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Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Senator Kyle Koehler, 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 Patton recognized the U.S. Marshals Service's Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force on its 60,000th arrest.

Senator Johnson and Senator Wilson recognized Deborah Ashenhurst on her retirement as the Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services.

Senator DeMora recognized Carrie Furbee, a graduating senior from the Grandview Heights High School Swim Team as the 2025 Division II State Champion in the 100-yard butterfly.

Senator Johnson recognized Betsy and Ronn Schirmer on their visit to the Statehouse.

Senator Brenner recognized Legislative Aide, Quinne Naegeli on her outstanding service to the Ohio Senate.

**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. C. R. No. 6-Representatives Miller, J., Holmes, et al.

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.

Sub. H. B. No. 5-Representatives Williams, Willis, et al.

To amend sections 109.11, 109.57, 109.572, 109.578, 109.579, 2151.357, 2746.02, 2901.08, 2923.125, 2923.13, 2923.14, 2929.01, 2929.13, 2929.14, 2929.34, 2930.171, 2941.141, 2941.144, 2941.145, 2941.146, 2951.041, 2953.25, 2953.26, 2953.31, 2953.32, 2953.34, 2953.39, 2953.61, 4723.28, 4729.16, 4729.56, 4729.57, 4729.96, 4752.09, and 5120.035 and to enact

sections 2941.1427, 2941.1428, 2941.1429, 2953.311, 2953.321, 2953.322, and 2953.323 of the Revised Code to enact the Repeat Offender Act to create a repeat offender classification, to create and modify certain firearm specifications, to increase the penalties for certain firearm offenses and specifications, to broaden the scope of relief from firearms disability, and to modify the Sealing and Expungement Law.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Sub. H. B. No. 44-Representatives Miller, J., Miller, K., et al.

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.

To the Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

H. B. No. 56-Representative Ray, et al.

To enact section 5534.013 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 421 in Medina County as the "CPL David James Amheiser Memorial Highway."

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. B. No. 104-Representatives Lawson-Rowe, Deeter, et al.

To enact section 5.2540 of the Revised Code to designate February 14 as "Cardiovascular Health Awareness Day."

To the Committee on Health.

Am. H. B. No. 114-Representatives Bird, Ritter, et al.

To amend section 3321.01 of the Revised Code regarding age requirements for kindergarten admission.

To the Committee on Education.

H. B. No. 144-Representatives Click, Lorenz, et al.

To amend sections 3304.23 and 5502.08 of the Revised Code to expand the communication disability database to include any person with a disability, to expand access to that database through countywide 9-1-1 systems, and to name this act "Keith's Law".

To the Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

H. B. No. 171-Representative Schmidt, et al.

To enact section 5534.673 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 28 in Clermont County as the "CPT Louis John Speidel Memorial Highway."

To the Committee on Transportation.

H. B. No. 184-Representatives Stewart, Mathews, T., et al.

To amend section 4771.12 and to enact sections 3376.14 and 4771.021 of the Revised Code to prescribe limitations with respect to certain contracts entered into with intercollegiate athletes.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. No. 228-Representatives Williams, Rogers, et al.

To enact section 5534.617 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of I-280 in Lucas County as the "SSG Jack W. Coy Veterans Memorial Highway."

To the Committee on Transportation.

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.

To the Committee on Select Committee on Gaming.

S. B. No. 200-Senators Weinstein, Brenner, et al.

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

To the Committee on Finance.

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.

To the Committee on Finance.

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.

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

S. B. No. 203-Senator Schaffer

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

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. B. No. 204-Senator Reynolds

To amend section 1923.06 and to enact section 1923.111 of the Revised Code to provide for the suppression of eviction records in certain circumstances.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. No. 205-Senator Reynolds

To amend sections 5747.08 and 5747.98 and to enact section 5747.053 of the Revised Code to authorize a nonrefundable income tax credit for family caregiving expenses.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 206-Senator Cutrona

To amend sections 323.152, 323.153, 323.158, 4503.06, 4503.066, 4503.067, 4503.068, 4503.069, and 4503.0610 and to enact section 4503.0612 of the Revised Code to authorize a property tax reduction for certain owner-occupied homes.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 207-Senators Manchester, Liston

To amend sections 1751.12 and 1751.32 and to enact sections 3923.811 and 3959.21 of the Revised Code to prohibit certain health insurance cost-sharing practices.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. B. No. 208-Senators Brenner, Reynolds

To amend sections 322.02, 322.03, and 322.06 of the Revised Code to require any increased county real estate and manufactured home conveyance fees to be allocated for county-specific housing purposes.

To the Committee on Local Government.

S. B. No. 209-Senators Cutrona, Reynolds, et al.

To enact section 3792.08 of the Revised Code regarding prescribing, dispensing, and administering drugs and to name this act the Jeff, Dave, and Angie Patient Right to Try Act.

To the Committee on Health.

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 Schaffer submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, to which was referred **S. B. No. 152**-Senator Brenner, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

YES - 7: TIM SCHAFFER, KYLE KOEHLER, PAULA HICKS-

HUDSON, AL LANDIS, BETH LISTON, SUSAN
MANCHESTER, SHANE WILKIN

NO - 0.

Senator Manning submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **S. B. No. 155-** Senators Brenner, Ingram, having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Manning.

YES - 7: NATHAN H. MANNING, MICHELE REYNOLDS, PAULA
HICKS-HUDSON, THERESA GAVARONE, AL
CUTRONA, LOUIS W. BLESSING, III, KENT SMITH

NO - 0.

Senator Huffman submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Health, to which was referred **S. B. No. 18-** Senators Reynolds, Craig, having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsors: Gavarone, Huffman, Johnson, Romanchuk.

YES - 7: STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, TERRY JOHNSON, BETH
LISTON, WILLIS E. BLACKSHEAR, JR., THERESA
GAVARONE, 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.

Senator McColley submitted the following report:

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

Beam, S. Craig, from Sabina, Clinton County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Advisory Council for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business January 31, 2028, replacing S. Craig Beam, whose term expired.

Behnke, Allen, from Lima, Allen County, Ohio, as a Member of the State

Emergency Response Commission for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business January 13, 2027, replacing Allen W. Behnke, whose term expired.

Beresford, Todd, Republican, from Moreland Hills, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Self-Insuring Employers Evaluation Board for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business August 22, 2028, replacing Todd C. Beresford, whose term expired.

Curtis, Solomon, Democrat, from Dresden, Muskingum County, Ohio, as a Member of the Wildlife Council for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business January 31, 2029, replacing Solomon J. Curtis, whose term expired.

Fitchet, Michael, from Conneaut, Ashtabula County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Emergency Response Commission for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business January 13, 2027, replacing Michael H. Fitchet, whose term expired.

Gordon, Eric, from Zanesfield, Logan County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business December 31, 2027, replacing Nancy O'Connor, whose term expired.

Keener, Robert, from Mogadore, Summit County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Emergency Response Commission for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business January 13, 2027, replacing Robert K. Keener II, whose term expired.

Kerns, C. Michael, from Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business December 31, 2026, replacing Scott A. Pendleton, who resigned.

Logue, John, from Genoa Township, Delaware County, Ohio, as Director of the Environmental Protection Agency for a term beginning April 14, 2025, and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

Orben, R. Russell, from Upper Arlington, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Emergency Response Commission for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business January 13, 2027, replacing R. Russell Orben III, whose term expired.

Pohler, Susan, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business December 31, 2027, replacing Susan J.

Pohler, whose term expired.

Protsman, Christopher, Independent, from Kettering, Greene County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission for a term beginning February 10, 2025, ending at the close of business September 3, 2027, replacing Christopher N. Protsman, whose term expired.

Rinehart, Candy, from Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, as a Member of the Board of Nursing for a term beginning February 27, 2025, ending at the close of business December 31, 2028, replacing Candy S. Rinehart, whose term expired.

Wallon, Daniel, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board for a term beginning March 7, 2025, ending at the close of business December 31, 2027, replacing Daniel J. Wallon, 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.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE

S. C. R. No. 2-Senator Johnson.

Urging Ohio electric utility stakeholders, the Governor, and the Congress of the United States to invest resources into the security, reliability, and

resiliency of the state and national interconnected electric grids against natural and man-made threats.

WHEREAS, The nation's electric grid is critical infrastructure that every citizen relies on each day; and

WHEREAS, The reliability and resiliency of the electric grid remains a paramount necessity; and

WHEREAS, The electrical grid is vulnerable to threats from both natural occurrences and man-made threats; and

WHEREAS, There have been recommendations from the Government Accountability Office and some proposed via federal Executive Order regarding electric grid security; and

WHEREAS, No action has been taken to implement any of these recommendations; and

WHEREAS, There exists legislation, such as New Jersey's "Microgrid Pilot Program Act" to address concerns surrounding electric grid diversification and security; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the Governor and the Congress of the United States take seriously the threat posed to the state's and nation's electrical grids by investing resources to increase grid diversification and site security; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, must consider adopting legislation such as the "Microgrid Pilot Program Act" for our state's electric grid to be diverse and secure; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Director of the Department of Development, the Director of the Department of Education and Workforce, and representatives from Duke Energy Corporation, American Electric Power Company, Inc., AES Corporation, and First Energy Corporation.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent resolution, **S. C. R. No. 2**, be adopted?

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 concurrent resolution was adopted.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Senators Blackshear, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, Cutrona, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Landis, Lang, Liston, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson."

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. 18-Senators Reynolds, Craig.

Cosponsors: Senators Gavarone, Huffman, Johnson, Romanchuk.

To enact section 5.2540 of the Revised Code to designate February 14 as "Cardiovascular Health Awareness Day", was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 18**, 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, Cirino, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Landis, Liston, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, 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.

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, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 152**, 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: "Cirino, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Liston, Patton, Reineke, Roegner."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

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. 21-Senators Brenner, Reineke – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

The President signed said bill.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 3307.05(C) of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House jointly appoint Lynn Sautter Beal to

serve on the State Teachers Retirement Board.

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.