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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

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.

Alexander—excused
Ananich—present
Barrett—present
Bayer—present
Bizon—present
Brinks—present
Bullock—present
Bumstead—present
Chang—present
Daley—present
Geiss—present
Hertel—excused

Hollier—present
Horn—present
Irwin—present
Johnson—present
LaSata—present
Lauwers—present
MacDonald—present
McBroom—present
McCann—present
McMorrow—excused
Moss—present
Nesbitt—present

Outman—present
Polehanki—present
Runestad—present
Santana—present
Schmidt—present
Shirkey—present
Stamas—present
Theis—present
VanderWall—present
Victory—present
Wojno—present
Zorn—present

Senator John Bizon, M.D. of the 19th District offered the following invocation:

Almighty God, thank You for these men and women You have chosen to serve and lead our great state of Michigan. I pray that You bless their families for their sacrifices they make, as these elected officials are called to be absent from their family activities to serve the needs of constituents and to govern. I pray You anoint these Senators with wisdom and guidance as they meet to set policy in our state, that in this chamber there will be a spirit of unity to a common cause and honor towards one another as great ideas are vetted and debated.

Thank You, almighty God, for this great state and for its beauty. We pray for Your economic favor over this state and for businesses to be drawn here, that good work would be plentiful and hard work rewarded, and for creativity and innovation to flourish. We pray for a supernatural move of Your Spirit over our state; for education and the next generation to thrive; for brotherly love and respect for others to defeat the spirit of hate, racism, and divide. I declare in this sacred place of government that it will all begin right here. May we be an example for other states to learn from as they marvel at what this group is about to achieve.

Keep us all humble as You use us to do great things. I proclaim and we believe that these people here today shall be called blessed.

In Your mighty Name we pray. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

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

Senator Chang moved that Senators Ananich, Irwin and Geiss be temporarily excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

Senator Chang moved that Senators Alexander, McMorro and Hertel be excused from today's session.
The motion prevailed.

The following communication was received:
Office of Senator Sean McCann

March 10, 2021

I respectfully request that my name be added as a co-sponsor to the following:

- Senate Bill 223, introduced by Senator Chang.
- Senate Bill 224, introduced by Senator Lauwers.
- Senate Bill 225, introduced by Senator Geiss.
- Senate Bill 226, introduced by Senator Theis.
- Senate Bill 227, introduced by Senator Johnson.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Sean McCann
State Senator
20th District

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Office of Senator Jim Runestad

March 10, 2021

Per Senate Rule 1.110c, please accept this request to be added as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 219, being introduced by Senator Theis.

After communicating my interest in co-sponsoring this bill with Sen. Theis' office, I was directed to contact your office. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Sen. Jim Runestad
District 15

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Office of Senator Marshall Bullock II

March 11, 2021

Senator Bullock would like to be added as a co-sponsor for SB 223.

Marshall Bullock II

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

The following communication was received:
Michigan Strategic Fund

March 12, 2021

The Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) is required to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Michigan Legislature summarizing activities and program spending for the previous fiscal year. This requirement is contained within the Michigan Strategic Fund Act (Public Act 270 of 1984) and budget boilerplate.

Attached you will find the annual report for the MSF and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) as required in by Section 1004 of Public Act 166 of 2020 as well as the consolidated MSF Act reporting requirements found in Section 125.2009 of the MSF Act. Additionally, you will find an executive summary at the forefront of the report that provides a year-in-review snapshot of activities, including COVID-19 relief programs to support Michigan businesses and communities.

To further consolidate legislative reporting, the attachment includes the following budget boilerplate reports:

- Michigan Business Development Program and Michigan Community Revitalization Program amendments (Section 1006)

- Corporate budget, revenue, expenditures/activities and state vs. corporate FTEs (Section 1007)
- Jobs for Michigan Investment Fund (Section 1010)
- Michigan Film incentives status (Section 1032)
- Michigan Film & Digital Media Office activities (Section 1033)
- Business incubators and accelerators annual report (Section 1034)

The following programs are not included in the FY 2020 report:

- The Community College Skilled Trades Equipment Program was created in 2015 to provide funding to community colleges to purchase equipment required for educational programs in high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand occupations. All 18 colleges that were awarded funding have purchased and installed their equipment related to the \$50 million. The program is in a monitoring phase and debt service payments on the limited obligation revenue bonds authorized by the MSF will continue until 2027.

- The Centers of Innovation Program was established by Public Act 221 of 2012 to accelerate the commercialization of innovative technologies. A \$5 million grant awarded to SRI International for a period of five years ended in February 2019 and no additional progress reports are required.

Please contact the MEDC Office of Government Relations at 517.335.1847 if you have any questions.

Mark Burton, President
Michigan Strategic Fund

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Schmidt entered the Senate Chamber.

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received and read:

March 11, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointments to office pursuant to Public Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.22211:

Certificate of Need Commission

Dr. Amy McKenzie of 6178 Notre Dame Boulevard, Washington Township, Michigan 48095, county of Macomb, reappointed to represent Independents and a nonprofit health care corporation operating pursuant to the nonprofit health care corporation reform act, for a term commencing March 11, 2021 and expiring January 1, 2024.

Mrs. Renee Turner-Bailey of 4534 Strandwyck Road, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322, county of Oakland, succeeding Tom Mittelbrun whose term has expired, appointed to represent Democrats and organized labor unions in this state, for a term commencing March 11, 2021 and expiring January 1, 2024.

March 11, 2021

I respectfully submit to the Senate the following appointment to office pursuant to Public Act 451 of 1994, MCL 324.76103:

Underwater Salvage and Preserve Committee

Mr. Jeremiah Edson of 1808 Timber Lane Drive, Traverse City, Michigan 49686, county of Grand Traverse, succeeding Laurence Monshor who has resigned, appointed to represent individuals with experience in recreational scuba diving, for a term commencing March 11, 2021 and expiring August 17, 2022.

Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Advice and Consent.

Senator Ananich entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Introduction and Referral of Bills

Senator Geiss entered the Senate Chamber.

Senator Runestad introduced

Senate Bill No. 244, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised judicature act of 1961," by amending section 1910 (MCL 600.1910), as amended by 1994 PA 403.

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

Senators Moss and McBroom introduced

Senate Bill No. 245, entitled

A bill to amend 1966 PA 293, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of charter counties; to provide for the election of charter commissioners; to prescribe their powers and duties; to prohibit certain acts of a county board of commissioners after the approval of the election of a charter commission; to prescribe the mandatory and permissive provisions of a charter; to provide for the exercise by a charter county of certain powers whether or not authorized by its charter; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies," by amending section 14 (MCL 45.514), as amended by 2017 PA 210.

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

Senator VanderWall introduced

Senate Bill No. 246, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending section 2705 (MCL 333.2705), as amended by 2016 PA 499.

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

Senator VanderWall introduced

Senate Bill No. 247, entitled

A bill to amend 1956 PA 218, entitled "The insurance code of 1956," by amending section 2212c (MCL 500.2212c), as added by 2013 PA 30, and by adding section 2212e.

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

House Bill No. 4040, entitled

A bill to amend 1943 PA 148, entitled “Proprietary schools act,” by amending section 1a (MCL 395.101a), as amended by 2016 PA 146.

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

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Lauwers moved that rule 3.902 be suspended to allow the guest of Senator Barrett admittance to the Senate floor.

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

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Barrett’s statement is as follows:

I have a special guest with me on the floor today—Jeremiah Ward—from my office who’s unfortunately going to be departing for a different and probably better position. He’s going across to the other chamber to work on communications for members of the House of Representatives. He’s been in my office for a little over a year and has been with me throughout the entire time that we’ve been dealing with all the COVID restrictions and orders, decoding and deciphering many of those, asking for further clarity, working on legislation, and helping to craft good policy and really great communication and messaging in my office for this past year.

He started as an intern and really came in and has been instrumental and helpful in all the work that we’ve done. On behalf of the people of the 24th Senate District as well as the members of the Senate, I wanted to wish him a great thanks and well wishes as he continues his professional career as well.

Senator Irwin entered the Senate Chamber.

Recess

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

The motion prevailed, the time being 10:13 a.m.

11:12 a.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

General Orders

Senator Lauwers 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 Daley 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 bills:

Senate Bill No. 209, entitled

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “Revised judicature act of 1961,” (MCL 600.101 to 600.9947) by adding section 2980.

Senate Bill No. 210, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 81133 (MCL 324.81133), as amended by 2018 PA 206.

Senate Bill No. 211, entitled

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled “Natural resources and environmental protection act,” by amending section 82123 (MCL 324.82123), as added by 1995 PA 58.

The bills were placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Resolutions

Senators Irwin, Brinks, Geiss, Bayer, Alexander, Santana, Moss and Bizon offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 27.

A resolution to recognize March 13, 2021, as Suddenly Sleepy Saturday, also known as Narcolepsy Awareness Day.

Whereas, Narcolepsy is a chronic neurological disorder caused by the brain’s inability to regulate sleep-wake cycles; and

Whereas, Narcolepsy affects people of all ages, with onset typically between the ages of 15 and 30; and

Whereas, Narcolepsy affects people neurologically, socially, and emotionally. The symptoms of narcolepsy, especially when undiagnosed, can lead to accidents, injuries, and problems with learning and working; and

Whereas, Narcolepsy is an under-recognized and under-diagnosed condition which affects an estimated 1 in every 2,000 Americans; and

Whereas, The Narcolepsy Network is a national organization created to promote awareness and support for those who suffer from narcolepsy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize March 13, 2021, as Suddenly Sleepy Saturday, also known as Narcolepsy Awareness Day.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Lauwers moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The resolution was adopted.

Senator Nesbitt offered the following concurrent resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

A concurrent resolution to oppose policies that restrict the autonomy of workers and employers and memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to support and defend the rights and freedoms of workers and employers.

Whereas, H.R. 842 of 2021 and S. 420 of 2021, both known as the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, have recently been introduced in the Congress of the United States. These bills would amend the National Labor Relations Act to expand the influence of unions, limit the autonomy of workers, and infringe on the rights of employers; and

Whereas, The PRO Act would limit worker autonomy by eliminating state right-to-work protections. Right-to-work laws are an important way to hold unions accountable and protect workers who do not wish to join. The PRO Act would eliminate these protections in 27 states, including Michigan, and force workers to pay union dues against their wishes; and

Whereas, The PRO Act would corrupt the union elections process. The act would eliminate secret ballot elections and expose employees to threats, intimidation, and coercion by union officials. Further, the act would deny employers a role in the process, preventing workers from accessing full information about the benefits and costs of unionization; and

Whereas, The PRO Act would upset the balance between workers and employers by prohibiting employers from replacing striking workers and leaving employers little choice but to accept union demands. This could lead to an increase in strikes and unrealistic union demands that increase prices and threaten the long-term viability of businesses; and

Whereas, The PRO Act would hurt franchisors and small businesses by broadening the federal government's "joint employer" standard. By holding joint employers equally liable for employment violations, the act will increase the risks for large businesses who franchise or contract with smaller companies. The American Action Forum estimates that this could lead to as much as \$33 billion in lost output from the franchise business sector; and

Whereas, The PRO Act would forcibly reclassify many independent contractors as employees, taking away their flexibility and autonomy. This would also hurt businesses of all sizes across industries that rely on independent contractors, injecting uncertainty into their business plans and burdening them with significant costs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That we oppose policies that restrict the autonomy of workers and employers and memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to support and defend the rights and freedoms of workers and employers; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.204, the concurrent resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Operations,

Senator Lauwers moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Protests

Senators Geiss, Santana, Ananich, Bayer, Brinks, Moss, Wojno, Bullock, Chang, McCann and Hollier, under their constitutional right of protest (Art. 4, Sec. 18), protested against the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

Senators Geiss and Ananich moved that the statements they made during the discussion of the resolution be printed as their reasons for voting "no."

The motion prevailed.

Senator Geiss' statement, in which Senator Santana concurred, is as follows:

Guys, here we go again. Another unnecessary resolution that states how integral the freedoms and rights of workers are as it actively works to the contrary. This has nothing to do with the responses to the coronavirus in this state or by the measures that were put in place by the Governor and the Department of Health and Human Services. This is about the PRO Act that this resolution seeks to oppose, which is about protecting workers. And I ask, what about workers' rights to have protections from COVID-19 and other contagious diseases in the workplace? We could do that by fixing the paid sick leave law. What about the freedoms and rights of workers to not be sexually harassed and not having to fend off racist microaggressions in the workplace? Such microaggressions as, You're so articulate, where are you from? Or having to bear witness to and experience a colleague wearing a known symbol of hatred and white supremacy such as a Confederate flag on a facemask—as we've experienced here. Is this the type of resolution that is meant by restoring your masculinity? Is that why you are free to exercise your freedoms and rights to meet with right-wing militias or support Confederate apparel?

Why can't people have a right to assemble and organize for better conditions, wages, and health care as they work hard and put food on the table? Here is a quick history lesson. Right-to-work laws are a Jim Crow-era relic specifically designed to keep white and Black workers apart, playing on our worst fears to keep working people divided, poor, and weak. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called it a false slogan designed to rob us of our job rights and our civil rights. Now, with the PRO Act that this resolution seeks to oppose, we have a chance to put right-to-work where it belongs—in the trash bin of history. We have a chance to show the naysayers that our country can and will live up to the marketing material that the United States is a place where someone can truly put in a hard day's work and have access to the ladders of economic and social mobility. The Protecting the Right to Organize Act is the most significant worker empowerment legislation since the Great Depression. By protecting workers' rights, we are also protecting civil rights—protecting women, immigrants, people of color, the LGBTQ community—by putting more money in the wallets of workers rather than another yacht in the slip at the DeVos docks.

The PRO Act would ensure that our economy truly rebuilds in an equal and equitable fashion. This resolution isn't grounded in fact or merit and it chips away at what little trust hardworking Michiganders have in this institution. It's shameful and reprehensible that this body would waste valuable time on a resolution that not only does nothing but actively does harm towards the very real solutions that people need and people want.

It's quite simple: collective bargaining has proven to increase the wages of working people, close the racial and gender wage gaps, and—most importantly—empowers our workers to exercise their fundamental right to organize and bargain. And workers recognize this. Our people recognize this. And this is why union membership has increased over the last year in Michigan and the country. Nearly 60 million people would join a union today if they could. And that's based on recent polling.

So what's the problem? Union busters, big business, and woefully outdated laws which continue to undermine the basic right to assemble and collectively bargain. Those are the problems. There is a pro-worker majority in the United States House of Representatives, the Senate, and the White House and America's labor movement has a real chance to build on the power of working people, our bosses, like no time before.

Colleagues, we should be working to help protect hardworking people lest we have a repeat of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire—a tragedy that's 110th anniversary is next Thursday, the 25th of March. Now, I realize some of y'all think I'm being hyperbolic by invoking the memory of the deadliest industrial disaster in United States history, but when we roll back protections of workers—when we actively seek to prevent policies that would ensure their physical, mental, and economic safety and security bit by bit—we get closer to repeating this dark, painful—and yes, sometimes bloody—period in our history.

Colleagues, we should be working to help hardworking Michiganders put food on their table, keep their lights and other utilities working, roofs over their heads, and the ability to build a nest egg and hopefully some modicum of intergenerational wealth instead of keeping many in intergenerational poverty. Instead, part of this body is actively working to ensure an economic caste system that has become untenable, remains unjust, and is rooted in harming workers and couldn't be further from defending their rights, freedoms, or autonomy.

Colleagues, I encourage you to vote “no” on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

Senator Ananich's statement, in which Senators Bayer, Brinks, Moss, Wojno, Bullock, Chang, McCann, Hollier and Santana concurred, is as follows:

In the last two weeks, this body—or the majority—has come out using our power of resolutions for two very fundamental rights. It shows the difference in philosophy and that's very fine, I'm happy to highlight those differences. You came out in a resolution against the fundamental right of voting, or making it easier to vote. We've seen voter suppression laws being enacted and brought forward all across this country after the big lie was told last year and into this year that led to the violent insurrection on January 6. People continuing to use that big lie as a rationale to try to restrict people's rights in the voting booth. Now, this body is asking us to come out to the fundamental right to organize.

Let me tell you what's actually in the PRO Act—let me give you three basic components of the Protecting the Right to Organize, or PRO, Act. This was mentioned before. No. 1, empowering workers to exercise their right to organize. No. 2, holding employers accountable for violating workers' rights. Literally as we speak, we're seeing this happen in Alabama, to the Amazon workers that are providing us amazing amounts of products all across the globe in record time, we're seeing their rights being violated as they're trying to organize as we speak. And securing free, fair, and safe union elections. That's all the PRO Act does.

In 1935, the Congress passed and was signed the Wagner Act that clarified our right to organize. In 1937, that right was upheld. Ever since then, mostly Republicans across this country and in the Congress have been chipping away at those very fundamental rights. Ironically, this is clearly a very election-oriented resolution, each election, members from organized labor are voting more and more for you guys. At some point in time, you're going to realize that, but apparently today is not that day. At some point in time, you're going to stop being angry that average, everyday citizens have differences of opinion with you. They want to make it easier to vote. They want a fair shake in the workplace. They just want to be able to make a decent living and have somebody there looking out for them, and if they choose to organize together, they want the election results to be fair and counted. That's all the PRO Act does. It clarifies a worker's right that when they walk in the building, they don't lose their fundamental American rights. That's all it does. You can use hyperbole as much as you want to say it does something else, but that's all it does.

Last year, in 2020 during the pandemic, we saw unionization rates go up because people want to join together, to come together to ask and demand better working conditions, better pay for the tremendous and important work they're being forced to do. That's all they want; that's all they've ever wanted. At some point in time, we're going to stop asking for people who work hard to not get a fair shake in this world. I'm very disappointed that this resolution is coming before us, and I wanted to have a “no” vote explanation because obviously it'll be adopted but I wanted to make sure that my voice is in opposition to this because I think the PRO Act is long overdue and it's extremely important.

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator Nesbitt's statement is as follows:

I rise today in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8. During this time of economic suppression, the last thing our country needs or our state needs is for politicians to give union bosses the power to restrict the freedom of workers and crush small businesses and job providers further. Unfortunately, that is exactly what many members of Congress are attempting to do as they're working on what they call the PRO Act. This federal legislation would eliminate state right-to-work laws—yes, Washington, D.C. would come to the states and ban every state from having freedom-to-work laws. This union-boss empowerment act would also eliminate the secret ballot in union elections, destroy independent contractors and the gig economy, and dramatically increase lawsuit abuse against job providers. And if a business and a union cannot reach an agreement, then this federal legislation would simply impose a union contract on the business. No vote, no nothing. Sounds like businesses are provided offers they literally cannot refuse.

If union supporters are so sure about the value of the union, they should have no problems making that argument to workers and allowing workers to make that choice for themselves as fully-informed individuals in an unbiased election process. Let's allow Michigan workers, small businesses, and job providers the freedom to rebuild our economy and get Michiganders back to work. Governor Whitmer has tried everything she can to damage our economy, from pushing massive tax hikes to shutting down small businesses. We do not need her liberal Washington, D.C. friends joining her cause and reversing Michigan's law allowing the freedom to work.

Statements

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

The motion prevailed.

Senator McBroom's statement is as follows:

A few days ago our Michigan Public Service Commission, with great fanfare from the administration, announced the Michigan Propane Security Plan. Incredibly, all the words in this title seem to have entirely lost their meaning. Michigan—the document is entirely focused on the Upper Peninsula, not Michigan, even though Line 5 provides millions of gallons of propane to both northern Wisconsin, the Upper Peninsula, and downstate Michigan. How is this just for Michigan? Propane—the announcement is ostensibly about propane in the U.P. but makes much noise about getting away from using propane. This administration and so many other groups are specifically fighting every instance of utilizing petroleum products, including propane. This administration told me they imagine getting us out of having to use propane. Security—the plan says that it's about security and that it's going to do all this great stuff for the security of people in the Upper Peninsula for their heating. And it's going to do that by, what, by monitoring marketplaces? By asking the Attorney General to watch for gouging? Where is the real security for the citizens of the U.P.? And this is tied intricately to this last word—the plan. It's a plan? There is no meat on the bones of this plan if it's a plan. It is the most anemic, non-plan I can imagine. You've got nothing, nothing here. It's like, We're going to monitor things and send clear signals to people that we're not going to let them get propane off of Line 5 anymore; that's our plan; we'll give them clear signals that there is no plan.

We are needing tens of millions of gallons of propane replaced if Line 5 is shut down. And a genuine plan—and a serious attempt at a plan—would say, Here's how much we're losing; here's how we're going to replace it. That's a plan. That's something that matters. Instead, this says, Well, you know what, the Legislature will figure this out for us. You know, except that the Legislature already did this. The Legislature already took a vote on it—a bipartisan vote—to build a tunnel, to keep the line flowing, to expedite the tunnel process, to keep the energy flowing, to keep it available, and to keep it affordable. And all of a sudden it's like, Oh, we don't like what the Legislature did, so you guys do it again; figure out something new; send more money. And who's been consulted in the writing of this plan? I can't find anybody in the propane industry who was seriously consulted. I can't find anybody in the railroad industry who was seriously consulted. I don't hear anybody talking to Wisconsin about how we're going to go and take the propane from them or how we're even going to get our Michigan trucks into Wisconsin because they are not allowed there.

This is not a plan. This is a mockery of the very idea of having a plan. And the people of the Upper Peninsula, especially—and I hope people in the northern Lower as well—are seriously concerned about what they are going to do next year if the closure the Governor has proposed to happen in May seriously goes through. What are we going to do to replace 30 million gallons of propane? What are we going to do to replace 100-something million gallons of propane in other places that need it in lower Michigan? Talk about what we’re going to rail—and trucks will just magically appear and fill in this gap. Railroad sidings will just get built, all the permits will just get granted? All the property will get built? All the people who need it are going to afford the equipment it takes to move propane off of a rail car into an on ground storage facility? And we’re going to get this all done by next fall? I mean, this is so insulting to everyone’s intelligence. And for the administration to tout this as some big rollout, like, Boy we can shut down the line now; it’s no problem; everything is going to be fine. And the Attorney General says, It’s only going to cost everybody in the U.P. a couple of pasties; no big deal.

We need a real plan, we need a real discussion, and we need it right away.

Announcements of Printing and Enrollment

The Secretary announced that the following House bill was received in the Senate and filed on Thursday, March 11:

House Bill No. 4040

The Secretary announced the enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor on Thursday, March 11, for her approval the following bill:

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1 at 11:50 a.m.

The Secretary announced that the following bills, joint resolution, and resolutions were printed and filed on Thursday, March 11, and are available on the Michigan Legislature website:

Senate Bill Nos.	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240
	241	242	243										
Senate Joint Resolution		F											
Senate Resolution Nos.		25	26										
House Bill Nos.	4490	4491	4492	4493	4494	4495	4496	4497	4498	4499	4500	4501	4502
	4503	4504	4505	4506	4507	4508	4509	4510					

Committee Reports

The Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled “The Michigan penal code,” by amending section 317a (MCL 750.317a), as added by 2005 PA 167.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Roger Victory
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Victory, VanderWall, Barrett, Johnson and Runestad

Nays: Senators Chang and Irwin

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety reported

Senate Bill No. 15, entitled

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled “The code of criminal procedure,” (MCL 760.1 to 777.69) by adding section 5a to chapter II.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Roger Victory
Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators Victory, VanderWall, Barrett, Johnson and Runestad

Nays: Senators Chang and Irwin

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Victory (C), VanderWall, Barrett, Johnson, Runestad, Chang and Irwin

The Committee on Health Policy and Human Services reported

Senate Bill No. 166, entitled

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled “Public health code,” by amending sections 16106, 17708, and 17751 (MCL 333.16106, 333.17708, and 333.17751), section 16106 as amended by 2002 PA 643, section 17708 as amended by 2020 PA 4, and section 17751 as amended by 2020 PA 136.

With the recommendation that the bill pass.

Curtis S. VanderWall

Chairperson

To Report Out:

Yeas: Senators VanderWall, Bizon, Johnson, LaSata, MacDonald, Theis, Brinks, Hertel, Santana and Wojno

Nays: None

The bill was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Committee on Health Policy and Human Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower

Present: Senators VanderWall (C), Bizon, Johnson, LaSata, MacDonald, Theis, Brinks, Hertel, Santana and Wojno

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12 and Michigan Department of Education submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators Schmidt (C), Outman, Bumstead, Daley, Theis, Bayer and Polehanki

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Licensing and Regulatory Affairs/Insurance and Financial Services submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Nesbitt (C), MacDonald and Santana

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development submitted the following:

Meeting held on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building

Present: Senators Victory (C), Daley and McCann

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Universities and Community Colleges submitted the following:
Meeting held on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building

Present: Senators LaSata (C), Horn, Bizon, MacDonald, Irwin and Hertel

Excused: Senator Zorn

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations – Wednesday, March 17, 2:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (517) 373-5307

Subcommittees –

Agriculture and Rural Development – Thursday, March 18, 3:00 p.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

Corrections and Judiciary – Wednesday, March 17, 11:30 a.m., or immediately following session, Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

General Government – Wednesdays, March 17 and March 24, 3:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

Labor and Economic Opportunity/MEDC – Tuesday, March 23, 3:00 p.m., Room 1200, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs/Insurance and Financial Services – Thursday, March 18, 8:30 a.m., Room 1300, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

Natural Resources and Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy – Tuesday, March 23, 3:00 p.m., Room 1100, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-2768

Universities and Community Colleges – Thursdays, March 18 and March 25, 3:00 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-2768

Economic and Small Business Development – Thursday, March 18, 12:00 noon, Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-1721

Education and Career Readiness – Wednesday, March 17, 1:30 p.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-5314

Finance – Wednesday, March 17, 12:00 noon, Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-5312

Health Policy and Human Services – Thursday, March 18, 1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (517) 373-5323

Natural Resources – Wednesday, March 17, 8:30 a.m., Room 403, 4th Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-5312

Senator Lauwers moved that the Senate adjourn.
The motion prevailed, the time being 11:41 a.m.

The President, Lieutenant Governor Gilchrist, declared the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

MARGARET O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate