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ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH DAY  
Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 9:00 o'clock a.m.**

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to House Rule No. 25, the Clerk called the House to order.

Representative Workman 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. 699** - Representatives Abdullahi, Lett.

Cosponsors: Representatives Piccolantonio, Rader, McNally, Brennan, Brent, Sims.

To enact section 3902.65 of the Revised Code to require prescription drug coverage by health plan issuers.

**H. B. No. 700** - Representative Williams.

To amend sections 117.01, 120.521, and 120.54 and to enact sections 9.631 and 3129.07 of the Revised Code to modify the membership of the board of directors of the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation and to prohibit the use of state funds for certain purposes.

**H. B. No. 701** - Representatives Williams, Humphrey.

To amend sections 4109.02 and 4123.35 and to enact sections 2152.30, 4113.90, and 4123.97 of the Revised Code regarding juvenile offenders and certificates of qualification for employment.

**H. B. No. 702** - Representative Williams.

To amend section 101.27 of the Revised Code to eliminate mileage reimbursement for legislators who use electric charging facilities in designated Capitol Square parking facilities and to name this act the Fairness in Mileage Reimbursement Act.

**H. B. No. 703** - Representative Williams.

To amend sections 2713.21, 2937.22, 2937.24, and 3905.85 of the Revised Code to permit the surrender of a defendant by a surety bail bond agent and to require surety bail bond agents to be licensed property and casualty insurance agents.

**H. B. No. 704** - Representative Williams.

To amend sections 5725.38, 5725.98, 5726.61, 5726.98, 5729.21, 5729.98,

5747.86, and 5747.98 and to enact section 122.841 of the Revised Code to authorize a nonrefundable, transferable tax credit for charitable organizations that construct owner-occupied housing and to name this act the Promised Land Act.

**H. B. No. 705** - Representative Williams.

To amend sections 2929.12, 2929.15, and 2929.25 of the Revised Code to prohibit a sentencing court from imposing, as a condition of community control, a requirement that the offender admit guilt if the offender was found guilty after entering an Alford plea and to name this act the Alford Plea Fairness Act.

**H. B. No. 706** - Representatives Rader, Thomas, D.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Brewer, Somani, Cockley, McNally, Synenberg, Kishman, Bryant Bailey, Abdullahi, Sigrist, Sims, Thomas, C., Fischer, Deeter, Pizzulli, Manning, Miller, J.

To enact sections 4934.01, 4934.02, 4934.03, 4934.04, 4934.05, 4934.06, 4934.07, 4934.08, 4934.09, 4934.10, 4934.11, and 4934.12 of the Revised Code to impose certain minimum requirements on data center customers in the state.

Said bills were considered the first time.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES AND BILLS FOR SECOND CONSIDERATION**

Representative Lett submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Children and Human Services to which was referred **H. B. No. 532**-Representative Miller, K., having had the same under consideration, reports it back as a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

**RE: REGARDS CUSTODY OF CHILDREN WHO CANNOT BE  
RELEASED TO A PARENT**

ANDREA WHITE  
CRYSTAL LETT  
KAREN BROWNLEE  
KELLIE DEETER  
MIKE ODIOSO  
TRACY M. RICHARDSON

JODI SALVO  
DARNELL T. BREWER  
ASHLEY BRYANT BAILEY  
MELANIE MILLER  
SHARON A. RAY

The report was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and placed on the calendar.

## Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred in the adoption of the following concurrent resolutions:

**H. C. R. No. 13** - Representatives Hoops, Robinson

Cosponsors: Representatives Grim, Rader, Piccolantonio, Lett, Lorenz, Daniels, McNally, Miller, M., Brennan, Pizzulli, Mathews, A., Jones, Troy, Bird, Synenberg, Hiner, Salvo, Johnson, Workman, Abdullahi, Abrams, Barhorst, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Callender, Claggett, Click, Cockley, Deeter, Denson, Dovilla, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Jarrells, King, Kishman, Klopfenstein, Lawson-Rowe, Manning, Mathews, T., Miller, J., Mohamed, Newman, Peterson, Plummer, Ray, Robb Blasdel, Roemer, Rogers, Russo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Thomas, C., Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis

Senators Schaffer, Antonio, Blackshear, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, Ingram, Johnson, Landis, Manning, Reineke, Roegner, Smith, Timken, Wilkin

To urge Congress to designate the Buckeye Trail as a National Scenic Trail.

**H. C. R. No. 22** - Representatives Roemer, Daniels

Cosponsors: Representatives Claggett, Click, Dovilla, Fowler Arthur, Hall, T., King, Robb Blasdel, Odioso, Bird, John, Newman, Abdullahi, Abrams, Barhorst, Brennan, Brent, Brewer, Callender, Cockley, Craig, Creech, Deeter, Demetriou, Fischer, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Gross, Hall, D., Hiner, Holmes, Hoops, Jarrells, Johnson, Kishman, Klopfenstein, LaRe, Lear, Lett, Lorenz, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Miller, K., Miller, M., Mohamed, Peterson, Pizzulli, Plummer, Ray, Richardson, Ritter, Rogers, Salvo, Santucci, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Stephens, Stewart, Thomas, C., Thomas, D., Troy, Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis, Workman, Young

Senators Huffman, Brenner, Antonio, Blackshear, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Johnson, Koehler, Landis, Lang, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Timken, Wilkin, Wilson

To encourage students in grades one through twelve to read the U.S. Declaration of Independence in the classroom during the 2025-2026 school year in celebration of its 250th anniversary.

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 bill:

**Am. H. B. No. 55** - Representative Stewart

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Brent, Brownlee, Callender, Glassburn, Grim, Gross, Hall, D., Hiner, Humphrey, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, King, Lawson-Rowe, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Miller, J., Mohamed, Newman, Oelslager, Piccolantonio, Plummer, Rogers, Russo, Sigrist, Sims, Somani, Sweeney, Synenberg, Tims, Williams, Willis  
Senators Manning, Antonio, Blackshear, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Timken, Wilson

To amend sections 2127.38 and 5721.10 of the Revised Code to amend the law related to fees for the administration of a probate estate.

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. 151** - Senator Wilkin

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Lang, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Timken

To amend section 4929.02 and to enact sections 4929.51, 4929.52, 4929.53, 4929.55, 4929.57, and 4929.59 of the Revised Code to allow for competitive retail natural gas service suppliers to offer carbon offsets to customers.

**S. B. No. 216** - Senator Cutrona

Cosponsors: Senators Schaffer, Cirino, DeMora, Gavarone, Lang, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Timken, Wilkin

To enact section 5534.921 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 7 in Mahoning County as the "Clarence "Sonny" Smith, Jr. Memorial Highway."

**S. B. No. 228** - Senator Craig

Cosponsors: Senators Romanchuk, Brenner, Antonio, Cirino, DeMora, Gavarone, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Timken

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.537 of the Revised

Code to create the "Lifetown" license plate.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,  
Clerk.

Said bills were considered the first time.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER**

Pursuant to House Rules 13, 30, and 32, the Speaker of the House hereby makes the following changes to the committee on Rules and Reference:

Remove Representative Stewart; appoint Representative John.

On motion of Representative Young, the House adjourned until Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,  
Clerk.