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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Tuesday, May 19, 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 Timken 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 **S. B. No. 281**-Senator Roegner, having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

YES - 6: SANDRA O'BRIEN, THERESA GAVARONE, KENT SMITH, KYLE KOEHLER, AL LANDIS, SHANE WILKIN

NO - 0.

Senator Chavez submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Energy, to which was referred **Sub. H. B. No. 170**-Representatives Robb Blasdel, Peterson, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

YES - 11: BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, AL LANDIS, KENT SMITH, JERRY C. CIRINO, WILLIAM P. DEMORA, GEORGE F. LANG, SUSAN MANCHESTER, BILL REINEKE, TIM SCHAFFER, JANE M. TIMKEN, SHANE WILKIN

NO - 0.

Senator Koehler submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Workforce Development, to which was referred **H. B. No. 268**-Representatives Humphrey, Click, et al., having had the same

under consideration, reports it back and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsors: Koehler, Ingram.

YES - 4: KYLE KOEHLER, MICHELE REYNOLDS, CATHERINE D. INGRAM, WILLIS E. BLACKSHEAR, JR.

NO - 0.

Senator Koehler submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Workforce Development, to which was referred **S. B. No. 331**-Senators Wilson, Blackshear, et al., having had the same under consideration, reports it back with the following amendments and recommends its passage when so amended.

Co-Sponsor: Ingram.

In line 32, delete "a public"

In line 33, delete "hospitality employee."; delete "the" and insert "a public hospitality"

In line 34, delete "may accept a gratuity" and insert "and"

In line 36, after "employment" insert ", both of the following apply:

(1) A person may give a gratuity to the employee.

(2) The employee may accept the gratuity"

In line 38, delete "do"

Delete line 39

In line 40, delete "(1) Claim" and insert "claim"

In line 42, delete ";

Delete lines 43 and 44

In line 45, delete "performing substantially the same services in similar positions"

Delete lines 46 through 50

YES - 4: KYLE KOEHLER, MICHELE REYNOLDS, CATHERINE D. INGRAM, WILLIS E. BLACKSHEAR, JR.

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 bill was introduced and considered for the first time:

S. B. No. 442 - Senator Reynolds, Smith.

To amend section 3301.0718 and to enact section 3301.0733 of the Revised Code to enact the Food Literacy Standards Act to require the Department of Education and Workforce to adopt food literacy standards for grades kindergarten through twelve.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senators Timken, Gavarone offered the following joint resolution:

S. J. R. No. 10-Senators Timken, Gavarone.

Proposing to enact Section 5 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to require identification to vote.

The question being, "Shall the joint resolution, **S. J. R. No. 10**, be adopted?"

On the motion of Senator Reineke, **S. J. R. No. 10**, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference.

Senator Reynolds offered the following resolution:

S. R. No. 359-Senator Reynolds.

To urge the Supreme Court of Ohio and the Ohio judicial system to encourage remote appearances of sexual assault nurse examiners in sexual assault trials so that sexual assault nurse examiners can spend less time in courtrooms and more time providing valuable services to victims of sexual assault.

The question being, "Shall the resolution, **S. R. No. 359**, be adopted?"

On the motion of Senator Reineke, **S. R. No. 359**, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference.

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

S. R. No. 360 - Senator Gavarone.

Honoring Marilyn's on receiving a 2026 Made In America Small Business Award.

S. R. No. 361 - Senator Johnson.

Honoring the Portsmouth High School girls basketball team on winning the

2026 Division V State Championship.

S. R. No. 362 - Senators Manning, McColley.

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Blackshear, Blessing, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Huffman, Ingram, Johnson, Koehler, Landis, Lang, Liston, Manchester, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Smith, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson.

In memory of Jeffry Armbruster.

S. R. No. 363 - Senator Gavarone.

Honoring the Toledo Lucas County Public Library Waterville Branch on its Centennial.

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. 423 -Representative Deeter

Cosponsors: Representatives Schmidt, Somani, Brennan, Brownlee, Dovilla, Grim, Hall, D., Lorenz, Manning, Mathews, T., Miller, J., Robb Blasdel, Russo, Sigrist, Sims, Thomas, C., Thomas, D., Tims, White, A., White, E., Williams, Willis, Young

To enact sections 3702.3013 and 3727.26 of the Revised Code regarding the employment of surgical assistants and surgical technologists.

Sub. H. B. No. 644 -Representative Manning

Cosponsors: Representatives Miller, J., Williams, Brennan, Brent, Brownlee, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Grim, Hall, D., John, Johnson, Lett, Mathews, T., Piccolantonio, Rader, Russo, Sigrist, Sims, Tims, White, A., White, E., Willis, Young

To enact section 3333.1211 of the Revised Code to create the Higher Education Evidence-Based Innovation Fund and Grant Program.

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. 393-Representatives Click, Brewer – et al.

Sub. H. B. No. 462-Representative Richardson – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Senate Rules 19 and 20, the President of the Senate creates the Select Committee on Data Centers and appoints the following senators:

Senator Brian Chavez, Co-Chair

Senator Bill Reineke

Senator Shane Wilkin

Senator Willis Blackshear

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.