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FIFTY-SIXTH DAY

Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio

Monday, June 23, 2025, 9:00 o'clock a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to House Rule No. 23, the Clerk called the House to order.

Representative Claggett was selected to preside under the Rule.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced:

H. B. No. 372 - Representatives Abrams, Plummer.

To amend sections 2903.01, 2929.03, and 2929.04 of the Revised Code to enact the Larry Henderson Act to specify that the penalty for aggravated murder for an adult offender is death or life without the possibility of parole if the victim is a peace officer, prosecutor, first responder, or military member.

H. B. No. 373 - Representatives Robinson, Lett.

Cosponsors: Representatives Baker, Brennan, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Cockley, Denson, Glassburn, Grim, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, McNally, Mohamed, Piccolantonio, Rader, Russo, Sims, Somani, Sweeney, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Troy, Upchurch, White, E.

To amend sections 2929.28 and 5122.311 and to enact section 2923.26 of the Revised Code to enact the Universal Background Checks Act to require a firearm transfer to be made through a dealer, through a law enforcement agency, or pursuant to a specified exception, and to require a background check when a firearm is transferred.

H. B. No. 374 - Representatives Sigrist, Abrams.

Cosponsors: Representatives Lett, Synenberg, Brownlee, Somani, Baker, Abdullahi, Jarrells, Thomas, C., Brennan, McNally, Rader, Brent, Mohamed, Cockley, Russo, Grim, Piccolantonio, Sims, Miller, J., Upchurch.

To amend section 5167.12 and to enact sections 3902.65, 4729.362, and 5164.093 of the Revised Code regarding prescription drug readers for visually impaired patients.

H. B. No. 375 - Representative Fowler Arthur.

To amend sections 5705.03, 5705.215, and 5705.31 and to enact sections 3314.31, 5705.316, and 5748.11 of the Revised Code to establish a small district magnet community school pilot program.

H. B. No. 376 - Representative Teska.

Cosponsors: Representatives Dean, Mullins, Lear, Gross, Ferguson, Fowler Arthur, Barhorst, King, Daniels, Workman, Willis, Hiner.

To amend sections 4141.30, 4141.33, and 4141.53 of the Revised Code to reduce the maximum weeks an individual may receive unemployment benefits from 26 to 20 weeks.

H. J. R. No. 5 - Representatives Jarrells, Sims.

Cosponsors: Representatives Grim, Upchurch, Synenberg, Cockley, Lawson-Rowe, Denson, Piccolantonio, Sigrist, Brewer, Somani, Brownlee, Isaacsohn, Lett, Brent, White, E., McNally, Hall, D., Brennan, Baker, Rader, Tims, Abdullahi, Plummer, Troy, Miller, J., Russo, Humphrey, Thomas, C., Robinson, Sweeney, LaRe.

Proposing to amend Section 6 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit slavery or involuntary servitude in Ohio for the punishment of crime.

Said bills and joint resolution were considered the first time.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Representative Lorenz moved that the following resolutions be read by title only and brought up for immediate adoption:

H. R. No. 163 - Representative Newman

Honoring the Tri-Village High School softball team on winning the 2025 Division VI State Championship.

H. R. No. 164 - Representative Lorenz

Honoring the Delaware Area Career Center video production team as a 2025 Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference Champion.

H. R. No. 165 - Representative Lorenz

Honoring the Delaware Area Career Center computer animation team on placing first at the 2025 Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference.

H. R. No. 166 - Representative Lorenz

Honoring Brooke Chapman on winning a 2025 Division I State Track and Field Championship.

H. R. No. 167 - Representative Lorenz

Honoring C.J. Sanna on winning a 2025 Division I State Track and Field Championship.

H. R. No. 168 - Representatives Odioso, Abrams, Baker, Mathews, A.

Honoring the St. Xavier High School boys lacrosse team as the 2025 Division I State Champion.

H. R. No. 169 - Representative Lorenz

Honoring Matthew Schroff as a 2025 Division I State Track and Field Champion.

H. R. No. 170 - Representative Lorenz

Honoring Lila Bendick as a 2025 Division I State Track and Field Champion.

H. R. No. 171 - Representative Miller, K.

Honoring the Licking Valley High School baseball team on securing the 2025 Division III State Championship.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being, "Shall the resolutions be adopted?"

The resolutions were adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

Pursuant to House Rules 13, 30, and 32, the Speaker hereby makes the following changes to the following standing committees:

Agriculture: Appoint Representative Moore.

Local Government: Appoint Representative Moore.

Natural Resources: Appoint Representative Moore.

Veterans and Military Development: Appoint Representative Moore.

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

Pursuant to Section 173.03 (A) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Speaker hereby appoints the following member to serve on the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging board:

Remove Representative Schmidt; appoint Representative Ricahrdson.

Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

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

Sub. S. B. No. 147 - Senator Reineke – et al.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,
Clerk.

Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

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

H. B. No. 50 - Representative King

Cosponsors: Representatives Lorenz, Barhorst, Brennan, Click, Deeter, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Gross, Hiner, Holmes, Hoops, Jarrells, Miller, J., Newman, Peterson, Plummer, Richardson, Rogers, Sigrist, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Williams, Willis

Senators Antonio, Blackshear, Brenner, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Johnson, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Weinstein, Wilkin

To enact section 5533.106 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 47 in Darke County as the "PFC John Wayne Richard Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 64 - Representatives Thomas, D., Deeter

Cosponsors: Representatives Bird, Lear, Lorenz, Stewart, Glassburn, Troy, Jones, Gross, Salvo, Miller, J., Williams, Miller, K., Dean, John, Hiner, Johnson, Sigrist, Kishman, Miller, M., Robb Blasdel, Klopfenstein, Fowler Arthur, Brennan, Fischer, Richardson, Mathews, T., Abrams, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Callender, Claggett, Click, Creech, Daniels, Demetriou, Denson, Ferguson, Ghanbari, Grim, Hall, T., Hoops, King, Lampton, LaRe, Lett, Manning, Mathews, A., McClain, McNally, Mohamed, Mullins, Newman, Odioso, Oelslager, Peterson, Pizzulli, Plummer, Rader, Ray, Ritter, Roemer, Rogers, Russo, Santucci, Schmidt, Sims, Sweeney, Synenberg, Teska, Thomas, C., White, A., White, E., Workman, Young

Senators Antonio, Brenner, Cirino, Craig, Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, Ingram, Johnson, Landis, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Timken, Weinstein

To amend sections 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.32, and 1533.321 of the Revised Code to allow Ohio residents who are 65 and up, instead of 66 and up, to qualify for discounted hunting and fishing licenses and permits.

Am. H. B. No. 65 - Representatives Klopfenstein, Peterson

Cosponsors: Representatives Barhorst, Thomas, D., Deeter, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Rader, Stephens, Dean, Miller, J., Williams, Richardson, Lorenz, Gross, Abdullahi, Miller, K., Rogers, Hiner, Miller, M., Click, Brennan, Sigrist, Creech, Fischer, Jones, John, Kishman, Newman, Brent, Abrams, Brewer, Brownlee, Claggett, Cockley, Daniels, Denson, Dovilla, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Grim, Hall, T., Hoops, Humphrey, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, King, Lampton, LaRe, Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Lett, Manning, Mathews, T., McClain, McNally, Mohamed, Mullins, Oelslager,

Piccolantonio, Pizzulli, Robinson, Roemer, Russo, Salvo, Schmidt, Sims, Somani, Sweeney, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Tims, Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Willis, Workman
Senators Antonio, Blackshear, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, Ingram, Johnson, Landis, Lang, Liston, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson

To enact sections 5.2322, 5.2411, 5.2412, 5.2413, 5.2414, 5.2415, and 5.268 of the Revised Code to make specified day and week designations relating to agriculture and to name this act the Agriculture Appreciation Act.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,
Clerk.

Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

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

Am. S. B. No. 4 - Senator Gavarone

Cosponsors: Senators Cirino, Reynolds, Timken

To amend section 3501.05 and to enact section 3501.055 of the Revised Code to establish the Election Integrity Unit in the Office of the Secretary of State and to modify the law governing the prosecution of Election Law violations.

S. B. No. 52 - Senator Schaffer

Cosponsors: Senators Wilson, Weinstein, Craig, Smith, Antonio, Brenner, Cirino, DeMora, Gavarone, Huffman, Ingram, Johnson, Koehler, Landis, Lang, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Romanchuk, Timken, Wilkin

To enact section 5534.59 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 33 in Fairfield County and I-70 in Clark County as the "Congressman David Hobson Memorial Highway."

S. B. No. 85 - Senators Smith, Craig

Cosponsors: Senators Ingram, Antonio, Weinstein, Blackshear, Blessing, Cirino, DeMora, Gavarone, Landis, Lang, Liston, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Timken, Wilson

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.589 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio NAACP" license plate.

S. B. No. 119 - Senator Brenner

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Cirino, Craig, Gavarone, Johnson, Landis, Lang, Liston, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson

To enact section 5534.967 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 36 in Delaware County as the "Freedom Parkway."

S. B. No. 172 - Senator Roegner

Cosponsors: Senators Schaffer, Johnson, Brenner, Cirino, Gavarone, O'Brien

To enact section 9.631 of the Revised Code to specify that persons who are unlawfully present in the United States are not privileged from arrest.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,
Clerk.

Said bills were considered the first time.

On motion of Representative Lorenz, the House adjourned until Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,
Clerk.