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SEVENTY-SIXTH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, October 8, 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 Koehler recognized the Clark County Special Olympics Volleyball Team as the 2025 State Champions.

Senator Gavarone, Senator Huffman, and Senator Blackshear recognized Jim Charters for receiving the 2025 Ivonette Wright Miller Award from the National Aviation Heritage Alliance for his lifetime volunteerism in support of aviation heritage.

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

Senator McColley reports for the standing committee on Rules and Reference, recommending that the following bills and resolution, standing in order for second consideration, be referred to committee as recommended:

H. C. R. No. 20-Representatives Dovilla, Santucci, et al.

To honor the distinguished service and exceptional valor of the men and women of the United States Navy and to commemorate the 250th anniversary of its founding.

To the Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

H. B. No. 259-Representatives Daniels, Roemer, et al.

To enact section 5534.609 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 241 in Summit County as the "Captain Joshua Michael McClimans Memorial Highway."

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. B. No. 293-Representatives Rader, Mathews, T., et al.

To enact section 5.282 of the Revised Code to designate the fourth Thursday of January as "NASA Day of Remembrance."

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

H. B. No. 440-Representatives Deeter, Stewart, et al.

To amend sections 4723.091, 4723.092, and 4723.28 of the Revised Code to revise the law governing the Board of Nursing and criminal records check results and to declare an emergency.

To the Committee on Health.

S. B. No. 278-Senator Johnson, et al.

To amend section 9.68 of the Revised Code to permit individuals to seek punitive or exemplary damages against municipal corporations that pass gun control measures.

To the Committee on Local Government.

S. B. No. 279-Senator Johnson, et al.

To amend sections 2923.121 and 2923.1214 and to enact section 2923.1215 of the Revised Code to prohibit a business, state agency, or political subdivision from discouraging or prohibiting a law enforcement officer from carrying a weapon while off duty.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. B. No. 280-Senator Johnson, et al.

To amend sections 4501.01 and 4503.181 of the Revised Code to allow for the registration of a high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle manufactured for military purposes, otherwise known as a humvee, as a historical motor vehicle.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. B. No. 281-Senator Roegner

To amend section 306.04 of the Revised Code to authorize a board of county commissioners, on its own behalf, to award a franchise for the operation of a public transit system.

To the Committee on Local Government.

YES - 12: NICKIE J. ANTONIO, ANDREW O. BRENNER, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, JERRY C. CIRINO, HEARCEL F. CRAIG,

THERESA GAVARONE, GEORGE F. LANG, 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 and resolution were considered a second time and referred to committee as recommended.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES

Senator Manning submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **S. B. No. 55-** Senator Manning, having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

YES - 7: NATHAN H. MANNING, MICHELE REYNOLDS, PAULA
 HICKS-HUDSON, THERESA GAVARONE, AL
 CUTRONA, LOUIS W. BLESSING, III, KENT SMITH

NO - 0.

Senator Huffman submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Health, to which was referred **S. B. No. 137-** Senator Johnson, having had the same under consideration, reports it back with the following amendment and recommends its passage when so amended.

Co-Sponsors: Huffman, Ingram.

In line 30, delete "mental health and addiction services" and insert "behavioral health"

In line 78, delete "mental health and addiction services" and insert "behavioral health"

In line 87, delete "mental"

In line 88, delete "health and addiction services" and insert "behavioral health"

In line 91, delete "mental health and addiction"

In line 92, delete "services" and insert "behavioral health"

YES - 5: STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, TERRY JOHNSON,
CATHERINE D. INGRAM, SUSAN MANCHESTER,
THERESA GAVARONE

NO - 0.

Senator Schaffer submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Transportation, to which was referred **H. B. No. 27**-Representatives Callender, Troy, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Schaffer.

YES - 6: TIM SCHAFFER, NICKIE J. ANTONIO, BRIAN M.
CHAVEZ, BILL REINEKE, KENT SMITH, JANE M.
TIMKEN

NO - 0.

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

BILLS FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION

H. B. No. 171-Representative Schmidt.

Cosponsors: Representatives Lorenz, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Barhorst, Bird, Brennan, Brownlee, Click, Daniels, Deeter, Demetriou, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Grim, Gross, Hall, D., Holmes, Hoops, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, John, Kishman, Mathews, T., Miller, J., Mohamed, Newman, Peterson, Pizzulli, Richardson, Russo, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis.

To enact section 5534.673 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 28 in Clermont County as the "CPT Louis John Speidel Memorial Highway," was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **H. B. No. 171**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Blackshear | Blessing | Brenner |
| Chavez | Cirino | Craig | Cutrona |
| DeMora | Gavarone | Hicks-Hudson | Huffman |
| Ingram | Johnson | Koehler | Landis |
| Lang | Manchester | Manning | O'Brien |
| Reineke | Reynolds | Schaffer | Smith |
| Timken | Weinstein | Wilson | McColley-28 |

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Brenner, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Ingram, Johnson, Lang, O'Brien, Reineke, Schaffer, Timken, Weinstein."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Sub. S. B. No. 55-Senator Manning.

To amend sections 1547.11, 3701.143, 4511.181, and 4511.19 of the Revised Code to change the laws pertaining to operating a vehicle or watercraft while under the influence of marihuana and the admissibility of evidence for purposes of OVI statutes, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Sub. S. B. No. 55**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Blackshear | Blessing | Brenner |
| Chavez | Cirino | Craig | Cutrona |
| DeMora | Gavarone | Hicks-Hudson | Huffman |
| Ingram | Johnson | Koehler | Landis |
| Lang | Manchester | Manning | O'Brien |
| Reineke | Reynolds | Schaffer | Smith |
| Timken | Weinstein | Wilson | McColley-28 |

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Senators Antonio, Blackshear, Blessing, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, Ingram, Johnson, Koehler, Landis, Lang, Reineke, Reynolds, Wilson."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Am. S. B. No. 137-Senator Johnson.

Cosponsors: Senators Huffman, Ingram.

To enact sections 3727.81, 3727.811, and 5119.192 of the Revised Code to require hospitals to provide overdose reversal drugs under certain circumstances, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Am. S. B. No. 137**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Blackshear | Blessing | Brenner |
| Chavez | Cirino | Craig | Cutrona |
| DeMora | Gavarone | Hicks-Hudson | Huffman |
| Ingram | Johnson | Koehler | Landis |
| Lang | Manchester | Manning | O'Brien |

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| Reineke | Reynolds | Schaffer | Smith |
| Timken | Weinstein | Wilson | McColley-28 |

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Landis, O'Brien, Reineke, Reynolds, Timken, Weinstein, Wilson."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

S. B. No. 189-Senator Craig.

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Wilson, Ingram, Smith.

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.742 of the Revised Code to create the "COSI" specialty license plate, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 189**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Blackshear | Blessing | Brenner |
| Chavez | Cirino | Craig | Cutrona |
| DeMora | Gavarone | Hicks-Hudson | Huffman |
| Ingram | Johnson | Koehler | Landis |
| Lang | Manchester | Manning | O'Brien |
| Reineke | Reynolds | Schaffer | Smith |
| Timken | Weinstein | Wilson | McColley-28 |

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Blackshear, Brenner, Cirino, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Johnson, Lang, Reineke, Schaffer, Timken, Weinstein."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

MOTIONS

Senator Lang moved that Senators absent the week of Sunday, October 5, 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 bills were introduced and considered for the first time:

S. B. No. 282 - Senator Schaffer.

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.912 of the Revised Code to create the "American Motorcyclist Association" license plate.

S. B. No. 283 - Senator Schaffer.

To amend section 5322.03 and to enact section 5322.07 of the Revised Code to modify the law governing self-service storage facilities.

S. B. No. 284 - Senator Schaffer.

To amend sections 5747.15 and 5751.06 and to enact section 5739.125 of the Revised Code to waive penalties for taxpayers that do not file certain tax returns because no tax is due.

S. B. No. 285 - Senator Schaffer.

To amend section 5713.34 of the Revised Code to exempt agricultural land converted to certain conservation uses from recoupment charges.

S. B. No. 286 - Senator Schaffer.

To amend section 517.23 of the Revised Code to require cemetery operators to relocate remains if the gravestone is relocated.

S. B. No. 287 - Senator Hicks-Hudson.

To create the Farming and Workforce Development Program and to make an appropriation.

S. B. No. 288 - Senator Hicks-Hudson.

Cosponsors: Senators Craig, Smith.

To create the Ohio Food and Agriculture Policy Council and to make an appropriation.

S. B. No. 289 - Senator Hicks-Hudson.

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Craig.

To amend section 4713.08 and to enact section 4713.47 of the Revised Code to establish a natural hair stylist education grant program and to make an appropriation.

S. B. No. 290 - Senators Patton, Reynolds.

To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact section 3313.475 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 221.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly to require public and chartered nonpublic schools to purchase and install an exterior secure master key box on each school building.

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following bills:

Sub. H. B. No. 57-Representatives Jarrells, Williams – et al.

H. B. No. 144-Representatives Click, Lorenz – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

The President signed said bills.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Rules No. 19 and 20, the President of the Senate temporarily appoints Senator Theresa Gavarone as a replacement for Senator Kristina Roegner on the Senate Health Committee for the purposes of the October 8, 2025 meeting.

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate recessed until 2:30 p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to the recess.

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.