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ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIXTH DAY
Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 9:00 o'clock a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Robert P. Lewis of the Marketplace Chaplains in Troy, Ohio, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced:

H. B. No. 1020 - Representative Isaacsohn.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brownlee, Robinson, Miller, J., Piccolantonio, Grim, Baker, Abdullahi, Bryant Bailey, Somani, Mohamed, Russo, Sigrist, Synenberg, Cockley, Sweeney, Lett, Sims, Upchurch, Tims, Troy, Lawson-Rowe, Hall, D., Humphrey, Brewer, McNally, Jarrells.

To amend sections 122.09, 123.28, 123.281, 169.08, 323.152, 718.13, 4503.065, 5735.50, and 5735.99 and to repeal sections 123.282, 123.283, and 169.081 of the Revised Code and to repeal Section 229.40 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly as subsequently amended to temporarily suspend the motor fuel tax, to repeal the law requiring the escheatment of unclaimed funds to the state and the funding of the Brook Park project and major sports facilities projects, to create an electric bill credit, to increase the homestead exemption amount and income limit, to make an appropriation, and to declare an emergency.

H. B. No. 1021 - Representative Dean.

To enact section 5534.475 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 42 in Greene County and Warren County as the "Deputy Chris Longfellow Memorial Highway."

Said bills were considered the first time.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Representative Manning moved that the following resolution be brought up for immediate adoption, read by title only, and spread upon the pages of the journal.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, reading as follows:

H. R. No. 544-Speaker Huffman

Relative to the election of Sean M. Hutson to fill the vacancy in the membership of the House of Representatives created by the resignation of Sharon A. Ray of the 66th House District.

WHEREAS, Section 11 of Article II of the Ohio Constitution provides for the filling of a vacancy in the membership of the House of Representatives by election by the members of the House of Representatives who are affiliated with the same political party as the person last elected to the seat which has become vacant; and

WHEREAS, Sharon A. Ray of the 66th House District, has resigned as a member of the House of Representatives of the 136th General Assembly effective September 14, 2026, thus creating a vacancy in the House of Representatives; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives who are affiliated with the Republican party that Sean M. Hutson, Republican, having the qualifications set forth in the Ohio Constitution and the laws of Ohio to be a member of the House of Representatives from the 66th House District, is hereby elected, effective September 30, 2026, pursuant to Section 11 of Article II of the Ohio Constitution, as a member of the House of Representatives from the 66th House District, to fill the vacancy created by the unexpired portion of the term of said Sharon A. Ray ending on December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the Journal of the House of Representatives together with the yeas and nays of the members of the House of Representatives affiliated with the Republican party voting on the resolution, and that the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall certify the resolution and vote on its adoption to the Secretary of State.

The question being, “Shall the resolution be adopted?”

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 62, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Barhorst	Bird	Claggett
Click	Craig	Creech	Daniels
Dean	Deeter	Demetriou	Dovilla
Ferguson	Fischer	Fowler Arthur	Ghanbari
Gross	Hall, T.	Hiner	Holmes
Hoops	John	Johnson	Kishman
Klopfenstein	Lampton	LaRe	Lear
Lorenz	Manning	Mathews, A.	Mathews, T.
McClain	Miller, K.	Miller, M.	Moore
Mullins	Newman	Odioso	Oelslager
Peterson	Pizzulli	Plummer	Richardson

Ritter
Santucci
Swearingen
White, A.
Young

Robb Blasdel
Schmidt
Teska
Williams

Roemer
Stephens
Thomas, D.
Willis

Salvo
Stewart
Thomas, J.
Workman
Huffman-62

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hutson was invited to the bar of the House, took the oath of office administered by Judge William F. Hutson of the Medina County Common Pleas Court, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

State of Ohio

County of Franklin

I, Sean M. Hutson, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and faithfully to discharge and perform all duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, according to the best of my ability and understanding; and this I do as I shall answer unto God.

/s/ SEAN M. HUTSON

Sean M. Hutson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of September, 2026.

/s/ WILLIAM F. HUTSON

William F. Hutson

Judge, Medina County
Common Pleas Court

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:

Sub. H. B. No. 519 - Representative White, A.

Cosponsors: Representatives Abrams, Miller, K., Hall, T., Bird, Brennan, Brewer, Brownlee, Bryant Bailey, Click, Daniels, Deeter, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Hiner, Holmes, Humphrey, John, Johnson, Lampton, LaRe, Lawson-Rowe, Manning, Mathews, A., Odioso, Peterson, Plummer, Ray, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Salvo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Tims, Troy, Williams, Willis, Young

Senators Huffman, Lang, Brenner, Cirino, Gavarone, Johnson, Koehler, Landis, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Timken, Wilkin,

Wilson, McColley

To amend section 2923.24 of the Revised Code to prohibit possession of an electronic device while committing a motor vehicle theft offense, to temporarily reduce certain motor fuel taxes, to levy a temporary retail tax on certain motor fuel, to make appropriations to supplement the loss of motor fuel tax revenues, and to declare an emergency.

As a substitute bill, in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,
Clerk.

Representative Manning moved that the Senate amendments to **Sub. H. B. No. 519**-Representative White, A., et. al., be taken up for immediate consideration.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

The Senate amendments to **Sub. H. B. No. 519**-Representative White, A., et. al., were taken up for consideration.

Sub. H. B. No. 519 - Representative White, A.

Cosponsors: Representatives Abrams, Miller, K., Hall, T., Bird, Brennan, Brewer, Brownlee, Bryant Bailey, Click, Daniels, Deeter, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Hiner, Holmes, Humphrey, John, Johnson, Lampton, LaRe, Lawson-Rowe, Manning, Mathews, A., Odioso, Peterson, Plummer, Ray, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Salvo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Tims, Troy, Williams, Willis, Young

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The question being, “Shall the emergency clause stand as part of the bill?”

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 80, nays 16, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Barhorst	Bird
Brennan	Brownlee	Claggett	Click
Craig	Creech	Daniels	Dean
Deeter	Demetriou	Dovilla	Ferguson
Fischer	Fowler Arthur	Ghanbari	Glassburn
Grim	Gross	Hall, D.	Hall, T.
Hiner	Holmes	Hoops	Hutson

Isaacsohn	John	Johnson	Kishman
Klopfenstein	Lampton	LaRe	Lear
Lett	Lorenz	Manning	Mathews, A.
Mathews, T.	McClain	McNally	Miller, J.
Miller, K.	Miller, M.	Moore	Mullins
Newman	Odioso	Oelslager	Peterson
Piccolantonio	Pizzulli	Plummer	Richardson
Ritter	Robb Blasdel	Roemer	Russo
Salvo	Santucci	Schmidt	Sigrist
Somani	Stephens	Stewart	Swearingen
Sweeney	Teska	Thomas, D.	Thomas, J.
Troy	White, A.	White, E.	Williams
Willis	Workman	Young	Huffman-80

Those who voted in the negative were: Representatives

Abdullahi	Brent	Brewer	Bryant Bailey
Cockley	Humphrey	Jarrells	Lawson-Rowe
Rader	Robinson	Rogers	Sims
Synenberg	Thomas, C.	Tims	Upchurch-16

Having received the required constitutional majority, the emergency clause stood as part of the bill.

The question being, “Shall the Senate amendments be concurred in?”

Pursuant to House Rule 4, Representative Isaacsohn moved that H.B. 1020 be made a special order for September 30, 2026, at 3:14 p.m.

Pursuant to House Rule 84, Speaker Huffman ruled the motion out of order.

The question recurring, “Shall the Senate amendments be concurred in?”

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 78, nays 16, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Barhorst	Bird
Brennan	Brownlee	Claggett	Click
Craig	Creech	Daniels	Dean
Deeter	Demetriou	Dovilla	Ferguson
Fischer	Fowler Arthur	Ghanbari	Glassburn
Grim	Gross	Hall, D.	Hall, T.
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Salvo	Santucci	Schmidt	Somani
Stephens	Stewart	Swearingen	Sweeney
Teska	Thomas, D.	Thomas, J.	Troy
White, A.	Williams	Willis	Workman
Young			Huffman-78

Those who voted in the negative were: Representatives

Abdullahi	Brent	Brewer	Bryant Bailey
Cockley	Humphrey	Jarrells	Lawson-Rowe
Rader	Robinson	Rogers	Sims
Synenberg	Thomas, C.	Tims	Upchurch-16

The Senate amendments were concurred in.

Representative White, A. moved to amend the title as follows:

Remove the names: "Representatives Sims, Humphrey, Brewer, Lawson-Rowe, Bryant Bailey"

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

The title as amended was agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, on September 30, 2026, signed the following:

Sub. H. B. No. 519-Representative White, A. - et al.

CLERK'S NOTATION

September 30, 2026
Ohio House of Representatives
Attn: House Clerk, Brad Young
77 S High St # 12
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Protest Regarding Adjournment and Closing of the Roll, Pursuant to Article II Section 10

Representative Mark Sigrist, District 10 and Representative Erika White, District 41 protest and object to the hasty adjournment and closing of the roll after the vote on the concurrence in Senate amendments to Substitute H. B. 519. Pursuant to Article II, Section 10 of the Ohio Constitution, we request that this protest be published in the House Journal.

We were prevented from recording our "Yes" votes on H.B. 519 due to the actions of the house in this matter.

The announcement of the vote and immediate motion to adjourn occurred prior to moving through the remainder of the standard order of business under Rule 3. Further, multiple members were seeking action at the Clerk's desk regarding the title of the legislation given the substantial alteration since the

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House initially passed the bill. This deviation from typical House practice was disappointing and we note our concern here.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Mark Sigrist
HD10

Representative Erika White
HD41

On motion of Representative Manning, the House adjourned until
Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,
Clerk.