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ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Thursday, February 26, 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 Craig was selected to preside according to the rule.

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

S. B. No. 369 - Senator Blessing.

Cosponsor: Senator DeMora.

To enact section 959.22 of the Revised Code to establish prohibitions against the force-feeding of birds.

S. B. No. 370 - Senator Romanchuk.

To amend sections 2903.10, 2903.11, 2903.12, 2903.13, 2903.14, 2903.16, 2903.18, 2903.21, 2903.211, 2903.22, 2903.31, 2905.01, 2905.11, 2905.12, 2905.22, 2905.32, 2907.03, 2907.05, 2909.01, 2909.06, 2909.07, 2911.02, 2911.12, 2913.01, 2913.02, 2913.03, 2913.04, 2913.05, 2913.21, 2913.31, 2913.43, 2913.49, 2913.61, 2917.21, and 2919.25 of the Revised Code to enhance criminal penalties for offenses committed against a person with a disability.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Blessing offered the following joint resolution:

S. J. R. No. 9-Senator Blessing.

Proposing to repeal Section 13 of Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to no longer prohibit wholesale excise taxation of food and nonalcoholic beverages.

The question being, "Shall the joint resolution, **S. J. R. No. 9**, be adopted?"

On the motion of Senator DeMora, **S. J. R. No. 9**, was referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference.

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

S. R. No. 284 - Senator Brenner.

Honoring Elena Aldrink on placing first at the 2025 Division I State Cross Country Championship.

S. R. No. 285 - Senator Reineke.

Honoring Crown Battery Manufacturing on its One Hundredth Anniversary.

S. R. No. 286 - Senator Antonio.

Honoring Case Western Reserve University on its Two Hundredth Anniversary.

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. 58 -Representatives Pizzulli, Jarrells

Cosponsors: Representatives Click, Newman, Abrams, Baker, Bird, Brennan, Brewer, Brownlee, Bryant Bailey, Callender, Cockley, Daniels, Deeter, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Grim, Hall, D., Isaacsohn, John, Johnson, Kishman, Lawson-Rowe, Lett, McNally, Miller, J., Mohamed, Mullins, Odioso, Oelslager, Rader, Richardson, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Russo, Salvo, Santucci, Schmidt, Sigrist, Somani, Stephens, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Troy, Upchurch, White, A., Workman, Young

To amend sections 340.034, 2925.01, 5119.01, 5119.36, 5119.365, 5119.39, 5119.392, 5119.393, 5119.394, 5119.396, 5119.94, and 5119.99; to enact new section 5119.391 and sections 5119.02, 5119.369, 5119.398, and 5119.399; and to repeal sections 5119.391, 5119.395, and 5119.397 of the Revised Code to require state certification of recovery housing residences, to establish additional duties regarding services offered by community addiction services providers, and to create the Ohio Recovery Housing Task Force.

Am. H. B. No. 332 -Representatives Mathews, T., Hiner

Cosponsors: Representatives Thomas, D., Deeter, Williams, Fischer, Abrams, Brennan, Claggett, Click, Daniels, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Hall, T., Holmes, Hoops, John, Johnson, Klopfenstein, Lampton, Lear, Manning, Mathews, A., Miller, J., Miller, K., Oelslager, Peterson, Plummer, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Santucci, Schmidt, Sigrist, Synenberg, Thomas, C., White, A., Workman, Young

To amend sections 135.61, 135.62, 135.621, 135.623, 1733.04, and 1733.24 and to enact section 135.67 of the Revised Code to create the small defense business linked deposit program.

Am. H. B. No. 428 -Representatives Thomas, D., Williams

Cosponsors: Representatives Click, King, Glassburn, Brennan, Bird, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Gross, Hall, D., John, Klopfenstein, Lear, Mathews, A., Miller, K., Mullins, Piccolantonio, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Schmidt, Sigrist, Young

To amend sections 9.481, 735.01, and 737.01 of the Revised Code regarding residency requirements for the city director of public service and the city director of public safety.

Sub. H. B. No. 479 -Representative Schmidt

Cosponsors: Representatives Deeter, Stephens, Somani, Abrams, Brennan, Brownlee, Click, Dovilla, Grim, Hall, D., Hiner, Holmes, Lett, Odioso, Rader, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Sigrist, Thomas, C., Williams

To amend sections 4773.10, 4774.08, and 4774.10 and to enact sections 4723.37, 4723.371, 4773.062, and 4774.101 of the Revised Code regarding physician supervision of contrast administration for imaging.

Am. H. B. No. 500 -Representatives Mathews, T., Ritter

Cosponsors: Representatives Click, Lear, Gross, Deeter, Fowler Arthur, Odioso, Brennan, Miller, J., Newman, Abrams, Baker, Bird, Brownlee, Claggett, Craig, Dovilla, Fischer, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Hiner, Hoops, Humphrey, John, King, Klopfenstein, Lampton, Lett, Lorenz, Manning, Mathews, A., Miller, K., Miller, M., Mohamed, Peterson, Ray, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Santucci, Schmidt, Sigrist, Swearingen, Synenberg, Thomas, C., White, A., Williams, Workman, Young

To enact sections 3313.907 and 3317.166 of the Revised Code to designate a JROTC or NDCC program offered by a school district as a career-technical education program.

Sub. H. B. No. 503 -Representatives Roemer, Workman

Cosponsors: Representatives Daniels, King, Newman, Thomas, D., Williams, Click, Abrams, Craig, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Gross, Lear, Mathews, A., Peterson, Plummer, Robb Blasdel, Swearingen, Young

To amend section 718.04 and to enact section 718.041 of the Revised Code to require voter approval to reduce or repeal a municipal income tax reciprocity credit, to allow a voter initiative to enact or increase such a credit, and to require the Department of Taxation to conduct a study of municipal income taxation.

Sub. H. B. No. 532 -Representative Miller, K.

Cosponsors: Representatives Abrams, Bird, Brennan, Daniels, Ghanbari, Grim, Hall, D., Johnson, Mathews, A., McNally, Miller, J., Odioso, Oelslager, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Sigrist, Thomas, C., Williams, Young

To amend sections 2151.27, 2151.31, 2151.419, 2152.72, 3109.58, and 3109.68 of the Revised Code to require a public children services agency to take immediate custody of specified children who cannot be released to a parent, guardian, or custodian.

H. B. No. 541 -Representative McClain

Cosponsors: Representatives Willis, Daniels, Grim, Lorenz, Newman, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Troy, Abdullahi, Abrams, Barhorst, Bird, Brennan, Brewer, Brownlee, Bryant Bailey, Callender, Claggett, Click, Cockley, Craig, Creech, Deeter, Demetriou, Dovilla, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Gross, Hall, D., Hall, T., Holmes, Hoops, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, John, Johnson, King, Kishman, Klopfenstein, LaRe, Lawson-Rowe, Lear, Lett, Manning, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., Miller, J., Miller, K., Miller, M., Mohamed, Moore, Mullins, Oelslager, Peterson, Ray, Richardson, Ritter, Roemer, Russo, Salvo, Santucci, Schmidt, Sigrist, Stephens, Sweeney, Synenberg, Thomas, C., Upchurch, White, A., Williams, Workman, Young

To enact section 5534.474 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 42 in Morrow County as the "Deputy Daniel "Weston" Sherrer Memorial Highway."

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. 227-Representatives Robb Blasdel, Johnson – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

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 bills:

S. B. No. 18 -Senators Reynolds, Craig

Cosponsors: Senators Gavarone, Huffman, Johnson, Romanchuk, Antonio,

Blackshear, Brenner, Cirino, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Ingram, Landis, Liston, Patton, Reineke, Roegner, Schaffer, Smith, Timken, Weinstein, Wilkin, Wilson

Representatives Schmidt, Miller, M., Abdullahi, Abrams, Baker, Brennan, Brewer, Brownlee, Bryant Bailey, Callender, Cockley, Deeter, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Grim, Hall, D., Hall, T., Hiner, Hoops, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, John, Johnson, Klopfenstein, Lawson-Rowe, Lett, Lorenz, Manning, Miller, J., Miller, K., Mohamed, Odioso, Oelslager, Peterson, Piccolantonio, Rader, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Russo, Sigrist, Somani, Stephens, Synenberg, Thomas, C., White, A., Williams, Young

To enact section 5.2540 of the Revised Code to designate February 14 as "Cardiovascular Health Awareness Day."

Am. S. B. No. 137 -Senator Johnson

Cosponsors: Senators Huffman, Ingram, Antonio, Blackshear, Cirino, Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, Landis, O'Brien, Reineke, Reynolds, Timken, Weinstein, Wilson

Representatives Schmidt, Brennan, Deeter, Hall, D., Johnson, Oelslager, Rogers, Salvo, Somani, Synenberg, White, A., Williams, Young

To enact sections 3727.81, 3727.811, and 5119.192 of the Revised Code to require hospitals to provide overdose reversal drugs under certain circumstances.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

On the motion of Senator DeMora, the Senate adjourned until Monday, March 2, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.