The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Senator Kristina D. Roegner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

Senator Kunze recognized the Upper Arlington High School Boys 200 yard Freestyle Relay team as the 2021 Division I State Champion and Avery Voss as the 2021 Division I 100 yard Freestyle Champion.

Senator Fedor recognized May 4th as Teacher Appreciation Day and honored Dave Shafer and Kimberly Amstutz, teachers at Oregon City Schools.

Senator S. Huffman recognized May 9-15, 2021 as National Hospital Week.

Senator Brenner recognized May 9-15, 2021 as National Charter Schools Week.

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

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

**H. C. R. No. 5**-Representative Hall, et al.
To urge the United States Congress not to adopt H.R. 1 of the 117th Congress.

To the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

**Sub. H. B. No. 37**-Representative Manning, et al.
To amend sections 4729.281 and 4729.283 and to enact section 3902.70 of the Revised Code regarding emergency prescription refills.

To the Committee on Health.

**Sub. H. B. No. 172**-Representatives Baldridge, O'Brien, et al.
To amend sections 3743.01, 3743.04, 3743.08, 3743.17, 3743.21, 3743.25, 3743.44, 3743.45, 3743.57, 3743.59, 3743.60, 3743.61, 3743.63, 3743.65, 3743.75, 3743.99, and 5703.21 and to enact sections 3743.021, 3743.041, 3743.151, 3743.171, 3743.22, 3743.26, 3743.27, 3743.28, 3743.29, 3743.451, 3743.46, 3743.47, and 3743.67 of the Revised Code to revise the Fireworks Law.

To the Committee on Veterans and Public Safety.

To amend sections 4731.22, 4755.60, 4755.62, and 4755.64 and to enact sections 4755.621, 4755.622, and 4755.623 of the Revised Code to revise the law governing the practice of athletic training and to amend the versions of sections 4731.22, 4755.62, and 4755.64 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect on October 9, 2021, to continue the changes to those sections on and after that date.

To the Committee on Health.

H. B. No. 177-Representatives Carfagna, Fraizer, et al.
To enact section 9.16 of the Revised Code to allow a governmental entity to utilize distributed ledger technology, including blockchain technology.

To the Committee on Financial Institutions and Technology.

To enact sections 4933.40, 4933.41, and 4933.42 of the Revised Code to prevent local governments from limiting use of natural gas and propane.

To the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities.

To enact section 3701.353 of the Revised Code to enact The Business Fairness Act.

To the Committee on Small Business and Economic Opportunity.

H. B. No. 222-Representatives Wilkin, Upchurch, et al.
To amend sections 339.10 and 513.172 of the Revised Code to specify that a nonprofit formed or acquired by a county hospital or joint township district hospital is a separate entity from the hospital.
To the Committee on Local Government and Elections.

Sub. H. B. No. 252-Representatives White, Plummer, et al.
To enact sections 4753.17 and 4753.171 of the Revised Code to enter into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

To the Committee on Health.

S. B. No. 174-Senators Maharath, Brenner
To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.517 of the Revised Code to create the "On Our Sleeves" license plate.

To the Committee on Transportation.

S. B. No. 175-Senator Lang, et al.
To amend sections 4116.01, 4116.02, 4116.03, and 4116.04; to enact sections 4116.021, 4116.031, and 4116.05; and to repeal section 153.83 of the Revised Code to enact the Fair and Open Competition Act regarding project labor agreements in public improvement contracts.

To the Committee on Finance.

S. B. No. 176-Senators Antani, Manning
To amend sections 109.32, 109.572, 718.031, 718.08, 2915.01, 2915.08, 2915.081, 2915.082, 2915.09, 2915.091, 2915.093, 2915.095, 2915.10, 2915.101, 2915.12, 2915.13, 3770.03, 3770.06, 3770.07, 3770.10, 3772.01, 3772.02, 3772.03, 3772.062, 3772.07, 5703.21, 5747.02, 5747.063, 5747.08, 5747.20, 5751.01, 5753.01, 5753.03, 5753.04, 5753.05, 5753.06, 5753.061, 5753.07, 5753.08, and 5753.10 and to enact sections 2915.14, 2915.15, 3770.23, 3775.01, 3775.02, 3775.03, 3775.04, 3775.05, 3775.06, 3775.07, 3775.08, 3775.09, 3775.10, 3775.11, 3775.12, 3775.13, 3775.99, 5753.021, and 5753.031 of the Revised Code to legalize and regulate sports gaming in this state, to levy a tax on businesses that provide sports gaming, and to make other changes to the Gambling Law.

To the Committee on Select Committee on Gaming.

S. B. No. 177-Senator Maharath, et al.
To amend sections 4112.01, 4112.052, 4112.07, and 4113.71 and to enact section 4112.025 of the Revised Code to enact the Ohio Pregnant Workers Fairness Act to generally require employers to make reasonable
accommodations for employees who are pregnant or breastfeeding.

To the Committee on Workforce and Higher Education.

**S. B. No. 178-Senator Reineke**
To reform the functions and responsibilities of the State Board of Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Department of Education.

To the Committee on Primary and Secondary Education.

YES - 13: NICKIE J. ANTONIO, ANDREW O. BRENNER, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, MATT DOLAN, THERESA GAVARONE, BOB D. HACKETT, JAY HOTTINGER, MATT HUFFMAN, STEPHANIE KUNZE, TINA MAHARATH, ROB MCCOLLEY, BOB PETERSON, KENNY YUKO

NO - 0.

The question being, "Shall the report of the committee be accepted?"
The report of the committee was accepted.
Said bills and resolution were considered a second time and referred to committee as recommended.

**REPORTS OF STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES**

Senator Manning submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **Sub. H. B. No. 8**-Representatives West, Plummer, et. al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Manning.

YES - 6: ROB MCCOLLEY, NATHAN H. MANNING, NIRAJ ANTANI, TERESA FEDOR, CECIL THOMAS, THERESA GAVARONE

NO - 0.

Senator Manning submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **S. B. No. 56**-Senator Blessing having had the same under consideration, reports it back and
recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Manning.

YES - 6: NIRAJ ANTANI, NATHAN H. MANNING, TERESA FEDOR, CECIL THOMAS, THERESA GAVARONE, ROB MCCOLLEY

NO - 0.

Senator Brenner submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Primary and Secondary Education, to which was referred S. B. No. 1-Senators Wilson, McColley having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

Co-Sponsor: Brenner.

YES - 7: LOUIS W. BLESSING, III, ANDREW O. BRENNER, STEPHEN A. HUFFMAN, MICHAEL A. RULLI, SANDRA O'BRIEN, VERNON SYKES, TERESA FEDOR

NO - 0.

Senator Rulli submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Small Business and Economic Opportunity, to which was referred S. B. No. 105-Senators Sykes, Schuring, et. al., having had the same under consideration, reports back a substitute bill and recommends its passage.

YES - 6: SANDRA R. WILLIAMS, VERNON SYKES, GEORGE F. LANG, MICHAEL A. RULLI, THERESA GAVARONE, BILL REINEKE

NO - 0.

The question being, "Shall the reports of the committee be accepted?"
The reports of the committee were accepted.

Senator Huffman, M. submitted the following report:

The standing committee on Rules and Reference to which were referred the appointments by the Governor of:

**Blanchard, Randall**, from Dublin, Delaware County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Board of Motor Vehicle Repair for a term beginning February 5,
2021, ending at the close of business January 1, 2024, replacing Randall Blanchard, whose term expired.

**Buchholzer, Frances**, Republican, from Akron, Summit County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission for a term beginning February 19, 2021, ending at the close of business June 30, 2022, replacing Kathryn Bartter Arnold, who resigned.

**Dobeck, Christopher**, Republican, from Munson, Geauga County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Auctioneers Commission for a term beginning February 19, 2021, ending at the close of business October 9, 2022, replacing Sherri D. Orr, whose term expired.

**French, Jenifer**, Republican, from Westerville, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for a term beginning March 29, 2021, ending at the close of business April 10, 2024, replacing Samuel C. Randazzo, who resigned.

**Lanzendorfer, Timothy**, Republican, from Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Auctioneers Commission for a term beginning January 1, 2021, ending at the close of business July 31, 2023, replacing Lori Kershner, who resigned.

**Lindrose, Larry**, from Mentor, Lake County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Emergency Response Commission for a term beginning January 29, 2021, ending at the close of business January 13, 2023, replacing Larry L. Lindrose, Jr., whose term expired.

**McKee, Keenan**, from Eaton, Preble County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Board of Motor Vehicle Repair for a term beginning February 19, 2021, ending at the close of business January 1, 2024, replacing Keenan B. McKee, whose term expired.

**Myers, Scott**, from Sharon Center, Medina County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board for a term beginning February 19, 2021, ending at the close of business December 31, 2023, replacing Cynthia Kidd, whose term expired.

**Steiner, Lori**, Republican, from Dublin, Franklin County, Ohio, as a Member of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency for a term beginning February 1, 2021, ending at the close of business January 31, 2027, replacing Lori M. Steiner, whose term expired.

**Stinziano, Michael**, Democrat, from Canal Winchester, Fairfield County, Ohio, as a Member of the Liquor Control Commission for a term beginning February 9, 2021, ending at the close of business February 8, 2027, replacing Michael P. Stinziano, whose term expired.

**Van Dyne, J. Randal**, from Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio, as a Member of the State Emergency Response Commission for a term beginning February 5, 2021, ending at the close of business January 13, 2023, replacing J. Randal
Van Dyne, whose term expired.

Having had the same under consideration, reports back the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to said appointments.

YES – 13: NICKIE J. ANTONIO, ANDREW O. BRENNER, HEARCEL F. CRAIG, MATT DOLAN, THERESA GAVARONE, BOB D. HACKETT, JAY HOTTINGER, MATT HUFFMAN, STEPHANIE KUNZE, TINA MAHARATH, ROB MCCOLLEY, BOB PETERSON, KENNY YUKO

NO – 0.

The question being, "Shall the Senate advise and consent to the appointments by the Governor?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antani  Antonio  Blessing  Brenner
Cirino  Craig  Dolan  Fedor
Gavarone  Hackett  Hoagland  Hottinger
Huffman, S.  Johnson  Kunze  Lang
Maharath  Manning  McColley  O'Brien
Peterson  Reineke  Roegner  Romanchuk
Rulli  Schaffer  Sykes  Thomas
Williams  Wilson  Yuko  Huffman, M.-32

So the Senate advised and consented to said appointments.

BILL S FOR THIRD CONSIDERATION


To enact section 3701.353 of the Revised Code to enact The Business Fairness Act and to declare an emergency, having been informally passed, was considered the third time.

The question being, “Shall the section, Section 4, setting forth the emergency features of the bill, stand as a part of the bill?”

Senator Lang moved to amend as follows:

In line 22, delete "3" and insert "2"
In line 24, delete "4" and insert "3"

The question being, “Shall the amendment be agreed to?”
The motion to amend was agreed to.
The question recurred, “Shall the section, Section 4, setting forth the emergency features of the bill, stand as a part of the bill?”

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:
Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antani  Antonio  Blessing  Brenner
Cirino  Craig  Dolan  Fedor
Gavarone  Hackett  Hoagland  Hottinger
Huffman, S.  Johnson  Kunze  Lang
Maharath  Manning  McColley  O'Brien
Peterson  Reineke  Roegner  Romanchuk
Rulli  Schaffer  Sykes  Thomas
Williams  Wilson  Yuko  Huffman, M.-32

So the section, Section 4, 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?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:
Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antani  Antonio  Blessing  Brenner
Cirino  Craig  Dolan  Fedor
Gavarone  Hackett  Hoagland  Hottinger
Huffman, S.  Johnson  Kunze  Lang
Maharath  Manning  McColley  O'Brien
Peterson  Reineke  Roegner  Romanchuk
Rulli  Schaffer  Sykes  Thomas
Williams  Wilson  Yuko  Huffman, M.-32

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

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Blessing, Dolan, Fedor, Gavarone, Hackett, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, S., Johnson, Kunze, Manning, Peterson, Roegner, Schaffer, Thomas, Yuko."

The question being, “Shall the motion be agreed to?”
The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Sub. H. B. No. 6-Representative Roemer.

To amend sections 3319.221, 4729.41, 4729.92, 4729.921, 4731.512, and 4928.66 and to enact sections 3792.03, 4729.42, and 4928.661 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 30 of H.B. 197 of the 133rd General Assembly to
modify the laws governing certain health professionals and educator preparation programs due to COVID-19 and other circumstances and to modify the electric utility laws regarding energy efficiency programs; to amend the version of section 4729.92 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on October 9, 2021, to continue the changes to that section on and after that date; 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 32, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antani  Antonio  Blessing  Brenner
Cirino  Craig  Dolan  Fedor
Gavarone  Hackett  Hoagland  Hottinger
Huffman, S.  Johnson  Kunze  Lang
Maharath  Manning  McColley  O'Brien
Peterson  Reineke  Roegner  Romanchuk
Rulli  Schaffer  Sykes  Thomas
Williams  Wilson  Yuko  Huffman, M.-32

So the section, Section 6, 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?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antani  Antonio  Blessing  Brenner
Cirino  Craig  Dolan  Fedor
Gavarone  Hackett  Hoagland  Hottinger
Huffman, S.  Johnson  Kunze  Lang
Maharath  Manning  McColley  O'Brien
Peterson  Reineke  Roegner  Romanchuk
Rulli  Schaffer  Sykes  Thomas
Williams  Wilson  Yuko  Huffman, M.-32

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

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blessing, Brenner, Cirino, Craig, Fedor, Gavarone, Hackett, Huffman, S., Kunze, Lang, Maharath, O'Brien, Peterson, Reineke, Rulli, Sykes, Thomas, Wilson, Yuko."

The question being, “Shall the motion be agreed to?”

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

Sub. H. B. No. 8-Representatives West, Plummer.
Cosponsors: Representatives Fraizer, Riedel, Crossman, Miller, A., Leland, Smith, K., Miller, J., Miranda, Sheehy, Pavliga, Stewart, LaRe, Sweeney, Schmidt, Swearingen, Denson, Galonski, Seitz, Abrams, Baldridge,
To amend sections 2152.75, 2901.10, 2921.45, and 2933.81 of the Revised Code to revise the law governing the electronic recording of custodial interrogations, to revise the prohibition against certain types of restraint or confinement of a pregnant woman or child who is charged with or has been convicted of an offense, and to declare an emergency, was considered the third time.

The question being, “Shall the section, Section 4, setting forth the emergency features of the bill, stand as a part of the bill?”

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:
Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antani  Antonio  Blessing  Brenner
Cirino  Craig  Dolan  Fedor
Gavarone  Hackett  Hoagland  Hottinger
Huffman, S.  Johnson  Kunze  Lang
Maharath  Manning  McColley  O'Brien
Peterson  Reineke  Roegner  Romanchuk
Rulli  Schaffer  Sykes  Thomas
Williams  Wilson  Yuko  Huffman, M.-32

So the section, Section 8, 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?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:
Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antani  Antonio  Blessing  Brenner
Cirino  Craig  Dolan  Fedor
Gavarone  Hackett  Hoagland  Hottinger
Huffman, S.  Johnson  Kunze  Lang
Maharath  Manning  McColley  O'Brien
Peterson  Reineke  Roegner  Romanchuk
Rulli  Schaffer  Sykes  Thomas
Williams  Wilson  Yuko  Huffman, M.-32

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

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blessing, Brenner, Cirino, Craig, Dolan, Fedor, Gavarone, Hackett, Hoagland, Huffman, S., Johnson, Kunze, Maharath, McColley, Peterson, Rulli, Schaffer, Sykes, Thomas, Wilson, Yuko."

The question being, “Shall the motion be agreed to?”
The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.
Sub. H. B. No. 133-Representative Hillyer.

To amend sections 135.77, 135.774, 1115.05, 1321.52, 1321.68, 1322.01, 1322.02, 1322.04, 1322.07, 1322.09, 1322.10, 1322.12, 1322.15, 1322.29, 1322.30, 1322.32, 1322.34, 1322.43, 1322.50, 1322.52, 1345.01, 1349.72, 2305.117, 2913.11, and 4712.05; to enact section 1319.17; and to repeal sections 1322.24, 1322.25, and 1349.16 of the Revised Code relating to commerce, to repeal the version of section 1322.24 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect October 9, 2021, and to declare an emergency, was considered the third time.

The question being, “Shall the section, Section 5, setting forth the emergency features of the bill, stand as a part of the bill?”

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:
Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antani  Antonio  Blessing  Brenner
Cirino  Craig  Dolan  Fedor
Gavarone  Hackett  Hoagland  Hottinger
Huffman, S.  Johnson  Kunze  Lang
Maharath  Manning  McColley  O'Brien
Peterson  Reineke  Roegner  Romanchuk
Rulli  Schaffer  Sykes  Thomas
Williams  Wilson  Yuko  Huffman, M.-32

So the section, Section 5, 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?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows:
Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antani  Antonio  Blessing  Brenner
Cirino  Craig  Dolan  Fedor
Gavarone  Hackett  Hoagland  Hottinger
Huffman, S.  Johnson  Kunze  Lang
Maharath  Manning  McColley  O'Brien
Peterson  Reineke  Roegner  Romanchuk
Rulli  Schaffer  Sykes  Thomas
Williams  Wilson  Yuko  Huffman, M.-32

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

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Blessing, Brenner, Cirino, Craig, Johnson, Kunze, Rulli, Wilson."

The question being, “Shall the motion be agreed to?”
The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

**Sub. S. B. No. 1**-Senators Wilson, McColley.
Cosponsor: Senator Brenner.

To amend sections 3313.603, 3314.03, and 3326.11 and to enact sections 121.086, 3319.238, and 3319.239 of the Revised Code relating to teaching financial literacy in high school, was considered the third time.

The question being, "Shall the bill, **Sub. S. B. No. 1**, pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 32, nays 0, as follows: Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Antani  Antonio  Blessing  Brenner  
Cirino  Craig  Dolan  Fedor  
Gavarone  Hackett  Hoagland  Hottinger  
Huffman, S.  Johnson  Kunze  Lang  
Maharath  Manning  McColley  O'Brien  
Peterson  Reineke  Roegner  Romanchuk  
Rulli  Schaffer  Sykes  Thomas  
Williams  Wilson  Yuko  Huffman, M.-32

So the bill passed.

The title was amended as follows:

Add the names: "Antonio, Blessing, Cirino, Craig, Dolan, Fedor, Gavarone, Hackett, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, S., Johnson, Kunze, Lang, Maharath, Manning, O'Brien, Peterson, Reineke, Roegner, Romanchuk, Rulli, Sykes, Thomas, Williams, Yuko."

The question being, “Shall the motion be agreed to?”

The motion was agreed to and the title so amended.

**MOTIONS**

Senator Rob McColley moved that Senators absent the week of Sunday, May 09, 2021, 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.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

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

**S. B. No. 179** - Senator Thomas.
Cosponsors: Senators Maharath, Antonio, Fedor, Yuko, Craig.

To amend section 101.15 of the Revised Code to require that a committee of the General Assembly establish a means of hearing virtual testimony.
S. B. No. 180 - Senator Thomas.
Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Brenner, Maharath, Yuko.

To amend section 6117.02 of the Revised Code to expand eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges.

On the motion of Senator Hottinger, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest: VINCENT L. KEERAN, Clerk.