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Week in Review

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As a service to the clients and friends of Governmental Policy Group, Inc. and RH Resources we would like to extend the following weekly update of events happening around Capitol Square.

ABORTION

In the past six years, "heartbeat" legislation has twice passed the Ohio House, managed three hearings in the Senate, and generally provoked a pitched battle between anti-abortion activists and Senate leadership. Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) reversed course abruptly last week during an otherwise unremarkable floor session, allowing the bill, HB 69 (Hagan-Hood), to be inserted into child abuse legislation HB 493 (Sears-Ryan) after announcing the measure an hour and a half prior to session. The amendment survived a rules protest and the defection of several Republicans before going on to a late House concurrence vote, thus sending it on to Gov. John Kasich for his signature.

In a separate measure, the House Community and Family Advancement Committee reported out a bill banning abortion after 20 weeks. SB 127 was reported out with all Republicans and Rep. Bill Patmon (D-Cleveland) voting for it, while other Democrats opposed the measure. The

committee accepted an amendment that removed medical exemptions for women with diabetes and multiple sclerosis.

FY16-17 BUDGET

Gov. John Kasich told the House of Representatives last week that Ohio is "on the verge of a recession" This followed a release earlier in the day from the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) that said preliminary data show state tax revenues were \$99 million below expectations in November, a 5 percent dip from official forecasts. This brings the year-to-date shortfall to \$259 million.

EDUCATION

Just months after taking the helm of the Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools (OAPCS), RaShaun Holliman will move to the Ohio Department of Education to lead its Office of Community Schools. He only joined OAPCS as its president in September, having replaced Darlene Chambers, who left in April to join the National Charter Schools Institute.

Shortly after Holliman started the state job and a day before its annual conference in Columbus, the OAPCS announced it will cease to exist, at least in its current form, at year's end. In an emailed statement, attorney Chad Readler, chairman of the OAPCS board, said the organization is feeling the same funding pressures as its member schools, plus a change in focus of private benefactors.

ELECTIONS 2018

Treasurer Josh Mandel officially announced his campaign for U.S. Senate last Wednesday, saying he will "continue the historic national movement underway to shake up Washington" if he wins in 2018. Mandel is seeking a rematch with U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), who defeated him in 2012.

EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT

The national unemployment rate dropped to 4.6 percent in November, down from 4.9 percent in October, as total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 178,000 jobs, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported. BLS said the number of unemployed persons declined by 387,000, which caused the drop in the rate.

ENERGY

Lawmakers sent energy standards legislation (HB 554) last week to Gov. John Kasich's desk, proposing to convert Ohio's mandates for renewable sources to goals, alongside other changes to utility policy. The governor favors reforms to standards enacted in SB 221 (Schuler) but has suggested he'd wield his veto pen to strike a further freeze of renewable and efficiency mandates. In the Senate floor debate, proponents cast conversion from mandates to goals in HB 554 (Amstutz) as a necessary adjustment in the face of uncertain federal policies. Foes described the goals as a de facto freeze likely to be continued at the end of HB 554's two-year period of voluntary targets.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE

The Senate and House stretched their final sessions of the 131st General Assembly from Thursday into the early hours of Friday, clearing a lengthy calendar of final votes and amendment concurrences, including a vote to send another abortion ban to Gov. John Kasich's desk.

A bill dealing with property tax exemptions became a "Christmas tree" after the House Finance Committee accepted a lengthy omnibus amendment to SB 235 (Beagle-Coley) last Tuesday. Besides making changes to Ohio's unemployment compensation system, it also includes, among other provisions, SB 270 (Eklund) which deals with pawnbroker regulations; and rock climbing facilities regulation, among others.

Senate President-Elect Larry Obhof (R-Medina) outlined the application process to fill an anticipated vacancy in the 7th Ohio Senate District after Sen. Shannon Jones (R-Springboro) resigns to become Warren County commissioner. Jones was elected commissioner in November, and has informed Senate leadership that she intends to resign her seat on Jan. 3, 2017. The deadline to apply is Monday, Dec. 19.

GOVERNOR

The governor made the following appointments during the week:

- James N. Doyle of South Vienna (Clark County) and Bradley A. Phillips of Beavercreek (Greene County) reappointed to the Clark State Community College Board of Trustees for terms beginning Dec. 5, 2016 and ending Nov. 30, 2022.
- Diane C. Redden of Evendale (Hamilton County) and Dr. Marian K. Schuda of Dublin (Franklin County) reappointed to the Ohio Advisory Council on Aging for terms beginning Dec. 5, 2016 and ending Nov. 21, 2019.
- Sharon M. Evans of Springfield (Clark County) reappointed to the Clark State Community College Board of Trustees for a term beginning Dec. 6, 2016, and ending Nov. 30, 2022.
- William G. Blazer of London (Madison County) to the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board for a term beginning Dec. 6, 2016, and ending Jan. 25, 2018.
- Heath Hughes of Columbus (Franklin County) and Denise A. Shockley of Gallipolis (Gallia County) reappointed to the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging for terms beginning Dec. 6, 2016, and ending Nov. 21, 2019.
- Angela N. Krile of Lancaster (Fairfield County) to the Ohio Expositions Commission for a term beginning Dec. 7, 2016 and ending Dec. 1, 2022.
- Angela N. King of Celina (Mercer County), Helen L. Mayle of Pickerington (Fairfield County) and Carrie L. Spangler of Uniontown (Stark County) reappointed to the Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology for terms beginning Dec. 7, 2016 and ending Sept. 24, 2019.

GUNS

The Senate passed legislation last week loosening restrictions on where concealed carry of firearms is allowed, after reinstating day care facilities' ability to bar concealed carry and making other changes in committee. The legislation, HB 48 (Maag), allows trustee boards of colleges and universities to waive restrictions on concealed carry, among other changes to gun laws. The chamber passed the bill on a party-line vote of 23-9.

PEOPLE

John Glenn, well known aviator and former U.S. senator, died last Thursday at the age of 95 at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, bringing an outpouring of tributes from around Ohio. He was the last living member of the original seven astronauts of the Mercury space program and the first American to orbit the Earth. It was during takeoff of that flight that fellow astronaut and backup pilot Scott Carpenter said on national television, "Godspeed, John Glenn," a phrase repeated by many after Glenn's death was announced.

SMOKING/E-CIGARETTES

Marking Ohio's Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Week, Sens. Shannon Jones (R-Springboro) and Charleta Tavares (D-Columbus) held a news conference together with Tim Kauffman of the March of Dimes to remind policymakers about the connection between smoking and premature and low birthweight babies and infant mortality. Jones reiterated what she has said time and again: "Smoking during pregnancy contributes to two of the primary causes of infant mortality: prematurity and low birth weight."

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Legislative, business and labor leaders are aiming for a final compromise by April 1 on unemployment compensation benefits, unveiling last Tuesday a set of small concessions by both sides meant to signal shared willingness to sacrifice and negotiate further. The announcement at an early morning press conference with Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) followed last week's unexpected withdrawal of HB 620 (Schuring) from further consideration in the House. The compromise, an amendment to SB 235 (Beagle-Coley), would enact both a freeze on benefits and a \$500 increase in the taxable wage base for a two-year period starting in 2018. The deal also includes repeal of penalties in HB 390 (Schaffer-Retherford) enacted earlier this year as part of a plan to pay off Ohio's unemployment compensation debt to the federal government.

UTILITIES

Gov. John Kasich says it will be next year before he can consider a Nominating Council pick to replace Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) member M. Howard Petricoff, who resigned after a no-confidence vote by the Senate Public Utilities Committee the day before.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY:

HOUSE

PASSED BY HOUSE

HB464 NATIONAL GUARD-SCHOLARSHIP (Rep. Louis Terhar, Rep. Tom Brinkman) To specify that a National Guard scholarship recipient who fails to complete the recipient's term of enlistment in the National Guard due to enlistment, warrant, commission, or appointment in the United States armed forces is not liable for repayment of the scholarship.

Vote 97-0

- HB554** RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Amstutz) To revise the requirements for renewable energy, energy efficiency savings, and peak demand reduction and to revise provisions governing which customers can opt out of related programs.
Vote 59-38
- HB598** CONSUMER INSTALLMENT LOAN (Rep. Louis Terhar) To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act
Vote 94-3
- SB139** DEATH PENALTY-TRIAL FILE (Sen. Bill Seitz, Sen. Sandra Williams) To require the clerk of a common pleas court to retain a copy of the original trial file when a death penalty is imposed.
Vote 97-0
- SB227** ATTORNEY GENERAL-FUNCTIONS (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To make various changes to the laws governing the duties and functions of the Attorney General.
Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 96-0
- SB27** WORKERS' COMPENSATION-FIREFIGHTER CANCER (Sen. Tom Patton) To provide that a firefighter who is disabled as a result of specified types of cancer is presumed for purposes of the laws governing workers' compensation and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund to have incurred the cancer while performing official duties as a firefighter.
Vote 75-21
- SB273** CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ANNUAL DISCLOSURE ACT (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To enact the Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act.
Vote 88-8
- SB311** INFLUENZA VACCINE INFORMATION (Sen. Tom Patton) To require the Ohio Department of Health to prepare an influenza vaccine information sheet pertaining to older adults.
Vote 78-18
- SB319** OPIATE MBR (Sen. John Eklund) To revise certain laws regarding the regulation of drugs, the practice of pharmacy, and the provision of addiction services.
Vote 92-3
- SB331** DOG SALE-PET RETAILER (Sen. Bob Peterson) To regulate the sale of dogs from pet stores and dog retailers and to require the Director of Agriculture to license pet stores.
Vote 55-42
- SB332** COMMISSION ON INFANT MORTALITY-RECOMMENDATIONS (Sen. Shannon Jones, Sen. Charleta Tavares) To provide for the implementation of recommendations, other than those pertaining to tobacco taxes and the minimum purchase age for tobacco products, made by the Commission on Infant Mortality, and to make an appropriation.
Vote 87-7
- HB618** RECORDS-MISTAKEN IDENTITY (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Alicia Reece) To provide for the expungement of official records related to the apprehension, arrest, criminal charging, or trial of a person based on mistaken identity.

Vote 90-0

SB3 SCHOOL DISTRICT EXEMPTION-ET AL (Sen. Cliff Hite) To exempt from certain education laws school districts that meet specified benchmarks; to revise the administration of state assessments; to make other revisions regarding the operation of primary and secondary schools; to authorize county sheriffs to contract to provide services to community schools, nonpublic schools, and private higher education institutions; to revise the Workforce Grant Program; to validate a tax levy question the ballot for which stated an erroneous term; to exempt an arena owned by a convention facilities authority from property taxation; and to enable state colleges and universities to establish joint self-insurance pools and make other changes regarding joint self-insurance pools.

Vote 56-29

SB30 OHIO FAMILY STABILITY COMMISSION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To create the Ohio Family Stability Commission.

Vote 82-6

SB76 PROTECTION ORDER SERVICE (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide that service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order if the person had actual notice of the order or agreement and the person recklessly violated its terms.

Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 91-0

SB127 ABORTION (Sen. Peggy Lehner, Sen. Jay Hottinger) To prohibit the performance of an abortion on a pregnant woman when the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is twenty weeks or greater.

Vote 64-29

SB199 HANDGUN LICENSE-ACTIVE MILITARY (Sen. Joe Uecker) To specify that an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces: (1) does not need a concealed handgun license to carry a handgun concealed if the member is carrying valid military identification and a certificate indicating successful small arms qualification; and (2) may be sold or furnished a handgun if the member has received military or equivalent small arms training.

Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 68-25

SB207 HIGHWAY NAME DESIGNATION (Sen. William Coley) To designate a portion of State Route 73 in Butler County as the "SPC James E. Hall Jr. Memorial Highway."

Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 91-0

SB220 OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE-ROTH FEATURES (Sen. Jay Hottinger) To authorize the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board and local governments to establish designated Roth account features and other tax-deferred or nontaxdeferred features permitted for government deferred compensation plans.

Vote 90-0

SB235 PROPERTY TAX-UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. William Coley) To authorize political subdivisions to exempt from property taxation the increased value of property on which industrial or commercial development is planned for up to six years, to make changes to Ohio's

unemployment compensation law, and to modify laws governing other state and local government authority and operations.

Vote 81-9

- SB257** RECORDED REAL PROPERTY INSTRUMENTS (Sen. Bill Seitz, Sen. Michael Skindell) To create a presumption of validity of recorded real property instruments, reduce the time period for curing certain defects related to those instruments, and provide constructive notice for those instruments.

Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 88-2

- SB291** MONTH NAME DESIGNATION (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To designate September as "Pain Awareness Month."

Vote 80-4

- SB329** SUNSET REVIEW COMMITTEE-ABOLISH (Sen. Kris Jordan) To abolish the Sunset Review Committee and to revise Sunset Review Law to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to permit the review of other state departments and boards.

Vote 59-32

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

- HB185** ARSON-PROPERTY OWNERSHIP (Rep. Kyle Koehler) To eliminate lack of the property owner's consent as an element of arson when the property is abandoned real property and to make the consent of the owner of abandoned real property an affirmative defense.

House Does Concur, Vote 66-32

- HB388** OVI OFFENDERS-IGNITION INTERLOCK (Rep. Gary Scherer) To authorize a court to grant unlimited driving privileges with an ignition interlock device to first-time OVI offenders, to expand the penalties related to ignition interlock device violations, to modify the law governing the installation and monitoring of ignition interlock devices, to extend the look back period for OVI and OVI-related offenses from six to ten years, and to modify the penalties for OVI offenses.

House Does Concur, Vote 97-0

- HB493** CHILD ABUSE REPORTING-ABORTION (Rep. Scott Ryan, Rep. Scott Ryan) To make changes in the child abuse and neglect reporting law, to generally prohibit an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat, to create the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support, and to make an appropriation.

House Does Concur, 56-39

- HB18** FLAG-BANNER DISPLAY (Rep. Anne Gonzales) To prohibit manufactured homes park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of blue star banners, gold star banners, and other service flags, and to prohibit manufactured homes park operators and landlords from restricting the display of the United States flag.

House Does Concur, Vote 84-0

- HB89** MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM (Rep. Anthony DeVitis) Regarding the Medicaid School Program.
House Does Concur, Vote 85-5
- HB154** BICYCLE PASSING-TRAFFIC LIGHTS (Rep. Michael Henne) To provide that when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle the safe passing distance to the left is three feet, and to alter the protocol for proceeding into an intersection that has malfunctioning traffic lights.
House Does Concur, Vote 88-4
- HB216** ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To revise the law governing advanced practice registered nurses.
House Does Concur, Vote 88-1
- HB290** USFDA DRUGS-TERMINALLY ILL (Rep. Robert Sprague) To permit a physician to treat a terminally ill patient with a drug that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and permit a drug manufacturer to provide such a drug to the patient or physician.
House Does Concur, Vote 86-0
- HB341** TOWING FEES (Rep. Ron Young, Rep. Martin Sweeney) To require the Public Utilities Commission to raise the existing statutorily designated towing and storage fees annually by the percentage increase in the consumer price index.
House Does Concur, Vote 88-0
- HB347** CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE (Rep. Robert McColley, Rep. Tom Brinkman) To eliminate civil asset forfeiture proceedings and to modify the law governing criminal asset forfeitures.
House Does Concur, Vote 81-10
- HB384** HIGHER EDUCATION AUDITS (Rep. Tim Schaffer, Rep. Mike Duffey) To specify that state institutions of higher education may be subject to performance audits conducted by the Auditor of State.
House Does Concur, Vote 91-0
- HB410** TRUANCY (Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek, Rep. Bill Hayes) With regard to habitual and chronic truancy and compulsory school attendance.
House Does Concur, Vote 90-2
- HB432** DECEDENT-ESTATE (Rep. Bob Cupp, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To revise the law governing decedent's estates by making changes in the Ohio Trust Code, the Probate Law, the Uniform Principal and Income Act, the Transfers to Minors Act, and the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act.
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that resulted from certain types of transfers, mergers, or consolidations and demonstrate an effective use of facility space as determined by the Commission.

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House Does Concur, Vote 89-0

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House Does Concur, Vote 72-21

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House Does Concur, Vote 74-18

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House Does Concur, Vote 55-34

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House Does Concur, Vote 71-9

CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB9 TAX EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE (Rep. Terry Boose) To create a Tax Expenditure Review Committee for the purpose of periodically reviewing existing and proposed tax expenditures.

House Accepts Conference Committee Report, Vote 87-0

ADOPTED BY HOUSE

HR306 CONDOLENCE-MICHAEL OXLEY (Rep. Cliff Rosenberger, Rep. Fred Strahorn) In memory of Michael Garver Oxley.

HR476 CONDOLENCE-JAMES CARMICHAEL (Rep. Cliff Rosenberger) In memory of James F. Carmichael.

HR477 CONDOLENCE-J.T. LENDRUM (Rep. Cliff Rosenberger) In memory of J.T. "Tom" Lendrum.

SENATE

PASSED BY SENATE

HB48 CONCEALED CARRY-MOTOR VEHICLE-ET AL (Rep. Ron Maag) To extend to handguns affirmative defenses to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon or having or transporting a firearm in a motor vehicle, and to modify the prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun onto institutions of higher education, places of worship, day-care facilities, aircraft, certain government facilities, public areas of airport terminals and police stations, and school safety zones.

Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 23-9

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Vote 31-1

- HB216** ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To revise the law governing advanced practice registered nurses.
Vote 32-0
- HB276** CHIROPRACTOR AUTHORIZATION (Rep. Kirk Schuring) To authorize chiropractors to engage in certain activities involving nutrition-related items and therapies, nonprescription drugs, and medical goods and devices.
Vote 32-0
- HB285** PHARMACISTS-PRESCRIPTION REFILLS (Rep. Robert Sprague) To authorize pharmacists to dispense multiple refills of a prescription simultaneously under certain circumstances.
Vote 32-0
- HB341** TOWING FEES (Rep. Ron Young, Rep. Martin Sweeney) To require the Public Utilities Commission to raise the existing statutorily designated towing and storage fees annually by the percentage increase in the consumer price index.
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Vote 30-1
- HB172** CRIMINAL RECORDS LAW (Rep. John Barnes, Jr.) To prohibit a person engaged in publishing or disseminating criminal record information from soliciting or accepting a fee to remove, correct, modify, or refrain from publishing or otherwise disseminating the information; to provide criminal and civil remedies for a violation of that prohibition; to provide that a person found not guilty of an offense or named in a dismissed complaint, indictment, or information may apply

to the court for an order to expunge the person's official records in the case if the charge or finding was the result of the applicant having been a victim of human trafficking; to generally permit a person convicted of certain prostitution-related offenses to apply for the expungement of any record of conviction of an offense if the person's participation was a result of having been a victim of human trafficking; to authorize intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution; and to specify that the criminal penalty related to casino operators and employees participating in casino gaming applies at their casino facility or an affiliated casino facility.

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SCR16 HOPEWELL CEREMONIAL EARTHWORKS-UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. Bob Peterson) To express support for the nomination of the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks as a United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site.

Unanimous Voice Vote

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SB319 OPIATE MBR (Sen. John Eklund) To revise certain laws regarding the regulation of drugs, the practice of pharmacy, and the provision of addiction services.

Senate Does Concur, Vote 32-0

SB331 DOG SALE-PET RETAILER (Sen. Bob Peterson) To regulate the sale of dogs from pet stores and dog retailers and to require the Director of Agriculture to license pet stores.

Senate Does Concur, Vote 21-10

SB332 COMMISSION ON INFANT MORTALITY-RECOMMENDATIONS (Sen. Shannon Jones, Sen. Charleta Tavares) To provide for the implementation of recommendations, other than those pertaining to tobacco taxes and the minimum

purchase age for tobacco products, made by the Commission on Infant Mortality, and to make an appropriation.

Senate Does Concur, Vote 31-1

- SB3** SCHOOL DISTRICT EXEMPTION-ET AL (Sen. Cliff Hite) To exempt from certain education laws school districts that meet specified benchmarks; to revise the administration of state assessments; to make other revisions regarding the operation of primary and secondary schools; to authorize county sheriffs to contract to provide services to community schools, nonpublic schools, and private higher education institutions; to revise the Workforce Grant Program; to validate a tax levy question the ballot for which stated an erroneous term; to exempt an arena owned by a convention facilities authority from property taxation; and to enable state colleges and universities to establish joint self-insurance pools and make other changes regarding joint self-insurance pools.

Senate Does Concur, Vote 22-8

- SB127** ABORTION (Sen. Peggy Lehner, Sen. Jay Hottinger) To prohibit the performance of an abortion on a pregnant woman when the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is twenty weeks or greater.

Senate Does Concur, Vote 23-8

- SB139** DEATH PENALTY-TRIAL FILE (Sen. Bill Seitz, Sen. Sandra Williams) To require the clerk of a common pleas court to retain a copy of the original trial file when a death penalty is imposed.

Senate Does Concur, Vote 31-0

- SB199** HANDGUN LICENSE-ACTIVE MILITARY (Sen. Joe Uecker) To specify that an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces: (1) does not need a concealed handgun license to carry a handgun concealed if the member is carrying valid military identification and a certificate indicating successful small arms qualification; and (2) may be sold or furnished a handgun if the member has received military or equivalent small arms training.

Senate Does Concur, Vote 22-8

- SB207** HIGHWAY NAME DESIGNATION (Sen. William Coley) To designate a portion of State Route 73 in Butler County as the "SPC James E. Hall Jr. Memorial Highway."

Senate Does Concur, Vote 31-0

- SB227** ATTORNEY GENERAL-FUNCTIONS (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To make various changes to the laws governing the duties and functions of the Attorney General.

Senate Does Concur, Vote 31-0

- SB235** PROPERTY TAX-UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. William Coley) To authorize political subdivisions to exempt from property taxation the increased value of property on which industrial or commercial development is planned for up to six years, to make changes to Ohio's unemployment compensation law, and to modify laws governing other state and local government authority and operations.

Senate Does Concur, Vote 29-2

SB257 RECORDED REAL PROPERTY INSTRUMENTS (Sen. Bill Seitz, Sen. Michael Skindell) To create a presumption of validity of recorded real property instruments, reduce the time period for curing certain defects related to those instruments, and provide constructive notice for those instruments.

Senate Does Concur, Vote 30-1

CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB9 TAX EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE (Rep. Terry Boose) To create a Tax Expenditure Review Committee for the purpose of periodically reviewing existing and proposed tax expenditures.

Senate Accepts Conference Committee Report, Vote 31-0