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Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Brian Hanson, Capitol Ministries in Columbus, Ohio, 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 Chavez recognized Mason Francis, a senior on the Warren High School Swim team in Vincent, as the Ohio High School Athletic Association Division II State Champion in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle.

Senator DeMora recognized the Upper Arlington High School Girls Swim team as the 2025 Division I State Champions.

Senator DeMora recognized Hayden Hollingsworth, from Upper Arlington High School, as the 2025 Division I State Champion in the 50-yard freestyle.

Senator Roegner recognized Sue Ann Philipobar, a constituent and a member of the Richfield Village Council, on her visit to the Statehouse.

Senator Cutrona requested a moment of silence in honor of Bryan Tedesco, Mayor of Campbell, Ohio who passed away.

**REPORTS OF REFERENCE AND BILLS FOR SECOND
CONSIDERATION**

Senator McColley 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:

Sub. H. B. No. 15-Representative Klopfenstein, et al.

To amend sections 122.6511, 4905.03, 4906.01, 4906.02, 4906.03, 4906.04, 4906.06, 4906.07, 4906.10, 4906.201, 4909.04, 4909.05, 4909.052, 4909.06, 4909.07, 4909.08, 4909.15, 4909.156, 4909.173, 4909.174, 4909.18, 4909.19, 4909.42, 4928.01, 4928.02, 4928.05, 4928.08, 4928.14, 4928.141, 4928.142, 4928.144, 4928.151, 4928.17, 4928.20, 4928.23, 4928.231, 4928.232, 4928.34, 4928.542, 4928.64, 4928.645, 4929.20, 4933.81, 4935.04, 5727.01, 5727.111, and 5727.75; to enact new section 4906.105 and sections 1.66, 122.161, 4903.27, 4905.321, 4905.331, 4909.041, 4909.042, 4909.159, 4909.181, 4909.192, 4909.193, 4928.041, 4928.101, 4928.102, 4928.149, 4928.73, 4928.83, 4928.86, 4929.221, 4929.222, 4934.01, 4934.011, 4934.04, 4934.05, 4934.06, 4934.07, 4934.071, 4934.072, 4934.08, 4934.09, 4934.10,

4934.11, 4934.12, 4934.13, 4934.14, 4934.17, 4934.18, 4934.20, 4934.21, 4934.23, 4934.25, 4934.26, 4934.27, 4934.35, 4934.36, 4934.37, 4934.38, and 5727.76; and to repeal sections 3706.40, 3706.41, 3706.43, 3706.431, 3706.45, 3706.46, 3706.49, 3706.491, 3706.55, 3706.551, 3706.59, 3706.63, 3706.65, 4906.105, 4928.143, 4928.148, 4928.47, and 4928.642 of the Revised Code to amend the competitive retail electric service law, modify taxation of certain public utility property, and repeal parts of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly.

To the Committee on Energy.

H. B. No. 27-Representatives Callender, Troy, et al.

To enact section 5534.90 of the Revised Code to designate the bridge spanning the Grand River in Lake County as the "Specialist Jacob A. Ashton Memorial Bridge."

To the Committee on Transportation.

Am. H. B. No. 55-Representative Stewart, et al.

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.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. No. 94-Representatives Mathews, A., Hall, T., et al.

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.

To the Committee on Workforce Development.

S. B. No. 158-Senator Timken

To amend section 3313.753 of the Revised Code to generally prohibit student cellular telephone use in public schools.

To the Committee on Education.

S. B. No. 159-Senators Patton, Timken, et al.

To amend sections 122.85, 5726.98, 5747.98, and 5751.98 and to repeal sections 122.852, 5726.59, 5747.67, and 5751.55 of the Revised Code to modify the film and theater production tax credit and to repeal the film and theater capital improvement tax credit.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 160-Senators Liston, Johnson

To enact section 3902.65 of the Revised Code regarding prescription drugs and medication switching.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. B. No. 161-Senators Schaffer, Johnson, et al.

To enact section 5101.548 of the Revised Code to require the Director of Job and Family Services to seek permission to exclude certain items from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

To the Committee on Health.

S. B. No. 162-Senator Blessing

To amend section 3901.388 of the Revised Code regarding the timeframe for health insurer recoupment from health care providers.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. B. No. 163-Senators Blessing, Johnson, et al.

To amend sections 1345.51, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, and 2913.49 and to enact section 1349.10 of the Revised Code to require AI-generated products have a watermark, to prohibit simulated child pornography, and to prohibit identity fraud using a replica of a person.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. No. 164-Senator Cutrona

To amend section 3902.50 and to enact section 3902.80 of the Revised Code to regulate the use of artificial intelligence by health insurers.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. B. No. 165-Senator Manchester

To amend sections 1753.28 and 3923.65 and to enact sections 1753.29 and 3923.66 of the Revised Code to prohibit a health insuring corporation or sickness and accident insurer from reducing or denying a claim based on certain factors.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. B. No. 166-Senator Manning

To amend sections 3901.382 and 5164.46 of the Revised Code to prohibit fees for electronic claims submission by health insurer and the Medicaid program.

To the Committee on Medicaid.

S. B. No. 167-Senator Reynolds

To enact section 1349.07 of the Revised Code to require certain application store-based parental controls.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

YES - 12: NICKIE J. ANTONIO, ANDREW O. BRENNER, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, JERRY C. CIRINO, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, THERESA GAVARONE, BETH LISTON, ROB MCCOLLEY, BILL REINEKE, MICHELE REYNOLDS, 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 Roegner submitted the following report:

The standing committee on General Government, to which was referred **S. R. No. 68**-Senator Roegner, having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its adoption.

YES - 7: KRISTINA D. ROEGNER, THERESA GAVARONE, WILLIS E. BLACKSHEAR, JR., WILLIAM P. DEMORA, STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, BILL REINEKE, JANE M. TIMKEN

NO - 0.

Senator Wilson submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology, to which was referred **S. B. No. 100**-Senator Manchester, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back with the following amendment and recommends its passage when so amended.

In line 6, delete ", a "nonprofit" and insert ":

(1) "Nonprofit"

In line 10, delete "(1)" and insert "(a)"

In line 13, delete "(2)" and insert "(b)"

After line 16, insert:

"(2) "Material marketing" means the official written materials and verbal communications provided to, or directed at, prospective members and members' families for advertising or marketing purposes."

In line 17, delete "A nonprofit agricultural membership organization is"

Delete lines 18 and 19

In line 21, delete "to the organization's members" and insert "that meets all of the following"; after "not" insert "subject to Title XXXIX or Chapter 1739., 1751., or 1753. of the Revised Code and shall not be considered"

In line 22, delete "and is not a health benefit contract"

In line 23, delete ":" and insert ":

(1) The healthcare benefit coverage is provided by a nonprofit agricultural membership organization to the organization's members;

(2) The application for healthcare benefit coverage and any contract provided to a member is in writing;

(3) The application for healthcare benefit coverage and any contract provided to a member prominently states both of the following:

(a) The healthcare benefit coverage is not insurance;

(b) The healthcare benefit coverage is not subject to the laws and rules of this state governing insurance."

In line 24, after "(C)" insert "A nonprofit agricultural membership organization shall not represent that healthcare benefit coverage provided by the organization is insurance in any material marketing.

(D)"

YES - 8: STEVE WILSON, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, LOUIS W.

BLESSING, III, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, WILLIAM P.
DEMORA, BETH LISTON, NATHAN H. MANNING,
THOMAS F. PATTON

NO - 0.

Senator Schaffer submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, to which was referred **S. B. No. 147**-Senator Reineke, having had the same under consideration, reports it back with the following amendment and recommends its passage when so amended.

In line 2098, after "(F)" insert "The board of directors of the joint district shall take all actions necessary to ascertain, apportion, and order a division of the funds on hand, credits, and real and personal property of the district, either in money or in kind, on an equitable basis between the district and the withdrawing county, effective upon the expiration date of the memorandum of understanding.

(G)"

Delete lines 2113 through 2116

In line 2471, strike through "(G)(1)" and insert "(G)"

YES - 8: TIM SCHAFFER, KYLE KOEHLER, PAULA HICKS-
HUDSON, AL LANDIS, BETH LISTON, SUSAN
MANCHESTER, MICHELE REYNOLDS, SHANE
WILKIN

NO - 0.

Senator Huffman submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Health, to which was referred **H. B. No. 4**-Representatives Holmes, Thomas, C., et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsors: Roegner, Huffman, Liston, Johnson, Ingram, Romanchuk.

YES - 7: STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, TERRY JOHNSON, BETH
LISTON, CATHERINE D. INGRAM, SUSAN
MANCHESTER, KRISTINA D. ROEGNER, MARK
ROMANCHUK

NO - 0.

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

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE

S. C. R. No. 7-Senator Koehler.

Cosponsors: Senators Cirino, Ingram, Schaffer, Johnson.

To urge Congress to reissue Department of Defense Civilian Retiree Identification Cards.

WHEREAS, In February 2023, the United States Department of Defense, pursuant to the federal REAL ID Act, stopped issuing new Civilian Retiree Identification Cards and no longer renews existing cards; and

WHEREAS, Civilian Retiree Identification Cards allowed retired civilian Department of Defense personnel to easily access military recreational areas such as Wright-Patterson Air Force Base FamCamp and other camps, parks, and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, In order to access these sites, civilian retirees must now request access from the installation commander and present a REAL ID Act-compliant driver's license and retirement documentation; and

WHEREAS, The new access requirements are significantly more onerous and restrictive than was previously the case when Civilian Retiree Identification Cards were issued and honored; and

WHEREAS, Civilian employees of the Department of Defense form a vital and indispensable component of our national defense; and

WHEREAS, Our "civilian retired veterans" deserve full recognition and benefits for their service to our country, including continuing ease of access to military recreational areas upon their retirement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Congress of the United States to issue Civilian Retiree Identification Cards to qualifying Department of Defense retirees, and to ensure the cards are accepted for access to military recreational areas without the need for further documentation; 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, President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent resolution, **S. C. R. No. 7**, be

adopted?

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antonio	Blackshear	Blessing	Brenner
Chavez	Cirino	Craig	Cutrona
DeMora	Gavarone	Hicks-Hudson	Huffman
Ingram	Johnson	Koehler	Landis
Liston	Manchester	Manning	O'Brien
Patton	Reineke	Reynolds	Roegner
Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith	Timken
Weinstein	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the concurrent resolution was adopted.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Blessing, Brenner, Chavez, Craig, Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Landis, Liston, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Smith, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

S. R. No. 68-Senator Roegner.

To support moving NASA headquarters to Ohio.

WHEREAS, Ohio is the birthplace of aviation and has produced some of our nation's greatest pioneers in space exploration, including more astronauts than any other state; and

WHEREAS, Ohio continues to lead the nation in aerospace research and development and is home to world-class research institutions such as NASA Glenn Research Center, NASA Neil Armstrong Test Facility, and the Air Force Research Laboratory; and

WHEREAS, The lease on the current NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C. will expire in 2028, making this an opportune time to accomplish President Trump's wish to move federal agencies out of Washington, D.C. and reduce federal spending; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's highly skilled workforce, robust transportation infrastructure, and developed manufacturing sector make Ohio a strategic location to support NASA's operations; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's lower cost of living would save taxpayer dollars as compared to other prospective locations for NASA headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Relocating NASA headquarters to Ohio would honor Ohio's contributions to aerospace and space exploration, reinforce Ohio's

position as an international leader in space exploration and aeronautics innovation, and best position NASA for sustained success; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, strongly encourage President Trump, Vice President Vance, and NASA Administrator Designate Isaacman to relocate NASA headquarters to Ohio; 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, Vice President of the United States, NASA Administrator Designate Jared Isaacman, and the news media of Ohio.

The question being, "Shall the resolution, **S. R. No. 68**, be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antonio	Blackshear	Blessing	Brenner
Chavez	Cirino	Craig	Cutrona
DeMora	Gavarone	Hicks-Hudson	Huffman
Ingram	Johnson	Koehler	Landis
Liston	Manchester	Manning	O'Brien
Patton	Reineke	Reynolds	Roegner
Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith	Timken
Weinstein	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the resolution was adopted.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Senators Antonio, Blackshear, Blessing, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, Ingram, Johnson, Koehler, Landis, Liston, Manchester, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

BILLS FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION

Sub. H. B. No. 43-Representatives Fowler Arthur, Thomas, D.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Callender, Deeter, Hall, D., Lawson-Rowe, Miller, J., Santucci, White, A., Williams, Willis. Senator Brenner.

To waive the required minimum instructional hours for Ashtabula Lakeside High School due to the school building being unusable and to declare an emergency, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the section, Section 2, setting forth the

emergency features of the bill, stand as a part of the bill?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antonio	Blackshear	Blessing	Brenner
Chavez	Cirino	Craig	Cutrona
DeMora	Gavarone	Hicks-Hudson	Huffman
Ingram	Johnson	Koehler	Landis
Liston	Manchester	Manning	O'Brien
Patton	Reineke	Reynolds	Roegner
Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith	Timken
Weinstein	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the section, Section 2, setting forth the emergency features of the bill stood as a part of the bill.

The question being, "Shall the bill pass as an emergency measure?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antonio	Blackshear	Blessing	Brenner
Chavez	Cirino	Craig	Cutrona
DeMora	Gavarone	Hicks-Hudson	Huffman
Ingram	Johnson	Koehler	Landis
Liston	Manchester	Manning	O'Brien
Patton	Reineke	Reynolds	Roegner
Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith	Timken
Weinstein	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the bill having received the required constitutional majority passed as an emergency measure.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blessing, Cirino, Craig, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Smith, Wilkin, Wilson."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Am. S. B. No. 100-Senator Manchester.

Cosponsors: Senators Brenner, Koehler, Schaffer, Lang, Weinstein, Ingram, Reynolds, Cutrona, Manning.

To enact section 3901.96 of the Revised Code to exclude nonprofit agricultural membership organizations from insurance regulations, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Am. S. B. No. 100**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antonio	Blackshear	Blessing	Brenner
Chavez	Cirino	Craig	Cutrona
DeMora	Gavarone	Hicks-Hudson	Huffman

Ingram	Johnson	Koehler	Landis
Liston	Manchester	Manning	O'Brien
Patton	Reineke	Reynolds	Roegner
Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith	Timken
Weinstein	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Johnson, Landis, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Romanchuk, Timken, Wilkin, Wilson."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

MOTIONS

Senator Gavarone moved that Senators absent the week of Sunday, March 30, 2025, 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 bill was introduced and considered for the first time:

S. B. No. 168 - Senator Ingram.

Cosponsors: Senators DeMora, Craig, Antonio.

To enact section 3318.72 of the Revised Code regarding school district acquisition of preschool classroom facilities.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

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

S. R. No. 88 - Senator Cutrona.

Honoring Brendon Kilpatrick as the 2024 Football Championship Subdivision Punter of the Year.

S. R. No. 89 - Senator Brenner.

Honoring the Olentangy Orange High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Division I State Championship.

S. R. No. 90 - Senator Brenner.

Honoring the Westerville North High School boys basketball team as the 2025 Division II State Champion.

S. R. No. 91 - Senator Schaffer.

Honoring Maddox Laymon as a 2025 Division II State Wrestling Champion.

S. R. No. 92 - Senator Chavez.

Honoring the Monroe Central High School boys basketball team as the 2025 Division VI State Champion.

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

So the resolutions were adopted.

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.