,513,200".
3. Amend page 30, line 21, after "sharing" by striking out "256,167,400" and inserting "268,343,800".
4. Amend page 30, line 24, after "\$" by striking out "1,653,208,500" and inserting "1,678,362,800".
5. Amend page 30, line 27, after "tax" by striking out "1,653,208,500" and inserting "1,678,362,800".
6. Amend page 32, line 11, after "sharing" by striking out "13,977,900" and inserting "27,955,800".
7. Amend page 32, line 12, after "sharing" by striking out "12,176,400" and inserting "24,352,800".
8. Amend page 32, line 13, after "\$" by striking out "48,154,500" and inserting "74,308,800".
9. Amend page 32, line 19, after "tax" by striking out "26,154,300" and inserting "52,308,600".

10. Amend page 128, line 8, after "receive" by striking out the balance of the line through "summed." on line 22 and inserting "(a) An amount equal to 110.0% of its total eligible city, village, and township revenue sharing payment under section 108(11), Article 5, 2022 PA 166, rounded to the nearest dollar. This represents a 5% increase in ongoing funding from fiscal year 2023 contained in section 108(11), Article 5, 2022 PA 166, and 5% in onetime funding for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

(b) An additional amount to be used for funding local public safety initiatives, as defined in subsection (2), equal to 10.0% of its total eligible city, village, and township revenue sharing payment under section 108(11), Article 5, 2022 PA 166, rounded to the nearest dollar. This represents a 5% increase in ongoing funding from fiscal year 2023 contained in section 108(11), Article 5, 2022 PA 166, and 5% in one-time funding for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. As a condition of receiving funds under this section for public safety, a city, village, or township must maintain public safety funding at an amount not less than the fiscal year 2022-23 amount. A city, village or township may not use this public safety revenue sharing to replace funding that previously was used for public safety.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, any city, village, or township that completely merges with another city, village, or township will be treated as a single entity, such that when determining the eligible city, village, and township revenue sharing payment under section 108(11), Article 5, 2022 PA 166 for the combined single entity, the city, village, and township revenue sharing amount each of the merging local units of government was eligible to receive under section 108(11), Article 5, 2022 PA 166 is summed.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "local public safety initiatives" include, but are not limited to, recruitment or retention efforts, training programs, new equipment purchases or equipment replacements, capital improvements, or operations to public safety buildings or structures. All expenses must be related to public safety."

11. Amend page 128, line 23, after "(" by striking out "2" and inserting "3".

12. Amend page 128, line 28, after "(" by striking out "3" and inserting "4".

13. Amend page 129, line 12, after "receives" by striking out the balance of the line through "counties." on line 21 and inserting "the following:

(a) An additional payment equal to 10% of its total eligible payment under section 108(11), Article 5, 2022 PA 166, rounded to the nearest dollar. This represents a 5% increase in ongoing funding from fiscal year 2023 contained in section 108(11), Article 5, 2022 PA 166, and 5% in one-time funding for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

(b) An additional payment equal to 10% of its total eligible payment under section 108(11), Article 5, 2022 PA 166, rounded to the nearest dollar. This represents a 5% increase in ongoing funding from fiscal year 2023 contained in section 108(11), Article 5, 2022 PA 166, and 5% in one-time funding for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. The extra 10% payment is to be Used only for funding local public safety initiatives as defined in subsection (2). As a condition of receiving funds under this section for public safety, a county must maintain public safety funding at an amount not less than the fiscal year 2022-23 amount. A county may not use this public safety revenue sharing to replace funding that previously was used for public safety.

(c) The amounts calculated under this subsection shall be adjusted as necessary to reflect partial county fiscal years and prorated based on the total amount appropriated for distribution to all eligible counties.



(2) For the purposes of this section, “local public safety initiatives” include, but are not limited to, recruitment or retention efforts, training programs, new equipment purchases or equipment replacements, capital improvements, or operations to public safety buildings or structures. All expenses must be related to public safety.”.

14. Amend page 129, line 22, after “(” by striking out “2” and inserting “3”.

15. Amend page 129, line 25, after “(” by striking out “3” and inserting “4”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 210**

**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

Senator Singh moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments offered by Senator Webber were not adopted.

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

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 211**

**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  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 59, line 1, after “\$” by striking out “2,000,000” and inserting “1,000,000”.
2. Amend page 59, line 7, after “\$” by striking out “750,000” and inserting “375,000”.
3. Amend page 68, line 8, after “\$” by striking out “2,000,000” and inserting “500,000”.
4. Amend page 75, line 19, after “\$” by striking out “8,000,000” and inserting “4,000,000”.
5. Amend page 75, line 25, after “\$” by striking out “150,000” and inserting “75,000”.
6. Amend page 76, line 2, after “\$” by striking out “2,000,000” and inserting “50,000”.
7. Amend page 102, line 27, after “\$” by striking out “1,000,000” and inserting “500,000”.
8. Amend page 103, line 10, after “\$” by striking out “200,000” and inserting “100,000”.
9. Amend page 103, line 16, after “\$” by striking out “40,000” and inserting “20,000”.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Theis offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 32, following line 10, by inserting:  


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“Local law enforcement grants” 5,000,000”
2. Amend page 32, line 13, after “\$” by striking out “48,154,500” and inserting “53,154,500”.
3. Amend page 32, line 20, after “\$” by striking out the balance of the line and inserting “25,000,200”.
4. Amend page 127, following line 20, by inserting:

“Sec. 949v. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for local law enforcement grants, the department shall award grants to eligible local units of government to provide hiring bonuses, retention bonuses, or to support base salary retention adjustments for officers and command staff. Eligible local units of government shall receive \$10,000.00 per officer or command staff or to hire full-time officers or command staff, capped at 10 full-time officers or command staff per local unit.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) “Eligible local units of government” means a local units of government with a population fewer than 5,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census and has six or fewer full-time MCOLES certified officers.

(b) “MCOLES” means the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards created in section 3 of the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.603.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 212**

**Yeas—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**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

Senator Lindsey offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 128, following line 20, by inserting:

“Sec. 949w. (1) The inflation and tax relief fund is created within the department of treasury.

(2) Any unexpended funds in the inflation and tax relief fund created in this section shall be carried forward and available for expenditure under this section.

(3) Funds may only be spent from the inflation and tax relief fund upon appropriation, or legislative transfer pursuant to section 393 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

(4) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the inflation and tax relief fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the inflation and tax relief fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the inflation and tax relief fund interest and earnings from the inflation and tax relief fund.

(5) Funds in the inflation and tax relief fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the inflation and tax relief fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(6) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, \$500,000,000.00 shall be appropriated from the Michigan taxpayer rebate fund created by section 51h of the Income tax act, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.51h to the inflation and tax relief fund prior to any distributions made under section 695 (2)(d) of the Income tax act, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.695.”

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. 213**

**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

Senator Bumstead offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 45, following line 22, by inserting:

“Sec. 218. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this part and part 1, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, intertransfer funds within this part and part 1 for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 143, line 21, after “(7)” by inserting “a”.

2. Amend page 143, line 24, after “units” by striking out the balance of the page through “section.” on line 4 of page 145 and inserting “that certify and attest to establishing pension best practices as provided in subsection (7b) for their qualified retirement system.

(7b) To qualify for a grant award under this section, a qualified unit must certify and attest via an affidavit that it shall implement all of the following practices upon the receipt of a grant award:

(a) Retiree health care, if offered, shall be prefunded. As used in this subdivision, “prefunded” means qualified units must amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the retiree health care system over a maximum closed period as determined by the uniform actuarial assumptions of retirement systems published as of December 31, 2021 by the state treasurer under the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, 2017 PA 202, MCL 38.2801 to 38.2812. The grant award deposited into a qualified retirement system, as provided in subsection (3)(c)(i), may be used by the qualified unit to prefund health care.

(b) The qualified unit shall make, in full, all actuarially determined contributions. If a qualified unit’s actual contribution is less than the actuarially determined contribution, the qualified unit shall remit an amount equal to the difference to the qualified retirement system within 12 months. If the qualified unit fails to remit this payment within 12 months, the department of treasury may intercept the qualified unit’s revenue sharing payment. For a qualified unit that is a road commission, the department of transportation, in cooperation with the department of treasury, may intercept an available state revenue distribution.

(c) The discount rate and the assumed rate of return for the qualified retirement system shall be capped at current levels. The discount rate and assumed rate of return may be approved for adjustment to a lower level.

(d) The qualified retirement system shall adopt the most recent mortality tables recommended by the Society of Actuaries, which may subsequently be adjusted based on an experience study of the qualified retirement system.

(e) Within 5 years, the qualified unit shall comply with the uniform actuarial assumptions of retirement systems published as of December 31, 2021 by the state treasurer under the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, 2017 PA 202, MCL 38.2801 to 38.2812, for the qualified retirement system.

(7c) Grant awards distributed under this section must meet all of the following conditions:

(a) Grant awards to a qualified unit are capped at 5% of the amount of funds available for grant awards. This cap does not apply if subsequent rounds of applications are established under subdivision (b).

(b) Any funds not awarded by September 30, 2023 must be used for additional rounds of applications until all funds are dispersed.

(c) A qualified unit receiving a grant award under this section shall be subject to the following uses in the following order of priority:

(i) The grant award must be deposited first on paying off pension or Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) obligation bonds.

(ii) The grant award must be deposited into the qualified retirement system and must be in addition to the qualified unit’s actuarially determined contribution and must not be used by the qualified unit to meet its actuarially determined contribution for the qualified retirement system. The amount deposited into the qualified retirement system must establish a funded ratio of at least 100% before the qualified unit can use funds under subparagraph.

(iii) Grant awards may also be deposited for a retirement health benefit of a retirement system, as defined in section 3 of the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, 2017 PA 202, MCL 38.2803, of a qualified unit that is transitioning from pay-as-you-go to prefunding.

(iv) The qualified unit may use any funds available after satisfying subparagraph (i) to make principal payments on any outstanding debt obligations as of December 31, 2021. A qualified unit is allowed to create a debt sinking fund to prefund any debt repayments that are not eligible for early repayment. The qualified unit must have no remaining debt obligations before the qualified unit can use funds under subparagraph (iii).

(v) The qualified unit may use any funds available after satisfying subparagraphs (i) and (ii) to satisfy any matching fund requirements for infrastructure investments.

(7d) The department of treasury shall develop, and publish on the department website, program guidelines, an application process, and the associated application materials no later than July 1, 2023. The department of treasury must accept applications from qualified units beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on July 31, 2023. Grant awards must be dispersed no later than September 30, 2023.

(7e) As used in this section:

(a) "Qualified retirement system" means a retirement pension benefit within a retirement system, as defined in section 3 of the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, 2017 PA 202, MCL 38.2803, of a qualified unit, with a funded ratio greater than or equal to 60% as of December 31, 2021.

(b) "Qualified unit" means a city, county, township, village, or road commission that operates a qualified retirement system or has closed a qualified retirement system and offers a defined contribution retirement plan.

(7f) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for local unit municipal pension principal payment grant are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for projects under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a(1) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

(a) The purpose of the project is to promote pension best practices and debt reduction measures among qualified units.

(b) The project will be accomplished by grants to qualified units approved by the department of treasury.

(c) The estimated cost of this project is \$150,000,000.00.

(d) The tentative completion date for the work project is September 30, 2027."

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 18, line 23, after "178.5" by striking out "26" and inserting "28".
2. Amend page 19, line 6, after "\$" by striking out "306" and inserting "308".
3. Amend page 20, line 2, after "\$" by striking out "53" and inserting "55" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
4. Amend page 87, following line 16, by inserting:

"Sec. 822u. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for administrative services, not more than \$1,000,000.00 shall be expended to implement the economic development incentive evaluation act, 2018 PA 540, MCL 18.1751 to 18.1759.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, \$500,000.00 shall be allocated for incentive monitoring of projects approved from the strategic outreach and attraction reserve."

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 70, following line 14, by inserting:

"(5) On March 1 of each year, the department of state shall file a report with the senate and house of representatives standing committees on appropriations, the chairpersons and minority vice-chairpersons of the relevant appropriations subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director. The report shall include all of the following information:

(a) The amount of gifts, contributions, donations, and grants of money received by the department under this section for the prior fiscal year.

(b) A listing of the expenditures made from the amounts received by the department as reported in subdivision (a).

(c) A listing of any gift, donation, contribution, or grant of property other than funding received by the department under this section for the prior year.

(d) The total revenue received from the sale of paid advertising accepted under this section and a statement of the total number of advertising transactions.”

2. Amend page 70, line 15, after “(” by striking out “5” and inserting “6”.

3. Amend page 73, following line 2, by inserting:

“(7) The department must submit a report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on general government, the house and senate minority vice-chairpersons of the appropriations subcommittees on general government, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director by March 1 that provides the amount of revenue collected by the department of state authorized under this section, the purpose of each expenditure, and the amount of revenue carried forward.”

4. Amend page 75, following line 4, by inserting:

“(3) On March 1 of each year, the department of state shall file a report with the senate and house of representatives standing committees on appropriations, the chairpersons and minority vice-chairpersons of the relevant appropriations subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director. The report shall list any gift, donation, or contribution received by the department under subsection (1) for the prior calendar year.

Sec. 718. With funds appropriated in part 1 for branch operations, the department of state shall provide adequate in-person services as defined in section 1a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1a.

Sec. 719. The department of state shall provide a report by February 1 to the speaker of the house, the senate majority leader, the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on general government, the house and senate minority vice-chairpersons of the appropriations subcommittees on general government, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget office on reimbursements to counties, cities, and townships from the department of state’s election security grant program funded by federal help America vote act of 2002, 52 USC 20901 to 21145, funding. This report shall list the amounts and purpose of reimbursements provided to each grantee as determined by receipts received by the department of state from grantees and the total amount of reimbursements received by each grantee.

Sec. 720. With funds appropriated in part 1 for election administration and services, except for when the secretary of state is exercising supervisory authority over the administration of local elections under applicable state law, before sending any election-related mailing to 20% or more of the registered electors in a voting precinct, the secretary of state must notify the speaker of the house, the senate majority leader, the house and senate minority vice-chairpersons of the appropriations subcommittees on general government, and each county, city, and township clerk responsible for administering elections in the precincts where the mailing is planned to be sent and must submit a copy of the planned mailing not later than 14 days before sending the mailing.

Sec. 720a. Not later than February 1, the secretary of state shall submit a report to the general government appropriations subcommittees, the house and senate minority vice-chairpersons of the appropriations subcommittees on general government, and the state budget office that contains all of the following:

(a) The total number of electors to whom the secretary of state mailed a notice under section 509aa(5) of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.509aa.

(b) The total number of electors who corrected their voter registration records after being mailed a notice by the secretary of state under section 509aa(5) of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.509aa.

(c) The number of possible improper votes cast by an elector at the preceding primary election referred to law enforcement by the secretary of state.

(d) The number of possible improper votes cast by an elector at the preceding general election referred to law enforcement by the secretary of state.

Sec. 722. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department of state shall provide an expense report of CARS. The report shall include, but is not limited to, itemized expenditures made on behalf of CARS by fund source in the prior fiscal year and projected expenditures to be made on behalf of CARS in the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year. The report shall be distributed to the senate and house of representatives standing committees on appropriations subcommittees on general government, the house and senate minority vice-chairpersons of the appropriations subcommittees on general government, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director by February 1. As used in this section, “CARS” means the customer and automotive records system.

Sec. 722a. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department of state shall provide a report by December 1 describing the progress made on updating MERTS and on contracting with a vendor to modernize or replace the department of state’s current automated election system. The report must be submitted to the house of representatives and senate appropriations subcommittees on general government, the house and senate minority vice-chairpersons of the appropriations subcommittees on general government, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget office. The report must include all of the following:

(a) A timeline for completion of the modernization or replacement of MERTS.

(b) Dates of full implementation of the updated or new system and any phased rollout of implementation of the system.

(c) Anticipated costs of the project in the current fiscal year and projected costs in subsequent fiscal years.

(2) As used in this section, "MERTS" means the Michigan electronic reporting and tracking system.

Sec. 723. The funds appropriated in part 1 for the county clerk education and training fund shall be used only for costs associated with the training of local clerks in preparation for elections. The department of state shall not allocate any funds appropriated for county clerk education and training for any other purposes."

5. Amend page 75, line 5, after "Sec." by striking out "718" and inserting "724".

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator McBroom offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 58, following line 26, by inserting:

"Sec. 325. Funds appropriated for the department of attorney general shall not be used for litigation regarding invasive species that is connected with lawsuits regarding invasive species that have been settlement in the last six years."

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

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. 214**

**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

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

**Protest**

Senator Albert, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 189 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting "no."

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert's statement is as follows:

First, I want to acknowledge the work that has gone into this budget so far. I know from personal experience it is not easy, but I also know from personal experience that budgets absolutely can be crafted in ways that will win bipartisan support. Unfortunately, at least when it comes to my own vote today, this proposal is falling short of the mark. I have proposed some important improvements to this bill in weeks past at both the subcommittee and full committee level, and I added some more amendments today, as did my colleagues. We have an opportunity to dramatically increase revenue sharing and significantly improve public safety in our communities across Michigan while doing so. This proposal falls short. We have an opportunity to continue the progress we have made in addressing our pension debt and municipal retirement systems across our state. While I acknowledge efforts in that direction with this budget, it doesn't go far enough. Along those same lines, this budget removes the disclosure of information related to legacy costs within state departments. I find it ironic that while there are proposals to reopen the pension systems to certain state employees, this proposal also removes language exposing the hundreds of millions of dollars we pay annually into our broken pension systems. It also strips out important reporting requirements for the Secretary of State and other departments. These changes make it more difficult for the Legislature to monitor state spending on behalf of taxpayers. That is a fundamental step in absolutely the wrong direction.

Taxpayers deserve more money and more of their voice on how their money is spent, not less. By eliminating certain reporting requirements from state departments to the Legislature, the people of Michigan would have weaker representation and a weaker voice in how their tax dollars are spent. We all know the process of putting together a budget is not over. In the weeks ahead, I am hopeful that some common-sense changes that Republicans here have proposed will be incorporated in the final plan.

Senators Webber, Runestad, Albert, Theis, Lindsey, McBroom and Cherry asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Webber's statement is as follows:

I rise today to support my amendment to fund the pension best practices and debt reduction grant program. Often, good intentions have negative results when lines are drawn. There's no doubt that many of our municipalities are facing a funding shortfall in their unfunded liabilities. Communities like Sterling Heights have made decisions that include layoffs, privatization of services, closing of city jail operations, and much more to control their pension debt. Municipalities should not be punished for doing the hard work. That is why I rise today to ask that we create an equitable division of revenue with three-quarters going to municipalities that need financial assistance to achieve the required 60-percent funding level mandated by PA 202, and one-quarter going to those municipalities that have made the commitment and have done the hard work to comply with state law. I ask that my colleagues join me in supporting our local governments in a fair and equitable manner.

Senator Runestad's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, state employees provide valuable and often critical services to the people of the state of Michigan. I think we all know the side effects of using marijuana, but if not let me remind you: altered states, difficulty with thinking, problem-solving, impaired body movements, impaired memory, yet my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have decided to relax the language regarding marijuana usage on the job. Now a state employee may prohibit marijuana consumption during work—may, but not shall—perhaps now we know how the Governor's bumbling unemployment agency managed to dole out billions in fraudulent payments. My amendment would remove the—

My amendment would remove the boilerplate language in this budget relaxing the state's marijuana usage restrictions in hiring. I urge a "yes" vote on my amendment.

Senator Albert's first statement is as follows:

One of government's most important functions is public safety, but here in Michigan our state has 4,000 fewer law enforcement officers on the job than we did in 2001. Many fire departments and other first responders in the state are also struggling with staffing shortages. We must reverse this trend, and that's why I offer an amendment to Senate Bill No. 189. This plan would significantly add to revenue-sharing resources dedicated to cities, villages, townships and counties, and it would dedicate a significant portion of that revenue to public safety initiatives. Now, I disagree with our Governor quite often—that's not going to shock anyone—but I did like her budget recommendation related to revenue sharing specifically tied to public safety. This amendment would build on that proposal and add some accountability measures. With this amendment, overall statutory revenue sharing to local municipalities would increase by 20 percent. Half of



that increase would be ongoing and half would be one-time. Now, half of this overall increase would go specifically to public safety initiatives. It could go to recruitment, retention, equipment, training, day-to-day operations, and more. And again, half of the increase would be ongoing and half would be one-time. The amendment also takes steps to make sure that more money is truly spent on public safety. Local municipalities cannot use this revenue-sharing increase to replace money that they're already spending on public safety. They must maintain public safety initiatives at current levels at a minimum. You know, if your house is on fire, you want firefighters as fast as possible. If your home is broken into, you want to know the police are on their way. This amendment will help enhance public safety and peace of mind across our state. I ask for your support.

Senator Albert's second statement is as follows:

This budget contains a significant increase to contingency fund authorizations for several state departments, including the Department of Civil Rights, Department of State, DTMB, and Treasury. These contingency increases further erode the body's legislative and appropriation oversight over how taxpayer dollars are spent. This amendment restores the current-year thresholds for these current contingency authorizations to help ensure transparency, oversight, and accountability of spending from the entire membership of the Legislature, not just select committee members who deal with spending transfer requests. Please approve this amendment so taxpayers will have more representation on how their money is spent and how state government operates.

Senator Theis' statement is as follows:

There is a growing crisis in police agency recruitment and retention as almost every type of agency is short personnel. Many agencies are seeking to boost applications while having to operate with officer shortages. And while nearly every law enforcement agency is struggling to recruit and retain officers, smaller communities throughout our state are especially affected by the law enforcement shortage. Smaller departments are more affected because when they're missing several officers—or in particularly small communities even one officer—the impact is truly felt more. Areas such as Unadilla, Stockbridge, Petoskey, Mackinaw City and more lack the populations of large cities to draw recruits from. My amendment was crafted to help address the recruitment and retention issues that small law enforcement agencies across our state are facing. Small departments based in a municipality with a population of 5,000 people or less with 6 or less MCOLES-certified staff members would be eligible for a grant of \$10,000 per employee to be used for hiring bonuses, retention bonuses, or to support base salary retention adjustments for officers and command staff. At a time when our communities need more officers to keep our streets, homes, and businesses safe, unfortunately police officers across the state are facing historic shortages as their profession comes under more social fire. I urge your "yes" vote on this amendment to help small law enforcement departments obtain and retain officers to better protect and serve our communities.

Senator Lindsey's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, the residents of this state continue to struggle from record inflation and the overall downturn in the economy over the past few years. My amendment would move \$500 million from the overstuffed SOAR treasure chest into the inflation and tax relief fund. I want this chamber to consider that we've taken the time in the past and continue to support the SOAR fund which is a mechanism that takes Michigan's taxpayer dollars and sets them aside just so when the opportunity arises, we can use those dollars to cut deals with major corporations. What this amendment is suggesting is that if we're going to put that amount of effort into spending Michigan taxpayer dollars on corporate handouts, maybe we should set some aside to specifically tackle the needs of Michiganders as their pocketbooks are hurting. Michigan families, seniors, and hardworking taxpayers continue to need tax relief, not more and more massive corporate handouts. This is an opportunity to reprioritize the Governor's corporate-welfare slush fund and put this money back into the pockets of Michigan taxpayers where it belongs. I ask for a "yes" vote on my amendment.

Senator Albert's third statement is as follows:

In last year's budget, there was \$750 million appropriated to shore up local county, city, village, township, and road commission pension systems to a minimum 60-percent funding level. They could receive these funds only after they attested to certain best practices being adopted in their pension system to help make sure they avoid getting in the same underfunded problem years from now. The latest estimates I have heard is that there are about \$150 million of these funds that were not allocated. This amendment would take those unexpended funds and direct them toward the municipalities that are greater than 60-percent funded. While I agree it was prudent to take our historic budget surplus and direct it to one-time initiatives like shoring up our broken pensions to a minimum of 60-percent funding, there was a clear issue of fairness. It was not fair

for those municipalities that did the right things for years and properly funded their pensions to not receive any funding. This amendment would allow them to use these unexpended funds to pay down debt in a number of ways as long as they attest to best practices. I encourage a “yes” vote.

Senator Albert’s fourth statement is as follows:

I am offering an amendment to Senate Bill No. 189 to help ensure proper monitoring of corporate welfare giveaways that this Legislature has recklessly approved in recent months. This amendment would retain the provision now in our state budget related to business incentive studies that Democrats want to delete. Not only would we retain this safeguard, we would add new ones. Specifically, this amendment would help ensure an independent review of the Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve Fund projects. This builds upon a law I sponsored in 2018 called the Economic Development Incentive Evaluation Act. The reasoning is simple. If Michigan is going to give away billions of dollars in business tax breaks, shouldn’t we know whether or not it’s worth the cost to the taxpayers? The goal is to determine which incentive programs are worth the cost and which ones aren’t so we can focus on the ones that work and get rid of the ones that don’t. This amendment provides resources to add SOAR projects to these evaluations. This Legislature has approved astronomical SOAR giveaways without any clue as to whether they will be worth the cost. In Marshall alone, the state is approving at least \$1.7 billion in tax incentives. It costs the taxpayers more than \$680,000 per job at the proposed factory. I have voted against this project in part because it’s highly unlikely that taxpayers will ever see a positive return on investment. The least we can do is make sure SOAR projects are independently monitored so we can have quality information when we make future decisions. This is an amendment that should have bipartisan support, no matter how you voted on SOAR projects. If you really think it’s worth the investment, you should support an evaluation to find out.

Senator Albert’s fifth statement is as follows:

This amendment would restore some desperately-needed accountability and oversight to the Secretary of State budget. I can’t imagine why some of these protections were stripped from the proposal before us today. This amendment gives us a chance to restore these protections and properly monitor the department on behalf of Michigan taxpayers. First, it would restore language requiring Secretary of State branch offices to provide adequate in-person services. Face-to-face customer service should always be part of a department’s offerings, even as our world becomes more online-oriented. Not everyone is tech savvy. Not everyone has the ability to do things online. In-person services must always be part of the equation. This amendment also would maintain requirements that certain information be reported to the Legislature including the amounts of gifts, contributions, donations, and grants received by the department, plans to send election-related mass mailings to voters before the mailings are sent to voters, information related to how well elections are running—such as the number of corrections made to the voter registration records—and how many improper votes are cast in elections, progress reports on the modernizing the state’s automated election system and the MERTS software system that tracks and reports campaign finance information, reimbursements made to counties, cities, and townships from the department’s election-security grant program. This amendment also makes sure taxpayer money is spent the way it is supposed to be spent. For example, it restores the requirement that money allocated for the county clerk education and training is used only for that purpose and not diverted to some other purpose. Please support this amendment that restores some basic common-sense oversight in how the Department of State operates.

Senator McBroom’s statement is as follows:

Mr. President, yesterday I had an amendment to the DNR budget regarding their foolish endeavor to once again litigate the pig issue. This amendment is to the Attorney General’s budget because I believe the Attorney General’s office is being bamboozled by the Department of Natural Resources into this boondoggle of a pig hunt which is just absolute malarkey and should be ended before it even begins. My amendment simply says if we’ve already lost a lawsuit within the last six years on this issue, let’s not initiate a new one. I encourage members to vote “yes.”

Senator Cherry’s statement is as follows:

I rise in support of this budget. This budget addresses critical needs in our prosecutorial system to increase the safety of our citizens, it puts significant new resources in place to protect the rights of Michiganders, and it strengthens the ability of our local governments to deliver vital services that people need every day. It contains what is probably the largest increase we have seen in our lifetime for the Department of Civil Rights with key investments in increasing its capacity to respond to complaints of violation of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. We have funded the executive request for the implementation of Proposals 1 and 2 concerning financial disclosure and voter access, and it maintains the ability to cover additional costs that

have not been identified prior to the executive recommendation. It invests in our Attorney General budget, increasing our Attorney General’s ability to protect consumers and to provide support to our prosecutors. It also contains a 10-percent increase in revenue sharing for our local governments to help them provide the vital services our residents need.

Mr. President, this is a good budget and I encourage my colleagues to support it.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 200, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled “The state school aid act of 1979,” by amending sections 236, 236b, 236c, 236j, 236k, 241, 248, 248a, 251, 252, 254, 256, 263, 264, 268, 269, 270c, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, and 283 (MCL 388.1836, 388.1836b, 388.1836c, 388.1836j, 388.1836k, 388.1841, 388.1848, 388.1848a, 388.1851, 388.1852, 388.1854, 388.1856, 388.1863, 388.1864, 388.1868, 388.1869, 388.1870c, 388.1875, 388.1876, 388.1877, 388.1878, 388.1879, 388.1880, 388.1881, 388.1882, and 388.1883), sections 236, 236j, and 251 as amended and sections 248 and 248a as added by 2022 PA 212, sections 236b, 236c, 241, 252, 256, 263, 264, 268, 269, 270c, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, and 282 as amended and section 236k as added by 2022 PA 144, section 254 as amended by 2017 PA 108, and section 283 as amended by 2019 PA 62, and by adding sections 236l, 236m, 241a, 241b, 241c, 241d, 275k, and 284a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The question being on the passage of the bill,  
Senator Albert offered the following substitute:  
Substitute (S-2).

The substitute was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 24, line 28, after “**year**” by inserting a period.
2. Amend page 24, line 29, by striking out “**that is greater than 4.5% or \$676, whichever is greater.**”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 215**

**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

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 26, following line 1, by inserting:

**“(4) Universities that exceed the tuition and fee rate cap described in subsection (2) will not receive a planning or construction authorization for a state-funded capital outlay project in fiscal year 2024-2025 or 2025-2026.**

**(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the legislature may at any time adjust appropriations for a university that adopts an increase in tuition and fee rates for resident undergraduate students that exceeds the rate cap established in subsection (2).”.**

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. 216**

**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

Senator Webber offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 10, following line 15, by inserting:

**“(14) From the appropriations described in subsection (1), \$282,555,000.00 is appropriated from state general fund/general purpose money for university safety grants. Payments shall be made in an equal amount per full-year equivalent student, based on the most recently available enrollment data collected through the higher education information data inventory. Funds shall be used for safety infrastructure, including, but not limited to, cameras, door blocks, hardened vestibules, window screening, and technology necessary to operate alert systems and coordinate with local law enforcement. This may also include firearm detection software that integrates to existing security cameras to detect and alert school personnel and first responders to visible firearms on school property.”** and adjusting the totals in section 236 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

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. 217**

**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

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 34, following line 21, by inserting:

**“(11) It is the intent of the legislature that an eligible institution will not make changes to scholarship or financial aid programs offered by that eligible institution that have the goal or net effect of shifting the cost burden of those programs to the program described in this section.”.**

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. 218**

**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

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 34, following line 21, by inserting:

“(11) Beginning April 1, 2024, by April 1 of each year, each eligible institution shall submit a report that provides a description of any changes made to institutional undergraduate financial aid programs between the current academic year and prior academic year to the department, the state budget office, and the house and senate fiscal agencies.”.

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. 219

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

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 34, following line 21, by inserting:

“(11) For each fiscal year, an eligible institution becomes ineligible for funding under this section if, in the immediately preceding fiscal year, the institution exceeds 1 of the following tuition restraint requirements, as applicable:

(a) For an eligible institution that is a community college, the tuition restraint described in section 217b.

(b) For an eligible institution that is a public university or independent nonprofit college or university, the tuition restraint described in section 241c.”.

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. 220**

**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

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 10, following line 15, by inserting:

**“(14) From the appropriations described in subsection (1), subject to section 275n, the amount appropriated for ethical stem cell/fetal tissue research is \$5,000,000.00, appropriated from state general fund/general purpose money.”.**

2. Amend page 55, following line 10, by inserting:

**“Sec. 275n. (1) Subject to subsection (2), from the funds appropriated in section 236(14), public universities classified as doctoral universities under the Carnegie classification system may be awarded research grants up to the full appropriated amount in section 236(14). As a condition to receiving a grant under this section, a public university must agree not to conduct any research on aborted fetal tissue. As used in this section, “Carnegie classification” means that term as defined in section 265a.**

**(2) Of the amount appropriated in section 236(14), \$2,300,000.00 shall be awarded to Wayne State University to support the operation of the perinatology research branch laboratory.”** and adjusting the totals in section 236 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Hauck offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 15, following line 27, by inserting:

**“Sec. 236n. (1) For fiscal year 2023-2024 only, in addition to the allocations under section 236(4) and (9), there is allocated an amount not to exceed \$250,000,000.00 for payments to participating public universities, appropriated from the state school aid fund. A university that receives money under this subsection shall use that money solely for the purpose of payments toward the pension and other postemployment benefit unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities associated with members and**

pension recipients of those participating public universities. As used in this section, “participating public universities” means public universities that are reporting units of the Michigan public school employees’ retirement system under the public school employees retirement act of 1979, 1980 PA 300, MCL 38.1301 to 38.1437, and that pay contributions to the Michigan public school employees’ retirement system for the state fiscal year.

(2) The amount allocated in subsection (1) must be allocated to each participating public university based on each participating public university’s percentage of the total combined payrolls of the universities’ employees who are members of the retirement system and who were hired before January 1, 1996 and the universities’ employees who would have been members of the retirement system on or after January 1, 1996, but for the enactment of 1995 PA 272 for all public universities that are participating public universities for the immediately preceding state fiscal year.

(3) Participating public universities receiving funds under this section shall forward an amount equal to the amount allocated under subsection (1) to the retirement system in a form, manner, and time frame determined by the retirement system.

(4) Amounts allocated in subsection (1) must be paid to participating public universities in 1 lump-sum installment no later than October 30, 2023.” and adjusting the totals in section 236 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

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. 221**

**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

Senator Daley offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 49, following line 12, by inserting:

“Sec. 264a. (1) If any public university that receives an appropriation in section 236 sells or otherwise disposes of agricultural land owned by that university, the university shall submit a report including the following information to the house and senate subcommittees on higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director:

(a) The location, size, and a legal description of the property that was sold.



(b) The sales price of the property.

(2) Upon receipt of a report under subsection (1), the state budget director shall reduce the next monthly payment described in section 241 by an amount equal to the sales price reported under subsection (1)(b). If a reduction under this subsection would cause the monthly payment to be a negative number, the state budget director shall instead completely withhold the next monthly payment, and reduce the subsequent payment by the difference between the sales price reported under subsection (1)(b) and the amount of the initial withheld payment.

(3) Any payment withheld under this section shall be allowed to lapse at the end of the fiscal year, and shall not be disbursed to the university from which it was withheld.”

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. 222**

**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

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 10, following line 15, by inserting:

“(14) The amount appropriated for pregnant and parenting student support services is \$500,000.00, appropriated from state general fund/general purpose money, and is subject to section 275p.”

2. Amend page 55, following line 10, by inserting:

“Sec. 275p. (1) From the funds appropriated in section 236(14) for pregnant and parenting student services, a university may establish and operate a pregnant and parenting student services office. If established, an office shall meet all of the following:

(a) Be located on the campus of the university.

(b) Annually assess the performance of the university and the office in meeting all of the following needs of students on campus who are pregnant or who are a custodial parent or legal guardian of a minor:

(i) Comprehensive student health care.

(ii) Family housing.

(iii) Child care.

(iv) Flexible or alternative academic scheduling.

(v) Education concerning responsible parenting for mothers and fathers.

(c) Identify public and private service providers qualified to meet the needs described in subdivision (b), both on campus and within the local community, and establish programs with qualified providers it selects to meet those needs.

(d) Assist students in locating and obtaining services that meet 1 or more of the needs described in subdivision (b).

(e) If appropriate, provide referrals on prenatal care and delivery, infant or foster care, and adoption, to individual students who request that information. An office shall not provide referrals for abortion services.

(2) By December 1, 2023, a university that establishes a pregnant and parenting student services office shall report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on universities, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director all of the following:

(a) An itemized list of office expenditures during the preceding fiscal year.

(b) A review and evaluation of the performance of the office in fulfilling its obligations under this section.

(c) The number of students served by the office.

(3) Funds received for administering programs under this section shall not be used for direct financial aid of indirect financial aid.

(a) Direct financial aid includes, but is not limited to, scholarships, payment of tuition, stipends, and work-studies.

(b) Indirect financial aid includes, but is not limited to, transportation, textbook allowances, child care support, and assistance with medical premiums or expenses.” and adjusting the totals in section 236 and enacting section 1 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 55, following line 10, by inserting:

“Sec. 275l. (1) To receive funds under section 236(2), a public university may not spend more than 2.0% of its total general fund operations revenue from all sources on diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives or programs, including staff salaries, benefits, and program operations.

(2) By March 15, 2024 each university with a diversity, equity and inclusion program must report to the house and senate appropriations committees on their total diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives spending. The reporting must include, but is not limited to, a description of program goals, number of employees, and an overview of staff salaries and benefits.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 17, by striking out “\$352,268,300.00.” and inserting “\$0.00.”.

2. Amend page 2, line 19, by striking out “\$1,851,296,500.00.” and inserting “\$2,203,564,800.00.”.

3. Amend page 7, line 26, after “from” by striking out the balance of the page and inserting “state general fund/general purpose money.”.

4. Amend page 9, line 17, after “from” by striking out “the state school aid fund” and inserting “state general fund/general purpose money”.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Lindsey offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 55, following line 10, by inserting:

“Sec. 275o. By March 15, 2024, each university that receives an appropriation in section 236(2) must submit a report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director detailing any funds received by that university from entities located outside the United States, including funds received for research.”.

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. 223**

**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

Senator McBroom offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 51, following line 19, by inserting:

**“Sec. 274b. Each public university that receives an appropriation in section 236 must not require students to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of attendance at that university.”.**

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

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. 224**

**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

#### Protest

Senator Albert, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 200 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert’s statement is as follows:

For the past few weeks, I have been proposing an alternative plan to fund higher education in Michigan. This alternative plan is better than the one before us today and I am hopeful we can include more of its key elements before the Legislature finalizes the next state budget in the coming weeks. When it comes to the proposal before us today, the budget should be more sustainable and do more to reflect the changing demographics that are affecting the declining enrollment we’re seeing in Michigan. Simply put, this budget does not do enough to put universities that are losing students in a solid financial position moving forward. We should pay off more debt in our university systems. It’s not complicated—if you pay off debt, it is the equivalent of an operations funding increase. Universities would have more money to spend toward other purposes. For example, our pension debt payment of \$300 million last year is saving Central Michigan University \$9 million and Western Michigan University \$8 million on an annual basis. We should do more to shift university funding back to the General Fund and away from the School Aid Fund. We absolutely should do more to improve campus safety with specific line items dedicated to making buildings more secure, especially given the tragedies that have unfolded in our state. I cannot believe how little this budget proposal does to keep our students safe. We should do more to support parents who want to go to college and raise a family at the same time. I am also concerned that this budget does not do enough to keep tuition in check and does not have strong-enough accountability measures. I will be a “no” vote because we can do better than this.

Senators Albert, Huizenga, Webber, Daley, Hauck, Lindsey, McBroom and McCann asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Albert’s first statement is as follows:

Today I am offering an alternative plan to fund Michigan’s public universities. It is more sustainable and a long term plan as many universities deal with enrollment declines and changing demographics in our state. The highlights of the plan are as follows: ongoing funding for universities which shift back to the general fund and away from the state school aid fund; a two percent ongoing operations increase for universities. In addition, universities would realize the equivalent of an increased operations funding because the plan provides more money to pay off debt.

There is a total of \$500 million included to pay off debt in ways that would benefit all Michigan public universities, including those who are part of the MPERS system and those who are not. So we started paying off MPERS debt, pension liability debt over the last two years, and this budget proposal would get us to the finish line. And this saves universities millions of dollars annually. This plan continues the transition toward a fair funding model that closes the gap between universities. It raises the funding floor for universities that historically have been underfunded compared to others. This plan provides \$150 million specifically to make campuses safer and more secure. \$500,000 would go to the pregnancy and parenting student services program.

This funding would help women who want to have families and continue their education at the same time. This plan provides \$5 million for ethical stem cell and fetal tissue research, while prohibiting research on aborted fetal tissue. This plan also has several accountability measures. This includes a requirement that universities report how much money they receive from foreign entities, the nature of those contracts, and how much money is being spent. It caps how much money can be spent on DEI programs and maintains current law on vaccine-mandate policies.

This is a sustainable budget that emphasizes campus safety, sustainability, accountability, and many other important initiatives. There are substantial headwinds in higher education. Of our 15 public universities,

some have seen dramatic enrollment declines over the last ten years. As our demographics shift, this problem will not be going away anytime soon. We should be making our universities more solvent which will help de-risk their financial liabilities. This will enable our universities to survive over the long term and I ask for your support.

Senator Huizenga's statement is as follows:

My amendment would help Michigan families better afford higher education by freezing tuition increases at our state universities. With rising costs on seemingly everything right now, holding costs down for the next generation will make a big difference. Higher education is an important step in helping our students get ahead and I propose a tuition freeze to benefit our families, our students, and our state as a whole. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment.

Senator Albert's second statement is as follows:

This amendment keeps in place financial penalties for universities that do not keep tuition below a capped increase. This penalty impacts a university's ability to access capital outlay funding if they exceed the cap. In this era of high inflation, it is critical we ensure that tuition is not raised to excessive levels at our public universities. It would be one thing to remove this language if the state were not raising the appropriation for operations funding, which is not the case. Public universities are slated to get healthy increases, so it is important for us to ensure students are the beneficiaries of this increased spending. I encourage my colleagues to vote "yes" on this amendment.

Senator Webber's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, I stood at this very podium before making this same request of my colleagues. Nearly four months ago, this chamber debated gun-control legislation shortly after the tragedy at Michigan State. I stood at this podium and urged my colleagues to find common ground by investing in improved security, ID cards, time locks, cameras, door jams, the list goes on and on. But, I was told by the new majority that it wasn't the right time for such an investment. I was assured it would be made during the budget process, and yet here I stand at the same podium again having to ask the majority to take this simple but critical step to make our schools, in this case our college campuses, safer. Because, as written, the budget before us is woefully inadequate when it comes to improving school safety. We can do better. We must do better. I ask for a "yes" vote on my amendment.

Senator Daley's first statement is as follows:

This amendment is very simple. It would seek to prevent higher education institutions from shifting the cost burden of other scholarships or financial aid to the Michigan Achievement Scholarship program. We should make sure that this language is used by schools in the way it was intended.

Senator Daley's second statement is as follows:

This amendment again is very simple, it would require higher education institutions to provide a report detailing any changes made to the institution's financial aid in the Michigan Achievement Scholarship sections. This would be a positive step for transparency, and I encourage your support.

Senator Daley's third statement is as follows:

Again, a very simple amendment, it would keep the tuition restraint on higher education institutions for students to be eligible for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship. It is important that we monitor tuition rates so that college can be an affordable option for all Michiganders.

Senator Albert's third statement is as follows:

This amendment provides \$5 million as a grant to universities for ethical stem cell research. There are many ways to ethically use stem cells for medical research; to include cord blood and adult stem cells. Unfortunately, we see now that the body parts of aborted children have been used by the abortion industry to commodify the human person. This amendment would require research universities that receive this grant to attest that they will not conduct research on aborted fetal tissue. This grant also allocates funding to continue a perinatology research program in Detroit. I urge a "yes" vote on this amendment.

Senator Hauck's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, the debt association with the MPSERS payments has been an anchor around the neck of many of our higher education institutions for many years. We've made good progress on paying down these debts but we have more work to do. My amendment will dedicate \$250 million more to the MPSERS debt

payment for seven of our public universities, so they can finally be resolved of these debts and focus all of their resources on learning. Mr. President I ask that all of my colleagues support the Hauck amendment, and make it be the first Republican amendment to pass the chambers today.

Senator Daley's fourth statement is as follows:

This amendment would state that any institution who profits from the sale of agricultural land would have their state funding reduced by the amount of that sale price. This is a positive step for transparency, as well as an incentive to protect our farmland.

Senator Albert's fourth statement is as follows:

The pregnant and parenting student services program was signed into law on December 29, 2004, by Democratic Governor Granholm. Governor Whitmer also voted in favor of this program while serving in the Legislature. This program provides grants to universities to connect women with prenatal care, adoption agencies, child care, family housing, financial assistance, and health care. I am not sure but I can only surmise that this program continues to not receive funding because it does not provide for abortion referrals. This program will help give women a choice to finish a degree and raise a child.

This amendment is actually very personal and important to me because I'm the youngest of five kids and when I was very small—probably 2 to 4 years old—my mom decided she was going to go back to Michigan State and she was going to finish her degree. She was close to getting to the finish line and she needed to finish a handful more classes to finally earn that bachelor's degree. I spent a lot of time going to family and friends throughout the week—I was pretty small, I didn't know what was going on, I just went to go play with some friends—but one of my earliest memories that I have was actually going to a bookstore in East Lansing—my mom couldn't find someone to watch me that day so I was probably, as a three year old, one of Michigan State's youngest students—I remember going to that bookstore, picking out a *Land Before Time* coloring book and I remember sitting in class and coloring some dinosaurs at Michigan State University.

This should not be political. This is just about helping moms finish their college degrees. This should be very easy to do. It's something I've lived through, something my mom has lived through, and there's no reason to try to deny someone to support life and get a degree. I encourage my colleagues to vote "yes" on this amendment.

Senator Albert's fifth statement is as follows:

Earlier this year there was an article published by the *National Review* showing that the University of Michigan spends roughly \$18 million per year on diversity, equity, and inclusion. This funding employs 142 staff members. Seventeen staff members received a salary of more than \$200,000 and the highest salary was \$380,000. This funding would be enough to pay for 1,075 in-state students. To say the least, this spending is extravagant. This amendment caps spending on DEI at 2 percent of the university's operations funding. I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

Senator Albert's sixth statement is as follows:

The Michigan Constitution allows for school aid dollars to be spent on higher education. While this is permissible, this was not done as a matter of practice until a decade or so ago. We are no longer in the budget crunch we faced then. We have more than enough money and there is no reason why we do not make this fund swap. Using School Aid dollars for higher education has been decried by many on both sides of the aisle for years, and I encourage my colleagues to support this amendment.

Senator Lindsey's statement is as follows:

This amendment would require that our state's higher education institutions publicly report on funds they receive from foreign entities. It's important that these places of higher learning are fully transparent and disclose any financial gains received from foreign entities, especially foreign entities that may seek greater influence and access through their programs and research. The people of Michigan have a right to know who and what is funding their public institutions. I ask for your support of this amendment.

Senator McBroom's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, as I mentioned earlier today, the COVID health care crisis has run its course and yet several of our universities continue to insist upon having mandatory vaccinations. I took the vaccine—I'm not opposed to vaccines, I think they have a very important role in our society—but they also always have included some risk. The risks of the COVID vaccine have become more and more obvious and well-documented over recent time and with the lack of risk that now comes from not taking the COVID vaccine

versus the actual now-documented risks from taking the vaccine, it seems wrong and unsupportable for our universities to continue to mandate that otherwise-healthy people with little to no risk of having COVID and little to no risk of dying if they do get COVID from continuing to be forced to take these vaccines. I recommend support for my amendment.

Senator McCann’s statement is as follows:

I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 200, the universities budget, reported by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Universities and Community Colleges. First of all, this budget represents a reversal of decades of disinvestment in our higher education system and dramatically increases college affordability for Michigan students and families going forward. Specifically, it includes an across-the-board 6 percent ongoing increase in university operational support, it continues funding for our extraordinary bipartisan investment in the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, and it sets a below-inflation-rate 4.5 percent tuition cap. Next, it provides new funding for our universities to help address long-deferred needs in infrastructure, technology, equipment, and maintenance. These investments will help build the talent pipeline of four-year degrees needed for the jobs of the next few decades. High quality jobs and careers that will attract and retain new generations to work and live in Michigan. This is the key to our future prosperity. Lastly, this is a realistic budget built within broader spending guidelines and with an eye toward achievable goals. Colleagues, Michigan’s universities, their alumni—including most of us—professors, staff, and students have built world-class public institutions of higher learning and it is this budget’s mission to provide for their and our continued success. I ask for a “yes” vote.

**Recess**

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 3:01 p.m.

3:06 p.m.

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

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

**House Bill No. 4250**

**House Bill No. 4251**

**House Bill No. 4252**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**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 question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Nesbitt offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 8, following line 14, by inserting:

“Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect June 30, 2023.”.

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

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. 225**

**Yeas—27**

Albert  
Anthony  
Bayer

Cherry  
Damoose  
Geiss

Johnson  
Klinefelt  
McCann

Santana  
Shink  
Singh

Brinks	Hauck	McDonald Rivet	Victory
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Webber
Cavanagh	Huizenga	Moss	Wojno
Chang	Irwin	Polehanki	

**Nays—11**

Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Runestad
Bumstead	Lauwers	Nesbitt	Theis
Daley	Lindsey	Outman	

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Geiss

Senator Singh moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

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

“An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of manufacturers, the manufacturers of certain devices, the manufacturers of automated technology, upfitters, owners, and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to regulate the introduction and use of certain evidence; to regulate and certify the manufacturers of certain devices; to provide for approval and certification of installers and servicers of certain devices; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date.”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

**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 question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Nesbitt offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 23, following line 8, by inserting:

“Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect June 30, 2023.”

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

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. 226**

**Yeas—27**

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

**Nays—11**

Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Runestad
Bumstead	Lauwers	Nesbitt	Theis
Daley	Lindsey	Outman	

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Geiss

Senator Singh moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

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

“An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of manufacturers, the manufacturers of certain devices, the manufacturers of automated technology, upfitters, owners, and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to regulate the introduction and use of certain evidence; to regulate and certify the manufacturers of certain devices; to provide for approval and certification of installers and servicers of certain devices; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date.”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The following bill was read a third time:

**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 question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Nesbitt offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 19, following line 4, by inserting:

“Enacting section 2. This amendatory act takes effect June 30, 2023.”.

The amendment was adopted, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.  
 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—27**

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

**Nays—11**

Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Runestad
Bumstead	Lauwers	Nesbitt	Theis
Daley	Lindsey	Outman	

**Excused—0****Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Geiss

Senator Singh moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

The motion prevailed, 2/3 of the members serving voting therefor.

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

“An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of manufacturers, the manufacturers of certain devices, the manufacturers of automated technology, upfitters, owners, and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to regulate the introduction and use of certain evidence; to regulate and certify the manufacturers of certain devices; to provide for approval and certification of installers and servicers of certain devices; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date.”

The Senate agreed to the full title.

**Recess**

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 3:20 p.m.

3:37 p.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

**Motions and Communications**

Senator Singh moved that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of the following bills:

**Senate Bill No. 174, entitled**

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 11, 17b, 201, 206, 236, and 241 (MCL 388.1611, 388.1617b, 388.1801, 388.1806, 388.1836, and 388.1841), sections 11 and 236 as amended by 2022 PA 212, section 17b as amended by 2007 PA 137, and sections 201, 206, and 241 as amended by 2022 PA 144.

**Senate Bill No. 291, entitled**

A bill to make, supplement, and adjust appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor, and the bills were placed on the order of General Orders.

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 Wojno 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 with a substitute therefor, the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 289, entitled**

A bill to amend 1996 PA 381, entitled "Brownfield redevelopment financing act," by amending sections 2, 8a, 11, 13, 13b, 13c, 14a, 15, and 16 (MCL 125.2652, 125.2658a, 125.2661, 125.2663, 125.2663b, 125.2663c, 125.2664a, 125.2665, and 125.2666), section 2 as amended by 2022 PA 178, sections 8a and 11 as amended by 2017 PA 46, sections 13, 13b, 15, and 16 as amended by 2020 PA 259, and sections 13c and 14a as amended by 2021 PA 138.

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**

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

**Senate Bill No. 190**

**Senate Bill No. 199**

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 190, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of health and human services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 4, line 8, after “positions” by striking out “56.0” and inserting “43.0”.
2. Amend page 4, line 11, after “-FTEs” by striking out “20.0” and inserting “19.0”.
3. Amend page 4, line 13, after “programs” by striking out “-FTE”.
4. Amend page 4, line 13, after “programs--FTE” by striking out “1.0”.
5. Amend page 4, line 19, after “IIJA” by striking out “-FTEs”.
6. Amend page 4, line 19, after “IIJA--FTEs” by striking out “11.0”.
7. Amend page 5, line 3, after “positions” by striking out “4,111.2” and inserting “4,106.2”.
8. Amend page 5, line 21, after “administration--FTEs” by striking out “212.2” and inserting “207.2”.
9. Amend page 5, line 21, by striking out “26,881,900” and inserting “26,114,100”.
10. Amend page 6, line 18, after “\$” by striking out “1,455,626,900” and inserting “1,454,859,100”.
11. Amend page 6, line 26, after “revenues” by striking out “270,282,500” and inserting “269,898,600”.
12. Amend page 7, line 4, after “\$” by striking out “714,102,800” and inserting “713,718,900”.
13. Amend page 10, line 24, after “positions” by striking out “83.0” and inserting “79.0”.
14. Amend page 11, line 4, after “rights--FTEs” by striking out “26.0” and inserting “22.0”.
15. Amend page 11, line 4, by striking out “3,563,800” and inserting “2,909,200”.
16. Amend page 11, line 7, after “\$” by striking out “252,830,300” and inserting “252,175,700”.
17. Amend page 11, line 16, after “\$” by striking out “36,165,000” and inserting “35,510,400”.
18. Amend page 15, line 19, after “positions” by striking out “409.4” and inserting “404.9”.
19. Amend page 15, line 24, after “program--FTEs” by striking out “25.5” and inserting “21.0”.
20. Amend page 15, line 24, by striking out “56,287,900” and inserting “55,599,400”.
21. Amend page 16, line 4, after “\$” by striking out “195,715,500” and inserting “195,027,000”.
22. Amend page 16, line 15, after “\$” by striking out “84,010,100” and inserting “83,321,600”.
23. Amend page 16, line 18, after “positions” by striking out “189.1” and inserting “187.1”.
24. Amend page 17, line 7, after “prevention--FTEs” by striking out “8.9” and inserting “6.9”.
25. Amend page 17, line 7, by striking out “13,518,800” and inserting “13,212,800”.
26. Amend page 17, line 8, after “\$” by striking out “272,225,600” and inserting “271,919,600”.
27. Amend page 17, line 18, after “\$” by striking out “90,597,900” and inserting “90,291,900” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 2, after “\$” by striking out “35,484,062,500” and inserting “35,489,453,400”.
2. Amend page 2, line 6, after “\$” by striking out “35,469,385,600” and inserting “35,474,776,500”.
3. Amend page 2, line 17, after “\$” by striking out “6,337,463,100” and inserting “6,342,854,000”.
4. Amend page 18, line 9, after “program” by striking out “4,609,100” and inserting “10,000,000”.
5. Amend page 18, line 19, after “\$” by striking out “88,438,800” and inserting “93,829,700”.
6. Amend page 18, line 23, after “\$” by striking out “44,542,800” and inserting “49,933,700” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 228**

**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  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 5, line 4, after "\$" by striking out "222,199,700" and inserting "250,370,300".
2. Amend page 5, line 9, after "fund" by striking out "284,951,100" and inserting "286,277,500".
3. Amend page 6, line 1, after "payments" by striking out "295,901,300" and inserting "303,396,300".
4. Amend page 6, line 4, after "program" by striking out "12,739,000" and inserting "14,304,400".
5. Amend page 6, line 18, after "\$" by striking out "1,455,626,900" and inserting "1,494,184,300".
6. Amend page 6, line 24, after "families" by striking out "322,421,600" and inserting "328,354,232".
7. Amend page 6, line 25, after "revenues" by striking out "105,283,700" and inserting "105,873,037".
8. Amend page 6, line 26, after "revenues" by striking out "270,282,500" and inserting "287,113,006".
9. Amend page 6, line 28, after "chargeback" by striking out "36,896,600" and inserting "37,285,485".
10. Amend page 7, line 1, after "collections" by striking out "1,500,000" and inserting "1,536,129".
11. Amend page 7, line 3, after "revenues" by striking out "2,000,000" and inserting "2,048,172".
12. Amend page 7, line 4, after "\$" by striking out "714,102,800" and inserting "728,834,539" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 229**

**Yeas—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Bellino offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 2, line 2, after “\$” by striking out “35,484,062,500” and inserting “35,490,062,500”.
- 2. Amend page 2, line 6, after “\$” by striking out “35,469,385,600” and inserting “35,475,385,600”.
- 3. Amend page 2, line 17, after “\$” by striking out “6,337,463,100” and inserting “6,343,463,100”.
- 4. Amend page 11, following line 3, by inserting:

“Narcotics awareness program	6,000,000”
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- 5. Amend page 11, line 7, after “\$” by striking out “252,830,300” and inserting “258,830,300”.

6. Amend page 11, line 16, after “\$” by striking out “36,165,000” and inserting “42,165,000” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

- 7. Amend page 119, following line 5, by inserting:

“Sec. 919. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for narcotics awareness program, the department shall allocate \$6,000,000.00 to a nonprofit organization organized under the laws of this state that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501, and with headquarters in a charter township with a population between 100,000 and 105,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census within a county with a population between 700,000 and 1,000,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census. To be eligible to receive funding, the nonprofit organization must have a stated mission to offer community-based, compassionate, best-practice/evidence-based services to those suffering from addiction, as well as their loved ones, and to erase the stigma of addiction and instill compassion and hope.”

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 230**

**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

Senator McBroom offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 2, line 2, after “\$” by striking out “35,484,062,500” and inserting “35,496,062,500”.
- 2. Amend page 2, line 6, after “\$” by striking out “35,469,385,600” and inserting “35,481,385,600”.
- 3. Amend page 2, line 17, after “\$” by striking out “6,337,463,100” and inserting “6,349,463,100”.
- 4. Amend page 24, following line 4, by inserting:

“Critical access hospital renovation	12,000,000”
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5. Amend page 25, line 14, after “\$” by striking out “145,060,600” and inserting “157,060,600”.

6. Amend page 25, line 16, after “\$” by striking out “145,060,600” and inserting “157,060,600” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

7. Amend page 235, following line 24, by inserting:

“Sec. 1992. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for critical access hospital renovation, the department shall allocate \$12,000,000.00 to a critical access hospital located in a county with a population between 3,750 and 5,750 according to the most recent federal decennial census to implement multiple infrastructure renovations, including all of the following, to improve patient care:

(a) Remodeling and upgrading family clinics to meet current codes and practices.

(b) Expanding operating room and recovery facilities for basic orthopedic surgeries.

(c) Improving windows, parking lots, and other areas.”.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Albert offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 158, following line 18, by inserting:

“Sec. 1303. The department shall not contract with an organization that provides elective abortions, abortion counseling, or abortion referrals, for services that are to be funded with state restricted or state general fund/general purpose funds appropriated in part 1 for family planning local agreements. An organization under contract with the department shall not subcontract with an organization that provides elective abortions, abortion counseling, or abortion referrals, for services that are to be funded with state restricted or state general fund/general purpose funds appropriated in part 1 for family planning local agreements.

Sec. 1304. The department shall not use state restricted funds or state general funds, or allow grantees or subcontractors to use those funds, appropriated in part 1 in the pregnancy prevention program or family planning local agreements appropriation line items for abortion counseling, referrals, or services.

Sec. 1305. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for family planning local agreements and the pregnancy prevention program, the department shall not contract with or award grants to an entity that engages in 1 or more of the activities described in section 1(1) of 2002 PA 360, MCL 333.1091, if the entity is located in a county or health district where family planning or pregnancy prevention services are provided by the county, the health district, or a qualified entity that does not engage in any of the activities described in section 1(1) of 2002 PA 360, MCL 333.1091.

(2) The department shall give priority to counties or health districts where no contracts or grants currently exist for family planning or pregnancy prevention services before contracting with or awarding grants to an entity that engages in 1 or more of the activities described in section 1(1) of 2002 PA 360, MCL 333.1091, if that entity is located in a county where family planning and pregnancy prevention services are provided by the county, the health district, or another qualified entity that does not engage in the activities described in section 1(1) of 2002 PA 360, MCL 333.1091.”.

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. 231**

**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  
Cavanagh

Hertel  
Irwin

McMorrow  
Moss

Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Webber offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 97, following line 6, by inserting:

“Sec. 661. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department shall create policy changes to decrease the average application time for the child development and care program by 50% and increase funding for marketing efforts to aid in communication about the child development and care program from funds appropriated in the current fiscal year.”.

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. 232**

**Yeas—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Theis offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 48, following line 29, by inserting:

“Sec. 243. By November 1 of the current fiscal year the director of the department shall hold a public forum to explain the rationale for the elimination of the position of director of the victim services division within the department. The director must address the expected impact on the elimination of this position on crime victim advocacy efforts in this state and detail actions taken by the department to mitigate this harm.”.



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. 233**

**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

Senator Hauck offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 14, line 12, after “grants” by striking out “98,579,300” and inserting “98,681,900”.
2. Amend page 14, line 28, after “\$” by striking out “182,885,300” and inserting “182,987,900”.
3. Amend page 15, line 16, after “\$” by striking out “36,468,000” and inserting “36,570,600” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
4. Amend page 141, following line 24, by inserting:

“Sec. 1153. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for crime victim justice assistance grants, the department shall allocate \$102,600.00 of state general fund/general purpose revenue for a sexual assault nurse examiners program at a hospital in a city with a population between 21,600 and 21,700 according to the most recent federal decennial census within a county with a population between 64,300 and 64,400 according to the most recent federal decennial census. Funds must be used to support staff compensation and training, victim needs, and community awareness, education, and prevention programs.

(2) The crime victim services commission may review the uses of funds appropriated in this section to determine if it merits utilization of the crime victim’s rights fund on an ongoing basis in subsequent fiscal years.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 234**

**Yeas—18**

Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis

Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Nesbitt  
Outman

Victory  
Webber

### Nays—20

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

### Excused—0

### Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 24, following line 23, by inserting:

“Maternal health services	220,000”
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2. Amend page 25, line 14, after “\$” by striking out “145,060,600” and inserting “145,280,600”.

3. Amend page 25, line 16, after “\$” by striking out “145,060,600” and inserting “145,280,600” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

4. Amend page 211, following line 18, by inserting:

“Sec. 1948. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for maternal health services the department shall allocate \$220,000.00 in general fund/general purpose revenue to support a 9.5% inflationary increase to maintain sustainability at existing nurse family partnership sites.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

### Roll Call No. 235

### Yeas—18

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

### Nays—20

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Runestad offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 150, line 3, after “1187.” by inserting “(1)”.
- 2. Amend page 150, following line 13, by inserting:

“(2) No funding shall be provided under this section unless the department is able to confirm that the regional water authority has reduced rates for any customer whose payments were used to service outstanding debt and payments for the municipality with outstanding debt and payments described in subsection (1) equal to the total per customer amount of debt service costs incurred.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 236**

**Yeas—19**

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

**Nays—19**

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

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Nesbitt offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 149, following line 6, by inserting:

“Sec. 1183. The department shall not require a medical first response service to submit data for purposes of the Michigan emergency medical services information system if the medical first response service is located in a county with a population of less than 85,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census and is composed of only medical first responders who provide services without expecting or receiving money, goods, or services in return for providing those services. A medical first response service described in this section shall ensure that a medical first responder provides, in writing, at least all of the

following information to an emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician specialist, or paramedic, arriving at the scene after the medical first responder:

- (a) The time of the initial medical first responder’s arrival at the scene.
- (b) The patient’s condition at the time of the initial medical first responder’s arrival at the scene.
- (c) Information gathered from a patient assessment, including, but not limited to, the patient’s vital signs and level of consciousness.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments, 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. 237**

**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

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 5, line 28, after “34.0” by striking out “57,837,700” and inserting “69,437,700”.
2. Amend page 6, line 18, after “\$” by striking out “1,455,626,900” and inserting “1,467,226,900”.
3. Amend page 6, line 24, after “families” by striking out “322,421,600” and inserting “331,121,600”.
4. Amend page 6, line 26, after “revenues” by striking out “270,282,500” and inserting “271,210,500”.
5. Amend page 7, line 4, after “\$” by striking out “714,102,800” and inserting “716,074,800” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
6. Amend page 73, line 16, after “shall” by striking out “maintain” and inserting “increase”.
7. Amend page 73, line 19, after “programs” by striking out “at an amount not less than the amount”.
8. Amend page 73, line 20, after “30,” by striking out “2021” and inserting “2023 by 20%”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments, Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 238**

**Yeas—18**

Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis

Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Nesbitt  
Outman

Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Outman offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 74, following line 15, by inserting:

“Sec. 532. The department shall annually certify that the rates paid to private child placing agencies are actuarially sound and shall provide a copy of the rate certification to the private child placing agencies.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator McBroom offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 88, following line 14, by inserting:

“Sec. 595. The department shall review all juvenile justice residential facilities that have closed in the previous fiscal year and re-examine department closed facilities. By February 1 of the current fiscal year the department shall submit a report to the report recipients required in section 246 of this part on this review. The report must include, but is not limited to, the reasons for each facility closure, the findings of the re-examinations of department closed facilities, and potential for, or status of, any of the closed facilities re-opening.”.

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. 239**

**Yeas—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer

Chang  
Cherry

Klinefelt  
McCann

Polehanki  
Santana

Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator McBroom offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 88, following line 14, by inserting:

“Sec. 596. The department shall work towards facilitating the opening of adequate bed capacity at private operated child caring institutions and juvenile justice residential facilities to accommodate all youth awaiting placement within one fiscal year.”.

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. 240**

**Yeas—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator McBroom offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 88, following line 14, by inserting:

“Sec. 597. (1) The department shall examine their policies for county juvenile justice facilities and identify any burdensome policies that may pressure these facilities to close. The department shall identify three of the burdensome policies and eliminate them in the current fiscal year.

(2) By September 30 of the current fiscal year the department shall submit a report to the report recipients required in section 246 of this part on the three burdensome policies identified under subsection (1) which were eliminated and the rationale behind the elimination.”

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Outman offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 46, following line 24, by inserting:

“Sec. 233. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this article, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, inter-transfer funds within this article for the particular department, board, commission, office, or institution.”

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Runestad offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 41, following line 15, by inserting:

“Sec. 225. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for any funds used for creative, media advertising, and clearinghouse services, the department shall submit a report to the report recipients required in section 246 of this part that on the complete details on Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget contract number 210000000594, including, but not limited to, a list of all funding awards by fund source by vendor and by media campaign for the previous 5 fiscal years, a list of all funding awards by fund source by vendor and by media campaign for the current fiscal year, a list of all subgrantees and vendors that have received funding awards through contractor funded under this subsection for the previous 5 fiscal years, the comprehensive annual communication/marketing plan for the current fiscal year, detailed measurements of the effects that each media campaign had in achieving program outcomes on the target audience identified, and a description of the efforts undertaken to measure the specific behavior changes that occurred due to appropriations made under this section. The reports should not include any mention of general effects or general awareness of media campaigns.”

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. 241**

**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

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 2, after "\$" by striking out "35,484,062,500" and inserting "35,492,017,500".
2. Amend page 2, line 6, after "\$" by striking out "35,469,385,600" and inserting "35,4799,340,600".
3. Amend page 2, line 17, after "\$" by striking out "6,337,463,100" and inserting "6,345,418,100".
4. Amend page 8, line 9, after "Michigan" by striking out "12,045,000" and inserting "20,000,000".
5. Amend page 8, line 17, after "\$" by striking out "5,675,088,700" and inserting "5,683,043,700".
6. Amend page 9, line 1, after "\$" by striking out "98,674,500" and inserting "106,629,500" and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
7. Amend page 97, line 3, after "allocate" by striking out "\$12,045,000.00" and inserting "\$20,000,000.00".

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 242**

**Yeas—17**

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

**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—1**

Victory

In The Chair: Moss

Pursuant to rule 1.306, Senator Victory submitted the following:

I stand here not to speak in favor or against this amendment, but pursuant to rule 1.306. I abstain from voting on amendment No. 20 to Senate Bill No. 190 out of an abundance of caution on account of my farm's partnership with member food banks on the Council because it may benefit my farm financially from this amendment should it be adopted. I will not vote on amendment No. 20 to Senate Bill No. 190. I ask that my comments be printed in the Journal as required disclosure under Senate Rule 1.306.

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 2, after "\$" by striking out "35,484,062,500" and inserting "35,490,147,900".
2. Amend page 2, line 6, after "\$" by striking out "35,469,385,600" and inserting "35,475,471,000".



3. Amend page 2, line 11, after “revenues” by striking out “24,684,928,200” and inserting “24,689,504,400”.
4. Amend page 2, line 17, after “\$” by striking out “6,337,463,100” and inserting “6,338,972,300”.
5. Amend page 21, line 17, after “services” by striking out “21,317,200” and inserting “22,206,600”.
6. Amend page 21, line 23, after “services” by striking out “6,065,327,300” and inserting “6,068,087,400”.
7. Amend page 21, line 24, after “plan” by striking out “5,784,701,500” and inserting “5,787,137,400”.
8. Amend page 22, line 15, after “\$” by striking out “19,482,979,700” and inserting “19,489,065,100”.
9. Amend page 22, line 18, after “revenues” by striking out “14,135,119,000” and inserting “14,139,695,200”.
10. Amend page 22, line 24, after “\$” by striking out “2,506,457,200” and inserting “2,507,966,400” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 14, line 15, after “15.6” by striking out “18,340,200” and inserting “33,082,200”.
2. Amend page 14, line 18, after “1.0” by striking out “200,000” and inserting “360,800”.
3. Amend page 14, line 24, after “0.5” by striking out “5,097,300” and inserting “9,194,500”.
4. Amend page 14, line 28, after “\$” by striking out “182,885,300” and inserting “201,885,300”.
5. Amend page 15, line 16, after “\$” by striking out “36,468,000” and inserting “55,468,000” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 243**

**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

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 14, line 8, after “grants” by striking out “2,000,000” and inserting “14,000,000”.
2. Amend page 14, line 28, after “\$” by striking out “182,885,300” and inserting “194,885,300”.

- 3. Amend page 15, line 16, after “\$” by striking out “36,468,000” and inserting “48,468,000”.
- 4. Amend page 143, line 22, after “allocate” by striking out “\$2,000,000.00” and inserting “\$14,000,000.00”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 244**

**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

Senator Huizenga offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 17, line 6, after “15.0” by striking out “4,621,900” and inserting “9,371,900”.
- 2. Amend page 17, line 8, after “\$” by striking out “272,225,600” and inserting “276,975,600”.
- 3. Amend page 17, line 18, after “\$” by striking out “90,597,900” and inserting “95,347,900” and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Hertel offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 194, line 4, by striking out the entirety of Sec. 1808 and inserting:

“Sec. 1808. The department shall provide preference to health plans that are owned by nonprofit hospitals or integrated health systems licensed in Michigan, or that are wholly or majority-owned by nonprofit health plans based and licensed in Michigan, in the rebid for the comprehensive health plan contract for Michigan’s Medicaid program.”

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

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. 245**

**Yeas—20**

Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polehanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana

Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Nays—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

**Protest**

Senator Outman, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 190 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Outman’s statement is as follows:

Mr. President, the budget before us totals more than \$35 billion. To put that into perspective, there are almost 100 countries in the world with a total GDP smaller than what we spend on this single agency of state government. And to be clear, this department does important work but we offered more than a dozen amendments to improve that work and every single one of them was shot down by the majority.

Amendments to improve juvenile justice, foster care, opioid addiction services, food banks, the list goes on and on. You’re telling me that in a budget bigger than the entire economy of Iceland, we couldn’t find a way to support these critical programs or to find savings? This is a critical budget, Mr. President, but it needs work and I’m disappointed that work wasn’t done here today. I ask for a “no” vote.

Senators Outman, Huizenga, Bellino, Albert, Webber, Theis, Hauck, Nesbitt, McBroom, Runestad and Santana asked and were granted unanimous consent to make statements and moved that the statements be printed in the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Outman’s first statement is as follows:

Mr. President, the people of Michigan don’t need a larger state government that simply spends more of their money. They need a more effective government that better meets their needs. This amendment would reduce funding for increased internal staffing in DHHS with the goal of directing this money toward improving service with their current staffing levels. I urge members to vote “yes” on this amendment.

Senator Outman’s second statement is as follows:

Mr. President, my amendment would increase funding to \$10 million for the Michigan Child Collaborative Care Program in order to better support primary care providers and their patients with behavioral health needs. This additional funding would help increase access to resources in order to ensure the best possible would be provided to those who need it.

Senator Huizenga's first statement is as follows:

Mr. President, every child deserves a home where they are loved and supported. Thankfully, we have real-life angels who step up to provide loving homes for thousands of Michigan children. My amendment would support these families by tripling the eight-percent daily maintenance rate for foster care parents, adoptive families, and juvenile guard reimbursement by 24 percent to support those caring for children in need, our most vulnerable residents. I ask for a "yes" vote on my amendment.

Senator Bellino's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, my amendment would fully fund Families Against Narcotics, one of the first non-traditional areas of sobriety that were started in Michigan almost 20 years ago. FAN, the RCOs, the peer-to-peer interaction, these are the new non-traditional ways people get sober by. This is a community-based organization for individuals seeking recovery, those in recovery, and for family members affected by addiction. This organization received \$4 million in 2022 and \$5 million this year. Fully funding them for 2024—instead of cutting their funding in half as proposed in this budget—would help them expand their services and support for additional chapters. I urge members to vote "yes" on my amendment.

Senator Albert's statement is as follows:

This amendment would reinstate the budget language, reinforcing that taxpayer dollars cannot be used to fund abortions in Michigan. Our law on this matter is pretty clear. Michigan voters banned the use of Medicaid funding for abortions in 1988. Proposal 3—approved by voters last year—did not change any of this. This law remains in force and this amendment simply reflects that, and it is especially important for departments to understand this. I ask for my colleagues to support this amendment.

Senator Webber's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, one obstacle for many parents trying to return to the workplace is access to childcare. My amendment would help parents secure childcare funding they were already promised, and help childcare providers too. Recent reporting by the *Detroit Free Press* revealed that parents are being hit with bills in the thousands of dollars for outstanding childcare payments that should have been covered by the department. Parents in search of answers—frustratingly—tried to contact the department but kept running into bureaucratic dead ends, receiving no explanation from the department. By the time parents were able to speak with the department officials it is unfortunately too late for many families. With ever-growing waitlists, childcare facilities were forced to remove children from their care because parents were no longer making payments, either through no fault of their own or without their knowledge of missed payments.

One amendment would help address that today. It would require DHHS to cover their average subsidy application processing time in half to quicken childcare coverage for parents. It would also require the department to better communicate availability of the subsidy to both parents and providers by reprioritizing existing marketing funds. The department can do better for the parents it serves. Let's help solve this problem. I urge members to vote "yes" on this amendment.

Senator This's statement is as follows:

When constructing budgets, we all know there are tough choices to be had, but many of those tough choices could have been avoided from what I see with this budget with the ill-advised budget priorities being promoted today. Mr. President, this budget cuts critical funding for sexual assault survivors, leaving several mid-Michigan counties with less access to care and support. While at the same time, the position of victim services director has been eliminated, leaving the division without leadership or a plan to continue support for crime victims. This elimination of funding will cause predictable harm to advocacy efforts in the state, which is not the direction I believe we should be going. We should be sending a strong message to our survivors that we stand in their corner and work towards improving access, not restricting it. I encourage a "yes" vote on this amendment.

Senator Hauck's statement is as follows:

I was disappointed when funding for the sexual assault program was stripped during the committee process, especially after the Governor had shown her support in her initial budget recommendations. This program helps train healthcare professionals to provide meaningful medical care and emotional support for survivors at McLaren Central Michigan Hospital. It is one of the only programs of its kind in mid-Michigan. McLaren Central Michigan provides care to victims from a number of counties and this support is critical for area survivors. We need to let survivors of these horrific crimes know that they have our support, and I encourage a "yes" vote on this amendment to restore full funding.

Senator Outman's third statement is as follows:

This amendment would provide additional support and assistance to the state's already-successful nurse family partnership program and help first-time mothers to be with the care and support they need. This model has been shown to produce long-term improvements in family wellness and child health and development. Studies have also shown that the state gets a six-fold return on every dollar invested in this program. I encourage a "yes" vote on this amendment to provide adequate funding to account for inflationary increases and allow this program to continue to thrive and serve Michigan families.

Senator Nesbitt's statement is as follows:

Speaking in favor of my amendment, something we deal with a lot of times is try to cut down on bureaucratic red tape and duplicative reporting—I just had a discussion with some friends in the majority on such things and I hope they can join me in support of this. Despite our best efforts, our first responders will never receive the thanks that they actually deserve with running in when a lot of us run out.

However, there are ways we can help remedy this issue and this situation. These heroic individuals have a job to do, and that job is not burdensome reporting to the state that has no real purpose. Local volunteer agencies have limited resources and they should not be spending time filling out paperwork and jumping through needless hoops. Those resources should be focused on responding to emergencies, actually getting out to the frontlines. Our amendment cuts red tape and sets out emergency service workers to be free to do the lifesaving work that they signed up for.

This amendment focuses on small rural communities with volunteer quick responders who are, a lot of times, the first ones on the scene before an ambulance can make it there. They live in our communities and in that golden hour have saved hundreds of lives in my area. It will provide a great deal of assistance to local agencies by freeing up resources to be used in response efforts.

This amendment could quite literally be the difference between life and death of someone in an emergency. Instead of putting them behind a desk, let's free up our first responders or EMS to actually save lives. I encourage a "yes" vote on this amendment and ask members to join me in supporting this measure.

Senator Outman's fourth statement is as follows:

This amendment would provide meaningful support for Michigan families who are struggling and prioritize child safety, while also allocating needed resources to assist with crisis management and at-risk children and families. The program funded by my amendment keeps families together and creates stable households in communities across the state. Bottom line—this amendment helps keep families intact. I encourage a "yes" vote on this amendment.

Senator Outman's fifth statement is as follows:

The COVID-19 pandemic left in its wake a significant increase of mental-health issues and unfortunately many residents do not have access to the care they need. My amendment would ensure mental healthcare providers are reimbursed at a fair rate for their work and dedication to their patients. It would require the department to pay providers the rate they're worth, meaning more children and families will get the care they need. The department would have to certify that it's using sound rates for these reimbursements on a yearly basis, which provides not only transparency but the best possible use of taxpayer dollars. This is a good, fiscally responsible amendment and I encourage a "yes" vote so we can help residents get the care they need.

Senator McBroom's statement is as follows:

Mr. President, this and the following two amendments are mine on a similar subject matter, I would like to speak to all three at once.

The state has long held some juvenile justice facilities that are important to really consider the last-ditch effort on rescuing our children from a life within the prison system. They pull out all the stops; they have to be very aggressive; they have to really work very hard to redeem some of our children who are headed down a very bad path and for a bad future. Unfortunately, the last couple of administrations and Legislatures have not—in my opinion—properly spent time on these issues and we have seen the closure of numerous facilities and the attempt to privatize the service. Of course, the private side can do a lot but when it comes to taking the hardest cases—the worst of the worst, the most difficult, and the most expensive—they simply aren't interested. So there are only two facilities left and it's becoming more and more difficult to get people to the students who need these services, to find a bed and find a space available for them, and there's been numerous new regulations coming from the department that have further enhanced this difficulty.

My first amendment that I am offering would call on there to be a study to look at why this is happening, what have been the mistakes from the closure of the last several ones and to issue a report on that. My second one would be to look at how we can deal with the growing backlog of juveniles who need the space and ensure that there's adequate funding for space for them in the future. And lastly, it calls on the department to issue a wide-ranging examination that would identify at least three policies that they have internally that are key to the reasons why these facilities are not functioning as they have in the past and as they need to for the future. I encourage members to vote "yes."

Senator Runestad's statement is as follows:

We have a number of duties as lawmakers, but one of the most important jobs, I believe, that we have here in this office—especially with our state dollars—is transparency. I have been trying and trying to get transparency into our budgets. This should apply to not only the Governor, but our other departments as well.

My amendment would require the open disclosure for any funding and contracts the administration doles out; to what vendors it was awarded, and how effective those vendors truly were. Michigan is tired of the secrecy and tired of the hidden deals. No contract should be in secret; no taxpayer dollars spent without the public knowing about it. I ask for this vote for transparency and I ask for support on this important amendment.

Senator Huizenga's second statement is as follows:

My amendment increases funding to the Food Bank Council to \$20 million, which would double the amount of funding for the program as recommended by my colleagues across the aisle. Underfunding this need for this line is truly a missed opportunity. The Food Bank Council has seen a significant increase in demand, and their mission to feed the hungry is one that we cannot ignore. Mr. President, we must be committed to caring for the people of our state who find themselves in need. We all ran for office to make a positive difference in the lives of our constituents and to represent their shared values. Let us not forget our constituents that struggle with food insecurity. If we choose to not support their immediate need, are we need doing right by them? I urge your support.

Senator Huizenga's third statement is as follows:

This amendment ensures that there is an adequate amount of funding to properly reimburse emergency medical providers for the services they provide to our communities. DHHS has chosen an inappropriate rate to reimburse these providers, and due to that decision ambulance services in our state as a whole are negatively impacted. My amendment provides for increased funding for Medicaid reimbursement to emergency medical providers to ensure that they are able to adequately perform life-saving services to our constituents. Mr. President, I ask that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle join me in supporting the EMS workers who are ready for us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide medical assistance to our constituents.

Senator Huizenga's fourth statement is as follows:

There is no question, Michigan must do more to support our residents who have been victims of domestic violence. I believe that we can do more right here and right now to support our families and individuals who face these terrible acts. Let's forget politics for the next two minutes as we consider this amendment and think of the people who will be helped by the extra funding contained in this amendment. I encourage my colleagues to join me in support.

Senator Huizenga's fifth statement is as follows:

Mr. President, the Victims of Crime Act was passed to assist victims of crime. One of the primary duties of government is public safety. The next logical step is to support our crime victims. This amendment will add \$12 million to backfill the VOCA fund in addition to the Governor's proposed amount for a total of \$14 million. I urge members to vote "yes" on this amendment.

Senator Huizenga's sixth statement is as follows:

My first introduction to the policy-making process occurred right after I was in college. I served as the co-chair for the county health department's Tobacco Reduction Coalition. The work that the coalition did was true and just, and alas today we find ourselves facing the same issue brought on by tobacco use today. According to the American Cancer Society Action Network, commercial tobacco use remains a leading cause in the death of Michiganders. Furthermore, Michigan greatly underfunds tobacco-use prevention efforts. The CDC recommends that Michigan spend \$110.6 million on tobacco prevention. In FY 2021, Michigan spent \$1.8 million. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to please join me in taking the first step to reverse this trend of underfunding these important, lifesaving efforts for the residents of our state.

Senator Santana’s statement is as follows:

The Health and Human Services budget impacts so many lives across the state of Michigan. This budget focuses on public-health centers which support access to care locally, child welfare, and the most vulnerable—our seniors and infants, and much more. The Health and Human Services budget is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical budget and I am grateful for the work of all the committee members.

This budget includes funding to increase wages for direct-care workers, it increases access to equity for Medicaid through expanding coverages of children’s special health and care programs, it establishes a Medicaid recuperative-care benefit, and it increases reimbursement rates for specific Medicaid services. It supports healthy moms and healthy babies through new unit by removing the five-year waiting period for lawfully residing children and pregnant women, supporting perinatal quality collaboratives, providing grants to pregnancy sites, strengthening hospitals maternal-health initiatives, and re-establishes the Medicaid family-planning benefit. It also includes new programs for funding increases like an increase for Medicaid hospital reimbursement rates for level I and level II trauma centers, childcare fund reimbursement rates, and supports the state’s share of essential local public health services. It also increases child welfare family maintenance payments and increases the Food Bank Council’s mass program. It maintains funding for projects including multicultural integration services, first responder mental health and safety grants, sickle cell centers, as well as CCWIS modules. It includes new FY 2024 one-time projects like the new federally-qualified healthcare center payment models, a permanent supportive housing pilot, and also unpaid medical debt forgiveness for our constituents; the creation of the Caregiver Resource Center, operations psych GME program, opioid biomarker testing, and deposits into the Jail Diversion Fund. Lastly, I would just like to state that water is essential to life, and it is necessary for all of our constituents. I urge support for the DHHS budget.

The following bill was read a third time:

**Senate Bill No. 199, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Bumstead offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 15, line 7, after “replacement” by striking out “5,000,000” and inserting “20,000,000”.

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. 246**

**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

Senator Bumstead offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 15, following line 27, by inserting:

“Water infrastructure projects	500,000,000”
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2. Amend page 15, line 28, after “State general fund/general purpose” by striking out “\$200,000,100” and inserting “\$700,000,100”, and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

3. Amend page 37, following line 14, by inserting:

“Sec. 1007. (1) From the funds deposited in the strategic outreach and attraction reserve fund created in the Michigan trust fund act, 2000 PA 489, MCL. 12.254, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, the state treasurer shall lapse \$500,000,000.00 to the general fund.

(2) From the one-time general funds appropriated in part 1 for water infrastructure projects, the department shall create and administrate a water infrastructure grant program for state and local water infrastructure projects. Approved grants to local units of government shall require a 10% match from the unit of local government in receipt of any grant funding. The department may expend up to 1% of the total appropriation amount for administrative expenses related to the creation and administration of the grant program.

(3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for water infrastructure projects are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for the projects under this section until the project has been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

(a) The purpose of the project is to improve statewide water infrastructure and to provide grants to local units of government, including cities, counties, townships, and villages, for water infrastructure projects.

(b) The projects will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

(c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$500,000,000.00.

(d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2028.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 247**

**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



Senator Bumstead offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 1, line 4, following “fiscal year” by inserting “s”.
2. Amend page 1, line 5, by inserting “September 30, 2023 and”.
3. Amend page 16, following line 6, by inserting:

“PART 1A  
LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Sec. 150. There is appropriated for various state departments and agencies and the legislature to supplement appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, from the following funds:

<b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY</b>		
<b>APPROPRIATION SUMMARY</b>		
Full-time equated unclassified positions	0.0	
Full-time equated classified positions	0.0	
<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>
Appropriated from:		
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers		0
<b>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>
Federal revenues:		
Total federal revenues		100,000,000
Special revenue funds:		
Total local revenues		0
Total private revenues		0
Total other state restricted revenues		0
<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sec. 151. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Water Infrastructure	\$	100,000,000
<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>
Appropriated from:		
Federal revenues:		
Federal funds		100,000,000
Special revenue funds:		
<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>

4. Amend page 37, following line 14, by inserting:

“PART 2A  
PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

**GENERAL SECTIONS**

Sec. 1151. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under part 1A for the fiscal year September 30, 2023 is \$0.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is \$0.00.

Sec. 1152. The appropriations authorized under this part and part 1A are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

**ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

Sec. 1251. Funds appropriated in part 1A for fiscal year 2023 water infrastructure shall be directed to projects that have received approval for funding under either the drinking water state revolving fund or the clean water state revolving fund but due to cost increases resulting from inflation, supply chain, or other impact have been awarded funding amounts that are insufficient to complete the approved project.”

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 248**

**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

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 1, line 4, following “fiscal year” by inserting “s”.
2. Amend page 1, line 5, by inserting “September 30, 2023 and”.
3. Amend page 16, following line 6, by inserting:

“PART 1A  
LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Sec. 150. There is appropriated for various state departments and agencies and the legislature to supplement appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, from the following funds:

<b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY</b>			
<b>APPROPRIATION SUMMARY</b>			
Full-time equated unclassified positions	0.0		
Full-time equated classified positions	0.0		
<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>
Appropriated from:			
Interdepartmental grant revenues:			
Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers			0
<b>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>
Federal revenues:			
Total federal revenues			8,000,000
Special revenue funds:			
Total local revenues			0
Total private revenues			0
Total other state restricted revenues			0
<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sec. 151. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
Water Infrastructure		\$	8,000,000
<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>
Appropriated from:			
Federal revenues:			
Federal funds			8,000,000
Special revenue funds:			
<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>

4. Amend page 37, following line 14, by inserting:

“PART 2A  
PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

**GENERAL SECTIONS**

Sec. 1151. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under part 1A for the fiscal year September 30, 2023 is \$0.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is \$0.00.

Sec. 1152. The appropriations authorized under this part and part 1A are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

**ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

Sec. 1251. From the funds appropriated in part 1A for fiscal year 2023 water infrastructure, \$8,000,000.00 shall be awarded to a water infrastructure project located in a city with a population between 3,750 and 3,800 and in a county with a population of between 66,800 and 67,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census that supports a water infrastructure project but due to cost increases resulting from inflation, supply chain, or other impact have been awarded funding amounts that are insufficient to complete the approved project.”

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 1, line 4, following “fiscal year” by inserting “s”.
2. Amend page 1, line 5, by inserting “September 30, 2023 and”.
3. Amend page 16, following line 6, by inserting:

“PART 1A  
LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Sec. 150. There is appropriated for various state departments and agencies and the legislature to supplement appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, from the following funds:

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY**

**APPROPRIATION SUMMARY**

Full-time equated unclassified positions	0.0	
Full-time equated classified positions	0.0	
<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>
Appropriated from:		
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers		0
<b>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>
Federal revenues:		
Total federal revenues		7,000,000
Special revenue funds:		
Total local revenues		0
Total private revenues		0
Total other state restricted revenues		0
<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sec. 151. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Water Infrastructure	\$	7,000,000
<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>
Appropriated from:		
Federal revenues:		
Federal funds		7,000,000
Special revenue funds:		
<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>

4. Amend page 37, following line 14, by inserting:

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FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

**GENERAL SECTIONS**

Sec. 1151. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under part 1A for the fiscal year September 30, 2023 is \$0.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is \$0.00.

Sec. 1152. The appropriations authorized under this part and part 1A are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

**ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

Sec. 1251. From the funds appropriated in part 1A for fiscal year 2023 water infrastructure, \$7,000,000.00 shall be awarded to a water infrastructure project located in a city with a population between 5,900 and 6,000 and in a county with a population of between 66,800 and 67,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census that supports a water infrastructure project but due to cost increases resulting from inflation, supply chain, or other impact have been awarded funding amounts that are insufficient to complete the approved project.”

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Outman offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 1, line 4, following “fiscal year” by inserting “s”.
2. Amend page 1, line 5, by inserting “September 30, 2023 and”.
3. Amend page 16, following line 6, by inserting:

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY**

**APPROPRIATION SUMMARY**

Full-time equated unclassified positions	0.0	
Full-time equated classified positions	0.0	
<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,000,000</b>
Appropriated from:		
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers		0
<b>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,000,000</b>
Federal revenues:		
Total federal revenues		13,000,000
Special revenue funds:		
Total local revenues		0
Total private revenues		0
Total other state restricted revenues		0
<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sec. 151. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Water Infrastructure	\$	13,000,000
<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,000,000</b>
Appropriated from:		
Federal revenues:		
Federal funds		13,000,000
Special revenue funds:		
<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>

4. Amend page 37, following line 14, by inserting:

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FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

**GENERAL SECTIONS**

Sec. 1151. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under part 1A for the fiscal year September 30, 2023 is \$0.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is \$0.00.

Sec. 1152. The appropriations authorized under this part and part 1A are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

**ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

Sec. 1251. From the funds appropriated in part 1A for fiscal year 2023 water infrastructure, \$13,000,000.00 shall be awarded to a water infrastructure project located in a city with a population between 8,800 and 8,900 and in a county with a population of between 66,600 and 66,700 according to the most recent federal decennial census that supports a water infrastructure project but due to cost increases resulting from inflation, supply chain, or other impact have been awarded funding amounts that are insufficient to complete the approved project.”

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator McBroom offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 1, line 4, following “fiscal year” by inserting “s”.
2. Amend page 1, line 5, by inserting “September 30, 2023 and”.
3. Amend page 16, following line 6, by inserting:

“PART 1A  
LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Sec. 150. There is appropriated for various state departments and agencies and the legislature to supplement appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, from the following funds:

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY**

**APPROPRIATION SUMMARY**

Full-time equated unclassified positions	0.0	
Full-time equated classified positions	0.0	
<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>
Appropriated from:		
Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental transfers		0
<b>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>
Federal revenues:		
Total federal revenues		1,500,000
Special revenue funds:		
Total local revenues		0
Total private revenues		0
Total other state restricted revenues		0
<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sec. 151. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Water Infrastructure	\$	1,500,000
<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>
Appropriated from:		
Federal revenues:		
Federal funds		1,500,000
Special revenue funds:		
<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0</b>

4. Amend page 37, following line 14, by inserting:

“PART 2A  
PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

**GENERAL SECTIONS**

Sec. 1151. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under part 1A for the fiscal year September 30, 2023 is \$0.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is \$0.00.

Sec. 1152. The appropriations authorized under this part and part 1A are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

**ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

Sec. 1251. From the funds appropriated in part 1A for fiscal year 2023 water infrastructure, \$1,500,000.00 shall be awarded to a water infrastructure project located in a city with a population between 5,100 and 5,200 and in a county with a population of between 25,900 and 26,000 according to the most recent federal decennial census that supports a water infrastructure project but due to cost increases resulting from inflation, supply chain, or other impact have been awarded funding amounts that are insufficient to complete the approved project.”

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

**Motions and Communications**

Senator Singh moved that rule 2.106 be suspended to allow committees to meet during Senate session. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members serving voting therefor.

**Recess**

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 4:55 p.m.

5:24 p.m.

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

Senator Singh moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned until Thursday, May 11, at 9:30 a.m.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

**Third Reading of Bills**

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to consideration of the following bill:

**Senate Bill No. 199, entitled**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of environment, Great Lakes, and energy for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

(This bill was read a third time earlier today and consideration postponed. See p. 793.)

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Senator Lindsey offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 2, line 2, after “positions” by striking out “1,575.0” and inserting “1,510.0”.
2. Amend page 5, line 1, after “positions” by striking out “409.0” and inserting “388.0”.
3. Amend page 5, line 11, after “program--FTEs” by striking out “26.0” and inserting “22.0”.
4. Amend page 5, line 12, after “programs--FTEs” by striking out “131.0” and inserting “119.0”.
5. Amend page 5, line 15, after “program--FTEs” by striking out “110.0” and inserting “105.0”.
6. Amend page 6, line 21, after “positions” by striking out “214.0” and inserting “202.0”.

- 7. Amend page 6, line 22, after “programs--FTEs” by striking out “214.0” and inserting “202.0”.
  - 8. Amend page 7, line 7, after “positions” by striking out “328.0” and inserting “327.0”.
  - 9. Amend page 7, line 15, after “services--FTEs” by striking out “43.0” and inserting “42.0”.
  - 10. Amend page 8, line 14, after “positions” by striking out “138.0” and inserting “131.0”.
  - 11. Amend page 8, line 15, after “Management--FTEs” by striking out “22.0” and inserting “20.0”.
  - 12. Amend page 8, line 16, after “program--FTEs” by striking out “116.0” and inserting “111.0”.
  - 13. Amend page 12, line 6, after “positions” by striking out “159.0” and inserting “142.0”.
  - 14. Amend page 12, line 7, after “water--FTEs” by striking out “107.0” and inserting “99.0”.
  - 15. Amend page 12, line 9, after “health--FTEs” by striking out “51.0” and inserting “42.0”.
  - 16. Amend page 12, line 27, after “positions” by striking out “132.0” and inserting “129.0”.
  - 17. Amend page 13, line 3, after “FTEs” by striking out “48.0” and inserting “45.0”.
  - 18. Amend page 14, line 13, after “positions” by striking out “63.0” and inserting “59.0”.
  - 19. Amend page 14, line 14, after “services--FTEs” by striking out “63.0” and inserting “59.0”.
- The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Hauck offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 31, line 8, after “953.” by striking out the balance of the line through “\$25,000,000.00” on line 27 and inserting “\$110,000,000.00”.

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. 249**

**Yeas—19**

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

**Nays—19**

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

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Hauck offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 31, line 8, after “953.” by striking out the balance of the line through the first “(d)” on line 27.

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. 250**

**Yeas—19**

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

**Nays—19**

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

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Bumstead offered the following amendment:

- 1. Amend page 32, line 27, by striking out all of subsection (3).

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Bumstead offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 15, line 27, by striking out all of line 27 and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.
  - 2. Amend page 36, line 27, by striking out the balance of the bill.
- The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

Senator Bumstead offered the following amendments:

- 1. Amend page 15, line 20, by striking out “Environmental justice c” and inserting “C”.
- 2. Amend page 34, line 21, after “1003.” by striking out all of subsections (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) and inserting “(1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for contaminated site clean-up are allocated for the remediation of legacy sites that contain environmental contamination as defined in section 20101 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20101.

(2) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 contaminated site clean-up are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for the projects under this section until the project has been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

- (a) The purpose of the project is to address legacy contamination.
- (b) The projects will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both.
- (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$25,000,000.00.
- (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2028.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:



**Roll Call No. 251**

**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

Senator Outman offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 34, line 2, after “1002.” by striking out all of subsections (1) and (2) and inserting “(1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the dam safety grant program, the department shall award grants for dam repair, alteration, or removal activities necessary to address risk associated with publicly or privately owned dams. Grant applications for repair or alteration must include an asset management plan for each dam included in the application.

(2) By December 31 annually, the department shall prepare a report regarding the activities of the dam safety grant program to be posted on the department’s website and provided to the relevant house and senate standing committees and appropriations subcommittees. The report shall contain all of the following information: a list of dams awarded grants, including their location, name of the owner, and description of the action or actions taken; and the total expenditure at each dam

(3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for dam safety grant program are designated as a work project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for the projects under this section until the project has been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

(a) The purpose of the project is to repair, alter, or remove dams to address risks.

(b) The projects will be accomplished by utilizing state employees or contracts with service providers, or both.

(c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$25,000,000.00.

(d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2028.”.

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. 252**

**Yeas—18**

Albert	Hauck	Lindsey	Runestad
Bellino	Hoitenga	McBroom	Theis

Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Nesbitt  
Outman

Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Bumstead offered the following amendments:

1. Amend page 15, following line 25, by inserting

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“Refined petroleum fund restoration	70,000,000”
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and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201 accordingly.

2. Amend page 37, following line 14, by inserting

“Sec. 1007. The funds appropriated in part 1 for refined petroleum fund repayment are allocated to restore funds transferred to the Environmental Protection Fund from the Refined Petroleum Fund in FY 2006-07 and shall be used for the remediation of orphan sites created by leaking underground storage tanks.”.

The question being on the adoption of the amendments,

Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.

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

The amendments were not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

**Roll Call No. 253**

**Yeas—18**

Albert  
Bellino  
Bumstead  
Daley  
Damoose

Hauck  
Hoitenga  
Huizenga  
Johnson  
Lauwers

Lindsey  
McBroom  
Nesbitt  
Outman

Runestad  
Theis  
Victory  
Webber

**Nays—20**

Anthony  
Bayer  
Brinks  
Camilleri  
Cavanagh

Chang  
Cherry  
Geiss  
Hertel  
Irwin

Klinefelt  
McCann  
McDonald Rivet  
McMorrow  
Moss

Polehanki  
Santana  
Shink  
Singh  
Wojno

**Excused—0**

**Not Voting—0**

In The Chair: Moss

Senator Bumstead offered the following amendment:

1. Amend page 22, following line 6, by inserting:

“Sec. 218. If the state administrative board, acting under section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount appropriated under this act, the legislature may, by a concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, intertransfer funds within this act for the particular department, board, commission, officer, or institution.”.

The amendment was not adopted, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor.

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. 254**

**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

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

**Protest**

Senator Bumstead, under his constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the passage of Senate Bill No. 199 and moved that the statement he made during the discussion of the bill be printed as his reasons for voting “no.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bumstead’s statement is as follows:

Mr. President, our state budget is a tool to prioritize spending that helps people in communities across our whole state. I am particularly concerned that the EGLE budget priorities special projects located within

individual members districts over programs are better addressed the needs of the entire state population. Instead of picking winners and losers from the Capitol, many of these items would be better funded through the programs and grants that allowed communities across the entire state access to these vital funds, that way the most urgent and well-planned request can be identified and supported.

Our state's water infrastructure is a top concern for many communities across Michigan. It is vitally important that funding is restored in the budget to better reflect the Governor's lead line replacement and critical water infrastructure improvement recommendations, because all people should have access to clean drinking water.

Again, the increase in proposed new government bureaucrats is another concern in the departmental budget. It is irresponsible to grow the size of our bureaucracy at unsustainable rates. The people of Michigan deserve better than big government and a Legislature that plays favorites. Because of these concerns, and many others I have raised in the previous failed amendments, I cannot support this budget.

I recommend a "no" vote.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bumstead's first statement is as follows:

This amendment restores the lead pipe replacement funding to the Governor's recommendation. On this issue we agree with the Governor and encourage our friends across the aisle to take it equally as seriously. Just because the Flint crisis is no longer dominant in the national headlines doesn't mean that lead lines are no longer a serious concern throughout this state. People deserve access to safe and clean drinking water. It's imperative that we work to address the needs of our aging water infrastructure, particularly in regard to lead pipe lines. I hope we can restore this essential funding and I ask for a "yes" vote on my amendment.

Senator Bumstead's second statement is as follows:

This amendment would reduce SOAR by \$500 million and reallocate these funds to invest in our state's aging water infrastructure. By moving this funding to support water infrastructure improvements we ensure the vital public systems are in place for the people of Michigan for generations to come. Let us make better use of our overflowing corporate welfare fund by investing these taxpayer dollars in our state's future instead of giving handouts to the Governor's preferred big businesses. I ask for your support of my amendment.

Senator Bumstead's third statement is as follows:

In use since the mid-1990s, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund provide low- or no-cost financing to communities for the creation, repair, or enhancement of public, privately owned, community or non-profit non-community water supply and wastewater facilities. Projects under the state's revolving funds include a variety of drinking water and wastewater system improvements and upgrades. Following recent updates to Michigan's lead and copper rules, lead line replacements will be a key use of these and other funds.

Projects receiving funding under these revolving funds go through a lengthy process. Unfortunately, many cost estimates secured at the beginning of the process for the projects approved for fiscal year 2023 are finding that increased cost due to inflation or supply chain impacts are resulting in their final funding packages being insufficient for the planned projects. In addition, demand for revolving funds is at a high and there are no additional fiscal year 2023 funds to assist in covering these increased costs.

The situation is leaving our communities in difficult situations where they must limit the scope of their project or pass the cost on to their residents and other system users. My amendment would add \$100 million to the state revolving fund for the current year. This would build upon the foundations created by the Senate Republicans' Senate Bill No. 565 of last term where we made record investments in water infrastructure. I encourage a "yes" vote on this amendment.

Senator Outman's first statement is as follows:

Much like our roads, we have made major investments in our water infrastructure in the last few years. In order to protect Michigan's unique water resources as well as the health of residents, we must continue to help communities invest in important public infrastructure upgrades and repairs. These projects have already been approved but have been left underfunded due to inflation and supply chain issues, among other things. My amendment would fund this shortfall and ensure this critical project can be completed as originally planned.

Senator Outman's second statement is as follows:

Similar to my last amendment, this would simply help fill a funding gap on a previously-approved project and help complete a crucial local infrastructure project. The department has shown support for these projects and I ask for your support as well.

Senator Outman's third statement is as follows:

Again, this would simply help fill a funding gap and provide funding to complete a local infrastructure project. Thank you for your support.

Senator Lindsey's statement is as follows:

Again, we are presented with a department budget that is working to spend the state's budget surplus as fast as possible by bloating the size of our government. This time for the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. My amendment will remove the 65 new government bureaucrats called for in this budget. These types of drastic increases are simply not sustainable in a slowing economy. Worse is this particular department has not done a good enough job of serving the people.

My office has received countless constituent contacts about problems with the department. I would bet all of our offices have. Whether it is a truck driver who self-reports spilling a few gallons of fuel and gets slapped with tens of thousands of clean-up fees, a waterfront property owner who the department prevents from protecting their own property, a farmer not allowed to farm their own land, or even a local road commission who can't complete projects in an effective manner in an efficient timeline, it's clear that this department has become too heavy handed and is too often hurting Michiganders. Michiganders deserve a government that works for them, not more bureaucrats in Lansing working against them. I ask for your support on this amendment.

Senator Bumstead's fourth statement is as follows:

We need to clean up contaminated sites in every corner of the state, not those in certain zip codes and certainly not those just in certain communities that happen to be blue or redder than others. Environmental cleanup is no place to play favorites or politics. If there is a demonstrated need, contamination should be cleaned up—end of story—and that is exactly what my amendment will do. I ask for a "yes" vote.

Senator Outman's fourth statement is as follows:

It is critical that we address our long-term infrastructure needs. My amendment would strike out the dam removal boilerplate currently in this budget and replace it with the same language from the Dam Safety Grant Program. The current bill language limits the funding to dam removal. This amendment will use the language from the existing Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program which can be used for restoration, remediation, or removal of the dams. This is especially important for communities like Midland and Gladwin who are in the process of restoring dams that failed. To borrow a phrase Mr. President, let's fix the damn dams.

Senator Bumstead's fifth statement is as follows:

In 2006, the Legislature took \$70 million from the fund to help balance a budget deficit. Since then the departmental budget has contained boilerplate stating the legislative intent to restore the money; with our current state budget surplus this is the best time to make good on that promise. My amendment would restore the \$70 million to the Refined Petroleum Fund and designate it to assist in cleaning up orphan sites across the state. I urge a "yes" vote on this amendment.

Senator Irwin's statement is as follows:

I rise to support Senate Bill No. 199. I want to start off by thanking my fellow committee members for their work—certainly Senate Fiscal Agency, the staff at the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, and of course, my team. A lot of people put in a lot of work on this budget and I want to thank them for that.

I rise today to support this budget, because it is a major investment in the future of Michigan. We are going to be assisting water and sewer projects in local communities all over our state with a huge investment of mostly Biden Bucks in the state revolving fund; that is going to help keep rates lower in many communities. It is going to be a big asset to ratepayers in keeping clean drinking water coming out of our taps. We have a big investment in this budget to turbo charge our efforts to remove lead pipes. I have been gratified by all the support I have heard for that here on the floor today.

We included more funding to address contaminated orphaned sites across the state of Michigan. In a state like Michigan, with a long industrial past, and with 27,000 or more orphan contaminated sites, that is very important to our residents. We are making a big investment in ground water mapping.

We are making a big investment in clean energy, mostly solar installations, and we are adding more horsepower to the department itself. I am excited about that, because it is actually essential that this department issue permits in a timely way and that we have the staff there, that we have the environmental cops on the beat to hold permittees accountable to the actual requirements of their permits. So, it is a great budget. I am proud to be here supporting it. I ask my colleagues for a “yes” vote.

#### **Announcements of Printing and Enrollment**

The Secretary announced that the following bills were printed and filed on Tuesday, May 9, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**House Bill Nos. 4529 4530 4531 4532 4533 4534 4535 4536 4537 4538 4539 4540**

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.  
The motion prevailed, the time being 5:46 p.m.

In pursuance of the order previously made, the President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN  
Secretary of the Senate