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TWENTIETH DAY  
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio  
**Tuesday, March 11, 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 Brenner 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. R. No. 21**-Senator Schaffer, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its adoption.

Co-Sponsors: Patton, Johnson, Craig.

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

NO - 0.

Senator Johnson submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred **S. R. No. 22**-Senator Schaffer, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its adoption.

Co-Sponsors: Patton, Johnson, Craig.

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

NO - 0.

Senator Romanchuk submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Medicaid, to which was referred **S. C. R. No. 5**-Senator Koehler, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its adoption.

Co-Sponsors: Huffman, Wilson, Johnson, Romanchuk.

YES - 4:     MARK ROMANCHUK, STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, TERRY  
                 JOHNSON, STEVE WILSON

NO - 2:        BETH LISTON, CATHERINE D. INGRAM

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

### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

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

**S. B. No. 136** - Senators Schaffer, Chavez.

Cosponsors: Senators Wilkin, Timken.

To enact sections 1509.71, 1509.72, 1509.73, 1509.75, 1509.76, 1509.77, 1509.79, 5301.57, 5301.58, 5301.59, and 5301.60 of the Revised Code to establish a process to regulate carbon capture and storage technologies and the geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide for long-term storage.

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

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.

**S. B. No. 138** - Senator Johnson.

To amend sections 340.011, 340.03, 340.032, 340.036, 340.041, 340.05, 340.08, 5119.22, 5119.221, 5119.25, and 5119.99 and to enact section 340.038 of the Revised Code to modify various laws regarding boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services and to impose penalties for not registering recovery housing residences.

**S. B. No. 139** - Senator Ingram.

Cosponsors: Senators Lang, DeMora, Craig, Smith.

To enact section 5.295 of the Revised Code to designate May 13 as "Judge Nathaniel R. Jones Day."

**S. B. No. 140** - Senators Ingram, Reynolds.

Cosponsors: Senators Smith, Craig.

To enact section 3702.35 of the Revised Code regarding freestanding birthing centers.

**S. B. No. 141** - Senator Hicks-Hudson.

Cosponsors: Senators DeMora, Ingram.

To amend section 5705.19 and to enact section 307.852 of the Revised Code to authorize counties and other political subdivisions to place on the ballot tax levies supporting pre-kindergarten programs and to establish conditions on a county's use of moneys derived from the levied tax.

**S. B. No. 142** - Senator Hicks-Hudson.

Cosponsors: Senators DeMora, Ingram, Antonio.

To amend sections 4111.06, 4111.14, 5122.28, 5123.022, 5123.023, 5123.87, 5747.98, and 5751.98 and to enact sections 3304.45, 4111.061, 5747.87, and 5751.56 of the Revised Code to phase out the subminimum wage for individuals with physical or mental disabilities, to authorize a tax credit for purchases made from nonprofit corporations that hire such individuals, and to name this act the Ohio Employment First and Greater Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities Act.

**S. B. No. 143** - Senators Craig, Blessing.

To enact section 4113.86 of the Revised Code to prohibit private employers from including on an employment application any question concerning the criminal background of the applicant.

**S. B. No. 144** - Senator Ingram.

To amend sections 3319.079 and 3319.22 of the Revised Code regarding educator license grade bands.

### OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senators Lang, Craig offered the following concurrent resolution:

**S. C. R. No. 10**-Senators Lang, Craig.

To support and encourage the work of the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial in celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent resolution, **S. C. R. No. 10**, be adopted?"

On the motion of Senator Koehler, **S. C. R. No. 10**, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference.

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

**S. R. No. 45** - Senator Koehler.

Honoring Dave Chappelle as a 2025 Grammy Award winner.

**S. R. No. 46** - Senator Chavez.

Honoring Mason Francis as a two-time 2025 Division II State Swimming Champion.

**S. R. No. 47** - Senator Brenner.

Honoring the Olentangy Berlin High School competition cheer team on winning the 2024 OHSAA Division I Spirit State Championship.

**S. R. No. 48** - Senator Wilson.

Honoring the Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy girls 400-yard freestyle relay team as the 2025 Division II State Champion.

**S. R. No. 49** - Senator Wilson.

Honoring Julia Shafer on winning three 2025 Division II State Championship titles in swimming.

**S. R. No. 50** - Senator Wilson.

Honoring Taylor Bacher on securing a 2025 Division II State Swimming Championship title.

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

So the resolutions were adopted.

### **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:

**H. B. No. 13** -Representative Pizzulli

Cosponsors: Representatives Schmidt, Click, Fischer, Brennan, Bird, Russo, Klopfenstein, Stephens, Abdullahi, Abrams, Barhorst, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Callender, Creech, Deeter, Denson, Ghanbari, Grim, Hall, D., Jones, Lear, Manning, Mathews, A., Miller, J., Newman, Oelslager, Peterson, Plummer, Rader, Ray, Ritter, Robinson, Sigrist, Sims, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Williams, Young

To enact section 5.267 of the Revised Code to designate November 5th as "Roy Rogers Day."

**H. B. No. 64** -Representatives Thomas, D., Deeter

Cosponsors: Representatives Bird, Lear, Lorenz, Stewart, Glassburn, Troy, Jones, Gross, Salvo, Miller, J., Williams, Miller, K., Dean, John, Hiner, Johnson, Sigrist, Kishman, Miller, M., Robb Blasdel, Klopfenstein, Fowler Arthur, Brennan, Fischer, Richardson, Mathews, T., Abrams, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Callender, Claggett, Click, Creech, Daniels, Demetriou, Denson, Ferguson, Ghanbari, Grim, Hall, T., Hoops, King, Lampton, LaRe, Lett, Manning, Mathews, A., McClain, McNally, Mohamed, Mullins, Newman, Odioso, Oelslager, Peterson, Pizzulli, Plummer, Rader, Ray, Ritter, Roemer, Rogers, Russo, Santucci, Schmidt, Sims, Sweeney, Synenberg, Teska, Thomas, C., White, A., White, E., Workman, Young

To amend sections 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.32, and 1533.321 of the Revised Code to allow Ohio residents who are 65 and up, instead of 66 and up, to qualify for discounted hunting and fishing licenses and permits.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,  
Clerk.

Said bills were considered the first time.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, the President of the Senate appoints the following senators to serve on the committee to wait upon the Governor at the State of the State address on March 12, 2025 in the House Chamber of the Ohio Statehouse:

Senator Bill Reineke  
Senator Theresa Gavarone  
Senator Steve Wilson  
Senator Jerry Cirino  
Senator Nickie J. Antonio  
Senator Hearcel F. Craig  
Senator Kent Smith  
Senator Beth Liston

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Pursuant to Section 5512.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate appoints Jim Brennan of Wood County, to the Transportation Review Advisory Council for the remainder of the vacant unexpired term ending July 1, 2025.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Pursuant to Section 4906.02(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate appoints the following senators to serve as non-voting members on the Power Siting Board:

Senator Shane Wilkin  
Senator Andrew Brenner, as alternate  
Senator Kent Smith  
Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson, as alternate

On the motion of Senator Koehler, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,  
Clerk.