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TWENTY-NINTH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Sister John Paul, Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist Religious Order in Worthington, 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 the Waterford High School Girls Basketball team as the Ohio High School Athletic Association Division VII State Champions.

Senator Wilson, Senator Ingram and Senator Blessing recognized the Winton Woods High School Girls Basketball team as the Ohio High School Athletic Association Division II State Champions.

Senator Weinstein and Senator Roegner recognized the University of Akron Zips Men's Basketball team as the 2025 Mid-American Conference Champions.

Senator Weinstein and Senator Roegner recognized the University of Akron Basketball coach, John Groce, as the Hugh Durham National Coach of the Year.

Senator Schaffer recognized Stephanie Crockatt and Matt Riddle of Dawes Arboretum on their visit to the Statehouse.

**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. B. No. 51-Representatives Klopfenstein, King, et al.

To enact section 5534.427 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 33 in Auglaize County as the "Lt. James A. Kirkendall Memorial Highway."

To the Committee on Transportation.

Am. H. B. No. 65-Representatives Klopfenstein, Peterson, et al.

To enact sections 5.2322, 5.2411, 5.2412, 5.2413, 5.2414, 5.2415, and 5.268 of the Revised Code to make specified day and week designations relating to agriculture and to name this act the Agriculture Appreciation Act.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

H. B. No. 80-Representative Stewart, et al.

To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

Am. H. B. No. 81-Representative Stewart, et al.

To amend sections 4121.12, 4121.121, 4121.13, 4121.41, 4121.45, 4123.44, 4123.52, 4123.54, 4123.57, 4123.66, 4125.07, 4133.10, 4167.01, 4167.10, and 5145.163 and to repeal sections 4167.25, 4167.27, and 4167.28 of the Revised Code to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs, and to make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. R. No. 93-Senators Smith, Antonio, et al.

To call on legislators at the state and federal level and other communities and jurisdictions to support an amendment to the United States Constitution that would abolish corporate personhood and the doctrine of money as speech.

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

S. B. No. 168-Senator Ingram, et al.

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

To the Committee on Finance.

S. B. No. 169-Senator Ingram, et al.

To amend sections 109.71 and 109.79 and to enact section 109.7413 of the Revised Code to require training on emotional intelligence for peace officers.

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

S. B. No. 170-Senators Huffman, Roegner

To enact sections 4729.891, 4731.971, 4731.972, 4731.973, 4731.975, 4731.976, 4731.977, 4731.978, 4731.979, and 4731.9710 of the Revised Code regarding individualized investigational treatments for life-threatening or severely debilitating illnesses.

To the Committee on Health.

S. B. No. 171-Senator DeMora

To amend sections 123.28, 123.281, and 307.696 and to enact section 123.282 of the Revised Code to condition public funds for sports facilities on the sport franchise's performance and other criteria, and to name this act the Public Access to Professional Sports Act.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. B. No. 172-Senator Roegner

To enact section 9.631 of the Revised Code to specify that persons who are unlawfully present in the United States are not privileged from arrest.

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

S. B. No. 173-Senators Schaffer, Brenner

To amend section 3311.06 of the Revised Code regarding school district territory annexations.

To the Committee on Education.

S. B. No. 174-Senators Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson

To amend sections 109.65, 313.121, 1713.55, 1733.242, 2108.81, 2111.08, 2151.011, 2151.23, 2151.33, 2151.90, 2301.03, 2307.50, 2317.02, 2701.03, 2705.031, 2901.30, 3101.041, 3105.011, 3105.21, 3105.63, 3105.65, 3109.03, 3109.04, 3109.043, 3109.05, 3109.051, 3109.052, 3109.054, 3109.055, 3109.06, 3109.061, 3109.09, 3109.11, 3109.12, 3109.401, 3109.41, 3109.42, 3109.43, 3109.44, 3109.47, 3109.48, 3109.50, 3109.51, 3109.52, 3109.53, 3109.55, 3109.56, 3109.58, 3109.60, 3109.65, 3109.66, 3109.68, 3109.74, 3111.13, 3111.26, 3111.381, 3113.31, 3119.01, 3119.06, 3119.07, 3119.08, 3119.24, 3119.82, 3119.87, 3119.964, 3125.03, 3125.06, 3125.43, 3127.01, 3127.11, 3127.23, 3127.35, 3310.51, 3313.205, 3313.64, 3313.666, 3313.672, 3313.712, 3313.96, 3313.98, 3319.321, 3321.01, 3323.143, 3328.01, 3332.25,

3333.26, 3345.85, 3701.503, 3780.33, 3796.24, 3902.13, 3924.47, 5104.017, 5104.018, 5104.039, 5107.02, 5120.652, 5120.653, 5123.01, 5153.16, and 5180.14; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 3109.043 (3109.0497), 3109.051 (3109.0515), 3109.054 (3109.0550), and 3109.055 (3109.0570); to enact new sections 3109.041, 3109.042, 3109.054, and 3109.055 and sections 3109.044, 3109.045, 3109.046, 3109.047, 3109.048, 3109.049, 3109.0410, 3109.0411, 3109.0412, 3109.0414, 3109.0415, 3109.0416, 3109.0417, 3109.0418, 3109.0419, 3109.0420, 3109.0421, 3109.0422, 3109.0423, 3109.0424, 3109.0425, 3109.0426, 3109.0428, 3109.0430, 3109.0432, 3109.0433, 3109.0434, 3109.0435, 3109.0436, 3109.0439, 3109.0440, 3109.0441, 3109.0442, 3109.0445, 3109.0446, 3109.0449, 3109.0450, 3109.0451, 3109.0452, 3109.0453, 3109.0455, 3109.0456, 3109.0457, 3109.0458, 3109.0459, 3109.0461, 3109.0462, 3109.0463, 3109.0465, 3109.0466, 3109.0467, 3109.0468, 3109.0470, 3109.0471, 3109.0472, 3109.0473, 3109.0474, 3109.0475, 3109.0476, 3109.0477, 3109.0478, 3109.0479, 3109.0482, 3109.0483, 3109.0484, 3109.0485, 3109.0486, 3109.0487, 3109.0488, 3109.0489, 3109.0490, 3109.0491, 3109.0492, 3109.0493, 3109.0498, 3109.056, 3109.057, 3109.058, 3109.059, 3109.0510, 3109.0511, 3109.0512, 3109.0516, 3109.0517, 3109.0518, 3109.0519, 3109.0521, 3109.0522, 3109.0523, 3109.0524, 3109.0526, 3109.0527, 3109.0528, 3109.0529, 3119.071, and 3119.072; and to repeal sections 3109.041, 3109.042, and 3109.053 of the Revised Code regarding the allocation of parenting responsibilities in a parenting plan.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

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

The standing committee on Education, to which was referred **S. B. No. 7**-Senator Johnson, having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsors: Huffman, Brenner.

YES - 7: ANDREW O. BRENNER, LOUIS W. BLESSING, III,
 CATHERINE D. INGRAM, AL CUTRONA, STEPHEN A.
 HUFFMAN, KYLE KOEHLER, KENT SMITH

NO - 0.

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

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE

S. C. R. No. 3-Senator Schaffer.

Cosponsors: Senators Reineke, Lang, Wilkin, Huffman.

To urge Congress to make changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act to allow a person under 16 years of age to be employed between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. during the school year.

WHEREAS, The United States lost over 22 million jobs and had an unemployment rate of 14.8% in April 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the highest observed unemployment rate since data collection began in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Employers are still experiencing a shortage of workers to fill the eight million currently available positions, despite the economy recovering jobs that were lost because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Teenage workers are becoming a larger portion of the United States workforce, with an unemployment rate of 13.2% in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, Business owners have had to adjust their operations in response to the ongoing labor shortage, including decreasing their open hours; and

WHEREAS, Business owners could more quickly return to regular operations, including resuming their usual open hours, by being able to hire the necessary staff to meet their operating needs; and

WHEREAS, The Fair Labor Standards Act and Ohio law permits a person under 16 years of age to work until 9 p.m. during summer months or other school holidays; and

WHEREAS, Extending the hours which a person under 16 years of age may work during the school year allows business owners to hire the staff

required for the business to resume operating during its usual hours of operation; and

WHEREAS, Local economic growth results when more people are employed and earn wages to spend on goods and services produced by businesses within the local area, which in turn requires businesses to hire more workers to meet the increased demand; 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 make changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act to allow a person under 16 years of age to be employed between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. during the school year if the person has approval to do so from the person's parent or legal guardian; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 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. 3**, be adopted?

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 24, nays 9, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Blessing	Brenner	Chavez	Cirino
Cutrona	Gavarone	Huffman	Johnson
Koehler	Landis	Lang	Manchester
Manning	O'Brien	Patton	Reineke
Reynolds	Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer
Timken	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-24

Those who voted in the negative were: Senators

Antonio	Blackshear	Craig	DeMora
Hicks-Hudson	Ingram	Liston	Smith
			Weinstein-9

So the concurrent resolution was adopted.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Brenner, Cirino, Gavarone, Johnson, O'Brien, Patton, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, 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. S. B. No. 7-Senator Johnson.

Cosponsors: Senators Huffman, Brenner.

To amend sections 3301.0732, 3313.60, and 3313.6024 and to enact sections 3301.0722, 3301.165, 3313.6031, 3314.0311, 3326.092, and 3328.60 of the Revised Code regarding instruction for students in the harmful effects of substance use, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Sub. S. B. No. 7**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 33, 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
Lang	Liston	Manchester	Manning
O'Brien	Patton	Reineke	Reynolds
Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith
Timken	Weinstein	Wilkin	Wilson
			McColley-33

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Cirino, Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Landis, Liston, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, 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. 50-Senator Schaffer.

Cosponsors: Senators Reineke, Lang, Wilkin, Huffman.

To amend sections 3331.02 and 4109.07 of the Revised Code regarding age and schooling certificate requirements and work hours for a person under sixteen years of age, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 50**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 24, nays 9, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Blessing	Brenner	Chavez	Cirino
Cutrona	Gavarone	Huffman	Johnson
Koehler	Landis	Lang	Manchester
Manning	O'Brien	Patton	Reineke
Reynolds	Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer
Timken	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-24

Those who voted in the negative were: Senators

Antonio	Blackshear	Craig	DeMora
Hicks-Hudson	Ingram	Liston	Smith
			Weinstein-9

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Brenner, Cirino, Gavarone, Johnson, Koehler, Landis, O'Brien, Patton, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Wilson."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Am. S. B. No. 147-Senator Reineke.

To amend sections 343.01, 343.011, 343.012, 343.022, 343.08, 3714.07, 3714.073, 3734.521, 3734.53, 3734.56, 3734.57, and 3734.574 and to enact section 3734.522 of the Revised Code to make changes to the laws governing the transfer and disposal of solid waste and construction and demolition debris and to provide for new procedures governing a county's withdrawal from a joint solid waste management district, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Am. S. B. No. 147**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 33, 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
Lang	Liston	Manchester	Manning
O'Brien	Patton	Reineke	Reynolds
Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith
Timken	Weinstein	Wilkin	Wilson
			McColley-33

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, Ingram, Johnson, Lang, Manning, O'Brien, Patton, Schaffer, Timken, Weinstein, Wilson."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced and considered for the first time:

S. B. No. 175 - Senator Patton.

To enact sections 1349.07, 1349.071, 1349.072, 1349.073, 1349.074, 1349.075, and 1349.076 of the Revised Code to establish age verification and parental consent requirements for certain developers and application stores.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 55, the following resolution was offered:

S. R. No. 102 - Senators Roegner, Weinstein.

Honoring John Groce on receiving the 2025 Hugh Durham National Coach of the Year Award.

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

So the resolution was adopted.

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 Rule Review (JCARR), for the purpose of the committee's meeting on April 8, 2025.

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.