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THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY  
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio  
**Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 1:30 p.m.**

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Senator Hearcel F. Craig, 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:

President McColley recognized the Columbus Grove High School Girls Basketball team as the 2025 Division VI State Champions.

Senator Brenner recognized the Westerville North Boys Basketball team as the 2025 Division II State Champions.

Senator Landis recognized the Dover High School Cheerleading team as the 2025 OASSA Division 3 Game Day State Cheer Champions.

Senator Roegner and Senator Weinstein recognized the Archbishop Hoban High School Mock Trial team as the 2025 State Champions.

Senator DeMora recognized the Upper Arlington High School Ice Hockey team as the 2025 OHSAA State Champions.

Senator Koehler recognized Alaina Freeze as the 2025 Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches Division III State Indoor Champion in the pole vault.

Senator Brenner recognized the former Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Fred Dailey and his wife Rita, 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, standing in order for second consideration, be referred to committee as recommended:

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

To enact sections 3313.7118, 3313.7119, 3314.148, 3326.62, and 3328.40 of the Revised Code regarding school policies on the administration of overdose reversal drugs.

To the Committee on Education.

**Sub. H. B. No. 126**-Representatives Mathews, A., Craig, et al.

To amend sections 715.44, 2307.71, and 2307.72 and to enact section 2307.801 of the Revised Code to prohibit public nuisance actions concerning product liability.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**H. B. No. 130**-Representatives LaRe, Brennan, et al.

To enact section 5162.213 of the Revised Code regarding notification requirements for the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program.

To the Committee on Medicaid.

**S. B. No. 191**-Senator Huffman

To enact section 3317.251 of the Revised Code regarding disadvantaged pupil impact aid for scholarship students attending chartered nonpublic schools and to make an appropriation.

To the Committee on Finance.

**S. B. No. 192**-Senator Reynolds

To declare the General Assembly's intent to provide funding for the purpose of developing, repairing, or upgrading infrastructure that services housing in rural counties.

To the Committee on Housing.

**S. B. No. 193**-Senator Roegner

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.

**S. B. No. 194**-Senator Schaffer

To amend sections 5101.54, 5101.542, 5101.84, and 5101.98 and to enact sections 5101.042, 5101.543, 5101.546, 5101.95, and 5101.96 of the Revised Code to make various changes to public assistance benefits programs.

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

**S. B. No. 195**-Senator Schaffer

To amend sections 124.1310, 323.151, 323.152, 323.153, 3737.22, 3901.86, 4113.41, 4765.01, 4765.55, 5747.08, and 5747.98 and to enact sections 3333.27, 4765.551, 4765.61, 5747.87, and 5747.88 of the Revised Code to make changes regarding volunteer fire departments and volunteer firefighters and to make an appropriation.

To the Committee on Finance.

**S. B. No. 196**-Senator DeMora, et al.

To enact section 1345.53 of the Revised Code to limit the amount of fees charged in connection with ticket sales.

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

**S. B. No. 197**-Senator Manning

To amend sections 109.32, 109.572, 119.12, 121.95, 131.02, 173.121, 718.031, 959.05, 1309.109, 1711.09, 1716.21, 2915.01, 2915.02, 2915.06, 2915.061, 2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.09, 2915.091, 2915.092, 2915.093, 2915.094, 2915.095, 2915.10, 2915.101, 2915.11, 2915.12, 2915.13, 2915.14, 2915.15, 2923.121, 2927.21, 2933.51, 3123.89, 3123.90, 3517.091, 3763.01, 3769.03, 3769.031, 3769.04, 3769.041, 3769.05, 3769.06, 3769.07, 3769.071, 3769.072, 3769.08, 3769.082, 3769.083, 3769.084, 3769.085, 3769.087, 3769.089, 3769.0810, 3769.09, 3769.091, 3769.10, 3769.101, 3769.12, 3769.13, 3769.131, 3769.14, 3769.20, 3769.201, 3769.21, 3769.22, 3769.25, 3769.26, 3769.27, 3770.02, 3770.03, 3770.05, 3770.06, 3770.07, 3770.071, 3770.072, 3770.073, 3770.08, 3770.10, 3770.13, 3770.21, 3770.24, 3770.25, 3770.99, 3772.01, 3772.02, 3772.03, 3772.031, 3772.04, 3772.062, 3772.07, 3772.09, 3772.091, 3772.10, 3772.13, 3772.131, 3772.15, 3772.16, 3772.17, 3772.18, 3772.23, 3772.31, 3772.37, 3772.99, 3774.01, 3774.02, 3774.03, 3774.04, 3774.09, 3775.01, 3775.02, 3775.03, 3775.06, 3775.09, 3775.10, 3775.11, 3775.13, 3775.99, 4301.03, 4301.58, 4303.17, 5701.11, 5747.01, 5747.02, 5747.062, 5747.063, 5747.08, 5747.12, 5747.20, 5751.01, 5753.01, 5753.021, 5753.03, 5753.031, and 5907.18; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 173.121 (3768.20), 2915.06 (3777.03), 2915.061 (3777.04), 2915.07 (3768.18), 2915.08 (3768.04), 2915.081 (3768.16), 2915.082 (3768.17), 2915.09 (3768.05), 2915.091 (3768.06), 2915.092 (3768.02), 2915.093 (3768.07), 2915.094 (3768.08), 2915.095 (3768.09), 2915.10 (3768.14), 2915.101 (3768.13), 2915.11 (3768.15), 2915.12 (3768.19), 2915.13 (3768.10), 2915.14 (3768.11), 2915.15 (3768.12), 3769.01 (3769.02), 3770.01 (3770.011), 3770.10 (3770.01), and 5907.18 (3768.21); to enact new section 3769.01 and sections 3768.01, 3768.03, 3768.22, 3768.23, 3769.081, 3769.11, 3769.99, 3770.211, 3770.212, 3770.213, 3770.214, 3770.26, 3771.01,

3771.02, 3771.03, 3771.04, 3771.05, 3771.06, 3771.07, 3771.08, 3771.09, 3771.10, 3771.11, 3771.12, 3771.13, 3771.99, 3772.113, 3772.132, 3772.221, 3772.231, 3772.28, 3772.281, 3772.311, 3772.312, 3772.313, 3772.314, 3772.315, 3772.316, 3772.317, 3772.38, 3772.39, 3772.40, 3772.41, 3772.98, 3777.01, 3777.02, 3777.05, 3777.06, 5753.022, and 5753.032; and to repeal sections 3769.02, 3769.021, 3770.23, 3772.25, 3775.16, and 5747.064 of the Revised Code to legalize internet gambling and levy a tax on businesses that provide internet gambling, to permit internet lottery gaming and online wagering on horse racing, to make other changes to the Gambling Law, and to make an appropriation.

To the Committee on Select Committee on Gaming.

**S. B. No. 198-Senator Koehler**

To amend sections 3902.50 and 3902.70; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 3902.72 (3902.75); and to enact new section 3902.72 of the Revised Code to prohibit drug manufacturers from taking certain actions regarding reimbursements made to 340B covered entities.

To the Committee on Health.

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 were considered a second time and referred to committee as recommended.

**REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES**

Senator McColley submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Rules and Reference to which was referred the appointment by the Governor of:

**Pattison, Mary**, from Rocky River, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission for a term beginning

March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business January 1, 2033, replacing Susan Tate, whose term expired.

Having had the same under consideration, reports back the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to said appointment.

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 Senate advise and consent to the appointment by the Governor?"

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
Lang	Liston	Manchester	Manning
O'Brien	Patton	Reineke	Reynolds
Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith
Timken	Weinstein	Wilkin	McColley-32

So the Senate advised and consented to said appointment.

## RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE

### **S. R. No. 22-Senator Schaffer.**

Cosponsors: Senators Brenner, Koehler, Cirino, DeMora, O'Brien, Weinstein, Smith, Wilson, Wilkin, Patton, Johnson, Craig.

To urge the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the United States Congress to take prompt action to reduce the processing time for veterans' disability benefit claims.

WHEREAS, The service members of the United States armed forces have bravely and selflessly served our country; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits program provides monetary support to veterans whose military service has caused or aggravated a disabling medical condition; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, the total number of veterans with a service-connected disability has increased every year since 1991 and was 4,944,275 in 2019; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department took an average of 139.3 days to complete disability-related claims in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Government Accountability Office made several recommendations directed toward improving the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' capacity to manage workload risks, monitor and assess performance, and plan for further development of information technology; and

WHEREAS, The "Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017," 38 U.S.C. 7113, made changes to improve the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' appeals process and also required the U.S. Government Accountability Office to assess the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' original plan to improve the veterans benefits claim appeals process; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has failed to comply with the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Congress of the United States to take prompt action to reduce the processing time for veterans' disability benefit claims; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to adopt policies to ensure that, for each applicant, the disability benefits program appeals process concludes not later than three months following the date on which an applicant receives an initial determination letter from the Department; 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, the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

The question being, "Shall the resolution, **S. R. No. 22**, be adopted?"

Senator Craig moved to amend as follows:

In line 32, after "2017;" insert "and

WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs' essential duty of lowering wait times and ensuring veterans receive the benefits they are entitled requires the Department to be adequately staffed. The planned elimination of 80,000 jobs in the agency would drastically impede the

agency's ability to fulfill this mission;"

After line 45, insert:

"RESOLVED, That the Ohio Senate believes that it is necessary to halt the mass elimination of Department of Veterans Affairs staff, especially veterans, and to reinstate those that have recently been fired; and be it further"

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

Senator Reineke moved that the amendment be laid on the table.

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

A roll call was requested which was properly supported.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 23, 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		McColley-23

Those who voted in the negative were: Senators

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

The amendment was laid on the table.

The question recurred, "Shall the resolution, **S. R. No. 22**, 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
Lang	Liston	Manchester	Manning
O'Brien	Patton	Reineke	Reynolds
Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith
Timken	Weinstein	Wilkin	McColley-32

So the resolution was adopted.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Chavez, Cutrona, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Landis, Lang, Liston, Manning, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Timken."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.



**BILLS FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION****S. B. No. 63**-Senators Gavarone, DeMora.

Cosponsor: Senator Huffman.

To amend sections 3501.01 and 5747.502 and to enact sections 3505.011, 3513.141, 5747.504, and 5747.505 of the Revised Code to generally prohibit the use of ranked choice voting and to withhold Local Government Fund distributions from a municipality or chartered county that uses ranked choice voting, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 63**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 27, nays 5, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antonio	Blessing	Brenner	Chavez
Cirino	Craig	Cutrona	DeMora
Gavarone	Huffman	Ingram	Johnson
Koehler	Landis	Lang	Manchester
Manning	O'Brien	Patton	Reineke
Reynolds	Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer
Timken	Wilkin		McColley-27

Senators Blackshear, Hicks-Hudson, Liston, Smith, and Weinstein voted in the negative-5.

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Brenner, Cirino, Cutrona, Johnson, Koehler, Lang, O'Brien, Patton, Reynolds, Timken, Wilkin."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

**S. B. No. 95**-Senators Reynolds, Craig.

To enact section 5534.428 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of I-71 in Columbus as the "Chief of Police James G. Jackson Memorial Highway", was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 95**, 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
Lang	Liston	Manchester	Manning
O'Brien	Patton	Reineke	Reynolds
Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith
Timken	Weinstein	Wilkin	McColley-32

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Brenner, Cirino, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Johnson, Lang, Liston, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

**Sub. S. B. No. 158**-Senator Timken.

Cosponsors: Senators Brenner, Koehler.

To amend sections 3313.753 and 5502.262 of the Revised Code to generally prohibit student cellular telephone use in public schools, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Sub. S. B. No. 158**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 30, nays 2, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antonio	Blackshear	Blessing	Brenner
Chavez	Cirino	Craig	Cutrona
Gavarone	Hicks-Hudson	Huffman	Ingram
Johnson	Koehler	Landis	Lang
Manchester	Manning	O'Brien	Patton
Reineke	Reynolds	Roegner	Romanchuk
Schaffer	Smith	Timken	Weinstein
Wilkin			McColley-30

Senators DeMora and Liston voted in the negative-2.

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Cirino, Cutrona, Gavarone, Lang, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Wilkin."

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, May 11, 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. 199** - Senator Blessing.

To amend sections 123.28, 123.281, 5753.01, 5753.031, 5753.04, 5753.05, 5753.06, 5753.07, 5753.08, and 5753.12 and to enact sections 123.282 and 5753.022 of the Revised Code to levy a fee on gross sports gaming wagers and to use revenue from the fee to support publicly owned professional sports facilities and interscholastic athletics.

**S. B. No. 200** - Senators Weinstein, Brenner.

Cosponsors: Senators Romanchuk, Wilson, Smith.

To enact section 122.1712 of the Revised Code to create the Ohio Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership and to make an appropriation.

**S. B. No. 201** - Senator Schaffer.

To amend section 917.031 and to enact section 926.181 of the Revised Code to revise the milk inspection fees, to require large agricultural commodity handlers to execute a surety bond in case of failure, and to make an appropriation.

**S. B. No. 202** - Senator Schaffer.

To amend sections 4781.40, 5301.072, 5311.191, and 5321.131 of the Revised Code to prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag and to name this act the Chief Steven DiSario Act.

**S. B. No. 203** - Senator Schaffer.

To enact section 9.64 of the Revised Code to require political subdivisions to adopt a cybersecurity program.

## OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

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

**S. R. No. 124** - Senator Reineke.

Honoring the Fostoria Woman's Club on its Centennial.

**S. R. No. 125** - Senator Antonio.

Honoring Unity Spiritual Center on its One Hundredth Anniversary.

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 Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following bill:

**S. B. No. 20**-Senators Antonio, Manning – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,  
Clerk.

The President signed said bill.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Pursuant to Section 127.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate temporarily appoints Senator Kyle Koehler to Controlling Board, as a substitute for Senator Jerry Cirino, for the purpose of the May 19, 2025 meeting.

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,  
Clerk.