

KAROUB REPORT

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LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS

After several days of turmoil, including a failure to reach the necessary quorum for voting in the House on December 13, 18, and 19, the House adjourned around 2:15 pm on December 19. All 54 Republican members and one Democrat were absent. Although the chamber is scheduled to reconvene on December 31, no additional work is expected. Left on the table were more than 200 Senate-passed bills.

The Senate also struggled to meet quorum on December 18 but successfully convened at



10 am on December 19 with all Senators present. That session continued until nearly 3 pm on December 20, with the passage of more than 40 bills that previously cleared the House.

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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2024-2025 LEGISLATURE

When the 103rd Michigan Legislature convenes in January, Republicans will take control of the House gavel. Leading the 58-52 majority will be Speaker-elect Matt Hall (R-Richland), and Representative Ranjeev Puri (D-Canton) will take over the Minority Leader position. Among the 110 House members will be 12 new legislators, nine of which are Republican.

Democrats will continue their control in the Senate, with a slim majority made even more slim due to Senator Kristen McDonald Rivet (D-Bay City) winning Michigan's 8th U.S. House District in the November 2025 election. Governor Whitmer will have to call a special election at some point in 2025 to fill McDonald-Rivet's State Senate seat.

Legislative committee assignments will be announced early in 2025, which Karoub Associates will share in the January *Karoub Report*.



Karoub Associates Closing for the Holidays

Karoub Associates will be closed December 23-27 and December 30-January 1. We will be open 9 am–3 pm on January 2-3.

Happy holidays to you and your loved ones! We value your trust in us and look forward to our continued collaboration in the new year.

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The bills are on their way to the Governor, including:

- Charter school transparency requirements
- Work permit changes for minors
- Healthcare cost limits for public school and government employees
- Mental health screening requirements for new mothers
- Retirement options for correction officers
- Allowing pharmacists to prescribe certain contraceptives
- Parental notification of safe firearm storage

Any bills that that didn't pass both chambers are now "dead" and, to be considered by the next Legislature, must be reintroduced in 2025. Among those are proposals to:

- Amend the Minimum Wage Law and Earned Sick Time Act, set to take effect on February 21
- Expand paid family leave
- Reform tipped wages
- Fund road improvement projects

In total, the 2023-2024 Michigan Legislature introduced 3,494 bills; of those, 492 have, as of December 20, been signed into law as public acts —321 in 2023 and 171 in 2024. Additional bills are awaiting Governor Whitmer's approval.



JANUARY 10
CONSENSUS REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE

On Friday, January 10, the State Treasurer, State Budget Director, Senate Fiscal Agency Director, and House Fiscal Agency Director will convene at the first-of-the-year Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference to establish official state revenue forecasts.

Discussion will focus on financial projections for:

- The remainder of Fiscal Year 2025 (ends September 30, 2025)
- The upcoming FY 2026 (begins October 1, 2025)
- FY 2027 (October 1, 2026-September 30, 2027

The January conference begins the state's annual budget process, laying the foundation for the Governor's executive budget recommendation to be presented before the Legislature in February. A similar conference is held in May, when adjustments to the forecasts are announced in preparation for finalizing the upcoming fiscal year state budget.

The January 10 conference will be available to watch on **House TV** and **Senate TV**, and Karoub Associates will provide an analysis as we enter the Fiscal Year 2026 budget season.