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EIGHTY-NINTH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
**Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 1:30 p.m.**

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Senator Kristina D. Roegner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The journal of the last legislative day was read and approved.

The following guests were recognized by the Senate prior to the commencement of business:

Senator O'Brien recognized Mark Belaney as the 2023 Scotia Knouff Line Officer of the Year.

Senator Lang recognized Paula Drees as the 2023 Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Division of Parole and Community Services Employee of the Year.

Senator Romanchuk recognized Terry Burke as the 2023 Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Correctional Officer of the Year.

Senator Manning recognized Brianna Parsons as the 2023 Parole Officer of the Year.

Senator Ingram recognized members of the Elisha Lodge 106 of Cincinnati on their visit to the Statehouse for Statehouse Day.

Senator Lang recognized Senior Legislative Aide, Ryan Hennigan, on his outstanding service to the Ohio Senate.

## REPORTS OF REFERENCE AND BILLS FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION

Senator Huffman, M. reports for the standing committee on Rules and Reference, recommending that the following bills, standing in order for second consideration, be referred to committee as recommended:

**S. B. No. 162**-Senator Brenner
To amend sections 3314.03 and 3326.11 and to enact section 3313.6030 of the Revised Code with regard to academic intervention services at each public school and to amend the version of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that effective date.

To the Committee on Education.

**S. B. No. 163**-Senator Kunze, et al.

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.959 of the Revised Code to create the "Dublin City Schools" license plate.

To the Committee on Transportation.

**S. B. No. 164**-Senator Craig, et al.

To amend sections 149.43, 2923.11, 2923.125, 2923.128, and 2923.20 and to enact sections 2923.133, 2923.22, 2923.221, and 4731.058 of the Revised Code to enact the Suicide Self-Defense Act, relative to the creation of a do not possess firearms registry.

To the Committee on Veterans and Public Safety.

**S. B. No. 165**-Senator Johnson, et al.

To amend sections 2913.02, 2913.51, 4737.012, 4737.04, 4737.041, 4737.045, 4737.99, 4738.03, 4738.07, 4738.12, 4745.01, and 4775.09 and to enact sections 4737.046, 4737.20, 4737.21, 4737.22, 4737.23, 4737.24, 4737.25, and 4737.98 of the Revised Code regarding the sale of used catalytic converters, and to make an appropriation.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. B. No. 166**-Senators Sykes, Reynolds, et al.

To amend sections 122.71 and 122.76 of the Revised Code to allow a limited amount of minority business direct loans to be used to increase working capital.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions and Technology.

**S. B. No. 167**-Senators Gavarone, Manning

To enact section 5534.654 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 60 in Erie County as the "Marine Corporal Tim W. Russell Highway."

To the Committee on Transportation.

**S. B. No. 168**-Senator Reynolds, et al.

To amend sections 3301.0714, 3302.03, 3302.151, 3311.80, 3312.02, 3313.413, 3313.48, 3313.92, 3314.012, 3314.016, 3314.017, 3314.0211, 3314.03, 3314.29, 3314.35, 3319.077, 3319.0811, 3319.111, 3319.112, 3319.172, 3319.22, 3319.27, 3319.291, 3323.251, 3326.11, and 5502.70; to

enact sections 3319.225 and 3319.273; and to repeal sections 3301.0717, 3301.131, 3301.134, 3301.14, 3301.30, 3302.22, 3313.6015, 3317.50, 3317.51, 3319.234, 3319.55, 3319.56, and 3319.57 of the Revised Code with regard to education regulation reform and to amend the versions of sections 3301.0714 and 3314.03 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that effective date.

To the Committee on Education.

YES - 14: MATT HUFFMAN, NICKIE J. ANTONIO, ANDREW O. BRENNER, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, MATT DOLAN, BOB D. HACKETT, PAULA HICKS-HUDSON, STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, STEPHANIE KUNZE, NATHAN H. MANNING, MICHELE REYNOLDS, KRISTINA D. ROEGNER, TIM SCHAFFER, KENT SMITH

NO - 0.

The question being, "Shall the report of the committee be accepted?"

The report of the committee was accepted.

Said bills were considered a second time and referred to committee as recommended.

## REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES

Senator Hoagland submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Veterans and Public Safety, to which was recommitted **S. B. No. 113-**Senator Hoagland, et al., having had the same under consideration, re-reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

YES - 5: FRANK HOAGLAND, STEVE WILSON, TERRY JOHNSON, SHANE WILKIN, HEARCEL F. CRAIG

NO - 0.

The question being, "Shall the report of the committee be accepted?"

The report of the committee was accepted.

Senator Huffman, M. submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Rules and Reference to which were referred the appointments by the Governor of:

**Anderson, Bernie**, from McConnelsville, Morgan County, Ohio, as a Member of the Washington State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business February 17, 2029, replacing Bernie A. Anderson, whose term expired.

**Ashruf, Omer**, from Solon, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Northeast Ohio Medical University Board of Trustees for a term beginning June 30, 2023, ending at the close of business June 29, 2025, replacing Sanjay Jinka, whose term expired.

**Barber, Sandra**, from Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio, as a Member of the Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business June 9, 2029, replacing Sandra K. Barber, whose term expired.

**Barengo, Randall**, from Marietta, Washington County, Ohio, as a Member of the Washington State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business February 17, 2029, replacing Randall T. Barengo, whose term expired.

**Bishop, Kevin**, from Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, as a Member of the University of Toledo Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 28, 2023, ending at the close of business July 1, 2025, replacing Anjali Atul Phadke, whose term expired.

**Blythe, Hannah**, from West Union, Adams County, Ohio, as a Member of the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 28, 2023, ending at the close of business June 30, 2025, replacing Slater Twain Bakenhaster, whose term expired.

**Boman, Lara**, from Ashland, Ashland County, Ohio, as a Member of the Kent State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 28, 2023, ending at the close of business May 16, 2025, replacing Haley M. Crews, whose term expired.

**Bridenbaugh, John**, from Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio, as a Member of the Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business June 9, 2029, replacing John W. Bridenbaugh, whose term expired.

**Brisley-Sedon, Kathy**, from Medina, Medina County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Dental Board for a term beginning June 6, 2023, ending at the close of business April 6, 2027, replacing Kathy Brisley-Sedon, whose term expired.

**Buchta, Anthony**, from Dublin, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Board of Pharmacy for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business June 30, 2027, replacing Shawn C. Wilt, whose term expired.

**Buettner, Trina**, from Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio, as a Member of the

State Board of Pharmacy for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business June 30, 2027, replacing Trina L. Buettner, whose term expired.

**Byrd, Nikki**, from Shaker Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning June 30, 2023, ending at the close of business May 1, 2032, replacing Stephen F. Kirk, whose term expired.

**Camacho, Renato**, from North Canton, Stark County, Ohio, as a Member of the Kent State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning June 30, 2023, ending at the close of business May 16, 2032, replacing Stephen A. Perry, whose term expired.

**Campana, Nicholas**, from Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, as a Member of the University of Akron Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 28, 2023, ending at the close of business July 1, 2025, replacing Brooke Campbell, whose term expired.

**Carr, Michele**, from Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Dental Board for a term beginning June 6, 2023, ending at the close of business April 6, 2027, replacing Michele Paige Carr, whose term expired.

**Casey, Terry**, Republican, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Personnel Board of Review for a term beginning March 30, 2023, ending at the close of business February 8, 2029, replacing Terry L. Casey, whose term expired.

**Cochran, Chauncey**, from Newark, Licking County, Ohio, as a Member of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors for a term beginning June 12, 2023, ending at the close of business June 11, 2026, replacing Chauncey A. Cochran, whose term expired.

**Cortas, Joseph**, from Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, as a Member of the University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees for a term beginning June 30, 2023, ending at the close of business May 13, 2025, replacing Andrew J. Wessel, whose term expired.

**Crabtree, Madisyn**, from Beavercreek, Greene County, Ohio, as a Member of the Wright State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 28, 2023, ending at the close of business June 30, 2025, replacing Rahul Shah, whose term expired.

**Cunningham, Jessica**, from Lima, Allen County, Ohio, as a Member of the James A. Rhodes State College Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business August 31, 2025, replacing Mona L. Willamowski, whose term expired.

**D'Anniballe, Thomas**, from Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio, as a Member of the Eastern Gateway Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business October

16, 2027, replacing JoAnn M. LaGuardia, whose term expired.

**Dando, Natalie**, from Uniontown, Summit County, Ohio, as a Member of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning June 30, 2023, ending at the close of business April 30, 2025, replacing Elsa Kahn, whose term expired.

**Foerster, Dale**, from Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, as a Member of the Eastern Gateway Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning January 18, 2023, ending at the close of business October 16, 2025, replacing Pearl Kathryn Mills, who resigned.

**Foltyn, Patrick**, Republican, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Fire Council for a term beginning May 5, 2023, ending at the close of business November 1, 2027, replacing Patrick Gerard Foltyn, whose term expired.

**Fryda, Richard**, from Columbiana, Mahoning County, Ohio, as a Member of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 1, 2023, ending at the close of business April 30, 2032, replacing John R. Jakubek, whose term expired.

**Geiger, Roger**, from Dublin, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Vision Professionals Board for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business March 22, 2026, replacing Mark A. Gibson, whose term expired.

**Greenberg, Phillip**, from Hilliard, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning June 30, 2023, ending at the close of business May 17, 2032, replacing Marylin A. Eisele, whose term expired.

**Griffith, Peggy**, from Deerfield, Portage County, Ohio, as a Member of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors for a term beginning June 12, 2023, ending at the close of business June 11, 2026, replacing Peggy Griffith, whose term expired.

**Johnson, David**, from Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio, as a Member of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors for a term beginning June 12, 2023, ending at the close of business June 11, 2026, replacing David W. Johnson, whose term expired.

**Kastan, Bradley**, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the The Ohio State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 14, 2023, ending at the close of business May 13, 2032, replacing Abigail Sara Wexner, whose term expired.

**Kerner, Joshua**, from Avon Lake, Lorain County, Ohio, as a Member of the The Ohio State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 28, 2023, ending at the close of business May 13, 2025, replacing Tanner Hunt, whose term expired.

**Kirtland, Kelly**, from Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Dental Board for a term beginning June 30, 2023, ending at the close of business April 6, 2025, replacing Theodore T. Bauer, whose term expired.

**Kucsma, Jason**, Democrat, from Sylvania, Lucas County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism for a term beginning May 5, 2023, ending at the close of business April 21, 2026, replacing Jason Paul Kucsma, whose term expired.

**Lakireddy, Murali**, from Strongsville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Dental Board for a term beginning June 6, 2023, ending at the close of business April 6, 2027, replacing Murali K. Lakireddy, whose term expired.

**McClure, Lisa**, from Grover Hill, Paulding County, Ohio, as a Member of the Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business June 9, 2029, replacing Lisa L. McClure, whose term expired.

**McNeil, Nicholas**, from Milford, Clermont County, Ohio, as a Member of the Miami University Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 28, 2023, ending at the close of business February 28, 2025, replacing Dawson Cosgrove, whose term expired.

**Meek, Garrett**, from Pickerington, Fairfield County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio University Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 14, 2023, ending at the close of business May 13, 2025, replacing Sarah O. Ladipo, whose term expired.

**Milligan, Thomas**, from Sidney, Shelby County, Ohio, as a Member of the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning April 26, 2023, ending at the close of business January 17, 2029, replacing Thomas Patrick Milligan, whose term expired.

**Neff, John**, from Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, as a Member of the Sinclair Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 26, 2023, ending at the close of business October 12, 2027, replacing Richard Sadlier, whose term expired.

**Nemeth, Cole**, from Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio, as a Member of the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning June 30, 2023, ending at the close of business May 17, 2025, replacing Joshua Auten, whose term expired.

**Oda, James**, from Piqua, Miami County, Ohio, as a Member of the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning April 26, 2023, ending at the close of business January 17, 2029, replacing James Christopher Oda, whose term expired.

**Osborne, Markee**, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning June 30,

2023, ending at the close of business June 30, 2025, replacing George F. White, who resigned.

**Plotts, Donald**, from Mount Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio, as a Member of the Marion Technical College Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 5, 2023, ending at the close of business April 29, 2026, replacing Donald L. Plotts, whose term expired.

**Poulson, John**, from Archbold, Henry County, Ohio, as a Member of the Northwest State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business June 9, 2026, replacing Ronald E. Ernsberger, who resigned.

**Remy, Teresa**, from Jackson, Jackson County, Ohio, as a Member of the Board of Nursing for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business December 31, 2026, replacing Sandra A. Ranck, whose term expired.

**Ritzler, Rick**, from Galena, Delaware County, Ohio, as a Member of the Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business August 31, 2029, replacing Rick D. Ritzler, whose term expired.

**Schisler, Sallie**, from Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio, as a Member of the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning July 1, 2023, ending at the close of business June 30, 2032, replacing Joseph J. Watson, whose term expired.

**Shah, Akshat**, from Eastlake, Lake County, Ohio, as a Member of the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning June 30, 2023, ending at the close of business May 1, 2025, replacing Brittany N. Sommers, whose term expired.

**Sidhu, Virinder**, from Mason, Warren County, Ohio, as a Member of the Board of Nursing for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business December 31, 2025, replacing Sandra L. Beidelschies, whose term expired.

**Skestos, George**, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the The Ohio State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 14, 2023, ending at the close of business May 13, 2032, replacing Alex R. Fischer, whose term expired.

**Smith, Robert**, from Westlake, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 5, 2023, ending at the close of business October 12, 2027, replacing Andrew E. Randall, whose term expired.

**Thompson, John**, from Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, as a Member of the Wright State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 1, 2023, ending at the close of business June 30, 2032, replacing Douglas A.

Fecher, whose term expired.

Having had the same under consideration, reports back the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to said appointments.

YES – 14: MATT HUFFMAN, NICKIE J. ANTONIO, ANDREW O. BRENNER, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, MATT DOLAN, BOB D. HACKETT, PAULA HICKS-HUDSON, STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, STEPHANIE KUNZE, NATHAN H. MANNING, MICHELE REYNOLDS, KRISTINA D. ROEGNER, TIM SCHAFFER, KENT SMITH

NO – 0.

The question being, "Shall the Senate advise and consent to the appointments by the Governor?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 30, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antani | Antonio | Blessing | Brenner |
| Cirino | Craig | DeMora | Dolan |
| Gavarone | Hackett | Hicks-Hudson | Hoagland |
| Huffman, S. | Ingram | Johnson | Kunze |
| Landis | Lang | Manning | O'Brien |
| Reynolds | Roegner | Romanchuk | Rulli |
| Schaffer | Smith | Sykes | Wilkin |
| Wilson | | | Huffman, M.-30 |

So the Senate advised and consented to said appointments.

## BILLS FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION

**Am. S. B. No. 75**-Senator Blessing.

To amend section 715.72 of the Revised Code to allow two or more municipalities to create a joint economic development district without involving a township, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Am. S. B. No. 75**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 29, nays 1, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Blessing | Brenner | Cirino |
| Craig | DeMora | Dolan | Gavarone |
| Hackett | Hicks-Hudson | Hoagland | Huffman, S. |
| Ingram | Johnson | Kunze | Landis |
| Lang | Manning | O'Brien | Reynolds |
| Roegner | Romanchuk | Rulli | Schaffer |
| Smith | Sykes | Wilkin | Wilson |
| | | | Huffman, M.-29 |

Senator Antani voted in the negative-1.

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Senators Brenner, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Ingram, Landis, Smith, Sykes."

The question being, “Shall the motion be agreed to?”

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

**Am. S. B. No. 96**-Senators Lang, Wilson.

To amend sections 4109.08, 4111.09, 4112.07, 4115.07, 4123.54, 4123.83, and 4167.11 of the Revised Code to allow employers to post certain labor law notices on the internet, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Am. S. B. No. 96**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 30, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antani | Antonio | Blessing | Brenner |
| Cirino | Craig | DeMora | Dolan |
| Gavarone | Hackett | Hicks-Hudson | Hoagland |
| Huffman, S. | Ingram | Johnson | Kunze |
| Landis | Lang | Manning | O'Brien |
| Reynolds | Roegner | Romanchuk | Rulli |
| Schaffer | Smith | Sykes | Wilkin |
| Wilson | | | Huffman, M.-30 |

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Senators Brenner, Cirino, Hackett, Johnson, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Wilkin."

The question being, “Shall the motion be agreed to?”

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

**Sub. S. B. No. 113**-Senator Hoagland.
Cosponsor: Senator Johnson.

To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, 3328.24, and 4117.10 and to enact sections 3.19, 124.95, and 3313.473 of the Revised Code to prohibit a person who fails to comply with the Military Selective Service System from holding certain public offices or employment with the state, to require high schools to notify students of any obligation to register for the Selective Service System, and to amend the version of section 3314.03 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2025, to continue the changes on and after that date, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Sub. S. B. No. 113**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 26, nays 4, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antani | Antonio | Blessing | Brenner |
| Cirino | Craig | Dolan | Gavarone |
| Hackett | Hoagland | Huffman, S. | Johnson |
| Kunze | Landis | Lang | Manning |
| O'Brien | Reynolds | Roegner | Romanchuk |
| Rulli | Schaffer | Sykes | Wilkin |
| Wilson | | | Huffman, M.-26 |

Senators DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, and Smith voted in the negative-4.

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Brenner, Cirino, Lang, Roegner, Romanchuk, Rulli, Schaffer, Wilkin."

The question being, “Shall the motion be agreed to?”

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

## MOTIONS

Senator Dolan moved that Senators absent the week of Sunday, October 08, 2023, be excused, so long as a written explanation is on file with the Clerk pursuant to Senate Rule No. 17.

The question being, "Shall the motion be agreed to?"

The motion was agreed to.

## INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced and considered for the first time:

**S. B. No. 169 -** Senator O'Brien.

To enact section 5534.658 of the Revised Code to designate a bridge spanning Walnut Creek in Trumbull County as the "Cortland Veterans Memorial Bridge."

**S. B. No. 170 -** Senators DeMora, Lang.
Cosponsor: Senator Wilson.

To amend sections 4301.22, 4301.24, 4301.32, 4301.322, 4301.33, 4301.332, 4301.333, 4301.353, 4301.355, 4301.362, 4301.365, 4301.366, 4301.37, 4301.39, 4301.403, 4301.404, 4301.99, 4303.184, 4303.19, 4303.202, 4303.203, 4303.204, 4303.205, and 4303.99; to enact new section 4303.182; and to repeal sections 4301.351, 4301.354, 4301.361, 4301.364, and 4303.182 of the Revised Code to alter the law relative to Sunday sales of beer and intoxicating liquor and make other specified changes to the liquor

control law.

**S. B. No. 171 -** Senators Smith, Rulli.

To amend sections 107.036 and 5747.98 and to enact sections 122.852 and 5747.67 of the Revised Code to temporarily authorize a refundable income tax credit for investing in a sound recording production company.

## OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senators Roegner, Brenner offered the following resolution:

**S. R. No. 214**-Senators Roegner, Brenner.

To condemn the terrorist attacks against the state of Israel and express support for Israel's people.

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists carried out an unprovoked attack on the state of Israel; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly share Israel's grief for the hundreds of civilians who have been killed or captured in this horrific act of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is home to many Israeli citizens, Ohioans of Jewish faith, and countless other Ohioans who support the people of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Israel is a staunch ally of the United States and is deserving of our nation's unequivocal support as they defend themselves against this unjustifiable attack; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, declare our support for the Israeli people; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we condemn the actions of Hamas and their allies, including Iran, and their attack on Israel and its people; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper authorities in the State of Israel, and the news media of Ohio.

The question being, “Shall the resolution, **S. R. No. 214**, be adopted?

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 30, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antani | Antonio | Blessing | Brenner |
| Cirino | Craig | DeMora | Dolan |
| Gavarone | Hackett | Hicks-Hudson | Hoagland |
| Huffman, S. | Ingram | Johnson | Kunze |
| Landis | Lang | Manning | O'Brien |

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| Reynolds | Roegner | Romanchuk | Rulli |
| Schaffer | Smith | Sykes | Wilkin |
| Wilson | | | Huffman, M.-30 |

So the resolution was adopted.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Senators Antani, Antonio, Blessing, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Dolan, Gavarone, Hackett, Hicks-Hudson, Hoagland, Huffman, S., Ingram, Johnson, Kunze, Landis, Lang, Manning, O'Brien, Reynolds, Romanchuk, Rulli, Schaffer, Smith, Sykes, Wilkin, Wilson."

The question being, “Shall the motion be agreed to?”

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Senators Reynolds, Roegner offered the following resolution:

**S. R. No. 215**-Senators Reynolds, Roegner.

To oppose the proposed constitutional amendment Issue 1.

WHEREAS, On November 7, 2023, an issue entitled "The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety" will appear on the statewide ballot as Issue 1; and

WHEREAS, Human life is precious and must be protected; and

WHEREAS, Health and safety protections for women are of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, Parents are the ultimate arbiter of what is best for their children; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 will undermine human life and enshrine the right to end life in our state's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 ignores Ohio's already existing exceptions for the life and health of the mother in favor of establishing the right to abortion-on-demand through all nine months by allowing for-profit abortion providers to make the final call on all abortion procedures, standards, and timing; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 will eliminate many, if not all, state laws regarding abortion, including parental notification requirements; the prohibition on abortion by dismemberment; laws preventing painful, late-term abortions; laws disallowing abortion based on a child's characteristics; and laws prohibiting abortions when a child is removed alive during an abortion procedure; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 may erase parental rights by ending parental notification and preventing parents from being involved in the most important decisions in their child's life, including abortions; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 would instead allow for-profit abortion providers to pressure children into these decisions behind closed doors and without their

parents; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 eliminates many basic health and safety protections for women, including requiring that abortions be performed in person by a licensed doctor who can transfer a woman to a hospital if something goes wrong during a procedure; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the State of Ohio, urge the citizens of Ohio to vote against Issue 1 as a dangerous and irresponsible constitutional amendment that will undermine the current rights and protections of unborn children, women, and parents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the news media of Ohio.

The question being, "Shall the resolution, **S. R. No. 215**, be adopted?

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 23, nays 7, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antani | Blessing | Brenner | Cirino |
| Dolan | Gavarone | Hackett | Hoagland |
| Huffman, S. | Johnson | Kunze | Landis |
| Lang | Manning | O'Brien | Reynolds |
| Roegner | Romanchuk | Rulli | Schaffer |
| Wilkin | Wilson | | Huffman, M.-23 |

Senators Antonio, Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Smith, and Sykes voted in the negative-7.

So the resolution was adopted.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antani, Brenner, Cirino, Dolan, Gavarone, Hackett, Hoagland, Huffman, S., Johnson, Landis, Lang, O'Brien, Romanchuk, Rulli, Schaffer, Wilkin, Wilson."

The question being, "Shall the motion be agreed to?"

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Senators Romanchuk, Johnson offered the following resolution:

**S. R. No. 216**-Senators Romanchuk, Johnson.

To express the Ohio Senate's opposition to Issue 2 on the November 7, 2023, statewide ballot, which would legalize the use and retail sale of recreational marijuana; to identify the problems, risks, dangers, burdens, and costs it would bring to Ohioans, employers, and communities; and to encourage Ohioans to vote against the measure.

WHEREAS, The commercial marijuana industry has paid to write a statute which would legalize the use and retail sale of marijuana for recreational purposes and then has paid to collect the signatures to get the

proposed law on the November 7, 2023, statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, The commercial marijuana industry had approximately $30 billion in revenue nationwide in 2022, and studies project that the industry could eventually earn as much as $4 billion in Ohio if recreational marijuana is legalized; and

WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health, Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic, and World Health Organization have all determined that marijuana is an addictive drug and can produce dependency and withdrawal; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, drug overdoses have been the leading cause of injury death in Ohio, and 33,000 Ohioans have died of drug overdoses between 2011 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, Marijuana is a "gateway" drug, and research shows that four out of ten regular marijuana users go on to experiment with other drugs; and

WHEREAS, Regular marijuana use more than doubles the risk of developing opioid-use disorder or initiating nonmedical prescription opioid use; and

WHEREAS, Regular marijuana use can irreversibly reduce intelligence, memory, and learning ability; and

WHEREAS, The increased availability of marijuana from legalization correlates with an alarming increase in emergency room visits for children due to marijuana ingestion, particularly by the youngest children; and

WHEREAS, The human brain continues to develop until approximately the age of 25, and regular marijuana use during adolescence and up to this age can change the way the brain functions in adulthood, risking impacts to academic performance, IQ, and behavior; and

WHEREAS, Marijuana use in adolescence is associated with an increased risk of psychosis, a severe mental disorder characterized by distorted thinking and a loss of touch with reality, as well as depression and suicide; and

WHEREAS, States that have legalized recreational marijuana have seen an increase in fatal traffic crashes and injury-causing traffic crashes, with marijuana-impaired driving fatalities doubling in Colorado and Washington, the first two states to legalize recreational marijuana; and

WHEREAS, States that have legalized recreational marijuana have seen increases in their crimes rates, with the crime rate in Colorado, one of the first states to legalize recreational marijuana, increasing 11 times faster than the rest of the nation since legalization, including an 18.6% increase in violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, States that have legalized recreational marijuana have still

seen significant sales of unregulated, black market marijuana, with Oregon seeing 70% of all marijuana sales being on the black market and up to five times the amount of marijuana purchased in the state being taken out of the state for illegal sales elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Legalizing recreational marijuana creates great risks at the workplace to employers, other workers, customers, and others; and

WHEREAS, Other states that have legalized recreational marijuana have seen significant increases in workers who show up to work impaired, including an increase of 48% in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Marijuana-impaired employees cause 55% more industrial accidents and 85% more on-the-job injuries, and employees who regularly use marijuana experience 75% more absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, Increased workplace accidents will inevitably create new cost pressures for Ohio's stable workers compensation system, leading one member of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors to recently say that he expects legalization of recreational marijuana to drive up rates; and

WHEREAS, The commercial marijuana industry is seeking exceptionally favorable tax rates for itself, 10%, less than one-third the tax rate for casino gambling; and

WHEREAS, The commercial marijuana industry's proposed distribution of tax revenue would provide no funds to public education nor to Ohio's counties, which administer the human services programs that will bear the brunt of increased addiction treatment needs and other challenges resulting from increased drug usage; and

WHEREAS, The commercial marijuana industry's proposed law would steer more than one-third of tax revenue back to the industry itself in the form of a so-called "social equity" program; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the State of Ohio, conclude that the proposed statute authored by the commercial marijuana industry does not serve the best interests of the people of Ohio, will bring unacceptable threats and risks to the health of all Ohioans, especially children, will create dangers in the workplace and unacceptable challenges and costs to employers, will make Ohio's roads more dangerous, will impose significant new, unfunded costs to Ohio's public social services, and serves only to advance the financial interests of the commercial marijuana industry and its investors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of Ohio, urge the people of the State of Ohio to reject Issue 2, the legalization of recreational marijuana, and in so doing preserve and protect our state's high quality of life, the health and safety of our citizens, the strength and prosperity of our

communities, our strong economic growth, our favorable environment for business success, and opportunity for all citizens and the future for our young people; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor and news media of Ohio.

The question being, "Shall the resolution, **S. R. No. 216**, be adopted?

Senator Antani moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

The question being, "Shall the motion be agreed to?"

The motion was not agreed to.

The question recurred, "Shall the resolution, **S.R. No. 216**, be adopted?

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 23, nays 7, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antani | Blessing | Brenner | Cirino |
| Dolan | Gavarone | Hackett | Hoagland |
| Huffman, S. | Johnson | Kunze | Landis |
| Lang | Manning | O'Brien | Reynolds |
| Roegner | Romanchuk | Rulli | Schaffer |
| Wilkin | Wilson | | Huffman, M.-23 |

Senators Antonio, Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Smith, and Sykes voted in the negative-7.

So the resolution was adopted.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Senators Brenner, Cirino, Dolan, Gavarone, Hackett, Hoagland, Huffman, S., Landis, Lang, O'Brien, Reynolds, Roegner, Schaffer, Wilkin, Wilson."

The question being, "Shall the motion be agreed to?"

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 55, the following resolution was offered:

**S. R. No. 217** - Senator DeMora.
Cosponsors: Senators Craig, Kunze, Reynolds.

Honoring Pierre Agostini as a recipient of a 2023 Nobel Prize in Physics.

The question being, "Shall the resolution listed under the President's prerogative be adopted?"
So the resolution was adopted.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 105.41 (A)(1) 105.41 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code,

the President of the Senate removes Senator Kirk Schuring and appoints Senator Rob McColley as chair of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 335.20 (B)(1) of Am. H.B. 33, the President of the Senate appoints the following senators to serve on the Legacy Pain Management Study Commission for the 135th General Assembly:

Senator Terry Johnson
Senator Catherine D. Ingram

On the motion of Senator Huffman, S., the Senate recessed until 9:30 a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to the recess.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 171.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate removes Senator Kirk Schuring and appoints Senator Mark Romanchuk to serve on the Ohio Retirement Study Council.

On the motion of Senator Hicks-Hudson, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest: VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.