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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Thursday, March 26, 2026, 11:00 o'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 3, the Clerk called the Senate to order.

Senator DeMora 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 Johnson submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred **S. B. No. 321**-Senator Schaffer, having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsors: Patton, Johnson.

YES - 5: TERRY JOHNSON, STEVE WILSON, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, THOMAS F. PATTON, TIM SCHAFFER

NO - 0.

The question being, "Shall the report of the committee be accepted?"

The report of the committee was accepted.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced and considered for the first time:

S. B. No. 399 - Senator Schaffer.

To amend sections 109.32, 2915.02, 2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.10, and 2915.14 and to enact sections 2915.021 and 2915.083 of the Revised Code to modify the Attorney General's authority under the Charitable Gaming Law and to make related changes to that law.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senators Romanchuk, Huffman offered the following resolution:

S. R. No. 304-Senators Romanchuk, Huffman.

To honor Pope Leo XIV, the first Pope from the United States of America, and to highlight his life and accomplishments.

On the motion of Senator Craig, **S. R. No. 304**, was referred to the

Committee on Rules and Reference.

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

S. R. No. 305 - Senator Romanchuk.

Honoring Shenandoah Christian Church on its Sesquicentennial.

S. R. No. 306 - Senator Reineke.

Honoring the Selover Public Library on its One 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. 176 -Representatives Fischer, Lorenz

Cosponsors: Representatives Ferguson, Newman, Santucci, Thomas, D., Gross, Johnson, Workman, Abrams, Barhorst, Brennan, Brewer, Claggett, Daniels, Dovilla, Hall, D., Hall, T., Humphrey, Jarrells, John, LaRe, Lett, Mathews, A., Mathews, T., McClain, Peterson, Plummer, Robb Blasdel, Roemer, Rogers, Salvo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Stephens, Swearingen, Williams

To enact sections 1357.01, 1357.02, 1357.03, 1357.04, 1357.05, 1357.06, 1357.07, 1357.08, 1357.09, 1357.10, 1357.11, and 1357.12 of the Revised Code to create a regulatory relief division within the common sense initiative office and to establish a universal regulatory sandbox program.

Sub. H. B. No. 203 -Representatives Hall, T., Williams

Cosponsors: Representatives Mathews, A., Abrams, Bird, Brennan, Brent, Brownlee, Bryant Bailey, Click, Creech, Daniels, Dovilla, Fischer, Ghanbari, Gross, Hall, D., Hiner, Hoops, Isaacsohn, John, Johnson, Klopfenstein, Lampton, Lett, Manning, Miller, J., Miller, K., Mohamed, Odioso, Peterson, Piccolantonio, Ray, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Russo, Salvo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Stephens, Upchurch, White, A., Workman, Young

To amend sections 2903.06, 2903.08, 2903.081, 4511.01, 4511.132, 4511.20, 4511.202, 4511.204, 4511.205, 4511.21, 4511.25, 4511.251, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.41, 4511.42, 4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.46, 4511.54, 4511.60, 4511.711, 4511.712, and 5501.27 and to enact section 4510.039 of the Revised Code to

increase penalties for vehicular assault and vehicular homicide within an active school zone, to allow a court to impose doubled fines for specified traffic violations in portions of an active school zone, and to name this act Aspen Runnels' Law.

Sub. H. B. No. 217 -Representatives Cockley, Ritter

Cosponsors: Representatives Grim, Denson, Sigrist, Gross, Abdullahi, Miller, J., Brennan, Isaacsohn, Newman, Workman, White, E., Daniels, Odioso, Jarrells, Brewer, Synenberg, Rader, Abrams, Baker, Barhorst, Brent, Brownlee, Bryant Bailey, Dovilla, Fischer, Ghanbari, Glassburn, Hall, D., Hall, T., Hiner, Hoops, Humphrey, John, LaRe, Lett, Manning, Mathews, A., Miller, K., Miller, M., Mohamed, Peterson, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Rogers, Russo, Salvo, Schmidt, Sims, Thomas, D., Tims, Troy, Upchurch, White, A., Williams

To amend sections 2901.30, 2901.41, and 2901.42 and to enact section 109.5731 of the Revised Code to enact Andy Chapman's Act to require law enforcement agencies to enter information relating to a report of a missing person in the national missing and unidentified persons system (NamUs).

Sub. H. B. No. 220 -Representative Workman

Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Brewer, Click, Cockley, Daniels, Glassburn, Lett, Miller, J., Miller, K., Mohamed, Oelslager, Piccolantonio, Rader, Russo, Salvo, Schmidt, Sweeney, Troy, White, A., Williams

To amend sections 1751.72, 3923.041, and 5160.34 of the Revised Code regarding health insurance and Medicaid program prior authorization requirements.

H. B. No. 249 -Representatives King, Williams

Cosponsors: Representatives Hoops, Deeter, Workman, Barhorst, Bird, Claggett, Click, Creech, Thomas, D., Demetriou, Ferguson, Fowler Arthur, Gross, Hall, T., Hiner, Holmes, Thomas, J., John, Miller, K., Ritter, Klopfenstein, Lear, Dean, Lorenz, Johnson, Mathews, T., McClain, Miller, M., Mullins, Newman, Peterson, Pizzulli, Plummer, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Salvo, Swearingen, Willis, Lampton, Jones, Schmidt, Fischer, Mathews, A., Stewart, Abrams, Craig, Daniels, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Kishman, Roemer, Santucci, Stephens, Young

To amend sections 2907.09, 2907.39, and 4301.25 of the Revised Code to enact the Indecent Exposure Modernization Act.

Sub. H. B. No. 252 -Representatives Click, Bird

Cosponsors: Representatives Thomas, D., Hiner, Miller, K., Mathews, A., Abrams, Brennan, Dovilla, Fischer, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Gross, Hall, T., John, LaRe, Mathews, T., Newman, Odioso, Schmidt, Swearingen, Williams

To amend sections 2901.01, 2911.11, 2911.12, and 2923.132 of the Revised Code to modify the offenses of burglary, aggravated burglary, and trespass in a habitation when a person is present or likely to be present.

H. B. No. 347 -Representatives Odioso, Williams

Cosponsors: Representatives Mathews, A., Craig, Deeter, John, Schmidt, Gross, King, Miller, M., Stewart, Barhorst, Bird, Callender, Claggett, Click, Creech, Dovilla, Ferguson, Fowler Arthur, Ghanbari, Hall, T., Hiner, Holmes, Hoops, Johnson, Klopfenstein, Lear, Mathews, T., McClain, Newman, Plummer, Richardson, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Salvo, Swearingen, Thomas, D., Workman

To amend sections 2305.11 and 2307.46 and to enact section 2317.58 of the Revised Code to enact the Share the Health and Empower With Informed Notices (SHE WINS) Act regarding abortion informed consent.

Am. H. B. No. 372 -Representatives Abrams, Plummer

Cosponsors: Representatives Swearingen, Mathews, A., Barhorst, Bird, Brennan, Click, Craig, Creech, Daniels, Deeter, Demetriou, Dovilla, Fischer, Ghanbari, Gross, Hall, D., Hall, T., Hiner, Holmes, Hoops, John, Johnson, Kishman, Lampton, LaRe, Lear, Manning, Mathews, T., McClain, Miller, J., Miller, K., Miller, M., Odioso, Oelslager, Peterson, Ray, Richardson, Ritter, Robb Blasdel, Roemer, Salvo, Santucci, Sigrist, Stephens, Thomas, C., Thomas, D., Troy, White, A., Williams, Workman, Young

To amend sections 2903.01, 2929.03, 2929.04, and 2941.14 of the Revised Code to enact the Larry Henderson Act to specify that the penalty for aggravated murder for an adult offender is death or life without the possibility of parole if the victim is a peace officer, corrections officer, prosecutor, first responder, or military member.

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 bills:

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

Am. S. B. No. 244-Senators Roegner, Timken – et al.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

The President signed said bills.

On the motion of Senator Craig, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.