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ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIXTH DAY
 Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Thursday, June 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Senator Wilkin 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 O'Brien submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Local Government, to which was referred **Am. H. B. No. 397**-Representatives Deeter, Johnson, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back with the following amendment and recommends its passage when so amended.

In line 18, after "state" insert ", and any record pertaining to the use of the fund is a public record subject to disclosure under section 149.43 of the Revised Code"

YES - 7: SANDRA O'BRIEN, THERESA GAVARONE, KENT SMITH, PAULA HICKS-HUDSON, KYLE KOEHLER, AL LANDIS, SHANE WILKIN

NO - 0.

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

The report of the committee was accepted.

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:

Am. H. B. No. 163 -Representatives Rader, Deeter
 Cosponsors: Representatives Fischer, Williams, Lett, Glassburn, McNally, Brennan, Synenberg, White, E., Sigrist, Somani, Brewer, Russo, Miller, J., Thomas, D., Robinson, Grim, Brent, Troy, Cockley, Piccolantonio, Miller, K., Thomas, C., Denson, Upchurch, Abdullahi, Schmidt, Willis, Baker, Bird, Brownlee, Claggett, Click, Daniels, Demetriou, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Hiner, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, John, King, Klopfenstein, Lawson-Rowe, Manning,

Mathews, A., Mathews, T., McClain, Miller, M., Mohamed, Newman, Odioso, Oelslager, Peterson, Plummer, Richardson, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Salvo, Sims, Swearingen, Tims, White, A., Young

To amend sections 5101.54 and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.5411 of the Revised Code to require Ohio's SNAP program to begin using chip-enabled EBT cards, to name this act the Enhanced Cybersecurity for SNAP Act of 2026, and to make an appropriation.

H. B. No. 339 -Representative Hoops

Cosponsors: Representatives Deeter, Jarrells, Click, Johnson, Gross, Kishman, Odioso, Abrams, Sigrist, Brennan, Russo, Stephens, Williams, Rogers, White, A., Newman, Willis, Grim, Abdullahi, Baker, Barhorst, Bird, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Claggett, Cockley, Daniels, Glassburn, Hall, D., Hall, T., Hiner, Isaacsohn, John, Klopfenstein, Lampton, LaRe, Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Lett, Lorenz, Manning, Mathews, A., McClain, Miller, K., Miller, M., Mohamed, Mullins, Oelslager, Peterson, Piccolantonio, Plummer, Richardson, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Roemer, Salvo, Schmidt, Sims, Somani, Thomas, C., Tims, Upchurch, White, E., Workman, Young

To amend section 4503.571 of the Revised Code to allow the surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient to retain or obtain the "Purple Heart" specialty license plate.

Am. H. B. No. 345 -Representative LaRe

Cosponsors: Representatives Miller, K., Gross, Robb Blasdel, Stephens, Mathews, A., Abrams, Barhorst, Bird, Brennan, Click, Daniels, Deeter, Fischer, Hall, D., Hiner, Johnson, Lorenz, Mullins, Newman, Oelslager, Peterson, Plummer, Richardson, Rogers, Schmidt, Swearingen, Synenberg, Thomas, C., White, A., Williams, Willis, Workman

To amend section 2907.08 of the Revised Code to increase the penalties for voyeurism.

Am. H. B. No. 441 -Representatives Stewart, Mathews, A.

Cosponsors: Representatives Williams, Bird, Brennan, Gross, Hall, T., Odioso, Peterson, Rogers, Sigrist, Thomas, C., White, A., Willis, Young

To amend section 2305.11 of the Revised Code to increase the limitations period from one year to four years for libel or slander and provide that for purposes of the four-year limitations period for libel or slander, the cause of action starts from publication of the libelous matter or when the slanderous words were spoken, regardless of when the aggrieved party discovered the libelous matter or slanderous words.

Sub. H. B. No. 523 -Representatives Brennan, Manning

Cosponsors: Representatives White, E., Pizzulli, Rogers, Brewer, Abrams,

Deeter, Piccolantonio, Salvo, Baker, Lett, Russo, Jarrells, Fowler Arthur, Odioso, Bird, Abdullahi, Brent, Brownlee, Bryant Bailey, Click, Cockley, Daniels, Fischer, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Grim, Hall, D., Hoops, Isaacsohn, Lawson-Rowe, Lorenz, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Mohamed, Oelslager, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Sigrist, Sims, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Tims, Troy, Upchurch, White, A., Williams, Willis

To enact sections 3319.70, 3345.84, and 6301.113 of the Revised Code to enact the Future Educators Support Act regarding financial support for student teachers and in-demand teaching jobs.

Am. H. B. No. 528 -Representative Williams

Cosponsors: Representatives Mathews, A., Abrams, Bird, Brennan, Click, Craig, Daniels, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Gross, Hall, D., Hall, T., Hiner, Holmes, Hoops, Johnson, LaRe, Lear, Mathews, T., Miller, K., Newman, Oelslager, Plummer, Richardson, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Santucci, Schmidt, Sigrist, White, A., Willis, Workman, Young

To amend sections 2907.01 and 2907.02 of the Revised Code to require a seven year mandatory minimum prison term for forcible rape and to expand the definition of sexual conduct to include anilingus.

H. B. No. 582 -Representatives Plummer, Young

Cosponsors: Representatives Abrams, Brennan, Brent, Brewer, Bryant Bailey, Cockley, Deeter, Grim, Lawson-Rowe, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Piccolantonio, Robb Blasdel, Santucci, Sigrist, Tims, Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis

To amend sections 4717.01, 4717.12, 4717.24, and 4717.30 of the Revised Code regarding embalmers, funeral directors, and crematories.

Am. H. B. No. 593 -Representative Deeter

Cosponsors: Representatives Craig, Lampton, Hall, D., Abdullahi, Abrams, Barhorst, Brennan, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Bryant Bailey, Cockley, Daniels, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Grim, Gross, Isaacsohn, John, Johnson, Lawson-Rowe, Lett, Manning, Mathews, A., Oelslager, Piccolantonio, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Russo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Somani, Swearingen, Sweeney, Thomas, C., Tims, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis, Young

To amend section 3902.02 and to enact sections 3966.01, 3966.02, 3966.03, 3966.04, 3966.05, 3966.06, 3966.07, 3966.08, 3966.09, 3966.10, 3966.11, and 3966.12 of the Revised Code regarding paid family leave insurance.

H. B. No. 639 -Representatives Deeter, Click

Cosponsors: Representatives King, Abrams, Brennan, Schmidt, Barhorst, Bird, Cockley, Craig, Daniels, Fowler Arthur, John, Johnson, Kishman,

Lampton, Lorenz, Manning, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Miller, K., Richardson, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Stephens, Swearingen, Williams, Willis, Young

To enact section 3767.52 of the Revised Code to create a complete defense to certain nuisance claims regarding racing facilities and racetracks.

H. B. No. 766 -Representatives Lorenz, Salvo

Cosponsors: Representatives Barhorst, Williams, Johnson, Abdullahi, Abrams, Brennan, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Bryant Bailey, Claggett, Cockley, Daniels, Deeter, Fowler Arthur, Glassburn, Grim, Hall, D., Hiner, John, Lawson-Rowe, Lett, Manning, Mathews, A., Mohamed, Mullins, Peterson, Piccolantonio, Plummer, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Russo, Sigrist, Sims, Somani, Stephens, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Tims, White, A., White, E., Willis, Workman, Young

To enact section 5.63 of the Revised Code to designate October as "Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Awareness Month."

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 Senate amendments to:

Sub. H. B. No. 170-Representatives Robb Blasdel, Peterson – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

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. 263 -Senator Roegner

Cosponsors: Senators Blackshear, Cirino, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Lang, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Timken, Weinstein, Wilson

Representatives Brennan, Brewer, Claggett, Click, Cockley, Daniels, Holmes, Mathews, A., Peterson, Russo, Sigrist, Tims, White, E., Williams, Young

To amend section 4141.24 of the Revised Code to make changes regarding the treatment of professional employer organizations and alternate employer organizations under the Unemployment Compensation Law.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

On the motion of Senator DeMora, the Senate adjourned until Monday, June 8, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.