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ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH DAY  
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio  
**Wednesday, March 11, 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 Huffman was selected to preside according to the rule.

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 Gavarone recognized her guest, Caleb Stidham, who is the Erie County Treasurer and the Erie County Republican Party Chairman.

Senator Huffman recognized 4th grade students from the Tree of Life Christian School in Dublin on their visit to the Statehouse.

#### **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 **S. B. No. 214**-Senator Koehler, having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Johnson.

YES - 5: TERRY JOHNSON, STEVE WILSON, CASEY  
WEINSTEIN, THOMAS F. PATTON, TIM SCHAFFER

NO - 0.

Senator Brenner submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Education, to which was referred **S. B. No. 318**-Senator Cutrona, having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Brenner.

YES - 6: ANDREW O. BRENNER, LOUIS W. BLESSING, III,  
CATHERINE D. INGRAM, STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN,  
KYLE KOEHLER, KENT SMITH

NO - 0.

Senator O'Brien submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Local Government, to which was referred **S. B. No. 278**-Senator Johnson, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

YES - 5: SANDRA O'BRIEN, THERESA GAVARONE, KYLE KOEHLER, AL LANDIS, SHANE WILKIN

NO - 2: KENT SMITH, PAULA HICKS-HUDSON

Senator Manning submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **H. B. No. 31**-Representatives Humphrey, Stewart, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Manning.

YES - 6: NATHAN H. MANNING, MICHELE REYNOLDS, PAULA HICKS-HUDSON, THERESA GAVARONE, LOUIS W. BLESSING, III, KENT SMITH

NO - 0.

Senator Manchester submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Government Oversight and Reform, to which was referred **S. B. No. 254**-Senators Craig, Wilson, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsors: Brenner, Johnson.

YES - 6: SUSAN MANCHESTER, ANDREW O. BRENNER, WILLIAM P. DEMORA, TERRY JOHNSON, AL LANDIS, SANDRA O'BRIEN

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. 373** - Senators Blessing, Antonio.

To amend sections 3727.50, 3727.51, 3727.52, 3727.55, and 3727.56; to enact new section 3727.53 and section 4123.293; and to repeal sections 3727.53 and 3727.54 of the Revised Code to revise the law governing hospital-wide nursing care committees and hospital nursing services staffing plans.

**S. B. No. 374** - Senators Smith, Blessing.

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Blackshear, DeMora, Weinstein.

To amend section 122.175 of the Revised Code to prohibit new data center sales tax exemptions from being granted.

**S. B. No. 375** - Senators Manning, Huffman.

To enact section 4731.2211 of the Revised Code to authorize a physician whose license was revoked to apply for reinstatement.

**S. B. No. 376** - Senator Cutrona.

To amend sections 5747.50, 5747.502, 5747.51, and 5747.53 and to enact sections 9.662, 743.80, 5747.504, and 5747.505 of the Revised Code to create a process for withholding local government funds and state water and sewer assistance from municipal corporations that engage in certain water and sewer practices with respect to extraterritorial service.

**S. B. No. 377** - Senator Gavarone.

To amend sections 3312.01, 3313.41, 3313.413, and 3313.843 and to enact sections 3318.80 and 3318.81 of the Revised Code regarding the sale of school district property and programs to support educational service center facilities projects.

## OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Ingram offered the following concurrent resolution:

**S. C. R. No. 18**-Senator Ingram.

Cosponsor: Senator Smith.

To urge the Congress of the United States to grant statehood to Washington, D.C.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent resolution, **S. C. R. No. 18**, be adopted?"

On the motion of Senator Gavarone, **S. C. R. No. 18**, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference.

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

**S. R. No. 290** - Senator Brenner.

Honoring Meadow Tian on winning the 2025 OHSAA Division I State

Championship in girls golf.

**S. R. No. 291** - Senator Cirino.

Honoring the Kirtland High School football team on securing the 2025 Division VI State Championship.

**S. R. No. 292** - Senators Brenner, Liston.

Honoring the Worthington Christian School boys soccer team as the 2025 Division IV State Champion.

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. 25** -Representatives Jarrells, Ray

Cosponsors: Representatives Upchurch, Grim, Denson, Piccolantonio, Synenberg, Lawson-Rowe, Cockley, Brennan, Isaacsohn, Somani, Miller, J., Brownlee, Sigrist, Brent, Baker, Sims, Brewer, Lett, Hall, D., Rader, White, E., McNally, Tims, Robinson, Hiner, Abrams, Fowler Arthur, Thomas, C., Russo, Daniels, Robb Blasdel, Mohamed, John, Lampton, Mathews, A., Bird, Jones, Willis, Plummer, Young, LaRe, Creech, Ritter, Abdullahi, Williams, Bryant Bailey, Callender, Deeter, Glassburn, Hoops, Klopfenstein, Manning, Mathews, T., Miller, M., Odioso, Richardson, Rogers, Salvo, Schmidt, Troy, White, A.

To amend sections 3314.03 and 3326.11 and to enact sections 3301.96, 3313.475, and 5103.62 of the Revised Code to enact the Fostering School Success Act.

**H. B. No. 37** -Representative Stewart

Cosponsors: Representatives Willis, Daniels, Grim, Abrams, Bird, Brennan, Brewer, Brownlee, Claggett, Click, Deeter, Fowler Arthur, Glassburn, Hall, D., Hall, T., Hiner, Hoops, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, John, Johnson, Klopfenstein, LaRe, Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Manning, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Miller, J., Miller, K., Newman, Peterson, Plummer, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Russo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Tims, Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Workman

To enact section 5534.443 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 56 in Pickaway County as the "Detective Rex Emrick Memorial Highway."

**Sub. H. B. No. 292** -Representatives Mathews, T., Santucci

Cosponsors: Representatives Fischer, Newman, Click, Hoops, Hall, T., Deeter, Workman, Richardson, Craig, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Holmes, Lampton, Abrams, Brennan, Brownlee, Daniels, Hiner, John, King, Klopfenstein, Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Lorenz, Mathews, A., Miller, J., Miller, K., Miller, M., Odioso, Plummer, Ritter, Roemer, Rogers, Schmidt, Sigrist, Stephens, Stewart, Thomas, C., Thomas, D., Tims, White, A., Willis, Young

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.

**Sub. H. B. No. 437** -Representatives Rader, Schmidt

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Brewer, Brownlee, Grim, Rogers, Russo, Miller, J., Somani, Abdullahi, Baker, Brent, Bryant Bailey, Cockley, Glassburn, Hall, D., Hiner, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, John, Kishman, Lawson-Rowe, Lett, Manning, Piccolantonio, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Roemer, Sigrist, Stephens, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Thomas, D., Tims, Troy, Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Willis, Young

To amend sections 3313.5310, 3707.58, 3707.59, 4723.24, 4723.28, 4730.14, 4730.25, 4731.22, and 4731.281 and to enact sections 3707.591, 3707.592, 4723.484, 4730.46, 4731.89, and 5164.21 of the Revised Code regarding cardiac monitoring for youth and to name the amendments and enactments by this act the Healthy Cardiac Monitoring Act.

**Sub. H. B. No. 507** -Representatives Newman, John

Cosponsors: Representatives Schmidt, Deeter, Johnson, White, A., Daniels, Ritter, Pizzulli, Hall, T., Williams, Gross, Creech, Plummer, Abrams, Miller, K., Willis, Bird, Brennan, Click, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Hall, D., Hoops, Lampton, LaRe, Lear, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Mohamed, Odioso, Peterson, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Salvo, Santucci, Thomas, C., Thomas, D., Young

To amend sections 2907.01 and 2923.31 and to enact section 2907.251 of the Revised Code to prohibit a person from receiving proceeds of prostitution.

**Am. H. B. No. 650** -Representative Workman

Cosponsors: Representatives Holmes, Willis, Claggett, King, Brennan, Daniels, Miller, M., Abdullahi, Brewer, Bryant Bailey, Click, Deeter, Fischer, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, Johnson, Kishman, Klopfenstein, Lorenz, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Miller, J., Odioso, Plummer, Schmidt, Sigrist, Thomas, C., Tims, Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Young

To establish the Frontier Technologies and Quantum Commission.

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 Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following concurrent resolution:

**H. C. R. No. 39**-Speaker Huffman, Representative Isaacsohn – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,  
Clerk.

The President signed said resolution.

**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 bills:

**Sub. S. B. No. 63**-Senators Gavarone, DeMora – et al.

**Sub. S. B. No. 101**-Senator Blessing – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,  
Clerk.

The President signed said bills.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Pursuant to Section 4121.123 (A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate appoints the following public members to serve on the Workers' Compensation Board Nominating Committee for a term of one year, commencing on March 5, 2026:

Marty Herf (Franklin County)

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Pursuant to Section 3319.60(A(4) of the Revised Code, the President of the Senate appoints the following individuals to serve on the Educator Standards Board for a two-year term, beginning on March 5, 2026:

Andrea Helfrich (Franklin County)  
Christopher Knight (Lucas County)

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Pursuant to Section 127.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate temporarily appoints Senator Kyle Koehler to Controlling Board, as a substitute for Senator Jerry Cirino, for the purpose of the March 16, 2026 meeting.

On the motion of Senator Gavarone, the Senate adjourned until Monday, March 16, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,  
Clerk.