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TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Tuesday, December 23, 2008, 11:00 o'clock a.m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

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

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The amendments of the House of Representatives to:

Sub. S. B. No. 306-Senator Schuler.

Cosponsors: Senators Mumper, Seitz, Wagoner, Schaffer, Spada, Cates, Amstutz, Austria, Buehrer, Grendell, Harris, Niehaus, Padgett, Schuring, Stivers, Jacobson. Representatives Gibbs, Schindel, Mecklenborg, Hagan, J., Slesnick, Blessing, Chandler, Combs, Domenick, Dyer, Foley, Luckie, Oelslager, Otterman, J., Schneider, Webster.

To amend sections 135.804, 307.695, 322.07, 323.151, 323.152, 323.153, 323.154, 323.155, 323.156, 323.159, 3317.16, 4503.065, 4503.066, 4503.067, 4503.068, 4735.18, and 5739.09 and to enact section 4735.24 of the Revised Code to change the definition of "housing cooperative" for the purposes of the county homestead tax exemptions and property tax payment link deposit programs for low-to-moderate income senior citizens and permanently disabled citizens, to expand the definition of a homestead owner to include settlors of irrevocable inter vivos trusts, to eliminate the necessity of issuing certificates of reduction for homestead exemptions, to modify how state funding for joint vocational school districts is computed when a new school district is added to the joint district, to establish requirements for the disbursement of earnest money deposited in a real estate broker's trust or special account, and to allow certain counties to increase the lodging tax by up to four per cent to fund a new arena or convention center project, were taken up.

The question being, "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendments to **Sub. S. B. No. 306**?"

On the motion of Senator Carey, **Sub. S. B. No. 306** was informally passed and retained its place on the calendar.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 54, the following resolution was offered:

S. R. No. 321-Senator Miller, R.

Honoring Gilbert Price for outstanding service to the State of Ohio.

The question being, "Shall the resolution listed under the President's prerogative be adopted?"

So the resolution was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

December 11, 2008

President Bill Harris
The Ohio Senate
Statehouse
2nd Fl., Room 201
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear President Harris:

I write to inform you that I resign from the Ohio Senate effective December 31st, 2008, in order to prepare for my duties as United States Representative serving Ohio's 16th Congressional District.

It has been a privilege to serve my constituents in the 33rd Senate District in Mahoning, Stark, Carroll, and Tuscarawas Counties. I leave this post humbled by the trust they placed in me to represent them in the state capital, and honored to have served with my colleagues in the Ohio Senate, for whom I have the utmost respect and affection.

Sincerely,

/s/ **JOHN BOCCIERI**

John Bocchieri
Ohio State Senator
33rd Senatorial District

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

December 22, 2008

Senator John Bocchieri
Senate Building
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Senator Bocchieri:

In accordance with Section 101.25 of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of resignation from the Ohio Senate effective Wednesday, December 31, 2008.

It has certainly been a pleasure working with you during your time with the Senate. Please accept my sincere best wishes in your upcoming position as a member of the United States Congress.

Good luck!

Sincerely,

/s/ **BILL HARRIS**

Senator Bill Harris
Senate President
19th District

On the motion of Senator Carey, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday, December 24, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.