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Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Senator Terry Johnson, 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:

President McColley recognized former Sergeant-at-Arms, Jon Thomas, on his retirement and his outstanding service to the Ohio Senate.

Senator Brenner recognized the Olentangy Orange High School Football team as the 2025 Division I State Champions.

Senator Craig recognized the St. Charles Preparatory School Water Polo team on their 9th Division I State Championship.

Senator Brenner recognized Preston Garcia on his visit to the Statehouse.

Senator Brenner recognized Kay Ball and American Nurses Association on their visit to the Statehouse.

Senator Cirino recognized the Sellers family on their visit to the Statehouse.

Senator Craig recognized Phale D. Hale for his civil rights contributions in honor of Black History Month.

Senator Schaffer recognized the Ohio Soybean Association on their 60th anniversary and their 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:

Sub. H. B. No. 59-Representatives Fowler Arthur, Hiner, et al.

To amend sections 101.63, 103.27, 1531.40, 1533.631, 1533.72, 1561.11, 1561.13, 1561.15, 1561.23, 1561.26, 1563.24, 1565.04, 1565.05, 1565.06, 3319.2213, 3319.51, 3701.83, 3704.14, 3748.01, 3748.04, 3748.11, 3748.13, 3748.16, 3773.31, 3773.33, 3773.34, 3773.35, 3773.36, 3773.37, 3773.38, 3773.39, 3773.40, 3773.41, 3773.42, 3773.421, 3773.43, 3773.45, 3773.51,

3773.52, 3773.53, 3773.54, 3773.55, 3773.56, 3773.57, 3773.59, 3776.05, 4730.10, 4730.14, 4731.294, 4759.08, 4764.05, 4764.08, 4771.02, 4771.05, 4771.07, 4771.08, 4771.09, 4771.10, 4771.11, 4771.12, 4771.13, 4771.14, 4771.16, 4771.18, 4771.21, 4771.22, 4771.23, 4774.03, 4774.06, and 4774.11; to enact sections 3748.131 and 3773.341; and to repeal sections 1561.17, 3748.12, and 3748.121 of the Revised Code to revise and streamline the state's occupational regulations.

To the Committee on General Government.

Sub. H. B. No. 88-Representatives Abrams, Plummer, et al.

To amend sections 2923.31, 2925.01, 2925.03, 2925.11, 2929.14, 3313.60, 3314.03, 3326.11, 3328.24, and 3705.08 and to enact sections 5.57, 2941.1427, 3313.6031, 3313.6032, and 3345.372 of the Revised Code to modify penalties for drug trafficking and possession, to require schools and institutions of higher education to incorporate instruction and policies on fentanyl awareness and abuse prevention, and to designate the month of August as "Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month."

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Sub. H. B. No. 102-Representatives Klopfenstein, Williams, et al.

To amend sections 1923.02, 2950.99, 5321.03, and 5321.051; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 2950.035 (2950.036); and to enact section 2950.035 of the Revised Code to prohibit a sex offender or a child-victim offender from residing within 2,000 feet of the residence of the victim and from loitering within 1,000 feet of the residence of the victim.

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

Sub. H. B. No. 134-Representatives Gross, Humphrey, et al.

To amend sections 3715.01, 3715.021, 3715.022, 3715.023, and 3717.22 and to enact sections 3715.026 and 3715.21 of the Revised Code to authorize the sale of certain homemade foods under a microenterprise home kitchen operation registration.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Am. H. B. No. 297-Representatives Ritter, Newman, et al.

To amend section 307.66 of the Revised Code to increase the amount a county may provide to military and veterans organizations, and civic

organizations, for Memorial Day expenses.

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

Sub. H. B. No. 303-Representatives Ray, Hoops, et al.

To amend section 4928.02 and to enact sections 1.66, 4934.01, 4934.011, 4934.04, 4934.05, 4934.06, 4934.07, 4934.071, 4934.072, 4934.08, 4934.10, 4934.11, 4934.12, 4934.13, 4934.14, 4934.17, 4934.19, 4934.20, 4934.21, 4934.22, 4934.25, 4934.26, 4934.27, 4934.28, 4934.35, 4934.36, 4934.37, and 4934.38 of the Revised Code to establish the community energy program and pilot program and to define electricity measurement in alternating current.

To the Committee on Energy.

Sub. H. B. No. 324-Representatives Mathews, A., Craig, et al.

To enact section 3715.39 of the Revised Code to establish conditions on the prescribing of prescription drugs causing severe adverse effects and to name this act the Patient Protection Act.

To the Committee on Health.

Sub. H. B. No. 338-Representatives Johnson, Plummer, et al.

To amend sections 121.03, 2903.01, 2903.11, 2903.13, 2921.36, 2921.38, 2929.03, 2929.14, and 5120.01 and to enact sections 2941.1427, 5120.012, 5120.361, 5120.491, and 5120.85 of the Revised Code to enact Andy's Law to increase the penalty for assaulting or causing the death of specified victims at state or local correctional institutions and to make changes to department of rehabilitation and correction policies and procedures.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

H. B. No. 393-Representatives Click, Brewer, et al.

To amend sections 4507.01, 4507.50, 4507.51, and 4507.52 and to enact section 2301.551 of the Revised Code to require that community-based correctional facilities and programs assist inmates in obtaining state identification cards prior to release.

To the Committee on Addiction and Community Revitalization.

Am. H. B. No. 397-Representatives Deeter, Johnson, et al.

To amend section 341.25 of the Revised Code to expand the allowable uses of profits from jail commissary funds.

To the Committee on Local Government.

Sub. H. B. No. 455-Representatives Manning, Bird, et al.

To amend sections 109.57, 109.803, 124.011, 133.06, 135.142, 135.143, 149.41, 2915.092, 2921.44, 3301.07, 3301.079, 3301.0710, 3301.0711, 3301.0712, 3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3301.0716, 3301.0730, 3301.111, 3301.12, 3301.45, 3301.52, 3302.01, 3302.02, 3302.021, 3302.03, 3302.034, 3302.035, 3302.04, 3302.05, 3302.07, 3302.10, 3302.12, 3302.13, 3302.151, 3302.17, 3302.21, 3302.41, 3307.01, 3309.01, 3309.011, 3310.03, 3310.14, 3310.522, 3311.741, 3311.80, 3313.11, 3313.411, 3313.413, 3313.483, 3313.603, 3313.6026, 3313.6028, 3313.61, 3313.611, 3313.612, 3313.614, 3313.618, 3313.6110, 3313.6111, 3313.6112, 3313.6113, 3313.6114, 3313.64, 3313.661, 3313.663, 3313.664, 3313.6611, 3313.7112, 3313.7118, 3313.753, 3313.814, 3313.902, 3314.016, 3314.017, 3314.02, 3314.031, 3314.034, 3314.35, 3314.351, 3314.353, 3315.063, 3315.42, 3316.03, 3316.04, 3316.06, 3316.14, 3317.02, 3317.023, 3317.03, 3317.18, 3317.25, 3319.31, 3319.311, 3319.319, 3319.393, 3320.02, 3320.03, 3325.08, 3326.11, 3327.014, 3333.041, 3333.048, 3333.301, 3345.061, 3365.01, 3365.032, 3365.07, 3728.01, 3737.07, 3781.106, 3792.04, 4117.01, 4723.483, 4723.4811, 4729.01, 4729.513, 4729.541, 4730.433, 4730.437, 4731.92, 4731.96, 5104.53, 5502.262, 5705.212, 5705.213, 5753.11, and 6109.121 and to repeal sections 3301.28, 3301.68, 3302.032, 3302.036, 3302.042, 3302.06, 3302.061, 3302.062, 3302.063, 3302.064, 3302.065, 3302.066, 3302.067, 3302.068, 3313.484, 3313.487, 3313.488, 3313.489, 3313.4810, 3313.615, 3314.354, 3316.041, 3318.60, 3318.61, 3318.62, 3328.01, 3328.02, 3328.03, 3328.04, 3328.11, 3328.12, 3328.13, 3328.14, 3328.15, 3328.16, 3328.17, 3328.18, 3328.19, 3328.191, 3328.192, 3328.193, 3328.20, 3328.21, 3328.22, 3328.23, 3328.24, 3328.241, 3328.25, 3328.26, 3328.27, 3328.29, 3328.30, 3328.31, 3328.32, 3328.34, 3328.35, 3328.36, 3328.37, 3328.38, 3328.41, 3328.45, 3328.50, 3328.52, and 3328.99 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 265.550 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly as subsequently amended regarding the operation of public schools and the Department of Education and Workforce and to eliminate obsolete provisions of education law and to amend the version of section 3313.902 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2026, to continue the change on and after that date.

To the Committee on Education.

Sub. H. B. No. 476-Representatives Craig, Thomas, D., et al.

To amend sections 109.32, 2915.01, 2915.07, 2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.092, 2915.093, 2915.10, 2915.101, and 2915.14; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses,

section 2915.092 (2915.16); and to enact sections 2915.17, 2915.18, 2915.19, and 2915.20 of the Revised Code to authorize online raffles and make related changes to the Charitable Gaming Law and to declare an emergency.

To the Committee on Select Committee on Gaming.

Sub. H. B. No. 485-Representative Miller, M., et al.

To amend sections 3301.0718, 3302.07, 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact section 3313.6034 of the Revised Code to enact the Baby Olivia Act to require human growth and development instruction in public schools.

To the Committee on Education.

Am. H. B. No. 486-Representatives Click, Dovilla, et al.

To amend sections 3314.03, 3326.11, and 3328.24 and to enact sections 3320.09, 3320.10, and 3320.11 of the Revised Code to enact the Charlie Kirk American Heritage Act to permit teachers in public schools and state institutions of higher education to provide instruction on the influence of Judeo-Christian values on history and culture.

To the Committee on Education.

Sub. H. B. No. 492-Representatives Ray, Abrams, et al.

To amend section 4513.36 of the Revised Code to expand the prohibition against interfering with arrest to all motor vehicle-related laws and require drivers and passengers to disclose their name, address, and date of birth to a peace officer on request.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Sub. H. B. No. 519-Representative White, A., et al.

To amend sections 2152.02, 2152.19, 2923.24, 2930.12, 2930.13, and 2951.03 of the Revised Code to prohibit possession of an electronic device under circumstances indicating an intent to commit a theft offense that involves a motor vehicle.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. C. R. No. 14-Senator Blessing

To urge the Congress of the United States to reject any moratorium on state laws regulating artificial intelligence.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. C. R. No. 15-Senator Ingram

To urge the United States Congress to review and evaluate credit reporting agencies and how credit scores and credit ratings create economic inequities.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. R. No. 261-Senators Ingram, Blessing, et al.

To urge the United States Congress to create a National Infrastructure Bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure projects.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. R. No. 271-Senators Weinstein, Lang

To support the United States of Kindness initiative to honor our nation's 250th birthday by performing 250 acts of kindness.

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

S. B. No. 330-Senator Blackshear, et al.

To enact section 3321.044 of the Revised Code to allow school districts to count mental health days as excused absences and to name this act the Student Wellness Act.

To the Committee on Education.

S. B. No. 331-Senators Wilson, Blackshear, et al.

To enact section 102.10 of the Revised Code to allow certain public hospitality employees to accept gratuities.

To the Committee on Workforce Development.

S. B. No. 332-Senators Cutrona, Smith

To amend sections 133.06, 505.431, 3302.036, 3302.042, 3302.16, 3302.17, 3310.03, 3311.29, 3313.951, and 3314.102; to enact new section 3302.10; and to repeal sections 3302.10, 3302.103, 3302.11, 3302.111, and 3302.12 of the Revised Code and to repeal Sections 4, 5, and 6 of H.B. 70 of the 131st General Assembly to dissolve academic distress commissions and to instead require student support teams for certain low-performing school buildings and to authorize a law enforcement agency to provide school

resource officer services to a chartered nonpublic school.

To the Committee on Education.

S. B. No. 333-Senator Blackshear, et al.

To enact section 107.38 of the Revised Code to establish the Statewide Youth Council in the Office of the Governor.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. B. No. 334-Senator Cirino

To enact section 5534.454 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of I-480 in Cuyahoga County as the "Officer Jacob J. Derbin Memorial Highway."

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. B. No. 335-Senator Smith, et al.

To amend sections 1.14, 5.20, 124.19, 325.19, 511.10, 1345.21, 3313.63, and 3319.087 of the Revised Code to make Election Day a holiday.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. B. No. 336-Senator Blessing

To enact sections 1345.15, 1345.16, 1345.161, 1345.162, and 1345.17 of the Revised Code to require the disclosure of mandatory fees or surcharges in consumer transactions.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. B. No. 337-Senator Blackshear, et al.

To enact section 1345.29 of the Revised Code to require disclosure of credit card surcharges.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. B. No. 338-Senator Blackshear, et al.

To enact section 1349.57 of the Revised Code to create the Digital Safety for Children Office under the Attorney General.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. B. No. 339-Senator Blackshear, et al.

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.861 of the Revised Code to create the "Dayton Dragons" license plate.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. B. No. 340-Senator Patton

To amend sections 4511.092, 4511.093, 4511.096, 4511.097, 4511.098, 4511.099, and 4511.0911; to enact new section 4511.094; and to repeal sections 4511.094, 4511.095, 4511.0912, 4511.0913, and 4511.0914 of the Revised Code to require elector approval for a municipal traffic camera program and to streamline the traffic camera laws.

To the Committee on Local Government.

S. B. No. 341-Senators DeMora, Blessing, et al.

To amend sections 2151.23, 2151.233, 2151.352, 3101.01, 3101.05, and 3109.011 and to repeal sections 3101.02, 3101.04, 3101.041, and 3101.042 of the Revised Code to repeal law that authorizes a person who is seventeen years of age to marry.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. No. 342-Senators Landis, Chavez

To enact section 6101.162 of the Revised Code to prohibit a conservancy district's board of directors from including certain provisions, such as an indemnification clause, in a contract for the procurement of goods or services.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

S. B. No. 343-Senator Manning

To amend sections 5502.29 and 5502.41 and to enact section 5502.301 of the Revised Code regarding workers' compensation coverage for a member of an urban search and rescue unit rendering assistance in Ohio at the request of the state's Emergency Management Agency Executive Director.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. B. No. 344-Senator Lang

To enact section 3701.95 of the Revised Code regarding health care facilities and infection prevention textiles.

To the Committee on Health.

S. B. No. 345-Senator Manning

To enact section 3333.1211 of the Revised Code to create the Higher Education Evidence-Based Innovation Fund and Grant Program and to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to conduct a study on retrenchment processes at state institutions of higher education.

To the Committee on Higher Education.

S. B. No. 346-Senator Johnson

To amend sections 4501.21 and 5910.07 and to enact section 4503.4913 of the Revised Code to create the "1905 Wright Flyer III" license plate.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. B. No. 347-Senator Johnson, et al.

To amend section 153.03 and to enact sections 4123.221, 4123.346, and 4123.347 of the Revised Code regarding the Bureau of Workers' Compensation drug free workplace program.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

S. B. No. 348-Senators DeMora, Blessing, et al.

To enact section 4301.73 of the Revised Code to require bars or restaurants to have date rape drug testing devices available for their customers' use.

To the Committee on Small Business and Economic Opportunity.

S. B. No. 349-Senator Patton

To amend section 5516.03 of the Revised Code to allow authorized advertising devices to be placed closer to interstate, national, and primary highway system interchanges.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. B. No. 350-Senator Patton

To amend sections 109.71, 109.77, 121.483, and 2935.01 of the Revised Code to add the Inspector General and a deputy Inspector General to the definition of "peace officer" while either official is engaged in the scope of the official's duties.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. B. No. 351-Senator Manning

To amend section 121.221 of the Revised Code to allow an active duty service member on deployment, and who is a member of a public body in the state, to attend meetings of the public body virtually.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. B. No. 352-Senators Weinstein, Timken

To enact sections 3702.41, 3902.65, and 5119.171 of the Revised Code regarding behavioral health screenings in the perinatal period and to make an appropriation.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. B. No. 353-Senator Lang

To enact sections 1701.031, 1701.592, 1701.593, 1701.594, 1701.595, 1701.596, and 1701.597 of the Revised Code regarding the regulation of the internal affairs of domestic corporations and corporate use of committees of independent and disinterested directors.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. No. 354-Senator Roegner

To enact sections 4731.12 and 4731.121 of the Revised Code to enact the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact.

To the Committee on Health.

S. B. No. 355-Senators Smith, Cirino, et al.

To amend section 2903.21 of the Revised Code to expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker, cable operator worker, or broadband worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. No. 356-Senator Koehler, et al.

To temporarily increase the amount of the homestead exemptions and to declare an emergency.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. B. No. 357-Senator Gavarone

To amend sections 2903.41, 2903.42, and 2903.43 and to enact section 5503.102 of the Revised Code to expand the violent offender database, to make public records in that database available on the internet, and to make the database information available through LEADS.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. No. 358-Senator Manning

To enact section 4503.511 of the Revised Code to create the "Blackout" license plate.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. B. No. 359-Senator Schaffer

To amend sections 323.121, 323.132, 323.31, 718.08, 718.27, 718.88, 718.89, 4503.06, 5703.42, 5703.52, 5703.60, 5703.70, 5717.01, 5717.011, 5717.02, 5721.011, 5726.21, 5739.02, 5745.04, 5747.09, 5747.15, 5747.43, and 5751.06 and to enact sections 5703.59, 5717.021, and 5739.125 of the Revised Code to modify the tax enforcement authority of the Department of Taxation, municipal tax administrators, county treasurers, and the Board of Tax Appeals and to modify a sales tax exemption for automated car wash services.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 360-Senator Schaffer

To amend section 2307.60 of the Revised Code to allow victims of theft or fraud during a declared state of emergency to recover treble damages from the offender.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. No. 361-Senator Schaffer

To amend section 163.01 of the Revised Code to prohibit the use of eminent domain for recreational trails.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. B. No. 362-Senator Reineke

To amend section 121.22 and to enact sections 113.052, 122.952, 122.953, and 122.954 of the Revised Code to establish the Ohio Defense and Space

Commission.

To the Committee on Workforce Development.

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 resolutions were considered a second time and referred to committee as recommended.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES

Senator Manning submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **Am. H. B. No. 55**-Representative Stewart, et al., 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 Patton submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Transportation, to which was referred **S. B. No. 216**-Senator Cutrona, having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Schaffer

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. 228**-Senator Craig, 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 Huffman submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Health, to which was referred **Sub. H. B. No. 52**-Representative Deeter, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsors: Huffman, Johnson.

YES - 7: STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, TERRY JOHNSON, BETH LISTON, CATHERINE D. INGRAM, SUSAN MANCHESTER, 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.

RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE

H. C. R. No. 13-Representatives Hoops, Robinson.

Cosponsors: Representatives Grim, Rader, Piccolantonio, Lett, Lorenz, Daniels, McNally, Miller, M., Brennan, Pizzulli, Mathews, A., Jones, Troy, Bird, Synenberg, Hiner, Salvo, Johnson, Workman, Abdullahi, Abrams, Barhorst, Brent, Brewer, Brownlee, Callender, Claggett, Click, Cockley, Deeter, Denson, Dovilla, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Jarrells, King, Kishman, Klopfenstein, Lawson-Rowe, Manning, Mathews, T., Miller, J., Mohamed, Newman, Peterson, Plummer, Ray, Robb Blasdel, Roemer, Rogers, Russo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Thomas, C., Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis. Senator Schaffer.

To urge Congress to designate the Buckeye Trail as a National Scenic Trail.

WHEREAS, National Scenic Trails are routes, designated by Congress, that traverse some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the United States, providing unique opportunities for hiking, biking, and experiencing nature. These trails are recognized for their outstanding scenic, natural, and recreational values, often showcasing diverse ecosystems, picturesque vistas, and cultural heritage along their paths; and

WHEREAS, National Scenic Trails, like the Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail, are managed by various federal and state agencies and offer well-maintained paths that attract outdoor enthusiasts from across the country. They often intersect with local communities and provide significant economic benefits through tourism; and

WHEREAS, The Buckeye Trail is an existing long-distance hiking trail that creates a loop extending approximately 1,454 miles from Lake Erie to the Ohio River, through the farmland of northwest Ohio, the hills of Appalachia, the Black Hand sandstone cliffs of the Hocking Hills region, and the Bluegrass region of southwest Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The Buckeye Trail was established in 1959 by the Buckeye Trail Association, a nonprofit organization that currently administers the trail; and

WHEREAS, The National Park Service is conducting a study to provide information to Congress on the feasibility and desirability of designating the Buckeye Trail as a National Scenic Trail. By objectively examining established criteria, the National Park Service's study will assess how well the trail aligns with the federal designation requirements, which emphasize public access to and the preservation and conservation of the trail's unique characteristics; and

WHEREAS, At the conclusion of the study, the National Park Service will submit its findings to the Secretary of the Interior, who then makes a recommendation to Congress for consideration; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, upon completion of the feasibility study, urge Congress to designate the Buckeye Trail as a National Scenic Trail; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, members of Ohio's Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

The question being, “Shall the concurrent resolution, **H. C. R. No. 13**, be adopted?”

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
Lang	Liston	Manchester	Manning
O'Brien	Patton	Reineke	Reynolds
Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith
Timken	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the concurrent resolution was adopted.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, Ingram, Johnson, Landis, Manning, Reineke, Roegner, Smith, Timken, Wilkin."

The question being, “Shall the motion be agreed to?”

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

H. C. R. No. 22-Representatives Roemer, Daniels.

Cosponsors: Representatives Claggett, Click, Dovilla, Fowler Arthur, Hall, T., King, Robb Blasdel, Odioso, Bird, John, Newman, Abdullahi, Abrams, Barhorst, Brennan, Brent, Brewer, Callender, Cockley, Craig, Creech, Deeter, Demetriou, Fischer, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Gross, Hall, D., Hiner, Holmes, Hoops, Jarrells, Johnson, Kishman, Klopfenstein, LaRe, Lear, Lett, Lorenz, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Miller, K., Miller, M., Mohamed, Peterson, Pizzulli, Plummer, Ray, Richardson, Ritter, Rogers, Salvo, Santucci, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Stephens, Stewart, Thomas, C., Thomas, D., Troy, Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis, Workman, Young. Senators Huffman, Brenner.

To encourage students in grades one through twelve to read the U.S. Declaration of Independence in the classroom during the 2025-2026 school year in celebration of its 250th anniversary.

WHEREAS, The 250th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Declaration of Independence is on July 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump established Task Force 250 to provide a grand celebration worthy of the momentous occasion of the 250th anniversary of American Independence and to honor the history of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Students and schools should join in the meaningful celebrations taking place nationally in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, An understanding of the founding documents, especially the Declaration of Independence, is an important component of each student's education; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, encourage students in grades one through twelve to join in the national celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by reading it in the classroom during the 2025-2026 school year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage schools to provide formal classroom time for students to read and discuss the Declaration of Independence during the 2025-2026 school year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Director of Education and Workforce, and the news media of Ohio.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent resolution, **H. C. R. No. 22**, be adopted?"

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
Lang	Liston	Manchester	Manning
O'Brien	Patton	Reineke	Reynolds
Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith
Timken	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the concurrent resolution was adopted.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Johnson, Koehler, Landis, Lang, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Timken, 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

Am. H. B. No. 55-Representative Stewart.

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Brent, Brownlee, Callender, Glassburn, Grim, Gross, Hall, D., Hiner, Humphrey, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, King, Lawson-Rowe, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Miller, J., Mohamed, Newman, Oelslager, Piccolantonio, Plummer, Rogers, Russo, Sigrist, Sims, Somani, Sweeney, Synenberg, Tims, Williams, Willis Senator Manning.

To amend sections 2127.38 and 5721.10 of the Revised Code to amend the law related to fees for the administration of a probate estate, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Am. H. B. No. 55**, 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
Lang	Liston	Manchester	Manning
O'Brien	Patton	Reineke	Reynolds
Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith
Timken	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blackshear, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Timken, Wilson."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Am. 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, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Am. S. B. No. 151**, 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
Lang	Liston	Manchester	Manning
O'Brien	Patton	Reineke	Reynolds

Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith
Timken	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Senators Antonio, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Lang, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Timken."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

S. B. No. 216-Senator Cutrona.

Cosponsor: Senator Schaffer.

To enact section 5534.921 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 7 in Mahoning County as the "Clarence "Sonny" Smith, Jr. Memorial Highway," was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 216**, 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
Lang	Liston	Manchester	Manning
O'Brien	Patton	Reineke	Reynolds
Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith
Timken	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Cirino, DeMora, Gavarone, Lang, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Timken, Wilkin."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

S. B. No. 228-Senator Craig.

Cosponsors: Senators Romanchuk, Brenner.

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.537 of the Revised Code to create the "Lifetown" license plate, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **S. B. No. 228**, 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
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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	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Cirino, DeMora, Gavarone, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Timken."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Brenner offered the following concurrent resolution:

S. C. R. No. 16-Senator Brenner.

Cosponsors: Senators Cirino, Roegner, Schaffer.

To urge Congress to dismantle the United States Department of Education.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent resolution, **S. C. R. No. 16**, be adopted?"

On the motion of Senator Reineke, **S. C. R. No. 16**, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference.

Senator Reineke offered the following resolution:

S. R. No. 275-Senator Reineke.

Authorizing Ohio YMCA Youth and Government to use the Ohio Senate Chamber and committee rooms on February 12-13, 2026.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to have learned that Ohio YMCA Youth and Government has requested permission to use the Ohio Senate Chamber and committee rooms for its State Assembly, February 12-13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Ohio YMCA Youth and Government has provided students with the opportunity to better appreciate and understand government and its components, and the knowledge gained through its State Assembly will certainly be of value to participants in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, By utilizing the facilities that accommodate those involved in the state legislative process, Ohio YMCA Youth and Government

will offer students an accurate depiction of state government and the manner in which legislation is created and processed; and

WHEREAS, Through participation in the State Assembly, students will be better prepared to become productive members of our complex and ever-changing society. The maturity and experience participants will gain as a result of their involvement with Ohio YMCA Youth and Government will not only enrich their total educational experience but also enable them to make better-informed decisions as they assume the responsibilities of adult citizenship; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, permit Ohio YMCA Youth and Government to use the Ohio Senate Chamber and committee rooms, contingent upon the availability of those facilities, and salute the participants as some of Ohio's finest young citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Ohio YMCA Youth and Government.

The question being, "Shall the resolution, **S. R. No. 275**, be adopted?"

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
Lang	Liston	Manchester	Manning
O'Brien	Patton	Reineke	Reynolds
Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer	Smith
Timken	Wilkin	Wilson	McColley-32

So the resolution was adopted.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Senators Antonio, Blackshear, Brenner, Craig, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Johnson, Lang, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Schaffer, Timken, Wilkin."

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

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Rules No. 19 and 20, the President of the Senate makes the following changes to the below Senate standing committee:

Senate Committee on Finance - Remove Senator Sandra O'Brien

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.