

fetus is killed. He said under this language a prosecutor would have to determine if a woman is pregnant after an accident, adding that he believes some prosecutors would take on this duty to allow additional penalties to be applied.

Senator Leigh Herington (D-Aurora) also raised objections to the House language added to the bill because under the original proposal he was assured the motivation was to protect mothers carrying a viable fetus. "It is a very difficult position we are put in," Senator Herington said, predicting that the bill could be a vehicle to make abortion illegal. The House amendments were accepted by a 24-7 vote in the Senate.

LICENSE PLATES: The House passed and returned to the Senate a bill (SB 289) creating Ohio Aviation and Aerospace History Education Week each December with an amendment to change the state license plates from "Ohio the Heart of it All" to "Ohio, the Birthplace of Aviation." Senator Scott Oelslager (R-Canton), chair of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee, urged rejection of the House amendment because legislation (HB 294) authorizing the Birthplace of Aviation license plate was thoroughly debated in committee and defeated by a 5-4 margin. Senator Ben Gaeth (R-Defiance) agreed the Senate should refuse to accept the House language because it "makes a sham of the committee process." He added he prepared a substitute bill that would give the Birthplace of Aviation slogan vanity license plate status, but that Rep. Marilyn Reid (R-Beavercreek), the sponsor of the measure, wanted all or nothing. "Well let's leave her with nothing," Mr. Gaeth declared, but the House language was accepted by a 25-5 vote for concurrence.

SENATE/HOUSE MAY HAVE HELD FINAL VOTING SESSIONS IN TEMPORARY CHAMBERS

When respective gavels fell on the full voting sessions Thursday evening, the Senate and House may have completed their nearly three-year crowded tenures in cramped, temporary chambers in separate buildings. Both chambers are scheduled to return to newly restored facilities in the Statehouse with gala re-opening ceremonies beginning the week of July 1. On July 5, both the House of Representatives and Senate will convene a special session followed by a ceremonial joint session to commemorate the Capitol Revival.

The Senate has been meeting in temporary chambers within the refurbished Senate Office Building, attached now to the Statehouse by an atrium. The room originally served as the Supreme Court Library when the high court was housed there prior to

the construction of the Rhodes State Office Tower. It will be converted to the Senate Finance Committee hearing room.

The House, meanwhile, has been meeting two blocks away in the State Departments Building in cramped quarters that barely accommodated the 99 members, supporting staff, the media and a small gallery in the rear. Sessions were broadcast via video camera to monitors set up outside the chambers in the echoing cavernous hallways. House members were further inconvenienced last fall when building inspectors discovered loose stones on the face of the building forcing the closure of sidewalks leading to the structure and all but two surface entrances, at the two most distant points. Access was also available from the Riffe Center, through a parking structure and tunnel that often left visitors in heavy traffic with no idea where they were.

A remote possibility exists that one more voting session could be held in the temporary chambers following leadership review of the most recent work product. Speaker Jo Ann Davidson reminded members they may have to return to session, possibly June 11, should they discover "when the smoke clears" the need to address any further legislation or a conference report on either tort reform or teacher licensure be readied.

Senate President Stanley Aronoff (R-Cincinnati) told members he does not expect the Senate to again meet until members take their desks in the Statehouse.

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Belmont Technical College Board of Trustees: John R. Swan, a Republican from St. Clairsville, for a term ending May 13, 1999, replacing Anna Carson, who resigned. Mr. Swan is a graduate of the College of Steubenville and is president and owner of Triple A Driving Schools and Swans Real Estate.

The board of trustees has the authority to hire, set the pay of and remove the president of the institution, professors and other university employees in addition to making decisions necessary to the continuous and successful operation of the college. Members are paid for expenses only.

Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board: Paul Goggin, a Democrat from Columbus, for a term ending April 22, 1998 as a representative of the Ohio Building Authority. He replaces Tami Longaberger-Kaido, who resigned. Mr. Goggin received his undergraduate degree from Miami University and a master's degree