

OHIO SENATE
Committee on Judiciary Minutes
May 22, 2024
135th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on Judiciary was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 9:37 AM in the North Hearing Room of the Statehouse.

Attendance was taken. A quorum was present.

Chairman Manning called up the previous minutes and they were approved without objection.

Chairman Manning called up Senate Bill 217 for its second hearing.

The following amendments were offered:

Vice Chair Reynolds moved to amend with AM 2138. The motion was agreed to without objection.

The following testimony was provided:

Dave Yost, Office of the Ohio Attorney General - Proponent (Written Testimony)

David Mahan, Center for Christian Virtue - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Dimiana Habtemariam, Self - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Chairman Manning called up Senate Bill 241 for its first hearing.

The following testimony was provided:

Senators Andrew Brenner and Steve Huffman - Sponsor (Written Testimony)

Chairman Manning called up Senate Bill 237 for its third hearing.

The following testimony was provided:

Gary Daniels, ACLU of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Mollie Montague, Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Senator McColley moved that S.B. 237 be favorably reported to the Committee on Rules and Reference. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 7-0.

Chairman Manning called up Senate Bill 37 for its eighth hearing.

No testimony was provided.

Senator McColley moved to amend with AM 1922-2. The motion was agreed to without objection.

Senator McColley moved that S.B. 37 be favorably reported to the Committee on Rules and Reference. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 7-0.

Chairman Manning announced that the committee would stand at ease at 10:06 A.M.

Chairman Manning brought the committee back to order at 10:19 A.M.

Chairman Manning called up House Bill 305 for its third hearing.

Chairman Manning moved to amend with omnibus amendment 2172. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 5-2.

The following testimony was provided:

Judge Brendan J. Sheehan, Ohio Judicial Conference/Ohio Association of Common Pleas Judges - Interested Party (Written Testimony)

Judge Eugene Lucci, Ohio Judicial Conference - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Judge Thomas Capper, Ohio Judicial Conference - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Timothy C. Long, The Ohio Cemetery Association, Inc. - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Michael Apt, Gilbane Development Company - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)

Senator McColley moved that HB 305 be favorably reported to the Committee on Rules and Reference. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 5-2.

Chairman Manning called up Senate Bill 32 for its third hearing.

Senator McColley moved to amend with AM 0063-4. The motion was agreed to without objection.

The following testimony was provided:

Rob Sexton, Buckeye Firearms Association - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Howie Beigelman, Ohio Jewish Communities - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

James Irvine, A1S4 Protection PAC - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Greg Hennecke, Christ's Fellowship @ Little Miami Church - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Chairman Manning called up House Bill 111 for its second hearing.

The following testimony was provided:

Louis Tobin, Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Lisa DeGeeter, Ohio Domestic Violence Association - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Elyse McConnell, Ohio Victim Witness Association - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Chairman Manning called up Senate Bill 223 for its second hearing.

The following testimony was provided:

Alex Boehnke, Ohio Council of Retail Merchants - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Bryan Lindsay, Walgreens - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Ben Dugan, CVS Health and Coalition of Law Enforcement Retail (CLEAR) - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Steven Berk, Giant Eagle, Inc. - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Kristin Mullins, Ohio Grocers Association - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Rick Carfagna, Ohio Chamber of Commerce - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Elizabeth Burkholder, JCPenny - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Rachael Carl, Walmart - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Cameron Garczyk, NFIB - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Andrew Martin, Meijer - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Chairman Manning called up Senate Bill 46 for its third hearing.

Judge Robert Rusu, Ohio Association of Probate Judges - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Lee Stautberg, The Ohio State Bar Association - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Paul E. Pfeifer, Ohio Judicial Conference, Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

With no further business, the committee adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM

Nathan H. Manning, Chair