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ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Thursday, March 19, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

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 Reineke recognized students from Zane Trace Middle School on their visit to the Statehouse.

Senator Reineke also recognized students from Kettering Middle School on their visit to the Statehouse.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

S. B. No. 381 - Senator Weinstein.

Cosponsors: Senators Craig, DeMora, Blackshear, Smith.

To enact sections 4908.01, 4908.02, 4908.021, 4908.022, 4908.023, 4908.03, 4908.031, 4908.032, 4908.033, 4908.034, 4908.04, 4908.041, 4908.042, 4908.05, 4908.051, 4908.052, 4908.053, and 4908.06 of the Revised Code to require the Public Utility Commission's approval of agreements to interconnect data centers to the electrical grid.

S. B. No. 382 - Senator Blessing.

To amend sections 111.27, 3501.01, 3501.06, 3501.23, 3505.03, 3505.04, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3511.02, 3511.05, 3513.01, 3513.02, 3513.04, 3513.05, 3513.052, 3513.07, 3513.13, 3513.14, 3513.19, 3513.20, 3513.22, 3513.23, 3513.257, 3513.261, 3513.262, 3513.30, 3513.31, 3513.311, 3517.01, 3517.012, and 3517.03 and to repeal sections 3513.28, 3513.301, and 3513.312 of the Revised Code to implement a top-two primary election system for elective congressional, state, district, county, and municipal offices.

S. B. No. 383 - Senators Weinstein, Blessing.

To amend section 4928.01 and to enact sections 4928.74, 4928.741, and 4928.742 of the Revised Code regarding portable solar generation devices.

S. B. No. 384 - Senator Liston.

Cosponsor: Senator Ingram.

To amend section 3721.04 of the Revised Code to prohibit counting nurse and nurse aide nondirect care duties towards the direct care staffing hour requirements for nursing homes.

S. B. No. 385 - Senator Johnson.

To amend sections 109.572, 4731.07, 4731.071, 4731.224, 4731.2210, 4731.24, 4731.25, 4731.251, 4776.01, and 4776.20 and to enact sections 4789.02, 4789.03, 4789.04, 4789.05, 4789.06, 4789.07, 4789.08, 4789.09, 4789.10, 4789.11, 4789.12, and 4789.99 of the Revised Code to license and regulate the practice of naturopathic medicine.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Wilkin offered the following concurrent resolution:

S. C. R. No. 19-Senator Wilkin.

To urge the Congress of the United States to enact the Ohio River Restoration Program Act to bring clean water, enhanced fish and aquatic wildlife, economic benefits, expanded recreation opportunities, and public health protections to Ohio.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent resolution, **S. C. R. No. 19**, be adopted?"

On the motion of Senator DeMora, **S. C. R. No. 19**, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference.

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

S. R. No. 297 - Senator Weinstein.

Honoring Acme Fresh Market on its One Hundred Thirty-fifth Anniversary.

S. R. No. 298 - Senator Weinstein.

Honoring The University of Akron women's swimming and diving team as the 2026 Mid-American Conference Champion.

S. R. No. 299 - Senator Schaffer.

Cosponsors: Senators McColley, 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, Smith, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson.

In memory of Captain Seth R. Koval.

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. 84 -Representatives Demetriou, Williams

Cosponsors: Representatives Bird, Brennan, Claggett, Click, Dean, Fowler Arthur, Gross, Hiner, Holmes, Hoops, John, Johnson, King, Klopfenstein, McClain, Miller, K., Newman, Peterson, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Salvo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Stewart, Thomas, C., Willis, Workman, Young, Hall, T., Mathews, T., Miller, M., Barhorst, Creech, Daniels, Deeter, Dovilla, Fischer, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Isaacsohn, Lampton, Lear, Lorenz, Manning, Mathews, A., Mullins, Oelslager, Plummer, Ray, Swearingen, Synenberg, White, A.

To amend sections 1349.10 and 1349.101 and to enact section 109.1111 of the Revised Code to establish the Innocence Act Enforcement Fund, designate specified provisions of law as the Innocence Act, and clarify the Attorney General's enforcement authority.

Sub. H. B. No. 92 -Representatives Johnson, McClain

Cosponsors: Representatives Claggett, Dean, Ray, Fowler Arthur, Schmidt, Barhorst, Click, Daniels, Deeter, Demetriou, Fischer, Gross, Hiner, King, Lear, Lorenz, Mathews, A., Plummer, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Thomas, D., Williams, Willis

To amend sections 729.49, 735.29, and 743.04 and to enact sections 743.51, 743.52, 743.53, and 743.54 of the Revised Code regarding unpaid municipal utility services.

Am. H. B. No. 125 -Representatives Hall, T., Creech

Cosponsors: Representatives Mullins, Miller, K., Deeter, Williams, Johnson, King, Klopfenstein, Kishman, Workman, Fowler Arthur, Brennan, Miller, J., Newman, Abrams, Barhorst, Brent, Claggett, Click, Craig, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Gross, Hall, D., Holmes, John, Lear, Lorenz, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., McClain, Miller, M., Mohamed, Peterson, Plummer, Richardson, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Salvo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Swearingen, White, A., Willis, Young

To enact section 3321.044 of the Revised Code regarding attendance at school during participation in district-approved activities.

Sub. H. B. No. 173 -Representative Thomas, D.

Cosponsors: Representatives Mathews, A., Click, Daniels, Hiner, Holmes, Lorenz, Williams, Willis

To amend sections 4905.02 and 5321.04 and to enact sections 4911.22, 4933.51, 4933.52, 4933.53, 4933.54, 4933.55, 4933.56, 4933.57, 4933.58, 4933.59, 4933.60, 4933.61, 4933.62, 4933.63, 4933.64, 4933.65, 4933.66, and 4933.68 of the Revised Code regarding submetered utility services.

H. B. No. 432 -Representatives Brownlee, Miller, K.

Cosponsors: Representatives Willis, Daniels, Grim, Rogers, Abrams, Barhorst, Brennan, Brent, Claggett, Click, Cockley, Creech, Deeter, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Gross, Hall, D., Hall, T., Holmes, Hoops, Humphrey, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, John, Johnson, LaRe, Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Lett, Lorenz, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Miller, J., Mohamed, Odioso, Peterson, Ray, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Russo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Stephens, Sweeney, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Tims, Troy, Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Williams, Workman, Young

To enact section 5534.482 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of East Kemper Road in Hamilton County as the "Patrolman Earl W. Casterline Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 464 -Representative Richardson

Cosponsors: Representatives White, A., Lett, Click, Deeter, Miller, M., Abrams, Barhorst, Bird, Brennan, Brent, Brownlee, Daniels, Dovilla, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Gross, Hall, D., Hiner, Humphrey, Jarrells, John, Johnson, Lampton, Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Manning, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Miller, J., Miller, K., Peterson, Plummer, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Salvo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Thomas, C., Tims, White, E., Williams, Willis, Workman, Young

To amend section 5104.02 of the Revised Code to exempt from licensure family child care providers certified by a branch of the United States armed forces.

H. B. No. 533 -Representative Miller, K.

Cosponsors: Representatives Abrams, Hall, T., Willis, Brennan, Brownlee, Daniels, Deeter, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Hiner, Jarrells, John, Johnson, LaRe, Manning, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Miller, M., Ray, Robb Blasdel, Schmidt, Sigrist, Upchurch, White, E., Williams, Workman, Young

To amend sections 2903.06 and 2903.08 of the Revised Code to add to the list of vehicles that can be used to commit a vehicular homicide or vehicular assault.

Sub. H. B. No. 578 -Representatives Creech, Schmidt

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Deeter, Ghanbari, Hiner, John, Johnson, Mathews, A., Miller, J., Miller, K., Peterson, Robb Blasdel, Salvo, Somani, Williams, Willis

To amend section 3701.23 of the Revised Code to modify disease reporting requirements.

Am. Sub. H. B. No. 646 -Representatives Click, Deeter

Cosponsors: Representatives Pizzulli, Thomas, D., Salvo, Daniels, Workman, Mathews, T., Richardson, Stephens, Newman, Barhorst, Williams, Brennan, King, Plummer, Ghanbari, Hall, T., Lorenz, Gross, Bird, Manning, Stewart, Holmes, Miller, M., Abdullahi, Claggett, Creech, Dovilla, Hoops, John, Klopfenstein, Lear, Mathews, A., Miller, J., Miller, K., Mohamed, Peterson, Ray, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Schmidt, Synenberg, Troy, Upchurch, White, A., Willis, Young

To create the Data Center Study Commission.

Sub. H. B. No. 730 -Representative Stewart

Cosponsors: Representatives John, Williams, Abrams, Creech, Deeter, Dovilla, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Holmes, Peterson, Stephens, Willis

To amend Sections 333.70, 353.20, 423.85, and 423.103 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly and Section 200.30 of H.B. 2 of the 135th General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to make capital reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2028, and to make operating appropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2027.

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. 229-Representative Deeter – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

On the motion of Senator DeMora, the Senate adjourned until Monday, March 23, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.