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SIXTY-NINTH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Tuesday, September 16, 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 DeMora was selected to preside according to the rule.

The journal of the last legislative day was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

S. B. No. 260 - Senator Reynolds.

To amend sections 3501.01, 3503.09, 3503.10, 3503.11, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.153, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.20, 3503.23, 3503.28, 3505.181, 3509.02, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.08, 3513.041, 3513.05, 3513.07, 3513.18, 3513.19, 3513.191, 3513.257, 3517.012, 3517.013, and 3599.12; to enact section 3503.071; and to repeal section 3513.20 of the Revised Code to permit an elector to change party affiliation through the voter registration process and to name this act the Voter Registration Modernization Act.

S. B. No. 261 - Senator Reynolds.

To amend section 5747.01 of the Revised Code to allow a personal income tax deduction for certain donations to churches and to name this act the Tithing Protection Act.

S. B. No. 262 - Senator Blessing.

To amend sections 9.334, 153.12, 153.501, 153.503, and 153.693 of the Revised Code to require a public authority or other party to a construction contract to note variations from an industry standard form.

S. B. No. 263 - Senator Roegner.

To amend section 4141.24 of the Revised Code to make changes regarding the treatment of professional employer organizations and alternate employer organizations under the Unemployment Compensation Law.

S. B. No. 264 - Senator Weinstein.

Cosponsors: Senators Craig, Smith, DeMora, Ingram, Hicks-Hudson.

To amend sections 3781.03 and 3781.99 and to enact section 3781.113 of the Revised Code to require a separate by-pass lane adjacent to specified drive-through lanes and to name this act as the Megan's Way Out Act.

S. B. No. 265 - Senator Cutrona.

To amend section 109.572 of the Revised Code to add certain animal-

related offenses to the list of potentially disqualifying offenses when conducting a criminal records check for prospective foster caregivers, prospective adoptive parents, and certain other individuals who will be responsible for or reside in the same household as children.

S. B. No. 266 - Senator DeMora.

Cosponsors: Senators Lang, Antonio, Blackshear, Craig, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Weinstein.

To enact sections 3779.01, 3779.02, 3779.03, and 3779.99 of the Revised Code to establish specified requirements governing the sale and testing of intoxicating hemp products.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

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

S. R. No. 191 - Senator Romanchuk.

Honoring Herlihy Funeral Home on its One Hundredth Anniversary.

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 Article XIX, Section 1(G) of the Ohio Constitution, the President of the Senate appoints the following senators to serve on the Joint Committee on Congressional Redistricting:

Senator Jane Timken, Co-Chair

Senator Theresa Gavarone

Senator Steve Huffman

Senator Bill Reineke

Senator Nickie Antonio

Senator Willis Blackshear

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Article XIX, Section 1(G) of the Ohio Constitution and Senate Rule 19, the President of the Senate temporarily appoints Senator Bill DeMora to the Joint Committee on Congressional Redistricting, as a substitute for Senator Nickie Antonio, for the purposes of the September 22,

2025 meeting.

On the motion of Senator Craig, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.