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Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Senator Cirino 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 and resolutions, standing in order for second consideration, be referred to committee as recommended:

H. C. R. No. 32-Representative Dovilla, et al.

To urge the United States Congress to implement a zero-based budgeting process.

To the Committee on Finance.

H. C. R. No. 35-Representative Lear, et al.

To urge Congress to enact reforms to federal permitting policies to accelerate deployment of new energy infrastructure.

To the Committee on Energy.

H. C. R. No. 40-Representatives Robb Blasdel, Ritter, et al.

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.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Sub. H. B. No. 284-Representatives Hiner, White, E., et al.

To amend sections 153.011, 153.99, 3333.071, and 5525.21 of the Revised Code to require iron or steel that is produced in the United States be used on projects supported by state funds.

To the Committee on Finance.

Sub. H. B. No. 291-Representatives Mathews, T., Santucci, et al.

To enact sections 122.67 and 122.671 of the Revised Code to create the Ohio International Trade Commission.

To the Committee on Finance.

Sub. H. B. No. 314-Representatives Isaacsohn, Ray, et al.

To amend section 149.43 of the Revised Code to restrict harassing or disruptive public records requests and permit private contractors to respond to voluminous public records requests.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Am. H. B. No. 319-Representative Young, et al.

To enact section 3333.89 of the Revised Code to enact the Clinical Teaching Subsidy Reform Act regarding the state university clinical teaching subsidy.

To the Committee on Higher Education.

Sub. H. B. No. 346-Representatives Kishman, Williams, et al.

To amend sections 2151.421 and 2151.99 of the Revised Code to enact V.J.'s Law to require health care professionals to report child abuse or neglect to both a peace officer and the public children services agency.

To the Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

Am. H. B. No. 459-Representatives Gross, Williams, et al.

To amend sections 2152.17, 2901.13, 2927.01, and 2929.14 and to enact sections 2921.322 and 2941.1427 of the Revised Code to enact Katelyn's Law to create an offense and specification related to moving or removing human remains, to provide that the offense has no statute of limitations, and to modify the offense of abuse of a corpse.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Sub. H. B. No. 563-Representative Hiner, et al.

To enact sections 1345.53 and 1345.54 of the Revised Code to regulate ticket sales.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

Am. H. B. No. 585-Representatives Odioso, Lett, et al.

To amend section 5123.351 of the Revised Code regarding the authority of the Department of Developmental Disabilities to adopt rules regarding the use of community capital assistance funds.

To the Committee on Finance.

Am. H. B. No. 603-Representative Moore, et al.

To enact section 6101.162 of the Revised Code to prohibit a conservancy district's board of directors from including certain provisions, such as an indemnification clause, in a contract for the procurement of goods or services.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Sub. H. B. No. 611-Representatives Callender, Stewart, et al.

To amend sections 3796.01 and 3796.21 and to enact section 3796.25 of the Revised Code to issue paired cultivator and dispensary licenses to certain medical marijuana processors.

To the Committee on General Government.

Sub. H. B. No. 630-Representative Dean, et al.

To amend sections 4511.051 and 4513.34 and to enact section 4513.341 of the Revised Code regarding police escorts for farm equipment and vehicles that haul agricultural equipment and produce and the operation of farm equipment and machinery on limited access highways and freeways.

To the Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

Sub. H. B. No. 645-Representative Dovilla, et al.

To amend sections 107.03, 126.02, 126.13, and 126.27 and to enact sections 126.025 and 126.026 of the Revised Code to require the use of zero-based budgeting in the development of the state budget.

To the Committee on Finance.

Sub. H. B. No. 647-Representatives Plummer, Young, et al.

To amend sections 5104.01, 5104.30, 5104.32, 5104.34, 5104.38, and 5104.53 and to enact sections 5104.321 and 5104.45 of the Revised Code to revise the law governing the publicly funded child care program.

To the Committee on Finance.

H. B. No. 654-Representatives Deeter, Manning, et al.

To amend section 2927.01 of the Revised Code to enact Amanda Dean's Law to increase the penalties for abuse of a corpse.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Sub. H. B. No. 664-Representatives Fischer, Deeter, et al.

To amend section 4741.19 and to enact section 4741.191 of the Revised Code to establish procedures that allow a registered veterinary technician to establish an assess and treat relationship on behalf of a veterinarian to dispense and administer vaccines and antiparasitic medication to a shelter dog or cat.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Sub. H. B. No. 667-Representative Abrams, et al.

To amend sections 2929.141, 2929.34, 2935.10, 2935.11, 5120.021, 5120.038, 5589.21, and 5589.211 of the Revised Code to enact the Reagan Tokes and Patrick Heringer Act to require certain warrants to be entered into LEADS, to require GPS monitoring of offenders released from prison, and to modify T-CAP requirements.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

Sub. H. B. No. 692-Representatives Pizzulli, John, et al.

To amend sections 3701.83, 3718.02, 3718.021, 3718.03, 3718.06, 3718.11, 6111.44, and 6111.441 of the Revised Code to make changes to the law governing household sewage treatment systems.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Sub. H. B. No. 733-Representatives Fowler Arthur, Thomas, D., et al.

To amend sections 1.61, 303.01, 519.01, 901.511, 929.01, 1311.55, 1729.01, 5501.50, and 5713.30 of the Revised Code to expressly include the cultivation of trees to produce maple syrup and maple products in the laws relating to agriculture.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Am. H. B. No. 757-Representative Daniels, et al.

To enact section 3905.427 of the Revised Code to enact the Rental Home Marketplace Guarantees Act.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology.

Am. H. B. No. 758-Representatives Sweeney, Manning, et al.

To amend sections 3304.23, 4507.06, 4507.13, 4507.51, and 4507.52 and to enact sections 313.133, 3701.1311, and 3705.081 of the Revised Code regarding sudden unexpected death in epilepsy and to allow a person with epilepsy to enroll in the Disability Database and have an epilepsy designation on the person's driver's license or state ID.

To the Committee on Health.

H. B. No. 852-Representative Miller, K., et al.

To amend sections 109.77 and 737.15 and to enact sections 505.496 and 737.053 of the Revised Code to require an individual appointed as a chief of police to complete a peace officer basic training program.

To the Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

S. C. R. No. 21-Senators Patton, Smith

To condemn the Russian Federation for the wrongful and illegal abduction, forcible transfer, and subsequent illegal adoption and indoctrination of children from Ukraine.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. C. R. No. 22-Senator Brenner, et al.

To urge the United States Congress to oppose proposed changes to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

S. B. No. 459-Senator Schaffer

To amend section 4517.02 of the Revised Code to ensure motor vehicle donations are exempt from the motor vehicle casual sales limits.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. B. No. 460-Senator Cutrona

To enact section 5709.29 of the Revised Code to exempt required fencing surrounding oil and gas well pads from property taxation.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 461-Senator Cirino

To amend sections 3335.39, 3339.06, 3344.07, 3345.382, 3345.58, 3352.16, and 3364.07 of the Revised Code to enact the Strengthening Ohio Civics Act regarding American civics literacy courses and the operation of academic civics centers.

To the Committee on Higher Education.

S. B. No. 462-Senator Timken

To amend section 5751.98 and to enact sections 3333.46 and 5751.55 of the Revised Code to enact the Joining-Opportunities Business and Schools (JOBS) Act to authorize and offer tax incentives for qualified education partnerships between institutions of higher education and private employers.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 463-Senators Gavarone, Brenner

To amend sections 3313.669, 3314.03, 3326.11, and 5502.263 and to enact section 5502.264 of the Revised Code regarding threat assessment teams and model behavioral threat assessment plans and to make an appropriation.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. B. No. 464-Senator Romanchuk

To amend sections 5747.98 and 5751.98 and to enact sections 5747.053 and 5751.55 of the Revised Code to authorize a refundable tax credit for compensation paid to skilled trades instructors.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 465-Senator Schaffer

To amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 157.04 (157.06), 157.05 (157.07), 157.07 (157.08), 157.08 (157.09), and 157.09 (157.10); to enact new sections 157.01, 157.02, 157.03, 157.04, 157.05, and 157.11 and section 157.021; and to repeal sections 157.01, 157.02, 157.03, 157.04, 157.05, 157.06, 157.07, 157.08, 157.09, 157.10, and 157.11 of the Revised Code to update the Ohio Coordinate System to adhere to the National Spatial Reference System.

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

S. B. No. 466-Senator Blessing

To amend section 2967.194 of the Revised Code to increase the availability of sentence reduction credit a prisoner may receive for successfully participating in specified programs.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. No. 467-Senator Patton

To amend section 4549.13 of the Revised Code to modify when a marked police car must be used for traffic law enforcement.

To the Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

S. B. No. 468-Senator DeMora, et al.

To enact section 3701.852 of the Revised Code to require athletic facilities to install and maintain automated external defibrillators.

To the Committee on Health.

S. B. No. 469-Senator Cutrona

To amend section 149.43 and to enact sections 5507.01, 5507.02, 5507.03, 5507.04, 5507.05, and 5507.99 of the Revised Code to regulate the use of automated license plate recognition systems, mass surveillance technology, and captured surveillance data.

To the Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

S. B. No. 470-Senator Roegner

To enact section 5534.156 of the Revised Code to designate the bridge spanning the Cuyahoga River on State Route 8 as the "First Lieutenant Ronald Yale, USMC, Memorial Bridge."

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. B. No. 471-Senators DeMora, Craig, et al.

To amend section 2301.02 of the Revised Code to add two judges to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2028.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. No. 472-Senator Craig, et al.

To enact section 5534.506 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of U.S. Route 62 in Columbus as the "State Senator I. Ray Miller Jr. Memorial

Highway."

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. B. No. 473-Senator Antonio, et al.

To enact section 5.64 of the Revised Code to designate September 25 as "Dolly Parton Day."

To the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform.

S. B. No. 474-Senator DeMora

To amend sections 4301.42 and 4305.01 of the Revised Code to reduce excise tax rates on beer manufactured in the United States.

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 475-Senators Reynolds, Timken

To amend sections 5735.50 and 5735.99 of the Revised Code to temporarily reduce certain motor fuel taxes, to levy a temporary retail tax on certain motor fuel, to require gas stations to provide itemized receipts to customers, to make appropriations to supplement the loss of motor fuel tax revenues and to make payments to gas stations, and to declare an emergency.

To the Committee on General Government.

S. B. No. 476-Senator Brenner

To amend sections 5311.03, 5311.08, 5311.081, 5311.09, 5311.22, 5312.03, 5312.04, 5312.06, 5312.08, and 5312.11 and to enact sections 5311.082, 5311.083, 5311.28, 5311.30, 5311.31, 5311.32, 5311.33, 5311.34, 5311.35, 5312.041, 5312.042, 5312.17, 5312.18, 5312.19, 5312.20, 5312.21, 5312.22, and 5312.23 of the Revised Code to make changes to the Ohio Planned Community and Condominium Law.

To the Committee on Judiciary.

YES - 13: NICKIE J. ANTONIO, WILLIS E. BLACKSHEAR, JR.,
ANDREW O. BRENNER, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, JERRY C.
CIRINO, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, GEORGE F. LANG, ROB
MCCOLLEY, BILL REINEKE, MICHELE REYNOLDS,
KRISTINA D. ROEGNER, 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 and resolutions were considered a second time and referred to committee as recommended.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES

Senator McColley submitted the following report:

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 37, the standing committee on Rules and Reference recommends that **Sub. H. B. No. 519**, having been referred to the standing committee on Judiciary, be re-referred to the standing committee on General Government.

YES - 13: NICKIE J. ANTONIO, WILLIS E. BLACKSHEAR, JR., ANDREW O. BRENNER, BRIAN M. CHAVEZ, JERRY C. CIRINO, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, GEORGE F. LANG, ROB MCCOLLEY, BILL REINEKE, MICHELE REYNOLDS, KRISTINA D. ROEGNER, TIM SCHAFFER, KENT SMITH

NO - 0.

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

The report of the committee was accepted.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Rules No. 19 and 20, the President of the Senate temporarily appoints Senator George Lang as a replacement for Senator Jane Timken on the Senate General Government committee for the purposes of the September 30, 2026 committee meeting.

MOTIONS

On the motion of Senator Schaffer, the Senate recessed until 1:30 p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to the recess.

Prayer was offered by Senator Kyle Koehler, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following guests were recognized by the Senate prior to the commencement of business:

Senator Ingram recognized LSC Fellow, Naraah Mulenge, for her service to the Ohio Senate.

Senator Craig recognized Legislative Aide, Brandon Kopkas, for his outstanding service to the Ohio Senate.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES

Senator Roegner submitted the following report:

The standing committee on General Government, to which was referred **Sub. H. B. No. 519**-Representative White, A., et al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsors: Huffman, Lang.

YES - 5: KRISTINA D. ROEGNER, JERRY C. CIRINO, STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, GEORGE F. LANG, BILL REINEKE

NO - 2: WILLIS E. BLACKSHEAR, JR., WILLIAM P. DEMORA

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

BILLS FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION

Sub. H. B. No. 519-Representative White, A.

Cosponsors: Representatives Abrams, Miller, K., Hall, T., Bird, Brennan, Brewer, Brownlee, Bryant Bailey, Click, Daniels, Deeter, Dovilla, Ghanbari, Hall, D., Hiner, Holmes, Humphrey, John, Johnson, Lampton, LaRe, Lawson-Rowe, Manning, Mathews, A., Odioso, Peterson, Plummer, Ray, Richardson, Robb Blasdel, Salvo, Schmidt, Sigrist, Sims, Tims, Troy, Williams, Willis, Young Senators Huffman, Lang.

To amend section 2923.24 of the Revised Code to prohibit possession of an electronic device while committing a motor vehicle theft offense, to temporarily reduce certain motor fuel taxes, to levy a temporary retail tax on certain motor fuel, to make appropriations to supplement the loss of motor fuel tax revenues, and to declare an emergency, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the section, Section 10, setting forth the emergency features of the bill, stand as a part of the bill?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 25, nays 6, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Blessing	Brenner	Chavez	Cirino
Cutrona	Gavarone	Huffman	Ingram
Johnson	Koehler	Landis	Lang
Manchester	O'Brien	Patton	Reineke
Reynolds	Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer
Timken	Weinstein	Wilkin	Wilson
			McColley-25

Senators Antonio, Blackshear, Craig, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, and Smith voted in the negative-6.

So the section, Section 10, setting forth the emergency features of the bill stood as a part of the bill.

The question being, "Shall the bill pass as an emergency measure?"

Senator Reineke demanded the previous question, and the demand was duly supported by a second and a third.

The question being, "Shall the debate now be closed?"

A roll call was requested which was properly supported.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 27, nays 4, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antonio	Blessing	Brenner	Chavez
Cirino	Craig	Cutrona	Gavarone
Huffman	Johnson	Koehler	Landis
Lang	Manchester	O'Brien	Patton
Reineke	Reynolds	Roegner	Romanchuk
Schaffer	Smith	Timken	Weinstein
Wilkin	Wilson		McColley-27

Senators Blackshear, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, and Ingram voted in the negative-4.

The question recurred, "Shall the bill pass as an emergency measure?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 26, nays 5, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antonio	Brenner	Chavez	Cirino
Craig	Cutrona	Gavarone	Huffman
Johnson	Koehler	Landis	Lang
Manchester	O'Brien	Patton	Reineke
Reynolds	Roegner	Romanchuk	Schaffer
Smith	Timken	Weinstein	Wilkin
Wilson			McColley-26

Senators Blackshear, Blessing, DeMora, Hicks-Hudson, and Ingram voted in the negative-5.

So the bill having received the required constitutional majority passed as an emergency measure.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Brenner, Cirino, Gavarone, Johnson, Koehler, Landis, McColley, Reineke, Reynolds, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer, Timken, Wilkin, Wilson."

The question being, "Shall the motion be agreed to?"

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

MOTIONS

Senator Lang moved that Senators absent the week of Sunday, September 27, 2026, be excused, so long as a written explanation is on file with the Clerk pursuant to Senate Rule No. 17.

The question being, "Shall the motion be agreed to?"

The motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Senator Reineke, the Senate adjourned until Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.