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TWENTY-THIRD DAY  
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio  
**Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 1:30 p.m.**

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Senator Kristina D. Roegner, 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 Landis recognized the Kent State Tuscarawas Women's Volleyball Team as the USCAA Division II National Champions.

Senator Wilson recognized the Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy Division II Swimming State Champions: Taylor Bacher, 200 freestyle; Julia Shafer, 200 individual medley and 100 freestyle; and the 400 freestyle relay team of Taylor Bacher, Sophia Fink, Julia Shafer and Posey Sollman.

Senator Schaffer recognized the service of the Ohio Department of Agriculture during National Agriculture Month.

Senator Wilkin recognized Amberly Szczerbiak of Fayette County as the 2025 Ohio Fairs Queen. Amberly currently attends Miami University.

Senator Schaffer recognized the Pickerington Central High School Cheer Team as the 2025 Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators Cheer State Champions in Division I Game Day Building.

Senator Brenner recognized nurses from The American Nurse's Association Policy Influencer Boot Camp on their visit to the Statehouse.

Senator Landis recognized Baltic Mayor, Douglas Plyler, on his 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 resolutions, standing in order for second consideration, be referred to committee as recommended:

**H. B. No. 13**-Representative Pizzulli, et al.

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

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

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

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.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**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.

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

**S. R. No. 51**-Senator Antonio, et al.

To reaffirm Ukraine's sovereignty and to support the people of Ukraine following the third-year anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

**S. B. No. 132**-Senator Antonio, et al.

To enact section 1509.023 of the Revised Code to prohibit the removal of oil or gas from under state lands via horizontal wells and to name this act the Protecting public Resources, Ecosystems, and Sensitive lands from Extraction, Violation, and Exploitation (PRESERVE) Act.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**S. B. No. 133**-Senators Antonio, Huffman

To amend sections 9.07, 120.03, 120.041, 120.06, 120.14, 120.16, 120.18, 120.24, 120.26, 120.28, 120.33, 120.34, 149.43, 149.436, 1901.183, 2152.13, 2152.67, 2301.20, 2307.60, 2317.02, 2701.07, 2743.51, 2901.02, 2909.24, 2929.02, 2929.13, 2929.14, 2929.61, 2930.19, 2937.222, 2941.021, 2941.14, 2941.148, 2941.401, 2941.43, 2941.51, 2945.06, 2945.10, 2945.13, 2945.21, 2945.25, 2945.33, 2945.38, 2949.02, 2949.03, 2953.02, 2953.07, 2953.08, 2953.09, 2953.10, 2953.21, 2953.23, 2953.71, 2953.72, 2953.73, 2953.81, 2967.05, 2967.12, 2967.13, 2967.193, 2967.194, 2971.03, 2971.07, 5120.113, 5120.53, 5120.61, 5139.04, and 5919.16 and to repeal sections 109.97, 120.35, 2725.19, 2929.021, 2929.022, 2929.023, 2929.024, 2929.025, 2929.03, 2929.04, 2929.05, 2929.06, 2945.20, 2947.08, 2949.21, 2949.22, 2949.221, 2949.222, 2949.24, 2949.25, 2949.26, 2949.27, 2949.28, 2949.29, 2949.31, and 2967.08 of the Revised Code to abolish the death penalty and to modify the number of jurors that may be challenged in cases where a

defendant may be sentenced to life imprisonment.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. B. No. 134**-Senators Antonio, Huffman, et al.

To amend sections 9.04, 9.07, 120.03, 120.041, 120.06, 120.14, 120.16, 120.18, 120.24, 120.26, 120.28, 120.33, 120.34, 149.43, 149.436, 149.45, 1901.183, 2152.13, 2152.67, 2301.20, 2307.60, 2317.02, 2701.07, 2743.51, 2901.02, 2909.24, 2929.02, 2929.13, 2929.14, 2929.61, 2930.19, 2937.222, 2941.021, 2941.14, 2941.148, 2941.401, 2941.43, 2941.51, 2945.06, 2945.10, 2945.13, 2945.21, 2945.25, 2945.33, 2945.38, 2949.02, 2949.03, 2953.02, 2953.07, 2953.08, 2953.09, 2953.10, 2953.21, 2953.23, 2953.71, 2953.72, 2953.73, 2953.81, 2967.05, 2967.12, 2967.13, 2967.193, 2967.194, 2971.03, 2971.07, 3901.87, 5101.56, 5120.113, 5120.53, 5120.61, 5139.04, and 5919.16 and to repeal sections 109.97, 120.35, 2725.19, 2929.021, 2929.022, 2929.023, 2929.024, 2929.025, 2929.03, 2929.04, 2929.05, 2929.06, 2945.20, 2947.08, 2949.21, 2949.22, 2949.221, 2949.222, 2949.24, 2949.25, 2949.26, 2949.27, 2949.28, 2949.29, 2949.31, and 2967.08 of the Revised Code to abolish the death penalty, to modify the number of jurors that may be challenged in cases where a defendant may be sentenced to life imprisonment, and to prohibit public funding for the use of lethal injection drugs in nontherapeutic abortions, assisting suicide, and executing a death sentence.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**S. B. No. 135**-Senator Brenner

To amend sections 2127.38, 2329.01, 2329.151, 2329.152, 2329.153, 2329.17, 2329.18, 2329.19, 2329.20, 2329.211, 2329.26, 2329.27, 2329.312, 2329.52, and 5721.10 of the Revised Code relating to real property foreclosures and estate sales.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

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

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.

To the Committee on Energy.

**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.

To the Committee on Health.

**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.

To the Committee on Addiction and Community Revitalization.

**S. B. No. 139**-Senator Ingram, et al.

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

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

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

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

To the Committee on Health.

**S. B. No. 141**-Senator Hicks-Hudson, et al.

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.

To the Committee on Local Government.

**S. B. No. 142**-Senator Hicks-Hudson, et al.

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.

To the Committee on Workforce Development.

**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.

To the Committee on Workforce Development.

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

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

To the Committee on Education.

**S. B. No. 145**-Senators Reynolds, Craig

To amend sections 9.47, 9.66, 107.03, 107.21, 117.55, 121.02, 121.03, 121.35, 122.01, 122.011, 122.012, 122.013, 122.014, 122.02, 122.03, 122.04, 122.041, 122.042, 122.05, 122.06, 122.07, 122.071, 122.073, 122.075, 122.077, 122.08, 122.081, 122.082, 122.083, 122.085, 122.086, 122.087, 122.088, 122.089, 122.0810, 122.0811, 122.0812, 122.0813, 122.0814, 122.0815, 122.0816, 122.0817, 122.09, 122.10, 122.11, 122.121, 122.131, 122.132, 122.133, 122.134, 122.135, 122.136, 122.14, 122.15, 122.151, 122.152, 122.153, 122.154, 122.155, 122.156, 122.16, 122.17, 122.171, 122.172, 122.173, 122.174, 122.175, 122.176, 122.177, 122.178, 122.179, 122.1710, 122.1711, 122.18, 122.19, 122.20, 122.21, 122.22, 122.23, 122.24, 122.25, 122.26, 122.27, 122.29, 122.291, 122.30, 122.31, 122.32, 122.33, 122.35, 122.36, 122.37, 122.38, 122.401, 122.403, 122.406, 122.4017, 122.4018, 122.4019, 122.4020, 122.4023, 122.4024, 122.4030, 122.4031, 122.4032, 122.4033, 122.4034, 122.4035, 122.4036, 122.4037, 122.4040, 122.4043, 122.4044, 122.4045, 122.4046, 122.4050, 122.4051, 122.4055, 122.4063, 122.4070, 122.4071, 122.4073, 122.4075, 122.4076, 122.4077, 122.41, 122.42, 122.43, 122.44, 122.45, 122.451, 122.46, 122.47, 122.48, 122.49, 122.52, 122.53, 122.54, 122.55, 122.56, 122.561, 122.57, 122.571, 122.58, 122.59, 122.60, 122.601, 122.602, 122.603, 122.604, 122.605, 122.61, 122.62, 122.63, 122.631, 122.632, 122.633, 122.64, 122.641, 122.6510, 122.6511, 122.6512, 122.67, 122.68, 122.681, 122.69, 122.70, 122.701, 122.71, 122.72, 122.73, 122.74, 122.75, 122.76, 122.77, 122.78, 122.79, 122.80, 122.81, 122.82, 122.84, 122.85, 122.851, 122.852, 122.86, 122.88, 122.89, 122.90, 122.91, 122.92, 122.921, 122.922, 122.923, 122.924, 122.925, 122.94, 122.941, 122.942, 122.951, 122.9511, 122.9512, 122.96,

123.01, 123.22, 125.08, 125.081, 125.111, 125.20, 125.836, 125.901, 126.023, 126.32, 126.62, 140.01, 145.035, 149.311, 150.02, 151.40, 153.59, 164.02, 165.01, 165.03, 165.20, 166.01, 166.02, 166.03, 166.04, 166.05, 166.06, 166.07, 166.08, 166.09, 166.12, 166.13, 166.14, 166.15, 166.16, 166.17, 166.18, 166.19, 166.20, 166.21, 166.25, 166.27, 167.02, 169.05, 173.08, 174.01, 174.02, 174.03, 174.04, 174.05, 174.06, 174.07, 175.03, 175.04, 175.06, 175.15, 176.01, 176.07, 184.01, 184.151, 184.16, 187.01, 187.03, 187.04, 187.05, 187.061, 191.02, 191.03, 191.10, 191.13, 191.15, 191.17, 191.19, 191.27, 191.30, 191.33, 191.35, 191.37, 191.40, 191.44, 191.45, 308.21, 321.261, 321.262, 333.03, 333.04, 333.05, 340.13, 703.34, 709.024, 709.192, 715.70, 715.72, 902.04, 991.02, 1517.14, 1551.01, 1551.05, 1551.06, 1551.11, 1551.12, 1551.15, 1551.19, 1551.20, 1551.311, 1551.32, 1551.33, 1551.35, 1555.02, 1555.03, 1555.04, 1555.05, 1555.06, 1555.08, 1555.17, 1728.01, 1728.07, 3326.02, 3327.17, 3333.373, 3333.50, 3366.01, 3366.03, 3366.04, 3735.27, 3735.39, 3735.66, 3735.671, 3735.672, 3735.673, 3735.69, 3742.32, 3746.121, 3746.20, 3775.04, 3780.03, 3780.19, 4121.123, 4164.04, 4164.12, 4301.17, 4303.181, 4303.262, 4503.591, 4582.58, 4901.021, 4906.02, 4928.06, 4928.43, 4928.51, 4928.52, 4928.53, 4928.54, 4928.543, 4928.544, 4928.55, 4928.56, 4928.57, 4928.58, 4928.581, 4928.582, 4928.583, 4928.61, 4928.62, 4928.63, 4928.75, 4929.16, 4929.161, 4929.163, 4981.02, 4981.03, 5101.16, 5104.30, 5117.02, 5117.03, 5117.04, 5117.05, 5117.07, 5117.071, 5117.08, 5117.09, 5117.10, 5117.12, 5117.22, 5119.34, 5120.07, 5126.071, 5126.18, 5501.031, 5531.08, 5703.0510, 5709.12, 5709.211, 5709.212, 5709.22, 5709.40, 5709.41, 5709.45, 5709.48, 5709.51, 5709.61, 5709.62, 5709.63, 5709.631, 5709.632, 5709.633, 5709.64, 5709.66, 5709.67, 5709.671, 5709.68, 5709.69, 5709.73, 5709.78, 5709.82, 5709.87, 5709.88, 5709.882, 5717.02, 5725.32, 5725.33, 5726.54, 5726.55, 5726.59, 5727.75, 5729.032, 5729.16, 5733.33, 5733.34, 5733.352, 5733.58, 5733.59, 5747.01, 5747.331, 5747.51, 5747.66, 5747.67, 5751.52, 5751.54, 5751.55, 6111.12, 6121.02, and 6123.031 and to enact sections 122.634 and 122.635 of the Revised Code to rename the Department of Development to the Department of Housing and Development and to otherwise modify the law related to housing.

To the Committee on Housing.

**S. B. No. 146**-Senators Gavarone, Timken

To enact section 2307.36 of the Revised Code to codify the elements of the common law cause of action for "piercing the corporate veil."

To the Committee on Judiciary.

**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.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

**S. B. No. 148-Senator Cirino**

To enact section 5534.675 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 2 in Lake County as the "Specialist Lloyd Andrew Sellers Memorial Highway."

To the Committee on Transportation.

**S. B. No. 149-Senator Roegner**

To enact sections 4761.20 and 4761.21 of the Revised Code to enter into the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact.

To the Committee on Health.

**S. B. No. 150-Senator Blessing**

To amend sections 123.28, 123.281, 5753.021, and 5753.031 and to enact section 123.282 of the Revised Code to increase the sports gaming tax, to allocate revenue from the increased tax to fund sports venues and interscholastic athletics, and to create a commission to evaluate projects and award sports venue funds.

To the Committee on Finance.

**S. B. No. 151-Senator Wilkin**

To amend section 4929.02 and to enact sections 4929.51, 4929.52, 4929.53, 4929.55, 4929.57, and 4929.59 of the Revised Code to allow for competitive retail natural gas service suppliers to offer carbon offsets to customers.

To the Committee on Public Utilities.

YES - 11: NICKIE J. ANTONIO, ANDREW O. BRENNER, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, JERRY C. CIRINO, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, THERESA GAVARONE, 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 resolutions 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 **Sub. H. B. No. 43**-Representatives Fowler Arthur, Thomas, D., et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Brenner.

YES - 6:     ANDREW O. BRENNER, LOUIS W. BLESSING, III,  
                 CATHERINE D. INGRAM, STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN,  
                 KYLE KOEHLER, KENT SMITH

NO - 0.

Senator Patton submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Transportation, to which was referred **Sub. H. B. No. 54**-Representative Stewart, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Schaffer.

YES - 6:     THOMAS F. PATTON, TIM SCHAFFER, NICKIE J.  
                 ANTONIO, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, BILL REINEKE, JANE  
                 M. TIMKEN

NO - 1:     KENT SMITH

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

The reports of the committee were accepted.

Senator McColley submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Rules and Reference to which were referred the appointments by the Governor of:

**Carruthers, Sara**, from Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Board of Education for a term beginning January 1, 2025, ending at the close of business December 31, 2028, replacing Melissa Hand Bedell, whose term expired.

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

YES – 11: NICKIE J. ANTONIO, ANDREW O. BRENNER, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, JERRY C. CIRINO, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, THERESA GAVARONE, BETH LISTON, ROB MCCOLLEY, BILL REINEKE, TIM SCHAFFER, KENT SMITH

NO – 0.

The question being, "Shall the Senate advise and consent to the appointments by the Governor?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 30, nays 1, 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	Landis	Liston
Manchester	Manning	O'Brien	Patton
Reineke	Reynolds	Romanchuk	Schaffer
Smith	Timken	Weinstein	Wilkin
Wilson			McColley-30

Senator Koehler voted in the negative-1.

So the Senate advised and consented to said appointment.

Senator McColley submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Rules and Reference to which were referred the appointments by the Governor of:

**Almos, Breann**, from Bexley, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business October 7, 2026, replacing Yahaira Rose, whose term expired.

**Arter, Rodney**, Democrat, from Croton, Licking County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Expositions Commission for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business December 1, 2030, replacing Lizabeth E. Lafferty, whose term expired.

**Aslanides, James**, from Coshocton, Coshocton County, Ohio, as a Member of the Technical Advisory Council on Oil and Gas for a term beginning February 1, 2025, ending at the close of business January 31, 2028, replacing James S.

Aslanides, whose term expired.

**Bangura, Abass**, from Reynoldsburg, Fairfield County, Ohio, as a Member of the New African Immigrants Commission for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business October 7, 2027, replacing Abass M. Bangura, whose term expired.

**Baugh, David**, from Pickerington, Fairfield County, Ohio, as a Member of the Board of Building Appeals for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business October 13, 2028, replacing Porter R. Welch, whose term expired.

**Brachman, Merom**, Republican, from Bexley, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ethics Commission for a term beginning January 2, 2025, ending at the close of business January 1, 2031, replacing Merom Brachman, whose term expired.

**Brown, Timothy**, from Grand Rapids, Wood County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business September 1, 2027, replacing William J. Wolf, whose term expired.

**Burke, Michelle**, from Rocky River, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business September 1, 2027, replacing James V. Stouffer, Jr., whose term expired.

**Crosby, Misty**, Independent, from Belpre, Washington County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Advisory Council for the Aging for a term beginning December 13, 2024, ending at the close of business November 21, 2027, replacing Misty Crosby, whose term expired.

**Doehrel, Andrew**, Independent, from Galena, Delaware County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Expositions Commission for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business December 1, 2030, replacing Andrew E. Doehrel, whose term expired.

**Engmann, Cynthia**, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the New African Immigrants Commission for a term beginning January 15, 2025, ending at the close of business October 7, 2027, replacing Cynthia Engmann, whose term expired.

**Feliciano, Jose**, from Aurora, Portage County, Ohio, as a Member of the Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business October 7, 2026, replacing Jose C. Feliciano, Jr., whose term expired.

**Freeman, Tracy**, from Pickerington, Fairfield County, Ohio, as a Member of the Environmental Education Council for a term beginning January 15, 2025, ending at the close of business October 1, 2026, replacing Tracy S. Freeman, whose term expired.

**Friedeman, Lawrence**, Democrat, from Waterville, Lucas County, Ohio, as a Member of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for a term beginning April 11, 2025, ending at the close of business April 10, 2030, replacing Lawrence K. Friedeman, whose term expired.

**Fugate, Amy**, from Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Board of Education for a term beginning January 1, 2025, ending at the close of business December 31, 2028, replacing Amy Malone Fugate, whose term expired.

**Galvin, Timothy**, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Board of Building Standards for a term beginning January 15, 2025, ending at the close of business October 13, 2028, replacing Timothy P. Galvin, whose term expired.

**Holtshouse, Amy**, Democrat, from Fairview Park, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Water Development Authority for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business June 30, 2032, replacing William G. Stanley, whose term expired.

**Kemp Brady, Joseph**, from Mineral City, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, as a Member of the Environmental Education Council for a term beginning January 15, 2025, ending at the close of business October 1, 2026, replacing S. Joseph F. Kemp Brady, Jr., whose term expired.

**Kershner, Lori**, from Springboro, Warren County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Board of Education for a term beginning January 1, 2025, ending at the close of business December 31, 2028, replacing Martha A. Manchester, whose term expired.

**Kunze, Stephanie**, Republican, from Dublin, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board for a term beginning January 6, 2025, ending at the close of business October 10, 2027.

**Martinez, Maria**, from Hamler, Henry County, Ohio, as a Member of the Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business October 7, 2027, replacing Maria S. Martinez, whose term expired.

**Meyer, Randall**, from Clinton County, Ohio, as of the Inspector General for a term beginning January 13, 2025, ending at the close of business January 7, 2029.

**Miller, Leigh**, from Granville, Licking County, Ohio, as a Member of the Environmental Education Council for a term beginning January 15, 2025, ending at the close of business October 1, 2026, replacing Leigh Ann Miller, whose term expired.

**New, Gregory**, from Beloit, Mahoning County, Ohio, as a Member of the Technical Advisory Council on Oil and Gas for a term beginning February 1,

2025, ending at the close of business January 31, 2028, replacing Gregory J. New, whose term expired.

**Preisse, Douglas**, Republican, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Expositions Commission for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business December 1, 2030, replacing Douglas J. Preisse, whose term expired.

**Riczko, Elizabeth**, from Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, as a Member of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors for a term beginning November 21, 2024, ending at the close of business June 11, 2025, replacing Terry S. Jacobs, who resigned.

**Rivera, Juan**, from Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio, as a Member of the Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business October 7, 2027, replacing Juan M. Rivera, whose term expired.

**Rodgers, Gloria**, from Stow, Summit County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Board of Education for a term beginning January 1, 2025, ending at the close of business December 31, 2028, replacing Sue E. Hackett, whose term expired.

**Santiago, Mary**, from Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio, as a Member of the Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business October 7, 2026, replacing Mary J. Santiago, whose term expired.

**Sykes, Vernon**, Democrat, from Akron, Summit County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2025, ending at the close of business July 28, 2029, replacing Madhu K. Singh, whose term expired.

**Vidales, Edgar**, from Etna, Licking County, Ohio, as a Member of the Commission on Hispanic-Latino Affairs for a term beginning December 19, 2024, ending at the close of business October 7, 2027, replacing Michael G. Florez, whose term expired.

**Wurapa, Karin**, Independent, from Blacklick, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Advisory Council for the Aging for a term beginning December 13, 2024, ending at the close of business November 21, 2027, replacing Karin Small Wurapa, whose term expired.

**Yassenoff, Erik**, from Granville, Licking County, Ohio, as a Member of the Technical Advisory Council on Oil and Gas for a term beginning February 1, 2025, ending at the close of business January 31, 2028, replacing Erik F. Yassenoff, whose term expired.

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

YES – 11: NICKIE J. ANTONIO, ANDREW O. BRENNER, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, JERRY C. CIRINO, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, THERESA GAVARONE, BETH LISTON, ROB MCCOLLEY, BILL REINEKE, TIM SCHAFFER, KENT SMITH

NO – 0.

The question being, "Shall the Senate advise and consent to the appointments 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
Liston	Manchester	Manning	O'Brien
Patton	Reineke	Reynolds	Roegner
Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith	Timken
Weinstein	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the Senate advised and consented to said appointments.

## BILLS FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION

### **Sub. H. B. No. 54**-Representative Stewart.

Cosponsors: Representatives Schmidt, Abdullahi, Abrams, Baker, Barhorst, Bird, Brennan, Brent, Brewer, Callender, Claggett, Click, Cockley, Creech, Daniels, Deeter, Demetriou, Denson, Dovilla, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Grim, Gross, Hall, D., Hall, T., Hiner, Holmes, Hoops, Humphrey, Jarrells, John, Johnson, Jones, King, Kishman, Klopfenstein, Lampton, Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Lett, Lorenz, Manning, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., McClain, McNally, Miller, J., Miller, K., Miller, M., Mohamed, Mullins, Newman, Peterson, Piccolantonio, Pizzulli, Plummer, Rader, Ray, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Roemer, Rogers, Russo, Salvo, Santucci, Sigrist, Sims, Somani, Stephens, Synenberg, Teska, Thomas, C., Thomas, D., Troy, Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis, Workman, Young. Senator Schaffer.

To amend sections 101.27, 117.12, 154.01, 306.30, 306.35, 306.43, 717.02, 1548.061, 2935.03, 3503.11, 3704.14, 4501.01, 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.103, 4503.21, 4505.08, 4506.01, 4506.09, 4506.11, 4507.01, 4507.061, 4507.13, 4507.21, 4507.52, 4508.02, 4511.01, 4511.031, 4511.09, 4511.091, 4511.092, 4511.093, 4511.094, 4511.11, 4511.13, 4511.131, 4511.132, 4511.18, 4511.204, 4511.21, 4511.211, 4511.214, 4511.432, 4511.46, 4511.48, 4511.512, 4511.61, 4511.62, 4511.64, 4511.65, 4511.68, 4511.701, 4511.712,

4511.76, 4513.071, 4513.38, 4513.41, 4517.02, 4517.24, 4519.401, 4955.50, 4955.51, 5501.20, 5501.41, 5501.441, 5512.07, 5513.01, 5515.01, 5515.02, 5515.99, 5517.02, 5517.021, 5521.01, 5525.03, 5525.04, 5525.08, 5525.14, 5525.16, 5537.02, 5571.01, and 5747.502; to enact sections 117.56, 1548.062, 4503.183, 4503.211, 4505.072, 4511.15, 4511.765, 4923.12, 4955.52, 4955.53, 4955.55, 4955.57, 5501.041, 5501.421, 5515.10, 5517.012, and 5517.08; and to repeal sections 4506.072, 4507.021, 4507.063, 4507.511, 4511.351, 4511.491, and 5501.60 of the Revised Code and to amend Sections 200.20, 200.30 as subsequently amended, 243.10, and 243.20 of H.B. 2 of the 135th General Assembly and Section 755.20 of H.B. 23 of the 135th General Assembly to make appropriations for programs related to transportation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Sub. H. B. No. 54**, pass?"

Senator Brenner moved to amend as follows:

In line 10488, after "County" insert ":

(5) Creating a new freeway, which may be a toll road, in the region between State Route 529 and Waldo, Ohio heading eastward toward Interstate Route 71 north of Marengo, Ohio in Marion County and Morrow County"

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

The motion to amend was agreed to.

The question recurred, "Shall the bill, **Sub. H. B. No. 54**, 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
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, Blackshear, Brenner, Cirino, Craig, Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, Ingram, Johnson, Landis, Lang, Liston, Manning, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, 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. 2**-Senator Reineke.

To amend sections 303.213, 519.213, 713.081, 3313.372, 3313.373, 4905.03, 4906.01, 4906.03, 4906.06, 4906.07, 4906.10, 4909.04, 4909.05, 4909.052, 4909.06, 4909.07, 4909.08, 4909.15, 4909.156, 4909.173, 4909.174, 4909.18, 4909.19, 4909.191, 4909.42, 4928.01, 4928.05, 4928.08, 4928.14, 4928.141, 4928.142, 4928.144, 4928.17, 4928.20, 4928.23, 4928.231, 4928.232, 4928.34, 4928.542, 4928.64, 4928.645, 4929.20, 4933.81, 5711.01, 5727.01, 5727.031, 5727.06, 5727.11, 5727.111, and 5727.75; to enact sections 122.161, 3313.377, 3313.378, 4903.27, 4905.23, 4905.311, 4905.321, 4905.331, 4909.041, 4909.042, 4909.181, 4909.192, 4909.193, 4928.041, 4928.101, 4928.102, 4928.103, 4928.105, 4928.149, 4928.1410, 4928.73, 4929.221, 4929.222, and 5727.76; and to repeal sections 3706.40, 3706.41, 3706.43, 3706.431, 3706.45, 3706.46, 3706.49, 3706.491, 3706.55, 3706.551, 3706.59, 3706.63, 3706.65, 4928.143, 4928.148, and 4928.642 of the Revised Code regarding public utilities law, to make changes regarding utility tangible personal property taxation, and to repeal parts of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Sub. S. B. No. 2**, pass?"

Senator Wilkin moved to amend as follows:

In line 16 of the title, after "4928.105" insert ", 4928.107"

In line 37, after "4928.105" insert ", 4928.107"

In line 2007, after "provider" insert ".

(C) Nondiscriminatory programs available for residential customers and small commercial customers, as defined in section 4928.101 of the Revised Code, that reduce demand at peak times for purposes of grid reliability or to help lower customer rates, including peak demand reduction programs under section 4928.107 of the Revised Code. Any programs to reduce demand proposed in an application to increase rates shall include terms permitting competitive retail electric service providers, certified under section 4928.08 of the Revised Code, to offer their customers access to these programs"

After line 2762, insert:

"**Sec. 4928.107.** (A) As used in this section, "small commercial customer" has the same meaning as in section 4928.101 of the Revised Code.

(B) An electric distribution utility may create a voluntary demand response program to lower demand at peak times for residential customers



and small commercial customers as described by this section.

(C)(1) Each demand response program under this section shall be evaluated by the public utilities commission to determine if the program is cost-effective for customers.

(2) No electric distribution utility shall offer a demand reduction program under this section unless the program is approved by the commission.

(D) An electric distribution utility may enter into an agreement with a residential customer or small commercial customer for the customer to participate in the utility's demand response program.

(E) For customers that participate in the program, the utility may take actions to reduce the customer's load at peak times, such as reducing the temperature on the customer's air conditioner.

(F) A customer that participates in the program may override the utility's action to reduce the customer's load.

(G) A customer that agrees to participate in the utility's demand response program shall be paid by the utility an annual fee of forty dollars, or other amount determined by the commission under division (H) of this section, if the customer does not override the utility's action to reduce the customer's load more than fifty per cent of the requested time.

(H) The commission may raise or lower the fee amount under division (G) of this section at the time of the utility's rate case or true up based on the current demand in the utility's certified territory."

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

The motion to amend was agreed to.

The question recurred, "Shall the bill, **Sub. S. B. No. 2**, 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
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: "Senators Antonio, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Johnson, Koehler, Landis, Manning, Patton, Reynolds, 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.

### **MOTIONS**

Senator Gavarone moved that Senators absent the week of Sunday, March 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 bills were introduced and considered for the first time:

**S. B. No. 152** - Senator Brenner.

Cosponsor: Senator Lang.

To amend sections 4729.01, 4729.531, 4729.532, 4729.54, and 4729.55 of the Revised Code to allow wild animal rehabilitation facilities to receive a limited license to administer euthanasia drugs.

**S. B. No. 153** - Senators Gavarone, Brenner.

To amend sections 303.12, 303.59, 307.94, 3501.01, 3501.38, 3501.381, 3501.39, 3503.13, 3503.14, 3503.15, 3503.151, 3503.152, 3503.153, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.20, 3503.21, 3503.33, 3505.181, 3505.182, 3505.183, 3505.20, 3509.02, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.05, 3509.051, 3509.06, 3509.07, 3509.08, 3509.09, 3511.02, 3511.04, 3511.05, 3511.09, 3511.11, 3511.14, 3513.07, 3513.261, 3517.01, 3517.12, 3519.02, 3519.05, 3519.16, 3599.12, and 3599.21 and to enact sections 3503.201, 3503.202, and 3511.052 of the Revised Code to require verification of an elector's citizenship before the elector may vote and to modify procedures regarding voter registration, voter roll maintenance, absent voting, and election petitions.

### **OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Roegner offered the following resolution:

**S. R. No. 64**-Senator Roegner.

To support moving NASA headquarters to Cleveland, Ohio.

The question being, "Shall the resolution, **S. R. No. 64**, be adopted?"

On the motion of Senator Reineke, **S. R. No. 64**, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference.

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

**S. R. No. 65** - Senator Brenner.

Honoring Alex Taylor as a 2025 Division I State Wrestling Champion.

**S. R. No. 66** - Senator Brenner.

Honoring Ashlynn Brokaw as a 2025 State Wrestling Champion.

**S. R. No. 67** - Senator DeMora.

Honoring the Upper Arlington High School ice hockey team as the 2025 OHSAA State Champion.

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

So the resolutions were adopted.

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

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,  
Clerk.