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EIGHTEENTH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Senator Koehler 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 Johnson submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred **S. B. No. 39**-Senators Johnson, Craig, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Patton.

YES - 6: TERRY JOHNSON, STEVE WILSON, CASEY WEINSTEIN, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, THOMAS F. PATTON, TIM SCHAFFER

NO - 0.

The question being, "Shall the report of the committee be accepted?"

The report of the committee was accepted.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

S. B. No. 129 - Senator Koehler.

Cosponsors: Senators Lang, Romanchuk.

To amend sections 5725.98, 5726.98, 5729.98, 5747.98, and 5751.98 and to enact sections 5725.39, 5726.62, 5727.242, 5727.301, 5729.22, 5736.51, 5747.74, and 5751.56 of the Revised Code to authorize a refundable tax credit for a portion of employer group health plan premiums.

S. B. No. 130 - Senators Antonio, Cirino.

Cosponsors: Senators DeMora, Craig, Wilson, Weinstein.

To enact section 5.266 of the Revised Code to designate April as "Arab American Heritage Month."

S. B. No. 131 - Senator Cutrona.

To amend section 2315.18 of the Revised Code to clarify compensatory damages for damaged vehicles.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

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

S. R. No. 42 - Senators Antonio, Craig.

Cosponsors: Senators Blackshear, Ingram, Hicks-Hudson, Liston, Smith, DeMora, Weinstein.

Honoring Scott W. Stockman for outstanding service to the State of Ohio.

S. R. No. 43 - Senator Schaffer.

Honoring the Ohio Department of Agriculture during March 2025 as National Agriculture Month.

S. R. No. 44 - Senator Schaffer.

Honoring the Village of Baltimore on its Bicentennial.

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

So the resolutions were adopted.

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, Lawrence K. Friedeman, Democrat, from Waterville, Lucas County, Ohio, as a Member of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for a new term beginning April 11, 2025 and ending at the close of business April 10, 2030, replacing Lawrence K. Friedeman, 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 28th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

[Seal]

Mike DeWine,

Governor.

Said appointment 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 passed the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested:

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

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

Sub. H. B. No. 54 -Representative Stewart

Cosponsors: Representatives Schmidt, Abdullahi, Abrams, Baker, Barhorst, Bird, Brennan, Brent, Brewer, Callender, Claggett, Click, Cockley, Creech, Daniels, Deeter, Demetriou, Denson, Dovilla, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Grim, Gross, Hall, D., Hall, T., Hiner, Holmes, Hoops, Humphrey, Jarrells, John, Johnson, Jones, King, Kishman, Klopfenstein, Lampton, Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Lett, Lorenz, Manning, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., McClain, McNally, Miller, J., Miller, K., Miller, M., Mohamed, Mullins, Newman, Peterson, Piccolantonio, Pizzulli, Plummer, Rader, Ray, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Roemer, Rogers, Russo, Salvo, Santucci, Sigrist, Sims, Somani, Stephens, Synenberg, Teska, Thomas, C., Thomas, D., Troy, Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis, Workman, Young

To amend sections 154.01, 306.35, 306.43, 717.02, 1548.061, 3503.11, 3704.14, 4501.01, 4503.038, 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.103, 4503.19, 4505.08, 4506.01, 4506.11, 4507.01, 4507.061, 4507.13, 4507.21, 4507.52, 4508.02, 4511.01, 4511.031, 4511.09, 4511.091, 4511.092, 4511.094, 4511.11, 4511.13, 4511.131, 4511.132, 4511.18, 4511.204, 4511.211, 4511.214, 4511.432, 4511.46, 4511.48, 4511.512, 4511.61, 4511.62, 4511.64, 4511.65, 4511.68, 4511.701, 4511.712, 4513.071, 4513.38, 4513.41, 4517.02, 4519.401, 4955.50, 4955.51, 5501.20, 5501.441, 5502.68, 5513.01, 5515.01, 5515.02, 5515.99, 5517.02, 5517.021, 5525.03, 5525.04, 5525.08, 5525.14, 5571.01, 5736.02, 5736.04, and 5736.13; to enact sections 1548.062, 4503.183, 4503.261, 4503.262, 4505.072, 4511.15, 4511.765, 4561.03, 4955.52, 4955.53, 4955.55, 4955.57, 4981.36, 4981.361, 5501.041, 5511.11, 5515.10, 5517.06, and 5517.08; and to repeal sections 4506.072, 4507.021, 4507.063, 4507.511, 4511.351, 4511.491, and 5501.60 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 755.20 of H.B. 23 of the 135th General Assembly to

make appropriations for programs related to transportation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

Said bills were considered the first time.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 101.35 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate appoints Senator Tim Schaffer as a temporary replacement for Senator George Lang on the Joint Committee on Agency Rules Review (JCARR), for the purpose of the committee's meeting on March 3, 2025.

On the motion of Senator Landis, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.