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EIGHTIETH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, October 22, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Father Jan Sullivan, St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus, 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 Koehler recognized the Kenton Ridge High School Softball Team as the 2025 Division IV State Champions.

Senator Cutrona requested a moment of silence in honor of Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Nicholas P. Clayton of the Canfield Post, who was killed in the line of duty on October 16, 2025.

**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:

Am. H. B. No. 162-Representative Click, et al.

To enact section 3798.05 of the Revised Code related to medical records of minors and to name the act the My Child-My Chart Act.

To the Committee on Health.

Sub. H. B. No. 227-Representatives Robb Blasdel, Johnson, et al.

To amend sections 153.64, 3781.25, 3781.26, 3781.27, 3781.271, 3781.28, and 3781.29 of the Revised Code to modify excavation requirements.

To the Committee on Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 275-Representative McClain, et al.

To enact section 5534.444 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 53 in Wyandot County as the "Deputy Sheriff Daniel Kin Memorial Highway."

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. B. No. 325-Representatives Holmes, Ritter, et al.

To enact section 5534.429 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 13 in Athens County as the "Marshal Teddy Ray Holcomb Memorial Highway."

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. J. R. No. 7-Senator Blessing

Proposing to amend Section 2 of Article XII and to enact Section 2b of Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to authorize land value taxes.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. B. No. 294-Senators Lang, Romanchuk, et al.

To enact section 4906.011 of the Revised Code to declare the state's energy siting policy.

To the Committee on Energy.

S. B. No. 295-Senators Manning, Patton

To amend sections 2945.38, 2945.39, and 2945.401 of the Revised Code relative to the timeline for restoration of competency in criminal cases.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. No. 296-Senators Craig, Weinstein, et al.

To amend section 5163.33 of the Revised Code to declare the General Assembly's intent to increase the Medicaid personal needs allowance for residents of nursing homes and ICFs/IID.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. B. No. 297-Senators Craig, Smith

To amend sections 4905.02 and 4928.53 and to enact sections 4933.51, 4933.52, 4933.53, 4933.54, 4933.55, 4933.57, and 4933.58 of the Revised Code to exempt electric submetering companies from classification as a public utility, to impose various requirements on such companies, and to extend eligibility for the percentage of income payment plan program to certain electric submetering company customers.

To the Committee on Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 298-Senator Romanchuk

To amend section 4928.67 and to enact sections 4928.675, 4928.676, 4928.677, 4928.678, 4928.679, 4928.6710, and 4928.6711 of the Revised Code regarding virtual net metering and meter aggregation.

To the Committee on Energy.

S. B. No. 299-Senator Blessing

To amend sections 3715.01, 3715.99, 3717.01, and 3717.99 and to enact sections 3715.026 and 3717.34 of the Revised Code regarding sales of kratom products.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. B. No. 300-Senator Roegner

To amend sections 113.05, 113.051, 113.09, 113.16, 113.53, 117.44, 118.05, 120.52, 135.01, 135.032, 135.14, 135.143, 135.22, 135.35, 135.45, 135.451, 151.01, 164.09, 183.51, 317.36, 319.63, 321.46, 321.47, 1557.03, 3307.12, 3334.08, 3334.11, 3705.242, 3737.945, 3953.231, 4511.19, 4705.09, 4705.10, 5528.54, 5725.22, 5725.23, 5729.05, 5729.10, 5739.17, 5747.51, and 6101.51; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 135.45 (113.07); to enact section 113.052; and to repeal sections 113.10 and 113.43 of the Revised Code relating to the Treasurer of State.

To the Committee on Finance.

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 Wilkin submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Public Utilities, to which was referred **S. B. No. 151**-Senator Wilkin, having had the same under consideration, reports it back with the following amendment and recommends its passage when so amended.

In line 84, after "supplier" insert "that"

YES - 11: SHANE WILKIN, BILL REINEKE, WILLIAM P. DEMORA, WILLIS E. BLACKSHEAR, JR., ANDREW O. BRENNER, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, THERESA GAVARONE, SUSAN MANCHESTER, MARK ROMANCHUK, KENT SMITH, STEVE WILSON

NO - 0.

Senator Brenner submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Education, to which was referred **H. C. R. No. 7**-Representatives Ghanbari, Miller, J., et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its adoption.

Co-Sponsor: Brenner.

YES - 7: ANDREW O. BRENNER, LOUIS W. BLESSING, III, CATHERINE D. INGRAM, AL CUTRONA, STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, KYLE KOEHLER, KENT SMITH

NO - 0.

Senator Brenner submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Education, to which was referred **S. B. No. 144**-Senator Ingram, having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

YES - 7: ANDREW O. BRENNER, LOUIS W. BLESSING, III, CATHERINE D. INGRAM, AL CUTRONA, STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, KYLE KOEHLER, KENT SMITH

NO - 0.

Senator Patton submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Transportation, to which was referred **H. B. No.**

38-Representative Fowler Arthur, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

YES - 7: THOMAS F. PATTON, TIM SCHAFFER, NICKIE J. ANTONIO, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, BILL REINEKE, KENT SMITH, JANE M. TIMKEN

NO - 0.

Senator Patton submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Transportation, to which was referred **H. B. No. 228**-Representatives Williams, Rogers, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

YES - 7: THOMAS F. PATTON, TIM SCHAFFER, NICKIE J. ANTONIO, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, BILL REINEKE, KENT SMITH, JANE M. TIMKEN

NO - 0.

Senator Patton submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Transportation, to which was referred **S. B. No. 16**-Senator Wilson, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

YES - 7: THOMAS F. PATTON, TIM SCHAFFER, NICKIE J. ANTONIO, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, BILL REINEKE, KENT SMITH, JANE M. TIMKEN

NO - 0.

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:

Anderson, Timothy, from Athens, Athens County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board for a term beginning June 27, 2025, ending at the close of business January 14, 2028, replacing Timothy G.

Anderson, whose term expired.

Block, Ann, from Woodsfield, Monroe County, Ohio, as a Member of the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee for a term beginning August 29, 2025, ending at the close of business March 18, 2029, replacing Anita Hall, whose term expired.

Borgemenke, Scott, Republican, from Dublin, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Casino Control Commission for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business February 21, 2029, replacing Scott P. Borgemenke, whose term expired.

Bragg, Marcie, from Massillon, Stark County, Ohio, as a Member of the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee for a term beginning August 29, 2025, ending at the close of business March 18, 2029, replacing William D. Faith, whose term expired.

Callos, Triffon, Republican, from Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Casino Control Commission for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business February 21, 2029, replacing Will Lucas, whose term expired.

Christian-Bennett, Sabrina, from Rootstown, Portage County, Ohio, as a Member of the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee for a term beginning August 29, 2025, ending at the close of business March 18, 2029, replacing Thomas M. Carroll, who resigned.

Creighton, Janet, Republican, from Canton, Stark County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Lottery Commission for a term beginning August 2, 2025, ending at the close of business August 1, 2028, replacing Mark L. Rickel, who resigned.

Farnsel, William, Republican, from Berkey, Lucas County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for a term beginning May 16, 2025, ending at the close of business January 31, 2031, replacing William E. Farnsel, whose term expired.

Faust, Brian, from Springboro, Warren County, Ohio, as a Member of the Third Frontier Commission for a term beginning April 2, 2025, ending at the close of business April 1, 2028, replacing Brian T. Faust, whose term expired.

Graham, Paul, from Worthington, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board for a term beginning June 27, 2025, ending at the close of business January 14, 2028, replacing Paul B. Graham, whose term expired.

Gupta, Nita, Independent, from Wadsworth, Medina County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Lottery Commission for a term beginning August 2, 2025, ending at the close of business August 1, 2028, replacing Nita Gupta, whose term expired.

Hillis, Richard, Republican, from Powell, Delaware County, Ohio, as a

Member of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board for a term beginning July 22, 2025, ending at the close of business April 22, 2028, replacing Richard F. Hillis, whose term expired.

Hiner, Christopher, from Ontario, Richland County, Ohio, as a Member of the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee for a term beginning August 29, 2025, ending at the close of business March 18, 2029, replacing Robert D. Brokaw, whose term expired.

Hughes, Jonathan, Republican, from Dublin, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Lottery Commission for a term beginning August 2, 2025, ending at the close of business August 1, 2028, replacing Jonathan S. Hughes, whose term expired.

Jones, Matthew, from Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, as a Member of the Third Frontier Commission for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business April 1, 2027, replacing Matthew A. Jones, whose term expired.

Lieberman, Deborah, from Clayton, Montgomery County, Ohio, as a Member of the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee for a term beginning August 29, 2025, ending at the close of business March 18, 2029, replacing Deborah A. Lieberman, whose term expired.

Morrison, Christine, Republican, from Dublin, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board for a term beginning December 16, 2024, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor, replacing Stephanie McCloud.

Powers, Barbara, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board for a term beginning June 27, 2025, ending at the close of business January 14, 2028, replacing Stacey L. Hoffman, whose term expired.

Royer, John, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee for a term beginning August 29, 2025, ending at the close of business March 18, 2029, replacing John W. Royer, whose term expired.

Simpson, Gregory, Republican, from Milford, Clermont County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Racing Commission for a term beginning May 2, 2025, ending at the close of business March 31, 2029, replacing Gregory H. Simpson, whose term expired.

Stock, Jonathan, from Westerville, Delaware County, Ohio, as a Member of the Third Frontier Commission for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business September 28, 2027, replacing Jonathan K. Stock, whose term expired.

Swanson, Laura, from Grandview, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee for a term beginning August 29,

2025, ending at the close of business March 18, 2029, replacing Laura A. Swanson, whose term expired.

Trakas, James, from Independence, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Arts Council for a term beginning July 2, 2025, ending at the close of business July 1, 2030, replacing Thomas H. Johnson, who passed away.

Tucker, Alana, from Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Arts Council for a term beginning July 2, 2025, ending at the close of business July 1, 2030, replacing Tina L. Husted, whose term expired.

Waldren, H. Beth, from Galena, Delaware County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Arts Council for a term beginning July 2, 2025, ending at the close of business July 1, 2030, replacing H. Beth Waldren, whose term expired.

Winters, Thomas, Democrat, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Racing Commission for a term beginning May 2, 2025, ending at the close of business March 31, 2029, replacing Thomas R. Winters, whose term expired.

Zimmers, Neal, Democrat, from Granville, Licking County, Ohio, as a Member of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board for a term beginning July 22, 2025, ending at the close of business April 22, 2028, replacing Neal F. Zimmers, Jr., whose term expired.

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

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 33, 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	Wilson

McColley-33

So the Senate advised and consented to said appointments.

BILLS FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION

Sub. H. B. No. 27-Representatives Callender, Troy.
Cosponsors: Representatives Lorenz, Barhorst, Brennan, Brewer, Click, Demetriou, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Grim, Gross, Hall, D., Holmes, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, Mathews, T., Miller, J., Mohamed, Peterson, Pizzulli, Rogers, Russo, Sigrist, Upchurch, White, E., Williams, Willis Senator Schaffer.

To amend sections 4501.21 and 4503.733 and to enact section 5534.90 of the Revised Code to designate the bridge spanning the Grand River in Lake County as the "Specialist Jacob A. Ashton Memorial Bridge" and to make changes to the "Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation" license plate, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Sub. H. B. No. 27**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 33, 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	Wilson
			McColley-33

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

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

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Sub. H. B. No. 44-Representatives Miller, J., Miller, K.
Cosponsors: Representatives Abrams, Willis, Barhorst, Brennan, Brownlee, Creech, Deeter, Fischer, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Grim, Hall, D., Holmes, Jarrells, Johnson, Jones, Lampton, LaRe, Lett, Lorenz, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Mohamed, Mullins, Newman, Plummer, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Roemer, Russo, Salvo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Upchurch, Williams, Young Senator Johnson.

To amend sections 109.804, 124.11, and 124.30 and to enact sections

109.791 and 737.061 of the Revised Code regarding training schools for prospective law enforcement officers, filling a vacant police department position without a competitive examination, requirements for chief of police training, and advanced training for officers at or above the rank of sergeant, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Sub. H. B. No. 44**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 33, 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	Wilson
			McColley-33

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Lang, Manning, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Schaffer, Timken, Weinstein, Wilson."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

S. B. No. 156-Senator Cutrona.

Cosponsor: Senator Brenner.

To enact sections 3301.0717 and 3313.6025 of the Revised Code regarding the success sequence curriculum, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 156**, pass?"

Senator Ingram moved to amend as follows:

After line 44, insert:

"Upon request, the district shall permit the parent or guardian to examine the district's success sequence curriculum. Upon request of the student's parent or guardian, a student shall be excused from taking instruction on the success sequence. The district may approve alternative assignments to be completed by any student who has been excused from participation in success sequence instruction."

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 24, 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	Wilson	McColley-24

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 title be agreed to?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 24, 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	Wilson	McColley-24

Those who voted in the negative were: Senators

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

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Cirino, Gavarone, Johnson, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Am. S. B. No. 223-Senator Patton.

Cosponsor: Senator Johnson.

To amend section 1546.04 of the Revised Code to require the ODNR Chief of the Division of Parks and Watercraft to establish a discount program for veterans and service members for park services and rentals, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Am. S. B. No. 223**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 33, 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	Wilson
			McColley-33

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Landis, Lang, Liston, O'Brien, Reineke, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, Timken, Weinstein, Wilson."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

S. B. No. 304 - Senator Lang.

To amend section 4513.61 of the Revised Code to address lienholder responsibility for the payment of towing and storage charges for specified motor vehicles.

S. B. No. 305 - Senator Hicks-Hudson.

Cosponsors: Senators Liston, Antonio, Weinstein, DeMora, Craig, Smith, Blackshear, Ingram.

To make an appropriation to continue to fund the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs, and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children contingent upon a lapse in federal funding.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

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

S. R. No. 209 - Senator Cutrona.

In memory of Trooper Nicholas P. Cayton.

S. R. No. 210 - Senator Manning.

Honoring Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 136 on its One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

S. R. No. 211 - Senator McColley.

Honoring St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on its One Hundred Seventy-fifth 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 concurrent resolution:

S. C. R. No. 2-Senator Johnson – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

The President signed said resolution.

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.