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FIFTEENTH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Stephen Lowell Swisher, St. John's United Church of Christ in Newark, 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 Craig requested a moment of silence to honor former Columbus Chief of Police, James Jackson, who passed away on January 2nd. He was the first black Columbus police chief and the longest serving police chief in the history of the Columbus Division of Police. He dedicated fifty-one years to the Columbus Division of Police and served as chief for nineteen years.

Senator Ingram recognized outstanding Ohioan, Toni Morrison, and Toni Morrison Day on February 18th.

Senator Patton recognized former Congressman and current Youngstown University President, Bill Johnson, on his visit to the Statehouse.

Senator Lang recognized Bladen Gilbert and Anthoni Rossi on their visit to the Statehouse.

Senator Reineke recognized members of the Farm Bureau 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. 4-Representatives Holmes, Thomas, C., et al.

To enact section 5.2471 of the Revised Code to designate September 19 as "Ohio Stillbirth Prevention Day."

To the Committee on Health.

S. J. R. No. 6-Senators Gavarone, Timken

Applying to the Congress of the United States for a limited national convention for the exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the

Constitution of the United States to establish term limits for members of Congress.

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

S. B. No. 103-Senator Wilkin

To amend sections 4909.05, 4909.06, 4909.07, 4909.08, 4909.15, 4909.155, 4909.156, 4909.18, 4909.191, 4909.42, 4928.18, and 4929.041 and to enact sections 4903.30, 4929.052, 4929.053, 4929.054, 4929.055, 4929.056, 4929.057, 4929.058, 4929.059, and 4929.0510 of the Revised Code to allow for alternative rate plans for natural gas companies to serve large load customers and to make changes to the process of valuating natural gas company property.

To the Committee on Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 104-Senator Brenner

To amend sections 351.01, 351.021, 353.06, 4735.11, 5739.01, 5739.08, 5739.09, 5739.091, and 5741.01 and to enact section 5325.01 of the Revised Code to limit the authority of local governments to regulate short-term rental properties, to extend local lodging taxes to short-term rentals, to require collection of those taxes by short-term rental platforms, and to require real estate licenses to be issued electronically.

To the Committee on Local Government.

S. B. No. 105-Senator Reynolds

To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact section 3313.88 of the Revised Code to enact Alyssa's Law to require public and chartered nonpublic schools to implement a wearable panic alert system and to make an appropriation.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. B. No. 106-Senator Reineke

To enact sections 4933.51, 4933.53, 4933.54, 4933.55, 4933.57, and 4933.59 of the Revised Code to regulate the ownership of electric vehicle charging stations.

To the Committee on Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 107-Senator Brenner, et al.

To amend sections 3501.01, 3505.03, 3505.04, 3513.254, 3513.255, 3513.256, and 3513.259 of the Revised Code to require state and school district board members to appear on the ballot with a party designation.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. B. No. 108-Senator Brenner

To amend section 4905.02 and to enact sections 4933.51, 4933.52, 4933.54, 4933.56, 4933.57, 4933.59, 4933.60, and 4933.63 of the Revised Code to exempt from regulation as a public utility certain persons or entities providing behind-the-meter utility services and to allow the Public Utilities Commission to register providers of such services.

To the Committee on Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 109-Senators Blessing, Smith

To amend sections 3301.91 and 3313.819 of the Revised Code to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to public and chartered nonpublic school students, and to make an appropriation.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. B. No. 110-Senators Cirino, Chavez

To amend sections 122.15, 122.151, 122.152, 122.153, 122.154, 122.155, 5725.98, and 5729.98 of the Revised Code to modify the availability of and eligibility for tax credits awarded under the rural business growth program.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

YES - 13: 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, 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 Johnson submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Health, to which was referred **S. B. No. 20-** Senators Antonio, Manning, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsors: Liston, Roegner, Johnson, Ingram.

YES - 6: TERRY JOHNSON, BETH LISTON, CATHERINE D. INGRAM, SUSAN MANCHESTER, KRISTINA D. ROEGNER, MARK ROMANCHUK

NO - 0.

Senator Johnson submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Health, to which was referred **S. B. No. 27-** Senator Johnson, having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsors: Romanchuk, Liston, Ingram.

YES - 6: TERRY JOHNSON, BETH LISTON, CATHERINE D. INGRAM, SUSAN MANCHESTER, KRISTINA D. ROEGNER, MARK ROMANCHUK

NO - 0.

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

BILLS FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION

Am. H. B. No. 14-Representatives Roemer, Workman.

Cosponsors: Representatives Thomas, D., Troy, Richardson, Barhorst, Brennan, Brewer, Claggett, Cockley, Daniels, Deeter, Denson, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Grim, Gross, Hall, D., Holmes, Hoops, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, Jones, Lampton, Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Lett, Mathews, A., McNally, Mohamed, Newman, Peterson, Plummer, Ray, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Russo, Santucci, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Somani, Stephens, Upchurch, White, E., Williams, Willis. Senator Roegner.

To amend section 5701.11 of the Revised Code to expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since March 15, 2023, into Ohio law and to declare an emergency, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the section, Section 3, setting forth the

emergency features of the bill, stand as a part of the bill?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, 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 | Ingram |
| Johnson | Koehler | Landis | Lang |
| Liston | Manchester | Manning | O'Brien |
| Patton | Reineke | Reynolds | Roegner |
| Romanchuk | Schaffer | Smith | Timken |
| Weinstein | Wilkin | Wilson | McColley-32 |

So the section, Section 3, setting forth the emergency features of the bill stood as a part of the bill.

The question being, "Shall the bill pass as an emergency measure?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, 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 | Ingram |
| Johnson | Koehler | Landis | Lang |
| Liston | Manchester | Manning | O'Brien |
| Patton | Reineke | Reynolds | Roegner |
| Romanchuk | Schaffer | Smith | Timken |
| Weinstein | Wilkin | Wilson | McColley-32 |

So the bill having received the required constitutional majority passed as an emergency measure.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Blessing, Cirino, Craig, Cutrona, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Lang, Patton, Reineke, Schaffer, Smith, Timken, Weinstein."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

S. B. No. 6-Senator Roegner.

Cosponsor: Senator Brenner.

To amend sections 3781.19 and 3781.20 and to enact section 3781.21 of the Revised Code to make changes to the law relating to building inspections, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 6**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, 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 | Ingram |

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

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Lang, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Romanchuk, Schaffer."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

S. B. No. 14-Senator Reynolds.

Cosponsors: Senators Blessing, Brenner, Chavez, Gavarone, Huffman, Johnson, Lang, Manchester, Manning, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Wilson, Wilkin, Cirino, Antonio, Blackshear, Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Smith, Weinstein, Liston.

To enact section 5.57 of the Revised Code to designate September 28 as "Speaker Jo Ann Davidson Day", was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 14**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, 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 | Ingram |
| Johnson | Koehler | Landis | Lang |
| Liston | Manchester | Manning | O'Brien |
| Patton | Reineke | Reynolds | Roegner |
| Romanchuk | Schaffer | Smith | Timken |
| Weinstein | Wilkin | Wilson | McColley-32 |

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Landis, Timken."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

S. B. No. 21-Senators Brenner, Reineke.

Cosponsor: Senator Johnson.

To enact section 5.2322 of the Revised Code to designate October 4 as "Rutherford B. Hayes Day", was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 21**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, 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 | Ingram |
| Johnson | Koehler | Landis | Lang |
| Liston | Manchester | Manning | O'Brien |
| Patton | Reineke | Reynolds | Roegner |
| Romanchuk | Schaffer | Smith | Timken |
| Weinstein | Wilkin | Wilson | McColley-32 |

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blessing, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Landis, Lang, Patton, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson."

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, February 16, 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 bill was introduced and considered for the first time:

S. B. No. 111 - Senators Craig, Johnson.

Cosponsors: Senators Romanchuk, DeMora, Antonio, Timken.

To enact section 5.2322 of the Revised Code to designate October 4th as "Henrietta Lacks Day."

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 127.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate temporarily appoints Senator Brian Chavez to the Controlling Board, as a substitute for Senator Jerry Cirino, for the purpose of the February 24, 2025 meeting.

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.