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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

10:00 a.m.

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

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 Darrin Camilleri of the 4th District offered the following invocation:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; not so much to be understood as to understand; not so much to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we awake to eternal life. Amen.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Senator Bellino entered the Senate Chamber.

### Motions and Communications

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

Senator Singh moved that Senators Chang and Shink be temporarily excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

The following communication was received:  
Department of State

Administrative Rules  
Notice of Filing

March 29, 2023

In accordance with the requirements of Section 46 of Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being MCL 24.246, and paragraph 16 of Executive Order 1995-6, this is to advise you that the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed Administrative Rule #2019-138-LR (Secretary of State Filing #23-03-23) on this date at 2:46 p.m. for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs entitled, "Elevators."

These rules take effect 90 days after filing with the secretary of state.

Sincerely,  
Jocelyn Benson  
Secretary of State  
Lashana Threlkeld, Departmental Supervisor  
Office of the Great Seal

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:  
Office of Senator Veronica Klinefelt

June 8, 2023

Per Senate Rule 1.110(d) I am requesting that my name be removed as co-sponsor from Senate Bill 145 and Senate Bill 146, which were introduced on March 7, 2023, and referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans & Emergency Services.

Sincerely,  
State Senator Veronica Klinefelt  
District 11

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:  
County of Ottawa

June 8, 2023

Attached you will find a Constitutional County Resolution that was approved at the May 23, 2023, Ottawa County Board of Commissioners meeting.  
Have a wonderful day!

Rachel Sanchez  
Chief Deputy Register of Deeds

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator McBroom moved that the statement he made on Thursday, June 8 protesting against the passage of Senate Bill No. 104 be stricken from the Journal.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nesbitt entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Singh moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bills, now on Committee Reports, be placed on the General Orders calendar for consideration today:

**Senate Bill No. 248**

**Senate Bill No. 268**

**Senate Bill No. 247**

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

### **Messages from the Governor**

The following message from the Governor was received on June 12, 2023, and read:

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

No. 2023-5

#### **LGBTQ+ Commission**

#### **Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity**

Michigan has a long, proud history in the fight for equality.

Since its territorial birth, slavery was forbidden before Michigan even became a state and adopted its first constitution. As early as 1867, Michigan enacted civil rights legislation prohibiting racial segregation in public education. The state ban on miscegenation was removed in 1883, long before the U.S. Supreme Court's 1967 ruling in *Loving v. Virginia*. And a year before the passage of the 19th Amendment to the federal constitution, Michigan women gained the right to vote through a state constitutional amendment.

In the twentieth century, LGBTQ+ Michiganders have made strides on the long, arduous journey to equality. On March 7, 1972, the city of East Lansing passed the first ever anti-discrimination ordinance inclusive of sexual orientation in U.S. history. Later that same year, the city of Ann Arbor issued the country's first government proclamation for "Lesbian-Gay Pride Week."

And in 2023, after almost forty years of advocacy, Michigan's Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act was amended with bipartisan support to reaffirm legal protections that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and expand such protections to include gender identity and gender expression.

But despite significant progress, LGBTQ+ Michiganders still face discrimination, inequality, and attacks on their life, mental health, and property. In 2023, 74% of LGBTQ+ youth experienced discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity and almost half considered suicide in the past year.

Now, with the rising tide of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in other states, we must act to ensure that Michigan's LGBTQ+ community is represented at all levels of government, including within our executive branch. Michigan must be a place where all people can feel safe and thrive. Ensuring equality for LGBTQ+ Michiganders is the right thing to do. Making Michigan freer and fairer will also help attract talent from across the nation and world, while also retaining our homegrown talent.

Section 1 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the State of Michigan in the governor.

Section 8 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 obligates the governor to take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

Acting pursuant to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I order the following:

#### **1. Creating the LGBTQ+ Commission**

(a) The LGBTQ+ Commission ("the Commission") is created as an advisory body within the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity ("the Department"). For purposes of this order, the term "LGBTQ+" includes members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities.

(b) The Commission may include the following representatives from the executive branch of state government:

1) The director of the Department or the director's designated representative from within the Department, serving as chairperson;

2) The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designated representative from within the Michigan Department of Education;

3) The executive director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights or the executive director's designated representative from within that department; and,

4) The director of the Department of Health and Human Services or the director's designated representative from within that department.

(c) The Commission may include the following members appointed by the governor:

1) One member who is either an educator or is a current member of a school board;

2) One member who is a medical professional who regularly provides care directly to members of the LGBTQ+ community;

3) One member who is a tribal member;

4) One member who is a member of the transgender community;

5) Two members who represent LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations, one of which must be a community center;

6) One member who lives in a rural community;

7) One member from the private sector;

8) One member who is a parent, guardian, or caregiver of a child (under eighteen years old) who is a member of the LGBTQ+ community;

9) One member between eighteen and twenty-five years old who is a member of the LGBTQ+ community;

10) One member who is a social worker or mental health professional who regularly provides direct services to members of the LGBTQ+ community;

11) One member who represents a religious institution that welcomes members of the LGBTQ+ community; and,

12) One member who is a first responder.

(d) The Commission's membership should reflect the socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, cultural, gender identity, sexual orientation, occupational, political, and geographic diversity of Michigan to the extent possible.

## **2. Charge to the Commission**

(a) The Commission must act in an advisory capacity to the governor and the director of the Department on policy matters impacting Michigan's LGBTQ+ community and its members.

(b) The Commission must review, develop, and recommend policies, administrative actions, legislative changes, or other approaches to eradicate and prevent discrimination against Michigan's LGBTQ+ community and its members, as well as to address other forms of inequality.

(c) The Commission must advise the Department and make recommendations with respect to the following:

1) Improving and protecting the health, safety, and well-being of Michigan's LGBTQ+ community and its members across all levels of state and local government;

2) Promoting LGBTQ+ culture, history, and economic contributions to Michigan through coordinated efforts and advocacy across state government; and,

3) Attracting potential future residents from the LGBTQ+ community by ensuring that Michigan is a safe place where its members and their families can thrive.

(d) The Commission must publicize and disseminate information on relevant issues, available programs and resources, funding opportunities, and other information relevant to advancing the interests of the LGBTQ+ community and their families by addressing their unique problems and needs.

(e) The Commission must provide other information or advice, as requested by the governor or the director of the Department.

## **3. Operations of the Commission**

(a) The Department must assist the Commission in the performance of its duties and provide personnel to assist the Commission. Any budgeting, procurement, or related management functions of the Commission will be performed under the direction and supervision of the director of the Department.

(b) The director of the Department will ensure that the Commission will receive a report prior to each meeting of the Commission that provides information with respect to relevant activities of the Department and raises appropriate issues for Commission input.

(c) The Commission must adopt procedures, consistent with this order and applicable law, governing its organization and operations.

(d) The Commission must meet at the call of its chairperson and as otherwise provided in the procedures adopted by the Commission.

(e) The Commission must comply with the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, as amended, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(f) A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business of the Commission. The Commission must act by a majority vote of its serving members.

(g) The Commission may establish advisory workgroups composed of individuals or entities participating in Commission activities, including other members of the public as deemed necessary by the Commission, to assist it in performing its duties and responsibilities. The Commission may adopt, reject, or modify any recommendations proposed by an advisory workgroup.

(h) The Commission may, as appropriate, make inquiries, studies, hold hearings, and receive comments from the public. The Commission also may consult with outside experts to perform its duties.

(i) The Commission may accept donations of labor, services, or other things of value from any public or private agency or person. Any donations must be received and used in accordance with law.

(j) Members of the Commission must not receive additional compensation for participation on the Commission. Members of the Commission may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses consistent with applicable law, rules, and procedures, subject to available funding.

(k) Members of the Commission must refer all legal, legislative, and media contacts or inquiries to the Department.

**4. Implementation**

(a) All departments, committees, commissioners, or officers of this state must give to the Commission any necessary assistance required by the Commission in the performance of the duties of the Commission so far as is compatible with their duties and consistent with this order and applicable law. Free access also must be given to any books, records, or documents in their custody relating to matters within the scope of inquiry, study, or review of the Commission, consistent with applicable law.

(b) This order is not intended to abate a proceeding commenced by, against, or before an officer or entity affected by this order. A proceeding may be maintained by, against, or before the successor of any officer or entity affected by this order.

(c) Nothing in this order should be construed to change the organization of the executive branch of state government or the assignment of functions among its units, in a manner requiring the force of law.

(d) If any portion of this order is found to be unenforceable, the unenforceable provision will be disregarded, and the rest of the order will remain in effect as issued.

(e) This order is effective upon filing.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan.

Date: June 11, 2023

Time: 11:48 a.m.

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

[SEAL]

By the Governor:  
Jocelyn Benson  
Secretary of State

The executive order was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

June 8, 2023

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 511 of 1988, MCL 791.403:

**Michigan Community Corrections Board**

Ms. Jewel Hurn of 15 William Way, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079, county of Van Buren, succeeding Anna Kohn whose term has expired, appointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing June 8, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2027.

Mr. Chokwe Pitchford of 1953 Union Avenue, Apt. 1A, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, county of Berrien, succeeding Jake W. Smith whose term has expired, appointed to represent a member who is a county commissioner, for a term commencing June 8, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2027.

Mr. Scott Wiggelsworth of 2327 Keller Road, Holt, Michigan 48842, county of Ingham, succeeding L. Paul Bailey whose term has expired, appointed to represent a member who is a county sheriff, for a term commencing June 8, 2023 and expiring March 31, 2027.

June 8, 2023

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 176 of 1939, MCL 423.3 and MCL 423.4:

**Michigan Employment Relations Commission Chair**

Ms. Tinamarie Pappas of 4661 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, county of Washtenaw, reappointed as chair, designated for a term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2026.

**Michigan Employment Relations Commission**

Mr. Robert Chiaravalli of 4099 Lotus Drive, Waterford, Michigan 48329, county of Oakland, succeeding Robert LaBrant whose term has expired, is appointed to represent Independents, for a term commencing June 12, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024.

Ms. Tinamarie Pappas of 4661 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, county of Washtenaw, is reappointed to represent Democrats, for a term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2026.

June 8, 2023

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 58 of 1998, MCL 436.1209:

**Michigan Liquor Control Commission – Chair**

Mrs. Kristin Beltzer of 420 Alabama Avenue, N.W., Unit #218, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, county of Kent, appointed as chair, for a term commencing June 13, 2023 and expiring June 12, 2027.

**Michigan Liquor Control Commission**

Mrs. Kristin Beltzer of 420 Alabama Avenue, N.W., Unit #218, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, county of Kent, reappointed to represent Independents, for a term commencing June 13, 2023 and expiring June 12, 2027.

Mr. Hoon-Yung Hopgood of 35675 Pound Road, Richmond, Michigan 48062, county of Macomb, succeeding Patrick Gagliardi whose term expires June 12, 2023, appointed to represent Democrats, for a term commencing June 13, 2023 and expiring June 12, 2027.

June 8, 2023

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 24 of 2023, MCL 125.2005(4):

**Michigan Strategic Fund Board of Directors**

Mr. Wesley Eklund of 481 Seminole Road, Muskegon, Michigan 49444, county of Muskegon, is appointed for a term commencing June 8, 2023 and expiring June 7, 2027.

Mr. Dan Meyering of 4823 Spring Ridge Drive, N.E., Ada, Michigan 49301, county of Kent, is appointed for a term commencing June 8, 2023 and expiring June 7, 2027.

June 8, 2023

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 451 of 1994, MCL 324.21524:

**Michigan Underground Storage Tank Authority Board of Directors**

Ms. Juman Doleh-Alomary of 2173 Stonebridge Way, Canton, Michigan 48188, county of Wayne, reappointed to represent the general public, for a term commencing June 8, 2023 and expiring May 25, 2026.

Mr. Bilal Saad of 19517 Parke Lane, Grosse Ile, Michigan 48138, county of Wayne, reappointed to represent individuals from a statewide motor fuel retail association, for a term commencing June 8, 2023 and expiring May 25, 2026.

June 8, 2023

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

**Michigan Wheat Promotion Committee**

Mr. Jeffrey R. Krohn of 3232 Hartsell Road, Owendale, Michigan 48754, county of Huron, reappointed to represent District 7 growers, for a term commencing June 8, 2023 and expiring May 31, 2026.

Mr. Dwight Bartle of 1331 Briggs Road, Brown City, Michigan 48416, county of Sanilac, succeeding Sally McConnachie whose term expired May 31, 2023, appointed to represent District 5 growers, for a term commencing June 8, 2023 and expiring May 31, 2026.

Mr. Carl R. Wagner III of 11025 M-140, Niles, Michigan 49120, county of Berrien, reappointed to represent District 2 growers, for a term commencing June 8, 2023 and expiring May 31, 2026.

Respectfully,  
Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded 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, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, designated Senator Damoose as Chairperson.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose; and the President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, having resumed the Chair, the Committee reported back to the Senate, favorably and without amendment, the following bill:

**House Bill No. 4084, entitled**

A bill to amend 2014 PA 92, entitled "State essential services assessment act," (MCL 211.1051 to 211.1061) by adding section 7a.

The bill 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. 248, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judiciary act of 1961," by amending section 2163a (MCL 600.2163a), as amended by 2018 PA 343.

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. 268, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 2080 (MCL 500.2080), as amended by 2008 PA 513.

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. 247, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 531 (MCL 436.1531), as amended by 2014 PA 135.

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. 26, entitled**

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding section 5534.

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. 31, entitled**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending section 9206 (MCL 333.9206), as amended by 1996 PA 540, and by adding section 5474d.

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.

During the Committee of the Whole, Senators Shink and Chang entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

**Messages from the House**

**Senate Bill No. 90, entitled**

A bill to amend 1976 PA 453, entitled “Elliott-Larsen civil rights act,” by amending section 103 (MCL 37.2103), as amended by 2023 PA 6.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill, ordered that it be given immediate effect and pursuant to Joint Rule 20, inserted the full title.

Senator Singh moved that the bill be given immediate effect.

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

The Senate agreed to the full title.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

**Resolutions**

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

**Senate Resolution No. 61**

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

Senator Daley offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 61.**

A resolution to recognize June 2023 as the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Construction Technicians, Engineers, and Contractors Appreciation Month.

Whereas, The summer season is upon us and construction activity is expected to intensify, with numerous projects underway and slated to commence; and

Whereas, The dedication, expertise, and tireless hard work of MDOT’s construction technicians, engineers, and contractors are instrumental in ensuring the timely completion of these projects, as well as maintaining the safety and efficiency of Michigan’s transportation system; and

Whereas, The commitment of construction technicians, engineers, and contractors to adapt to changing circumstances enables the successful completion of complex construction projects, while minimizing disruption of traffic and ensuring the safety of motorists and pedestrians. They do so while demonstrating exceptional professionalism and bravery in ever-changing working conditions to enhance the infrastructure and transportation systems that connect communities and foster economic growth in Michigan; and

Whereas, The efforts of MDOT’s construction technicians, engineers, and contractors deserve the highest recognition and appreciation for their invaluable contributions to Michigan’s infrastructure development and maintenance; now, therefore, be it



Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize June 2023 as the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Construction Technicians, Engineers, and Contractors Appreciation Month.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Senator Geiss was named co-sponsor of the resolution.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Daley’s statement is as follows:

I rise today to speak to Senate Resolution No. 61, a resolution to designate June 2023 as Michigan Department of Transportation Construction Technicians, Engineers, and Contractors Appreciation Month.

The dedication, expertise, and tireless hard work of MDOT construction technicians, engineers and contractors is instrumental in ensuring the timely completion of projects, as well as maintaining the safety and efficiency of Michigan’s transportation system. With the summer season upon us and road construction activities intensifying, the effort of MDOT’s construction technicians, engineers and contractors deserve the highest recognition and appreciation for their invaluable contribution to the state of Michigan.

**Recess**

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:23 a.m.

11:26 a.m.

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

**Introduction and Referral of Bills**

Senators Hertel, Johnson, McMorro, McCann, Geiss, Chang, Wojno, Shink, Klinefelt, Bayer and Santana introduced

**Senate Bill No. 384, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled “The insurance code of 1956,” (MCL 500.100 to 500.8302) by adding sections 3406z, 3901a, and 4002.

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

Senators Geiss and Moss introduced

**Senate Bill No. 385, entitled**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending section 677 (MCL 168.677), as amended by 2018 PA 120.

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

Senator Moss introduced

**Senate Bill No. 386, entitled**

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” by amending section 11d of chapter XVII (MCL 777.11d), as amended by 2018 PA 661.

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

Senator Moss introduced

**Senate Bill No. 387, entitled**

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled “Michigan election law,” by amending sections 764a, 764b, 764d, 765, 765a, 765b, 768, 769, 798b, and 805 (MCL 168.764a, 168.764b, 168.764d, 168.765, 168.765a, 168.765b, 168.768, 168.769, 168.798b, and 168.805), section 764a as amended by 2023 PA 25, section 764b as amended by 2018 PA 120, section 764d as added by 2020 PA 95, sections 765 and 765b as amended by 2022 PA 195, section 765a as amended by 2020 PA 177, section 769 as amended by 1995 PA 261, section 798b as amended by 1990 PA 109, and section 805 as amended by 2000 PA 207, and by adding sections 523b, 765c, and 768a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

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

**House Bill No. 4197, entitled**

A bill to amend 2008 PA 551, entitled “Uniform securities act (2002),” (MCL 451.2101 to 451.2703) by amending the title, as amended by 2014 PA 355, and by adding article 5A.

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

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

**House Bill No. 4273, entitled**

A bill to amend 1917 PA 167, entitled “Housing law of Michigan,” by amending section 132 (MCL 125.532), as amended by 2000 PA 479.

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

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

## Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Runestad’s statement is as follows:

There are many very-good journalists in Michigan, some doing fabulous work and some—especially in southeastern Michigan—who I would consider friends. However, I would never out them. That being said, there’s one journalist above all who I’d love to have a beer with. He’s been dead, unfortunately, for over 150 years. John Thadeus Delane was the editor of the *London Times* for over 36 years. The *Times* was then nicknamed the Thunderer, from “We thundered out the other day an article on social and political reform.” Delane in 1852 wrote my all-time favorite media quote: The press lives by disclosure; the statesman’s duty is precisely the reverse.

Long before elective office, I worked informally with families dealing with terrible CPS cases. I was just an anonymous activist who cared about these cases and learned enough to be helpful. After getting elected years ago, I continued outreach in my office and received a great number of these cases. I tried to make a difference for those tragic people caught up in the CPS web. In every case where I tried to intervene, I was told by CPS that due to state law, they could not disclose anything on these cases. Last week when my staff gave me a copy of the *Detroit News* CPS exposé on the floor of the chamber, I began to read it and became too emotional to finish the article. The horrid pictures and the horrid stories brought back the nightmare of cases going back to over 30 years of my activism.

In February I put forward a bill to resolve the CPS transparency issues related to the Legislature and the media. The bill says that the legislators and credentialed media could sign a non-disclosure memorandum on penalty of a misdemeanor but then could review these files. So far, the committee chair has refused a hearing. The hard-hearted Lansing Bonesmen of both parties who have sat idly by doing nothing about the torture and murder of little children exhibit an almost sociopathic lack of empathy. After impotently advocating for months on Michigan’s lack of transparency issues, last week I read an article in a media outlet that finally addressed transparency bills bottled up in committee as part of a larger story. The bill sponsor “threw some sand in the Chair’s eyes when he asked [an activist testifying] if she would assist in helping move a 12-bill transparency package he helped introduce earlier this year.” The bill package sponsor related that “the bills

remain stuck in the Ethics and Oversight Committee, and he would appreciate any help she could give in getting them dislodged. In response, [the chair] said there are numerous subjects on the committee’s plate.”

My, where have we heard that before? She mentioned that she continued to receive input. Ah yes, of course, the important input, perhaps channeling a dead legislator to help the chair divine whether to have a hearing. The chair said they’re being worked on. Ah yes, indeed, worked on and prayed about and meditated on for months and months and many more months and months to come. The reporter stated that after the committee, the chair and bill sponsor had a private chat. Ah yes, the important private chat. Very familiar with the private chat. You lay out why your transparency bills would make a huge difference for the state of Michigan and they, with the requisite flowery verbiage, tell you to go pound sand. The private chat.

Which brings me full circle to my favorite media quote: The press lives by disclosure; the statesman’s duty is precisely the reverse. The chair played her role very well. Her duty being precisely the reverse of disclosure. The reporter who lives by disclosure didn’t fare so well.

**Announcements of Printing and Enrollment**

The Secretary announced that the following House bills were received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, June 8:

**House Bill Nos. 4197 4273**

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Monday, June 12, for her approval the following bill:

**Enrolled Senate Bill No. 32 at 12:01 p.m.**

The Secretary announced that the following bills and joint resolution were printed and filed on Thursday, June 8, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

**Senate Bill Nos. 380 381 382 383**  
**House Bill Nos. 4708 4709 4710 4711 4712 4713 4714 4715 4716 4717 4718 4719 4720**  
**4721 4722 4723 4724 4725 4726 4727 4728**  
**House Joint Resolution D**

**Committee Reports**

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

**Senate Bill No. 248, entitled**

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” by amending section 2163a (MCL 600.2163a), as amended by 2018 PA 343.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Stephanie Chang  
Chairperson

To Report Out:

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

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 12:00 noon, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Chang (C), Shink, Wojno, Irwin, Santana, Runestad and Johnson

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs reported

**Senate Bill No. 247, entitled**

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled “Michigan liquor control code of 1998,” by amending section 531 (MCL 436.1531), as amended by 2014 PA 135.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Jeremy Moss  
Chairperson

**To Report Out:**

Yeas: Senators Moss, Polehanki, McCann, Wojno, Santana, Hertel, Hauck, Webber, Lauwers and Bellino

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs reported

**Senate Bill No. 268, entitled**

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 2080 (MCL 500.2080), as amended by 2008 PA 513.

With the recommendation that the substitute (S-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

Jeremy Moss

Chairperson

**To Report Out:**

Yeas: Senators Moss, Polehanki, McCann, Wojno, Santana, Hertel, Hauck, Webber, Lauwers and Bellino

Nays: None

The bill and the substitute recommended by the committee were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The Committee on Regulatory Affairs submitted the following:

Meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Moss (C), Polehanki, McCann, Wojno, Santana, Hertel, Hauck, Webber, Lauwers and Bellino

**COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The Committee on Economic and Community Development submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 12:00 noon, Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators McMorrow (C), Cavanagh, Polehanki, Cherry, McDonald Rivet, Moss, Geiss, Victory, Lindsey and Webber

**Scheduled Meetings**

**Local Government** – Tuesday, June 20, 1:30 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-5312

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn.

The motion prevailed, the time being 11:33 a.m.

The President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

DANIEL OBERLIN  
Secretary of the Senate