

SENATE MOVES LEGISLATION BEFORE SPRING BREAK – Over two days of session, the *Senate* moved several pieces of legislation before starting their two-week spring recess.

The bigger picture: The *Senate* passed a number of bills on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, including the interstate licensure compact bill. In addition to the legislation passed, *Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks (D-Grand Rapids)* said that the *Senate* will not consider the Selfridge Air National Guard Base supplemental recently passed by the *House*, which *House Speaker Matt Hall (R-Richland Township)* has named as a priority, without other budget items being considered in the supplemental.

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GOV SAYS SPEAKER HALL'S TAX OVERHAUL PLAN NEEDS MORE DETAIL – *Governor Gretchen Whitmer* told reporters this week that *House Speaker Matt Hall's (R-Richland Township)* tax overhaul plan, which includes a \$5 billion property tax cut, is impossible to analyze unless more detail is added.

The bigger picture: The proposal from the *Speaker* would consist of property tax cuts, specifically by eliminating the state education tax, the personal property tax, the real estate transfer tax, and the pop-up tax when a home is sold. To cover the proposed cuts, sales tax would be applied to certain services, which *Speaker Hall* says will be focused on luxury services. The broad description of services is what led *Governor Whitmer* to say more details describing the exact services being taxed are necessary before considering the proposal.

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REPRESENTATIVE TATE WILL NOT RUN FOR REELECTION – *Representative Joe Tate (D-Detroit)* announced that he will not be seeking a fifth term in the *House*.

The bigger picture: *Representative Tate*, who served as the *Speaker of the House* last term, confirmed on Tuesday that he will be moving on from the *Legislature*. Originally, the *Representative* was running for the *U.S. Senate* but ended his campaign. *Representative Tate* served as the first Black Michigan *Speaker* throughout the first *Democratic* trifecta in over 40 years.

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ELECTIONS

- Former *Representative Sara Cambensy* has joined the race for the *38th Senate District* seat as an Independent. *Ms. Cambensy* served in the *House* as a *Democrat* between 2017 and 2022 but has since left the *Democratic* party. The *38th Senate District* is currently held by term-limited *Senator Ed McBroom (R-Vulcan)*.
- Former *Representative LaTanya Garrett* filed to form a campaign committee to run for the *3rd Senate District* seat. With the addition, the *Democratic* primary will consist of seven people, including former *Senator Adam Hollier* and *John Conyers III*.

ODDS AND ENDS

- The *Senate Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection Committee* reported *Senate Bills 757-760* to the floor this week. The package would limit how children and teens can use social media

and artificial intelligence. The Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation for Kids Act would be created under the bills, banning social media from pushing addictive feeds to minors without parental approval. The *Senate* is expected to vote on the package after they return from their legislative recess.

- The *Senate Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety Committee* reported *Senate Bills 508, 510* and *86* to the *Senate* floor this week. The bills address immigration enforcement. All bills were reported along party lines.
- *Senate Bill 707* was sent to the *Senate* floor by the *Senate Health Policy Committee*. The bill aims to change state licensing requirements for marriage and family therapists. Under *Senate Bill 707*, to be eligible for licensure, an individual would need to complete 3,000 hours of supervised experience.