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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

12:30 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-excused
Klinefelt-present
Lauwers—present
Lindsey—present
McBroom—present
McCann—present
McMorrow-present

Moss-present
Nesbitt-present
Outman—excused
Polehanki-present
Runestad—present
Santana—present
Shink—present
Singh—present
Theis—present
Victory—present
Webber—present
Wojno—present
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Senator Dan Lauwers of the 25th District offered the following invocation: Lord, we invoke Your help with the work before us—God knows we need it. Amen.

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

Motions and Communications

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

Senator Lauwers moved that Senators Outman and Johnson be excused from today's session. The motion prevailed.

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 12:32 a.m.

1:28 a.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Hauck entered the Senate Chamber.

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 pro tempore, Senator Moss, designated Senator Klinefelt 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:

House Bill No. 4161, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, adjust, and consolidate appropriations for various state departments and agencies and the judicial branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 and for various state departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; 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.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Singh moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on its immediate passage:

House Bill No. 4161

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

Third Reading of Bills

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

House Bill No. 4161

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4161, entitled

A bill to make interim general appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the legislative branch, the judicial branch, and certain other purposes, for the period of October 1, 2025 to October 8, 2025; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for the disposition of fees and other income received by various state departments and agencies, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch; and to declare the effect of this act.

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-31

Albert	Chang	Klinefelt	Santana
Anthony	Cherry	Lauwers	Shink
Bayer	Daley	McBroom	Singh
Bellino	Geiss	McCann	Theis
Brinks	Hauck	McMorrow	Victory
Bumstead	Hertel	Moss	Webber
Camilleri	Huizenga	Nesbitt	Wojno
Cavanagh	Irwin	Polehanki	· ·

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Lindsey Runestad

Excused—2

Johnson Outman

Not Voting-2

Damoose Hoitenga

In The Chair: Moss

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 title of the bill.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess until 10:00 a.m.

The motion prevailed, the time being 1:35 a.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 10:01 a.m.

10:38 a.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

General Orders

Senator Singh moved that the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of the General Orders calendar.

The motion prevailed, and the President pro tempore, Senator Moss, designated Senator Klinefelt 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:

House Bill No. 4706, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, adjust, and consolidate appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; 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.

Senator Theis moved that Senator Hoitenga be temporarily excused from the balance of today's session. The motion prevailed.

Senator Theis moved that Senators Lauwers, Daley, Runestad and Hoitenga be excused from the balance of today's session.

The motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

Senator Singh moved that the rules be suspended and that the following bill, now on the order of Third Reading of Bills, be placed on its immediate passage:

House Bill No. 4706

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

Third Reading of Bills

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

House Bill No. 4706

The motion prevailed.

The following bill was read a third time:

House Bill No. 4706, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, adjust, and consolidate appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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. 255 Yeas—21

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

Nays—10

Albert Damoose Nesbitt Victory
Bellino Hauck Theis Webber
Bumstead Huizenga

Excused—6

Daley Johnson Outman Runestad Hoitenga Lauwers

Not Voting—0

In The Chair: Moss

The Senate agreed to the title of the bill.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:51 a.m.

11:08 a.m.

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

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

Resolutions

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

Senate Resolution No. 73

The motion prevailed.

Senate Resolution No. 73.

A resolution to recognize October 9, 2025, as Auto Heritage Day.

(This resolution was offered on Monday, September 29, rules suspended and consideration postponed. See Senate Journal No. 84, p. 1019.)

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Recess

Senator Singh moved that the Senate recess until 1:00 p.m. The motion prevailed, the time being 11:09 a.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 1:01 p.m.

3:38 p.m.

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

During the recess, Senator Hoitenga entered the Senate Chamber.

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Messages from the House

Senate Bill No. 166, entitled

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 6, 11, 11a, 11i, 11k, 11m, 11s, 11x, 11z, 12d, 15, 20, 20d, 21f, 21h, 22a, 22b, 22c, 22d, 22k, 22l, 22m, 22p, 24, 24a, 25f, 25g, 26a, 26b, 26c, 26d, 27a, 27c, 27g, 27k, 27p, 27r, 28, 29, 30d, 31a, 31d, 31f, 31j, 31n, 31aa, 32d, 32n, 32p, 32t, 33, 35a, 35d, 35m, 39, 39a, 41, 41b, 51a, 51c, 51d, 51e, 51g, 53a, 54, 54b, 54d, 55, 56, 61a, 61b, 61d, 61j, 62, 65, 67, 67a, 67d, 67f, 74, 81, 94, 94a, 94d, 97a, 97g, 97k, 98, 98d, 99, 99c, 99h, 99i, 99s, 99x, 99aa, 99ee, 99ff, 99hh, 99ii, 99jj, 101, 104, 104b, 104h, 107, 111, 147, 147a, 147c, 147e, 147g, 152a, and 161a (MCL 388.1606, 388.1611, 388.1611a, 388.1611j, 388.1611k, 388.1611m, 388.1611s, 388.1611x, 388.1611z, 388.1612d, 388.1615, 388.1620, 388.1620d, 388.1621f, 388.1621h, 388.1622a, 388.1622b, 388.1622c, 388.1622d, 388.1622k, 388.1622l, 388.1622m, 388.1622p, 388.1624, 388.1624a, 388.1625f, 388.1625g, 388.1626a, 388.1626b, 388.1626c, 388.1626d, 388.1627a, 388.1627c, 388.1627g, 388.1627k, 388.1627p, 388.1627r, 388.1628, 388.1629, 388.1630d, 388.1631a, 388.1631d, 388.1631f, 388.1631j, 388.1631n, 388.1631aa, 388.1632d, 388.1632n, 388.1632p, 388.1632t, 388.1633, 388.1635a, 388.1635d, 388.1635m, 388.1639, 388.1639a, 388.1641, 388.1641b, 388.1651a, 388.1651c, 388.1651d, 388.1651e, 388.1651g, 388.1653a, 388.1654, 388.1654b, 388.1654d, 388.1655, 388.1656, 388.1661a, 388.1661b, 388.1661d, 388.1661j, 388.1662, 388.1665, 388.1667, 388.1667a, 388.1667d, 388.1667f, 388.1674, 388.1681, 388.1694, 388.1694a, 388.1694d, 388.1697a, 388.1697g, 388.1697k, 388.1698, 388.1698d, 388.1699, 388.1699c, 388.1699h, 388.1699i, 388.1699s, 388.1699x, 388.1699aa, 388.1699ee, 388.1699ff, 388.1699hh, 388.1699ii, 388.1699jj, 388.1701, 388.1704, 388.1704b, 388.1704h, 388.1707, 388.1711, 388.1747, 388.1747a, 388.1747c, 388.1747e, 388.1747g, 388.1752a, and 388.1761a), sections 6, 97g, and 99ii as amended by 2023 PA 320, sections 11 and 31aa as amended by 2024 PA 148, sections 11a, 11j, 11k, 11m, 11s, 11z, 15, 20, 20d, 21h, 22a, 22b, 22c, 22d, 22l, 22m, 22p, 24, 24a, 25f, 25g, 26a, 26b, 26c, 26d, 27a, 27c, 27g, 27k, 27p, 28, 29, 30d, 31a, 31d, 31f, 31j, 31n, 32d, 32n, 32p, 33, 35a, 35d, 39, 39a, 41, 41b, 51a, 51c, 51d, 51e, 51g, 53a, 54, 54b, 54d, 56, 61a, 61b, 61d, 61j, 62, 65, 67, 67f, 74, 81, 94, 94a, 97a, 97k, 98, 98d, 99h, 99s, 99x, 99aa, 99ee, 99ff, 99hh, 99jj, 104, 104h, 107, 147, 147a, 147c, 147e, and 152a as amended and sections 12d, 27r, 35m, 55, 67a, 67d, 94d, 99, 99c, 99i, and 147g as added by 2024 PA 120, sections 11x, 21f, 32t, and 101 as amended and section 22k as added by 2023 PA 103, section 104b as amended by 2018 PA 265, section 111 as amended by 1997 PA 93, and section 161a as amended by 2006 PA 342, and by adding sections 12e, 12f, 18d, 31c, 32y, 35e, 35f, 61v, 97n, 99o, 99p, 99q, and 99mm; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The House of Representatives has substituted (H-5) the bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill as substituted (H-5), ordered that the bill be given immediate effect and amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "An act to make appropriations to aid in the support of the public schools, the intermediate school districts, community colleges, and public universities of the state; to make appropriations for certain other purposes relating to education; to provide for the disbursement of the

appropriations; to authorize the issuance of certain bonds and provide for the security of those bonds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to create certain funds and provide for their expenditure; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 11, 17b, 201, 206, 236, and 241 (MCL 388.1611, 388.1617b, 388.1801, 388.1806, 388.1836, and 388.1841), section 11 as amended by 2024 PA 148, section 17b as amended by 2007 PA 137, and sections 201, 206, 236, and 241 as amended by 2024 PA 120.

Pending the order that, under rule 3.202, the bill be laid over one day,

Senator Singh moved that the rule be suspended.

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

The question being on concurring in the substitute made to the bill by the House,

The substitute was not concurred in, a majority of the members serving not voting therefor, as follows:

Roll Call No. 256 Yeas—0

Nays-32

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

Excused—5

Daley Lauwers Outman Runestad Johnson

Not Voting-0

In The Chair: Moss

By unanimous consent the Senate returned to the order of

Motions and Communications

The following communication was received and read: Office of the Senate Majority Leader

October 1, 2025

The Senate having non-concurred in the House substitute (H-5) to Senate Bill No. 166, I appoint as conferees:

Senator Camilleri, Chair

Senator Anthony

Senator Bumstead

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Winnie Brinks

Senate Majority Leader

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Senator Singh moved that when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned until Thursday, October 2 at 12:00 noon; and when it adjourns on Thursday, October 2, it stand adjourned until Friday, October 3 at 10:00 a.m. The motion prevailed.

Messages from the House

House Bill No. 4706, entitled

A bill to make, supplement, adjust, and consolidate appropriations for various state departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; to provide for certain conditions on appropriations; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

The House of Representatives has nonconcurred in the Senate substitute (S-1) and appointed Representatives Bollin, Maddock and Farhat as conferees.

The following communication was received and read: Office of the Senate Majority Leader

October 1, 2025

The House having non-concurred in the Senate substitute (S-1) to House Bill No. 4706, I appoint the following conferees:

Senator Anthony Senator McCann Senator Bumstead

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Winnie Brinks Senate Majority Leader

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

By unanimous consent the Senate proceeded to the order of

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:

Mr. President, the other day during Statements, I had the opportunity to speak to you about the situation with the Copperwood Mine and how grateful I was to U.S. Senator Elissa Slotkin for her support, but I left out a couple of very important details that I thought were still relevant and worth bringing to people's attention.

When the gentleman from the Upper Peninsula—who's really from Kansas City—organized his group here on the Capitol lawn a few days ago, I sat out there with my own signs, offering my own free-speech opinion on the situation, and his group encircled me, shouted at me with bullhorns, beat on their drums, yelled at me for a couple of hours. At one point, when I had an opportunity to get a word in edgewise, I asked them, How many of them were here from the Upper Peninsula? It was four. And out of those four, not all of them were even born and lived there their whole lives. This is simply so emblematic of what's been going on with this project.

And with Tom, the organizer from Kansas City, who has repeatedly told folks how the people of the U.P. are like crack addicts when it comes to trying to get jobs in mine and in the woods, and that it takes outsiders who care more about the U.P. than the people who've lived there their whole lives to dictate to us what we should be doing, what our jobs should be, and how we should take care of ourselves. All of these people who were at this protest from Southeast Michigan; trying to tell me that if we just took the \$50 million and bought some farmland, all the people in the U.P. could just grow their own food; they wouldn't need to work in the mine; they wouldn't need to work in the woods anymore; we could just share tools with each other, and take old tractors from barns and survive; we wouldn't need copper anymore. But, oh, by the way, we should be digging up all the landfills in the country to find the missing copper that went into the landfills—because somehow that's going to be cleaner than a mine in the Upper Peninsula.

This is the nonsense and ridiculousness that some of you are buying into, that some of you are partaking in and believing. All over the state right now, we're getting calls from people downstate who are seeing this guy's ridiculous webpage and videos, begging you to talk to me and to others, to stop this project from happening—because they know better what the people of the U.P. should be doing. They know better what the people of the U.P. need. We'll just survive on tourism; that'll be great. Well, I've been in the U.P. my whole life, and I can tell you that tourism is not always a great source of income. And moreover, tourism is better when the local economy is better. The mine in Marquette that is doing wonders for the economy in the central Upper Peninsula has only enhanced the opportunities for tourism and strengthened that part of our economy as well.

This opportunity to see copper mined here again in Michigan should not be given the cold shoulder by this body. It is a wonderful opportunity for not just the people of the U.P., but for the whole state of Michigan. I strongly encourage those of you who are giving credence to those who are trying to come up there and call people in the U.P. "crack addicts," who've never even lived there until recent years, that you stop listening to them and come and talk to those of us who live there and care about the people. My predecessor, Joe Mack, said, "There never were any good ol' times when there weren't jobs." The good times for the U.P. are employment, prosperity, and progress. It isn't sitting back on our laurels and just hoping some guys come up to hike in the woods.

Scheduled Meetings

Appropriations – Thursday, October 2, 12:15 p.m., Harry T. Gast Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building (517) 373-5307

Senator Singh moved that the Senate adjourn. The motion prevailed, the time being 3:53 p.m.

In pursuance of the order previously made, the President pro tempore, Senator Moss, declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 12:00 noon.

DANIEL OBERLIN Secretary of the Senate