

**OHIO**

**SENATE**

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TWO HUNDRED SECOND DAY  
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio  
**Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 3, the Clerk called the Senate to order.

Senator Chavez was selected to preside according to the rule.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES**

Senator Blessing submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred **S. B. No. 224**-Senator Schaffer, having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

YES - 5: LOUIS W. BLESSING, III, KRISTINA D. ROEGNER,  
KENT SMITH, JERRY C. CIRINO, TIM SCHAFFER

NO - 0.

Senator Wilson submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Financial Institutions and Technology, to which was referred **H. B. No. 74**-Representatives Hall, Lightbody, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

YES - 5: STEVE WILSON, THERESA GAVARONE, KENT SMITH,  
LOUIS W. BLESSING, III, STEPHANIE KUNZE

NO - 0.

Senator Lang submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Small Business and Economic Opportunity, to which was referred **H. B. No. 106**-Representatives Jarrells, Lipps, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

YES - 5: GEORGE F. LANG, SHANE WILKIN, VERNON SYKES,  
AL CUTRONA, AL LANDIS

NO - 0.

Senator Reineke submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Energy and Public Utilities, to which was referred **H. B. No. 308**-Representatives Stein, Brennan, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Brenner.

YES - 9: BILL REINEKE, ROB MCCOLLEY, ANDREW O. BRENNER, JERRY C. CIRINO, MATT DOLAN, AL LANDIS, MARK ROMANCHUK, SHANE WILKIN, STEVE WILSON

NO - 3: KENT SMITH, WILLIAM P. DEMORA, PAULA HICKS-HUDSON

Senator O'Brien submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Local Government, to which was referred **Sub. H. B. No. 315**-Representatives Hall, Seitz, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

YES - 5: SANDRA O'BRIEN, THERESA GAVARONE, WILLIAM P. DEMORA, STEPHANIE KUNZE, NATHAN H. MANNING

NO - 0.

Senator O'Brien submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Local Government, to which was referred **Sub. H. B. No. 497**-Representatives Stewart, Klopfenstein, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

YES - 5: SANDRA O'BRIEN, THERESA GAVARONE, WILLIAM P. DEMORA, STEPHANIE KUNZE, NATHAN H. MANNING

NO - 0.

The question being, "Shall the reports of the committee be accepted?"  
The reports of the committee were accepted.

## INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

**S. B. No. 340** - Senators Blessing, Ingram.

To amend Section 259.30 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly to make changes to the law relating to the Low- and Moderate-income Housing Trust Fund.

**S. B. No. 341** - Senators Blessing, Ingram.

To make an appropriation to provide funds to the Mount Healthy City School District to repay a solvency assistance loan.

## OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 55, the following resolutions were offered:

**S. R. No. 494** - Senator O'Brien.

Honoring Jade Fink as a 2024 FCCLA National Champion.

**S. R. No. 495** - Senators Huffman, M., Brenner.

Cosponsors: Senators Craig, Reynolds, Romanchuk, Kunze, DeMora.

In memory of Athanasios I. "Tommy" Pappas.

The question being, "Shall the resolutions listed under the President's prerogative be adopted?"

So the resolutions were adopted.

## Message from the House of Representatives

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested:

**H. J. R. No. 8** -Representatives Oelslager, Troy

Cosponsors: Representatives Abrams, Robb Blasdel, Brennan, Brent, Dell'Aquila, McNally, Miller, J., Pizzulli, Richardson, Russo, Schmidt, Sweeney, Thomas, C., Roemer, Barhorst, Brewer, Brown, Callender, Carruthers, Cross, Dobos, Edwards, Forhan, Ghanbari, Grim, Hillyer, Holmes, Hoops, Isaacsohn, John, Jones, Manning, Mathews, Miller, A., Miller, K., Patton, Pavliga, Piccolantonio, Robinson, Rogers, Seitz, Sims, Skindell, Somani, Weinstein, White, Williams, Young, T., Speaker Stephens

Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to permit the issuance of additional general obligation bonds to fund public infrastructure capital improvements.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,  
Clerk.

The question being, “Shall the joint resolution, **H. J. R. No. 8**, be adopted?

On the motion of Senator Landis, **H. J. R. No. 8** was referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference.

**Message from the House of Representatives**

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the House of Representatives has concurred in the Senate amendments to:

**Sub. H. B. No. 5**-Representatives Ray, Baker – et al.

**Sub. H. B. No. 78**-Representatives Seitz, Miller, J. – et al.

**Sub. H. B. No. 81**-Representatives Robb Blasdel, Jones – et al.

**Sub. H. B. No. 338**-Representatives White, Sweeney – et al.

**Sub. H. B. No. 432**-Representative Jones – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,  
Clerk.

**Message from the House of Representatives**

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the House of Representatives has concurred in the passage of the following bill:

**Sub. S. B. No. 154** -Senator Roegner

Cosponsors: Senators Johnson, Antonio, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Dolan, Gavarone, Hackett, Hicks-Hudson, Kunze, Landis, O'Brien, Reineke, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Schuring, Smith, Sykes, Wilkin  
Representatives Miller, A., Gross, Barhorst, Bird, Blackshear, Brennan, Brent, Brewer, Brown, Carruthers, Claggett, Click, Cross, Dell'Aquila, Demetriou, Dobos, Fischer, Forhan, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Hall, Hoops, Humphrey, John, Johnson, Jones, Kick, Klopfenstein, Lampton, Lear, Lipps, Liston, Lorenz, Manning, Mathews, McClain, Miller, J., Miller, K., Miller, M., Oelslager, Patton, Pavliga, Piccolantonio, Plummer, Ray, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Roemer, Rogers, Schmidt, Seitz, Sims, Stein, Swearingen, Thomas, C., White, Whitted, Williams, Willis, Young, T.

To amend sections 122.925, 124.23, 145.30, 742.52, 742.521, 2151.4210, 3307.75, 3309.02, 3313.471, 3319.085, 3511.01, 4731.36, 4743.041, 5505.16, 5747.01, 5903.01, 5903.02, 5907.01, 5907.04, and 5910.01 of the Revised Code to include Space Force in the definition of the armed forces, armed

services, and uniformed services of the United States.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,  
Clerk.

### **Message from the House of Representatives**

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the House of Representatives has passed the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested:

**Am. H. B. No. 89** -Representatives Hillyer, Abdullahi

Cosponsors: Representatives Dean, Fowler Arthur, Mathews, Bird, Abrams, Brennan, Brewer, Brown, Carruthers, Dell'Aquila, Dobos, Forhan, Ghanbari, Grim, Gross, Hoops, Isaacsohn, John, Lear, Lorenz, Miller, A., Miller, J., Pavliga, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Schmidt, Seitz, Sweeney, Thomas, C., White, Whitted, Williams, Willis

To amend sections 4723.28, 4730.25, and 4731.22 and to enact sections 4723.93, 4730.57, and 4731.77 of the Revised Code regarding intimate examinations and anesthetized or unconscious patients.

**Sub. H. B. No. 206** -Representatives Click, Robb Blasdel

Cosponsors: Representatives Claggett, Williams, Bird, Jones, Brennan, Carruthers, Daniels, Dell'Aquila, Dobos, Ghanbari, Hall, Holmes, Kick, LaRe, Lear, Mathews, Merrin, Plummer, Schmidt

To amend sections 3313.66, 3313.661, and 3319.324 of the Revised Code with respect to the expulsion of a student from a public school for actions that endanger the health and safety of other students or school employees.

**Sub. H. B. No. 296** -Representatives Abrams, Hall

Cosponsors: Representatives Ghanbari, Creech, Edwards, Miller, K., Johnson, Carruthers, Manning, Brennan, Brown, Cross, Daniels, Dobos, Jones, Miller, A., Miller, J., Oelslager, Patton, Piccolantonio, Plummer, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Seitz, Somani, Stein, Thomas, C., Williams, Young, T.

To amend sections 742.31 and 742.33 of the Revised Code to increase contribution amounts that employers of full-time municipal police officers and Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund members must make to the Fund.

**H. B. No. 382** -Representative Brown

Cosponsors: Representatives Dell'Aquila, Weinstein, Miller, A., Russo, Brennan, Baker, Somani, Jarrells, Brewer, Troy, Isaacsohn, Grim, Abdullahi, Miller, J., Piccolantonio, McNally, Upchurch, Miranda, Dobos, Abrams, Barhorst, Blackshear, Carruthers, Forhan, Humphrey, Liston, Rogers,

Schmidt, Sims, Skindell, Sweeney, Thomas, C., Whitted, Williams, Willis

To amend section 5167.12 and to enact sections 3902.64, 4729.362, and 5164.093 of the Revised Code regarding prescription drug readers for visually impaired patients.

**H. B. No. 430** -Representatives Klopfenstein, Rogers

Cosponsors: Representatives Claggett, Dean, King, Miller, J., Grim, Fowler Arthur, Creech, Plummer, Brennan, Barhorst, Carruthers, Dell'Aquila, Dobos, Gross, Hoops, John, Jones, Kick, Lear, Lorenz, Mathews, Miller, A., Patton, Pavliga, Robb Blasdel, Russo, Schmidt, Seitz, Swearingen, Thomas, C., Williams, Willis

To amend sections 315.251, 319.203, and 325.14 and to enact section 305.021 of the Revised Code regarding county engineers.

**H. B. No. 469** -Representatives Robb Blasdel, Jones

Cosponsors: Representatives Abdullahi, Abrams, Brennan, Brown, Carruthers, Dell'Aquila, Dobos, Edwards, Grim, Isaacsohn, Miller, A., Miller, J., Patton, Rogers, Schmidt, Thomas, C., Whitted, Speaker Stephens

To enact sections 122.29, 122.291, 122.292, and 122.293 of the Revised Code to create the Ohio River Commission of Ohio.

**Am. H. B. No. 683** -Representatives Jones, Edwards

Cosponsors: Representatives Miller, J., Roemer, Schmidt, Abrams, Bird, Brennan, Brent, Brewer, Brown, Callender, Carruthers, Click, Cross, Daniels, Dell'Aquila, Dobos, Ghanbari, Grim, Holmes, Hoops, Isaacsohn, John, Klopfenstein, Liston, Mathews, Miller, A., Miller, K., Mohamed, Oelslager, Patton, Pavliga, Piccolantonio, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Rogers, Russo, Seitz, Sims, Skindell, Sweeney, Thomas, C., Troy, Whitted, Williams, Willis

To provide additional support for soil and water districts and the Farm Financial Management Institute through the Department of Agriculture and to make an appropriation.

**H. B. No. 688** -Representatives King, John

Cosponsors: Representatives Ray, Holmes, Klopfenstein, Peterson, Fischer, Brennan, Johnson, Brown, Thomas, C., Manning, Abrams, Patton, Carruthers, Brent, Creech, Kick, Williams, Daniels, Seitz, Dobos, Bird, Pavliga, Lorenz, Somani, Sweeney, Liston, Miller, J., Miller, A., Blackshear, Stein, Dell'Aquila, Gross, McNally, Richardson, Young, T., Humphrey, Stoltzfus, Rogers, Sims, Ghanbari, Mohamed, McClain, Santucci, LaRe, Cross, Jones, Oelslager, Thomas, J., Schmidt, Mathews, Loychik, Demetriou, Robb Blasdel, Manchester, Miller, K., Jarrells, Skindell, Roemer, Hoops, Wiggam, Hall, Troy, Abdullahi, Baker, Barhorst, Brewer, Forhan, Fowler Arthur, Grim,

Hillyer, Isaacsohn, Lampton, Lipps, Piccolantonio, Plummer, Russo, White, Whitted

To enact section 5.56 of the Revised Code to designate September 28 as "Speaker Jo Ann Davidson Day."

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,  
Clerk.

Said bills were considered the first time.

### **Message from the House of Representatives**

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following bill:

Sub. H. B. No. 432-Representative Jones – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,  
Clerk.

The President signed said bill.

### **Message from the House of Representatives**

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following bills:

Sub. H. B. No. 5-Representatives Ray, Baker – et al.

Sub. H. B. No. 78-Representatives Seitz, Miller, J. – et al.

Sub. H. B. No. 81-Representatives Robb Blasdel, Jones – et al.

Am. H. B. No. 111-Representatives LaRe, Miller, K. – et al.

Sub. H. B. No. 338-Representatives White, Sweeney – et al.

Sub. S. B. No. 154-Senator Roegner – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,  
Clerk.

The President signed said bills.



**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The President handed down the following messages from the Governor which were read by the Clerk:

**STATE OF OHIO  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
COLUMBUS**

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint, Karen S. Daniels, from Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio, as a Member of the Southern State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning November 8, 2024 and ending at the close of business May 11, 2030, replacing Tracy O'Hara, whose term expired.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

[Seal]

Mike DeWine,  
Governor.

**STATE OF OHIO  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
COLUMBUS**

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint, Kara J. Trott, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the The Ohio State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning November 8, 2024 and ending at the close of business May 13, 2033, replacing Hiroyuki Fajita, whose term expired.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

[Seal]

Mike DeWine,  
Governor.

Said appointments were referred to the committee on Rules and Reference.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Pursuant to Section 101.35 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the

Senate temporarily removes Senator Stephanie Kunze and appoints Senator Matt Dolan to serve on the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), for the purpose of the committee's meeting on December 9, 2024.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Pursuant to Rules No. 19 and 20, the President of the Senate temporarily removes Senator Bob D. Hackett and appoints Senator Bill Reineke for the purpose of the Health Committee meeting on December 11, 2024.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Pursuant to Rules No. 19 and 20, the President of the Senate removes Senator Bob D. Hackett and temporarily appoints Senator Theresa Gavarone, as vice chair, of the Financial Institutions and Technology Committee for the purposes of the December 10, 2024 meeting.

On the motion of Senator Landis, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,  
Clerk.