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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Tuesday, March 24, 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 Gavarone was selected to preside according to the rule.

The journal of the last legislative day was read and approved.

**REPORTS OF REFERENCE AND BILLS FOR SECOND
CONSIDERATION**

Senator McColley reports for the standing committee on Rules and Reference, recommending that the following bills, standing in order for second consideration, be referred to committee as recommended:

H. B. No. 37-Representative Stewart, et al.

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."

To the Committee on Transportation.

Sub. H. B. No. 105-Representatives Craig, Thomas, J., et al.

To enact sections 1357.01, 1357.011, 1357.02, 1357.03, 1357.04, 1357.05, 1357.06, 1357.07, 1357.08, 1357.09, and 1357.10 and to repeal section 1349.55 of the Revised Code to revise and supplement state regulations concerning non-recourse litigation funding agreements.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

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

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.

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

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."

To the Committee on Transportation.

Sub. H. B. No. 730-Representative Stewart, et al.

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.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. B. No. 393-Senators Timken, Manning

To amend sections 959.21, 959.99, 2907.04, 2907.05, 2907.321, 2907.322, 2907.323, 2929.14, and 2950.01 and to enact section 2941.1427 of the Revised Code to make changes to various sexually oriented offenses involving juvenile victims and to create the offenses of creating or possessing material depicting sexual conduct with an animal.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

YES - 11: NICKIE J. ANTONIO, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, JERRY C. CIRINO, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, THERESA GAVARONE, GEORGE F. LANG, BETH LISTON, ROB MCCOLLEY, BILL REINEKE, 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 were considered a second time and referred to committee as recommended.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 55, the following resolution was offered:

S. R. No. 301 - Senator Koehler.

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

In memory of Captain Curtis J. Angst.

The question being, "Shall the resolution listed under the President's prerogative be adopted?"

So the resolution was adopted.

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:

Am. S. B. No. 244 -Senators Roegner, Timken

Cosponsors: Senators Schaffer, Johnson, Antonio, Blackshear, Blessing, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, Cutrona, DeMora, Gavarone, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Koehler, Landis, Lang, O'Brien, Patton, Reineke, Reynolds, Romanchuk, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson
Representatives Richardson, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Holmes, Lampton, Abrams, Bird, Brennan, Brewer, Brownlee, Callender, Claggett, Click, Daniels, Deeter, Demetriou, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Gross, Hall, T., Hiner, Hoops, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, John, Johnson, King, Kishman, Klopfenstein, LaRe, Lear, Lorenz, Manning, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., McClain, McNally, Miller, J., Miller, K., Miller, M., Mullins, Newman, Odioso, Oelslager, Peterson, Pizzulli, Plummer, Ray, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Robinson, Roemer, Rogers, Russo, Salvo, Santucci, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Stephens, Stewart, Swearingen, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Upchurch, White, A., White, E., Willis, Workman, Young

To enact section 5.63 of the Revised Code to designate August 26th as "Abbey Gate Remembrance Day."

With the following additional amendments, in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested.

In line 8, after "Soviak" insert ", United States Navy."

In line 9, after "Espinoza" insert ", United States Marine Corps."; after "Gee" insert ", United States Marine Corps."

In line 10, after "Hoover" insert ", United States Marine Corps."

In line 11, after "Knauss" insert ", United States Army."

In line 12, after "Lopez" insert ", United States Marine Corps."

In line 13, after "McCollum" insert ", United States Marine Corps."

In line 14, after "Merola" insert ", United States Marine Corps."

In line 15, after "Nikoui" insert ", United States Marine Corps."

In line 16, after "Pichardo" insert ", United States Marine Corps,"

In line 17, after "Sanchez" insert ", United States Marine Corps,"; after "Schmitz" insert ", United States Marine Corps,"

In line 18, after "Page" insert ", United States Marine Corps,"

In line 19, delete "armed forces" and insert "Armed Forces"

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

Said amendments were laid over under the rule.

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.