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EIGHTY-FIRST DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 3, the Clerk called the Senate to order.

Senator Lang was selected to preside according to the rule.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES

Senator Johnson submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred **Sub. H. B. No. 23**-Representatives Roemer, Williams, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Johnson.

YES - 6: TERRY JOHNSON, STEVE WILSON, CASEY
WEINSTEIN, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, THOMAS F. PATTON,
TIM SCHAFFER

NO - 0.

Senator Johnson submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred **S. B. No. 253**-Senators Craig, Reynolds, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsors: Schaffer, Patton, Johnson.

YES - 6: TERRY JOHNSON, STEVE WILSON, CASEY
WEINSTEIN, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, THOMAS F. PATTON,
TIM SCHAFFER

NO - 0.

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

S. B. No. 306 - Senator Lang.

To amend sections 1345.02, 3901.046, 3964.03, 3964.194, 4509.70, and 4513.70 and to enact section 1345.82 of the Revised Code regarding electronic signatures in insurance transactions, the Ohio assigned risk insurance plan, special purpose financial captive insurance companies, civil actions related to towed vehicles that are brought by insurance companies, and to prohibit certain repair shop activities related to insurance policies.

S. B. No. 307 - Senator Timken.

To amend section 5709.40 of the Revised Code to allow funding for police and firefighting facilities in tax increment financing arrangements.

S. B. No. 308 - Senators Brenner, Gavarone.

Cosponsors: Senators Blackshear, Craig, DeMora, O'Brien, Timken.

To amend section 5503.02 of the Revised Code to expand the jurisdiction of the State Highway Patrol, including providing security for the Lieutenant Governor and for gubernatorial candidates, to make an appropriation, and to declare an emergency.

S. B. No. 309 - Senator Koehler.

Cosponsors: Senators Cirino, Huffman, Manchester, Roegner.

To enact section 2317.57 of the Revised Code to enact the Abortion Pill Provider Liability Education (APPLE) Act.

S. B. No. 310 - Senator Johnson.

Cosponsor: Senator Manchester.

To amend sections 3313.60, 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact section 3313.6034 of the Revised Code to require public schools to include fetal development instruction in any instruction that addresses human growth, development, or sexuality.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Huffman offered the following joint resolution:

S. J. R. No. 8-Senator Huffman.

Proposing to enact Section 23 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to establish a constitutional right to hunt and fish.

The question being, "Shall the joint resolution, **S. J. R. No. 8**, be adopted?

On the motion of Senator Lang, **S. J. R. No. 8**, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference.

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

S. R. No. 212 - Senators McColley, Reineke.

Honoring Bob Hinkle on his retirement from the Ohio Auditor of State's Office.

S. R. No. 213 - Senator Blessing.

Honoring the Miami Fort Power Plant on its Centennial.

S. R. No. 214 - Senators Antonio, Craig.

Cosponsors: Senators DeMora, Ingram, Liston, Weinstein, Blackshear, Hicks-Hudson, Smith.

Honoring George W. Boas II for outstanding service to the Ohio General Assembly.

S. R. No. 215 - Senators McColley, Antonio.

Cosponsors: Senators 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.

Honoring Wendy Zhan for thirty years of commendable service to the Ohio Legislative Service Commission.

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 House of Representatives has passed the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested:

Sub. H. B. No. 186 -Representatives Hoops, Thomas, D.

Cosponsors: Representatives Lear, Hall, T., Dean, Fischer, Deeter, Click, Gross, Lorenz, Johnson, Workman, King, Williams, Stewart, Dovilla, Bird, John, Plummer, Roemer, Willis, Brennan, Creech, Daniels, Fowler Arthur, Holmes, Kishman, Lampton, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., McClain, Miller, M., Newman, Peterson, Ray, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Salvo, Stephens, Young

To amend sections 319.301, 323.08, 323.152, 323.155, 323.158, 4503.06, 4503.065, and 4503.0610 and to enact section 319.303 of the Revised Code to authorize a reduction in school district property taxes affected by a millage floor that would limit increases in such taxes according to inflation and to make an appropriation.

Sub. H. B. No. 335 -Representative Thomas, D.

Cosponsors: Representatives Click, Brennan, Craig, Creech, Daniels, Deeter,

Dovilla, Fowler Arthur, Gross, Hall, T., Holmes, John, Johnson, King, Kishman, Lear, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., McClain, Miller, M., Newman, Peterson, Plummer, Richardson, Roemer, Salvo, Stewart, Williams, Willis, Workman, Young

To amend sections 5705.31 and 5705.313 and to enact sections 5705.316, 5705.317, and 5705.318 of the Revised Code to limit revenue increases from inside millage levies occurring due to a reappraisal or update, to allow a reduction of inside millage to accompany a school district income tax levy, to allow a reduction of inside millage to accompany a municipal income tax levy, and to require county budget commission approval of inside millage reductions to accompany a county sales tax levy.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

Said bills were considered the first time.

Message from the House of Representatives

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the House of Representatives has concurred in the passage of the following bill:

Sub. S. B. No. 56 -Senator Huffman

Cosponsors: Senators Brenner, Cirino, Reineke, Reynolds, Schaffer, Wilson
Representatives Stewart, Willis, Brennan, Brewer, Brownlee, Callender, Fowler Arthur, Humphrey, John, Newman, Odioso, Plummer, Sigrist, Synenberg, Williams, Young

To amend sections 9.79, 109.572, 131.02, 519.21, 715.013, 928.01, 928.03, 3376.07, 3796.01, 3796.02, 3796.03, 3796.05, 3796.06, 3796.07, 3796.09, 3796.10, 3796.12, 3796.13, 3796.14, 3796.15, 3796.17, 3796.18, 3796.19, 3796.20, 3796.21, 3796.22, 3796.23, 3796.24, 3796.27, 3796.28, 3796.29, 3796.30, 3796.31, 4506.01, 4735.18, 4796.25, 5502.01, 5502.13, 5502.14, 5703.052, 5703.053, 5703.19, 5703.263, 5703.50, 5703.70, 5703.77, 5713.30, and 5743.45; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 3780.37 (3796.34); to enact sections 928.08, 2953.321, 3779.01, 3779.02, 3779.021, 3779.022, 3779.03, 3779.031, 3779.032, 3779.04, 3779.05, 3779.051, 3779.06, 3779.07, 3779.08, 3779.09, 3779.10, 3779.11, 3779.21, 3779.22, 3779.221, 3779.23, 3779.24, 3779.25, 3779.26, 3779.27, 3779.28, 3779.29, 3779.30, 3779.40, 3779.41, 3779.42, 3779.43, 3779.431, 3779.44, 3779.45, 3779.451, 3779.46, 3779.47, 3779.48, 3779.99, 3796.04, 3796.062, 3796.221, 3796.32, 3796.33, 3796.40, 3796.99, and 5119.171; and to repeal sections 3780.01, 3780.02, 3780.03, 3780.04,

3780.05, 3780.06, 3780.07, 3780.08, 3780.09, 3780.10, 3780.11, 3780.12, 3780.13, 3780.14, 3780.15, 3780.16, 3780.17, 3780.20, 3780.21, 3780.22, 3780.24, 3780.25, 3780.26, 3780.27, 3780.28, 3780.29, 3780.30, 3780.31, 3780.32, 3780.33, 3780.34, 3780.35, 3780.36, 3780.90, 3780.99, and 3796.021 of the Revised Code to revise specified provisions of the liquor control, hemp, and adult-use marijuana laws, to levy taxes on certain hemp products, and to make an appropriation.

As a substitute bill, in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

Said amendment was laid over under the rule.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 4141.08 of the Ohio Revised code, the President of the Sente appoints the following member to serve on the Unemployment Compensation Integrity Board:

Senator Mark Romanchuk

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 5123.603 (B)(1) of the Revised Code, the President of the Senate appoints the following members to serve on the joint committee to examine the activities of the state's protection and advocacy system and client assistance program:

Senator Romanchuk, Chair

Senator Brenner

Senator Blackshear

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 733.80 of the Am. Sub. H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly, the President of the Senate appoints the following members to serve on the Student Transportation Workgroup:

Senator Brenner

Senator Ingram

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 751.40 of the Am. Sub. H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly, the President of the Senate appoints the following members to serve on the Ibogaine Treatment Study Commission:

Senator Huffman

Senator Manchester

Clerk's Notation

To: Vincent Keeran, Clerk

From: Minority Leader Nickie J. Antonio

Date: October 1, 2025

Re: Ohio Redistricting Commission Appointment

Pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 (A) (7) of the Ohio Constitution, I appoint the following individual to the Ohio Redistricting Commission:

Nickie J. Antonio

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.