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This being the day designated by the Constitution of the State of Ohio for the meeting of the General Assembly in regular session, the members-elect of the House of Representatives assembled in the Hall of the Representatives at 2:00 o'clock p.m. and were called to order by The Honorable Clifford A. Rosenberger, Speaker of the House of Representatives, One Hundred Thirty-First General Assembly.

The One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly rose for the opening prayer, offered by former State Representative Timothy Derickson.

The colors were presented by the Ohio State Highway Patrol Color Guard, and the Centerville High School a cappella group, Forte, performed the National Anthem.

Garrett Wahl of Wilmington, Ohio, led the House of Representatives in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Pursuant to Section 101.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Chair appointed Representative Cera to serve as clerk pro tempore.

The following named persons presented certificates of election as members of the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly of Ohio, and having been administered the oath office by The Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, or previously having filed a sworn oath of office with the Clerk, entered upon the discharge of their duties:

<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>County</u>
1	Scott Wiggam	R	Wayne
2	Mark J. Romanchuk	R	Richland
3	Theresa Gavrone	R	Wood
4	Robert R. Cupp	R	Allen
5	Timothy E. Ginter	R	Columbiana
6	Marlene Anielski	R	Cuyahoga (part)
7	Thomas F. Patton	R	Cuyahoga (part)
8	Kent Smith	D	Cuyahoga (part)
9	Janine R. Boyd	D	Cuyahoga (part)
10	Bill Patmon	D	Cuyahoga (part)
11	Stephanie D. Howse	D	Cuyahoga (part)
12	John Barnes, Jr.	D	Cuyahoga (part)
13	Nickie J. Antonio	D	Cuyahoga (part)
14	Martin J. Sweeney	D	Cuyahoga (part)
15	Nicholas Celebrezze	D	Cuyahoga (part)
16	Dave Greenspan	R	Cuyahoga (part)
17	Adam C. Miller	D	Franklin (part)
18	Kristin Boggs	D	Franklin (part)
19	Anne Gonzales	R	Franklin (part)
20	Heather Bishoff	D	Franklin (part)
21	Mike Duffey	R	Franklin (part)
22	David Leland	D	Franklin (part)
23	Laura Lanese	R	Franklin (part)

24	Jim Hughes	R	Franklin (part)
25	Bernadine Kennedy Kent	D	Franklin (part)
26	Hearcel F. Craig	D	Franklin (part)
27	Thomas E. Brinkman, Jr.	R	Hamilton (part)
28	Jonathan Dever	R	Hamilton (part)
29	Louis W. Blessing, III	R	Hamilton (part)
30	Bill Seitz	R	Hamilton (part)
31	Brigid Kelly	D	Hamilton (part)
32	Catherine D. Ingram	D	Hamilton (part)
33	Alicia Reece	D	Hamilton (part)
34	Emilia Strong Sykes	D	Summit (part)
35	Greta Johnson	D	Summit (part)
36	Anthony DeVitis	R	Summit (part)
37	Kristina Roegner	R	Summit (part)
38	Marilyn Slaby	R	Stark (part), Summit (part)
39	Fred Strahorn	D	Montgomery (part)
40	Michael Henne	R	Montgomery (part)
41	Jim Butler	R	Montgomery (part)
42	Niraj J. Antani	R	Montgomery (part)
43	Jeffery S. Rezabek	R	Preble, Montgomery (part)
44	Michael Ashford	D	Lucas (part)
45	Teresa Fedor	D	Lucas (part)
46	Michael Sheehy	D	Lucas (part)
47	Derek Merrin	R	Fulton (part), Lucas (part)
48	Kirk Schuring	R	Stark (part)
49	Thomas West	D	Stark (part)
50	Christina Hagan	R	Stark (part)
51	Wes Retherford	R	Butler (part)
52	Margaret Conditt	R	Butler (part)
53	Candice Keller	R	Butler (part)
54	Paul Zeltwanger	R	Butler (part), Warren (part)
55	Nathan H. Manning	R	Lorain (part)
56	Daniel Ramos	D	Lorain (part)
57	Dick Stein	R	Huron, Lorain (part)
58	Michele Lepore-Hagan	D	Mahoning (part)
59	John A. Bocchieri	D	Mahoning (part)
60	John M. Rogers	D	Lake (part)
61	Ron Young	R	Lake (part)
62	P. Scott Lipps	R	Warren (part)
63	Glenn W. Holmes	D	Trumbull (part)
64	Michael J. O'Brien	D	Ashtabula (part), Trumbull (part)
65	John Becker	R	Clermont (part)
66	Doug Green	R	Brown, Clermont (part)
67	Andrew Brenner	R	Delaware (part)
68	Rick Carfagna	R	Knox, Delaware (part)
69	Stephen D. Hambley	R	Medina (part)
70	Darrell Kick	R	Ashland, Holmes (part), Medina (part)
71	Scott Ryan	R	Licking (part)
72	Larry Householder	R	Coshocton, Perry, Licking (part)
73	Rick Perales	R	Greene (part)
74	Bill Dean	R	Madison, Clark (part), Greene (part)
75	Kathleen Clyde	D	Portage (part)
76	Sarah LaTourette	R	Geauga (part), Portage (part)
77	Timothy O. Schaffer	R	Fairfield (part)
78	Ron Hood	R	Hocking, Morgan, Athens (part), Fairfield (part), Muskingum (part), Pickaway (part)
79	J. Kyle Koehler	R	Clark (part)
80	Stephen A. Huffman	R	Miami, Darke (part)

81	Robert McColley	R	Henry, Putnam, Williams, Fulton (part)
82	Craig S. Riedel	R	Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert, Auglaize (part)
83	Robert Cole Sprague	R	Hancock, Hardin, Logan (part)
84	Keith Faber	R	Mercer, Auglaize (part), Darke (part), Shelby (part)
85	A. Nino Vitale	R	Champaign, Logan (part), Shelby (part)
86	Dorothy Pelanda	R	Union, Marion (part)
87	Wesley A. Goodman	R	Crawford, Morrow, Wyandot, Marion (part), Seneca (part)
88	Bill Reineke	R	Sandusky, Seneca (part)
89	Steven M. Arndt	R	Erie, Ottawa
90	Terry Johnson	R	Adams, Scioto, Lawrence (part)
91	Clifford A. Rosenberger	R	Clinton, Highland, Pike, Ross (part)
92	Gary Scherer	R	Fayette, Pickaway (part), Ross (part)
93	Ryan Smith	R	Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence (part), Vinton (part)
94	Jay Edwards	R	Athens (part), Meigs, Vinton (part), Washington (part)
95	Andy Thompson	R	Carroll, Harrison, Noble, Belmont (part), Washington (part)
96	Jack Cera	D	Jefferson, Monroe, Belmont (part)
97	Brian Hill	R	Guernsey, Muskingum (part)
98	Al Landis	R	Tuscarawas, Holmes (part)
99	John Patterson	D	Ashtabula (part), Geauga (part)

Representative Schuring moved that the oaths of office and certificates of election of absent members-elect be accepted and that the oaths of office be spread upon the pages of the journal.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

The Chair then called to order the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Forte performed a special musical selection.

The House then proceeded to the next order of business, that being the election of officers in compliance with the provisions of Section 101.13 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The election of Speaker being in order, Representative Smith, R. of the 93rd district nominated for the office of Speaker, Clifford A. Rosenberger of the 91st district.

Representative Seitz of the 30th district seconded the nomination.

Representative Manning of the 55th district moved that the nominations of Speaker be closed.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

The House then proceeded to the election of Speaker.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Barnes	Becker	Bishoff
Blessing	Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner
Brinkman	Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze

Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Dean	Dever	DeVitis
Duffey	Edwards	Faber	Fedor
Gavarone	Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman
Green	Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley
Henne	Hill	Holmes	Hood
Householder	Howse	Huffman	Hughes
Ingram	Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller
Kelly	Kent	Kick	Koehler
Landis	Lanese	LaTourette	Leland
Lepore-Hagan	Lipps	Manning	McColley
Merrin	Miller	O'Brien	Patmon
Patterson	Patton	Pelanda	Perales
Ramos	Reece	Reineke	Retherford
Rezabek	Riedel	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ryan	Schaffer	Scherer
Schuring	Seitz	Sheehy	Slaby
Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague	Stein
Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes	Thompson
Vitale	West	Wiggam	Zeltwanger
			Rosenberger-97

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, Clifford A. Rosenberger was declared the duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

The Chair appointed Representatives Schuring, Pelanda, LaTourette, Patton, McColley, Smith, R., Seitz, Faber, Strahorn, Antonio, Fedor, and Reece to escort Speaker Rosenberger to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Speaker Rosenberger was administered the oath of office by The Honorable Jo Ann Davidson, former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The Speaker then addressed the House as follows:

"My fellow Ohioans, distinguished guests, members and families gathered here for the opening day of the 132nd General Assembly, it is a great honor and privilege to stand before you today in this most revered institution, the Ohio House of Representatives.

Today, 99 men and women took the oath of office and became the representative voice of 11.5 million Ohioans. Like the people they serve, our members are a diverse group—and include mothers, fathers, conservatives, liberals, teachers, entrepreneurs, doctors and lawyers. This institution represents the diversity of this state with the ambition to serve and respond to the important issues of our time.

Let me also thank my fellow members who have placed their faith and trust in me once again to serve as Speaker. I am grateful and humbled by this great and awesome responsibility.

Permit me if you will to begin by extending my thanks and appreciation to the men and women of our country's armed forces, as well as those First Responders who protect us here at home. Those of you now serving - and the veterans joining us today - please stand and be recognized for your service.

We are forever in your debt for the freedom and liberties that you so willingly protect and defend here at home and abroad.

Ohio has a long and storied history of men and women serving in our nation's armed forces. And right now I'd just like to take a moment to share a story about just one. William D. Heiskell was born and raised in Williamsport, Ohio. After entering Ohio State University, he saw his college ambitions cut short by the onset of war in Europe. He would go on to serve in the Army where liberty's cause would find him on distant beaches in Normandy, snow covered fox holes in Belgium at the Battle of the Bulge, and a surge into Nazi-controlled Germany to help drive the stake in the heart of fascism. His story mirrors that of millions of other Americans who answered the call of duty when his country needed him. Like so many others, Mr. Heiskell is a hero to me.

I'm honored that today, while he couldn't be with us, he serves as this body's honorary chair for the opening of the 132nd General Assembly. I know Mr. Heiskell is watching at home and, sir, I give you our thanks it is because of you that young men like your grandson, Tyler Yapple, has the freedom to continue your legacy of service here in our state. And to that we all salute you and thank you.

Speaker Davidson, Speaker Batchelder, President White, and Representative Buchy, I cannot thank you enough for joining us today. Your service to our state offers us a legacy that every member of this institution should strive to emulate. You have all instilled in me a great love and respect for this institution and are champions of transparency and openness that have truly made this institution "The People's House."

Speaker Davidson, I want to personally take the opportunity to thank you. As many of you may or may not know, Speaker Davidson is the only speaker in this long, storied institution's history that has a portrait that hangs here in the gallery of the House. Speaker Davidson is the first female to ever serve as Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives. She is a trailblazer, like many Ohioans before her. She is a true model of example of someone who can truly put her shoulder to the wheel for the good causes of our great state to make differences in lives every day. I am truly honored and humbled that you accepted my invitation to swear me in today. I couldn't have asked for anyone else in the world to do it, and I am humbled by your appearance with us today. And know that I continue to carry with me your example of leadership and stewardship in my heart, wherever I go. So God bless you and thank you.

Another trailblazer is amongst us today as well, and that is someone I love and dearly hold so high in my regard. She often had told me that she always wished she could be more like me and someone that can actually get things done. But what she never realized is that, truly, my sister, Megan Rosenberger Reeves, has always been my hero. She is the strongest woman that I know, and she truly is a trailblazer in her own right. And as a matter of fact, how could she not be, for she is the mother of probably one of the best things that ever happened to me, in my little nephew Lewyn. And to Megan, I love you, and wherever you are, know that you are a true hero to me.

And to my friends, Speaker Householder and President Faber, thank you for both the service you have given to this state, and for answering the call once more. Your institutional knowledge will be valued assets in this chamber as we move forward on the issues that matter most to the people of this state.

I also wish to thank the citizens of the 91st District who continue to put their trust in me as their representative. In this corner of Ohio that I call home, my values and faith were established and continue to grow and flourish.

It's hard to believe that over six years ago, I stood on this very floor like many of you who first came here and took my very first oath of office. Matter of fact, I just told a story earlier today. I remember standing right back here where Bill Blessing sat because that was my chair my very first time. And Laura Clemens, then the Clerk of the Ohio House, came up and I was sweating to death. I was nervous as all get out. And she said, 'What's wrong?' And I said, 'I just don't know how I'm going to make it through. And what am I going to do if I have to talk?' Well, little did I know, but she knew, that as she looked at me, she said, 'I really think you're going to be something here some day. And I have found constantly in a lot of people, those who have believed more in me than I have believed in myself. To those, I can only say that I am extremely thankful. But the folks who have believed in me most are the people in my district, in Highland and Clinton and Pike counties and portions of Ross County, that continue to support me and lift me. They have been a bedrock to me and have been my truest joys to represent in every facet. From economic development interests, to help getting down into the weeds to make sure we could do whatever we could do to grow jobs, whether it's Wilmington or Highland County, working with our county commissioners and local elected officials, has been truly my joy. And I promise them, as we continue into the next two years, they'll have my full attention and efforts to make sure that I continue to represent their interests in the next two years.

You of course cannot do anything, however, without great staff. It's so true, and to the new members that are here and even those who have been here awhile, hopefully, as I have been able to experience, you too will be able to experience an everlasting friendship of love and truly someone who can become part of your family. I have been very fortunate for a long period of

time to have literally one aide serve with me for nearly five-and-a-half years, until recently. He unfortunately didn't get the proper sendoff, but I am so extremely proud of him. He is like a little brother to me, and I know that if anyone in the district every had a problem or issue, they could call on Ben Webb, and Ben Webb would be there in a heartbeat. I know that when I ascended to the speakership, if any member had an issue, it was the first thing that Ben Webb would do was pick up the phone and figure out how to handle their issues and make sure they had a better day or made sure they were serving their districts better because of his efforts. Staff can play a huge role in all of our lives, and they can improve the lives of so many in our districts. We have to understand and learn from each other. As we continue to go forward, we need to also slow down a little bit and realize that you can learn from your staff as much as they can learn from you. I know in two years that I have, and God help me if I ever tell anybody that I have stopped learning because that's when I truly know that I've hit a bad place. Ben taught me so much. He taught me that, a lot of times, life doesn't have to go at a fast pace. Sometimes you can slow down. But most importantly he taught me that there is a big difference between being a boss and a leader. Being a boss and a leader. And as you go forward and you deal with your staff, and even your constituents, I hope you'll remember that there's a great difference between being a boss and a leader. You can be the person that sits and dictates to your staff and expects them to jump to your every whim. Or you can be the leader that works together as a team to make sure you advance the efforts of all Ohioans. Now I want to just let you know that those staff members are going to be so critical to your success. Treat them well. Make them part of your family. Love them and enjoy the opportunities you have with them. I'm so proud of Ben Webb. I've asked Ben to stand and be recognized by this House for his service to this institution and thank him so much.

We of course also share this great occasion with the people who are most important in our lives: sons and daughters, husbands and wives, parents and grandparents...the people each of us depend on for support and guidance. On behalf of all of us, I would like to thank you for being here and for your continued love and support. And I would ask our members to stand and look at your loved ones and give them a big round of applause for being here and continuing to support you in your endeavors.

I'm extremely blessed to be able to have my mom and dad and, as I mentioned, my sister and brother-in-law and some extended family with us today. I would not be half the man I am today without your love and support and your guidance to be there. My dad is my hero; he spent 25 years as a volunteer fire fighter and HVAC worker. I've been down in the crawlspaces and all I know is I said, 'Dad, I'm going to college.' I have enjoyed their love and their guidance and their support. It is because of them that I am who I am today. And to them I owe everything, and so to them, I just want to say thank

you. Thank you for being here and for your continued love and for the support of my entire family.

We have many reasons to be blessed and thankful to call Ohio home. To serve in this awesome responsibility with the title “Representative.”

I hope you take a minute, especially the new members, to look around right now. To feel the seats that you’re actually sitting in and experience for a minute how fast this will go. To understand the great and awesome responsibility, the people who have come before you and served in this very chamber. The respect and need to ensure that the decorum of this institution is upheld for over the 200 years that this state has been part of this union. You now hold an awesome responsibility and charge. And to forget it or neglect it would be a shame. Take an opportunity to truly appreciate and learn about this institution. Who was the first speaker, what was the first bills, how long, how long has this institution continued? Where do we obtain our powers? Understand the storied, awe-inspiring principles of where we sit. If you’re really quiet, you can actually hear. It’s the voices of all the members that have come before you. It’s the voices of constituents who have filled the halls of these committee chambers, to come and fight for their cause. Republican or Democrat, doesn’t matter, because every single person in the 99-seat chamber of the Ohio House of Representatives comes for one purpose. They come from all walks of life to advance the quality of life of all Ohioans. And as we continue to deliberate and think of that, we have to understand and respect this institution and those that we serve with. We have to be mindful of how we treat each other. We have to be mindful of what else is going on in some of our lives. We have to be mindful of the respect that this institution deserves. We have to be mindful of the service that we provide to the constituents who are our bosses. To sit in our chairs and listen intently in committees. To understand that they have driven great distances to share with you. To be able to articulate and figure out how do we advance the best reasons and very good natures of all Ohioans for the strongest Ohio that we can possibly ever hope for. That is what we’re here to do, and that is what we have to continue to be focused on. It is because of this state and the citizens that put us here that people can make a difference, like the Palumbos, who now firefighters across our state will make sure they have an opportunity to be covered as they go in and fight fires for insurance. It’s the members who fight in this room every day to ensure that those with autistic needs have coverage into the future. And it’s the big dreamers like Ivan Schwarz of Cleveland who looks at Ohio and says, ‘I can make this a new tomorrow in the film industry and actually get young people to stay in Ohio.’ No matter where we come from or what we do, that is our mission, and that is what we have to be mindful of and respect.

Ohio is an important state. From being at the forefront of important steps in American history, to the imaginative spirits who have taken us to new heights and invented some of the most common and functional objects of our world.

You can't imagine our nation without Ohio. The birthplace of eight presidents and 24 astronauts, including one who orbited the earth and the other who took the first footstep on the moon. The first state to enact laws protecting working women. Where people first heard the words, "Rock & Roll," and where its greatest talents are forever remembered. Where the legends of professional football can showcase their stories for generations to come. And, yes, the place where Ralphie finally got his beloved Red Ryder BB gun.

Wherever you look, Ohio is truly "The Heart of It All."

We are serving the state of Ohio during a remarkable moment in its history. We find ourselves living in a time of great technological change, with the advent of smart cities, cloud computing, self-driving cars and instant communication that, every day, challenges our conventional wisdom about our economy and our world. As leaders, we must strive continuously to chart that course which prepares Ohio and its state government by aggressively responding to changing technologies, trends and new economies of scale.

A critical part of ensuring this brighter future requires us to build and maintain a thorough and efficient educational system—for everyone from the kindergartener stepping onto the bus for the very first time, to the recent vocational school or college graduate who has just been handed a diploma. Our investment in education will help lead Ohioans to greater economic, cultural and social achievement.

In this term, we must continue to work to ensure greater predictability and certainty in school funding so that local communities can better respond to local needs, and parents can better shape the educational opportunities of their children, whether it be in our public schools, private schools or charter schools. We must forever strive to hold these institutions accountable, while also ensuring our teachers are free to do their jobs and that we must look to promote policies that also deliver student mastery of the essentials: Reading, writing and mathematics.

Now, what do I mean by mastery-based education? Let's take this for example: I don't know why, but I had to take Spanish 101. Now, if I was smart, I wish my mother would have taught Megan and I Korean. Some of you have heard this, but it is so true. I asked her once, 'Why didn't you ever teach Megan and I Korean?' She said, 'I didn't want your English to be poor.' I looked at my mother and I said, 'Mother, I'm from southern Ohi-uh. Sometimes we can't even say 'Ohio' correctly.' But now if you take Spanish 101, for example, if you cannot learn to conjugate in Spanish 101, you will learn that quickly you will fail in 102 and 103. Our students must start learning in true mastery-based form, to have a true understanding of the principles of the things they are working on. And sometimes the test is simply not the right answer to ensure that that mastery-based education is where we're going and what we need.

If our children of today are Ohio's tomorrow, then our aging population is the foundation of any success we hope to build and achieve. We stand on the shoulders of our elders, and have a moral obligation to ensure their protection and well-being. We must make it a priority in this term to provide our elderly with more affordable home care service options. To aid these efforts, I am creating a new standing committee, the "Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care" and establishing a Speaker's "Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia," to continue to ensure that we put this at the forefront and make sure to all our elders that we have so much to give back to are taken care of into the future.

Two decades ago, few would have predicted the immense growth and success of one of Ohio's biggest natural resources, in the oil and gas industry. As we face the future, we must continue to strive to promote free and open markets that acknowledge our incredible extracted energy resources. We in this chamber will be faced with very important decisions in the near future to make sure these resources remain market-based, which in turn serve to expand our energy options. Ohio should be open and free to be an "All of the Above" energy state, but it should be guided by forces of the market, and not by the government.

In the last six years, we have accomplished such a great deal. Ohio has cut its unemployment rate in half, to less than 5 percent. By reducing our tax and regulatory burden, Ohio's national ranking in job creation has improved significantly since 2011. Job growth in the state has surged by nearly 450,000 during the same period. And we are among the Top 10 job-producing states, with personal income growth outpacing the national average.

Make no mistake, Ohio's economy is strong and sound. But as I'm sure we all can agree, more work remains to ensure this progress continues for future generations.

In this legislative term, we will continue to build on the success of our economic policies, and seek to provide additional tax relief for Ohioans while keeping a tight rein on state government spending. To that end, when weighing our pursuit of legislative activity, we should also remain open to reducing our *current* laws, instead of adding more. Private-sector job-creation efforts will be spurred by our work to provide greater predictability and certainty in our state budgeting, regulatory climate and tax policy as well. At the same time, we must always prepare for inevitable uncertainties by continuing to build the state's rainy day fund and diligently undertaking unemployment compensation reform to ensure the solvency and security of this critical safety net.

Ohio's greatest assets are her people, work ethic and "can do" spirit. I witness it myself every day. It animates our culture. Those of us in positions of political leadership must be mindful that we are not the creator of jobs, but

only a means by which we can help foster them through good public policy and careful choices about our public investments. Building an environment in Ohio that is friendly to both employers and employees will further enhance the entrepreneurial spirit that has made our state and country so strong.

You know, when I was a kid growing up in Clarksville, you used to be able to go down to the corner market and everybody would know who you were. As a matter of fact, if you missed the bus, you were in trouble. I could never get away with it. My grandmother worked at the school, my grandfather was the bus supervisor. And I always thought, if I miss the bus I'll get a few credit hours short and at least come in after lunch and maybe sleep in a little longer. Well, that never happened. But Clarksville was truly growing up in Mayberry. You could walk down the street and everybody knew you, they knew your grandparents, they knew who your great-grandparents were, where you came from and whether you were doing something bad that they should get on the telephone and tell somebody about it, to set you straight. But Mayberry today has changed, and I can't hardly recognize Clarksville, Ohio. And a recent *Washington Post* article that came out not too long ago, it talked about this very issue.

So let me also touch on another issue of utmost seriousness—and that is the issue of drug addiction. As too many Ohioans have witnessed this epidemic's effects on their own families, they have experienced its often fatal severity. Let me be clear...this is a problem that threatens all aspects of our state, including in the areas of education, job creation and energy development.

This issue demands our attention now, and in the coming weeks, we will unveil the new "Ohio HOPES Agenda." Heroin, Opiates, Prevention, Education, and Safety. This is a strategy of treatment, prevention and education, in addition to a more aggressive response to drug-related violence that threatens our communities and law enforcement officers working every day to make us safe. This is our burden. This is our challenge, and we must not fail in confronting the issue without fear.

Every new General Assembly grapples with the important issues of our day, and every few years we face a fork in the road. The path of least resistance takes us down a road of going along to get along, while the road less traveled requires us to think hard about the choices in front of us.

In the weeks ahead, we will also unveil our plan for the new term, appropriately titled "The Buckeye Pathway." This roadmap will lay out our legislative agenda, including on the issue of addiction, and I challenge you to please put aside matters of partisanship and political expediency, and do what's best for the people of Ohio.

Leader Strahorn, I truly have a great appreciation and respect for you. We have our differences on policy to be sure, but I also know that each of us appreciates the enormity of the task before us. I know that we each are

committed to making Ohio better for its citizens. Each of us are called to be that voice for the roughly 116,000 people in our respective districts. While it can be said with certainty that we will not always see eye-to-eye with those sitting around us, let us remember that each member in this chamber was selected by their neighbors, elected under the same system of government, and called to do the same job.

In the spirit of working together, I have given a lot of thought to the bipartisan legislation from the previous General Assembly to modernize Ohio's domestic violence laws. Under the leadership of Representatives Sykes and Kuhns in the House, a good policy was crafted. As we set forward in this General Assembly, this legislation will be House Bill 1.

You know, I'm reminded of our lame duck session, which I'm tempted to take up Representative Boose's offer of eliminating. But in all seriousness, I don't know if you felt it to the members that were here. I witnessed the best of Ohio, the very best of Ohio that night. Of citizens that all cared together to get the right thing done for, not one political party, not someone's personal self interests, but for the betterment of the citizens of our state. I don't think I've ever seen something more moving than Representative Kuhns standing right here in this seat, and allowing her to accept an amendment that moved a bill that she worked so hard on with Representative Sykes to advance Ohioans' needs. And to watch every Republican stand up and clap in appreciation for their efforts. That's what we need to do more of. That's what continues to need to be our focus and drive. And if we do, Ohio will be undoubtedly the best state in the nation.

Republicans may have a record majority, but that does not mean that we cannot work together in a strong bipartisan fashion to solve Ohio's most pressing issues. Finding lasting solutions to these and other issues will require understanding and cooperation from all parties involved, with both sides of the aisle bringing their best ideas to the table. We are the leaders who have been called upon here and now to move our state forward and create a better future for Ohio.

As our motto states, "With God All Things are Possible." And with His guiding hand, we can confidently undertake the great responsibility, and perform the great mission, of serving the men and women of this great state.

God bless each one of you, God bless this great state and nation that we call home.

And let's get to work."

The next order of business being the election of the Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative Sprague of the 83rd district nominated for said office Kirk Schuring of the 48th district.

Representative Faber of the 84th district seconded the nomination.

Representative Anielski of the 6th district moved that the nominations of Speaker Pro Tempore be closed.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

The House then proceeded to the election of Speaker Pro Tempore.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 96, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Barnes	Becker	Bishoff
Blessing	Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner
Brinkman	Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Dean	Dever	DeVitis
Duffey	Edwards	Faber	Fedor
Gavarone	Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman
Green	Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley
Henne	Hill	Holmes	Hood
Householder	Howse	Huffman	Hughes
Ingram	Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller
Kelly	Kent	Kick	Koehler
Landis	Lanese	LaTourette	Leland
Lepore-Hagan	Lipps	Manning	McColley
Merrin	Miller	O'Brien	Patmon
Patterson	Patton	Pelanda	Perales
Ramos	Reece	Reineke	Retherford
Rezabek	Riedel	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ryan	Schaffer	Scherer
Seitz	Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.
Smith, R.	Sprague	Stein	Strahorn
Sweeney	Sykes	Thompson	Vitale
West	Wiggam	Zeltwanger	Rosenberger-96

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, Representative Schuring was declared the duly elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

The Chair appointed Representatives DeVitis, Slaby, Ginter, Landis, Hagan, Sprague, Faber, Anielski, Celebrezze, Sykes, Ashford, and Boggs to escort Representative Schuring to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Representative Schuring was administered the oath of office by The Honorable Jo Ann Davidson, former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The next order of business being the election of the majority floor leader, the assistant majority floor leader, the majority whip, and the assistant majority whip of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative Schuring offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 1-Representative Schuring

Relative to the election of the majority floor leader, the assistant majority floor leader, the majority whip, and the assistant majority whip for the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Republican members have chosen Dorothy Pelanda of House District #86 as majority floor leader, Sarah LaTourette of House District #76 as assistant majority floor leader, Thomas F. Patton of House District #7 as majority whip, and Robert McColley of House District #81 as assistant majority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly that Dorothy Pelanda be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority floor leader; that Sarah LaTourette be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant majority floor leader; that Thomas F. Patton be, and upon the adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority whip; and that Robert McColley be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant majority whip.

The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Barnes	Becker	Bishoff
Blessing	Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner
Brinkman	Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Dean	Dever	DeVitis
Duffey	Edwards	Faber	Fedor
Gavarone	Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman
Green	Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley
Henne	Hill	Holmes	Hood
Householder	Howse	Huffman	Hughes
Ingram	Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller
Kelly	Kent	Kick	Koehler
Landis	Lanese	LaTourette	Leland
Lepore-Hagan	Lipps	Manning	McColley
Merrin	Miller	O'Brien	Patmon
Patterson	Patton	Pelanda	Perales
Ramos	Reece	Reineke	Retherford
Rezabek	Riedel	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ryan	Schaffer	Scherer
Schuring	Seitz	Sheehy	Slaby
Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague	Stein

Strahorn
Vitale

Sweeney
West

Sykes
Wiggam

Thompson
Zeltwanger
Rosenberger-97

The resolution was adopted.

The majority floor leader, Representative Pelanda; the assistant majority floor leader, Representative LaTourette; the majority whip, Representative Patton; and the assistant majority whip, Representative McColley, were escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Schuring, Manning, Gavarone, Seitz, Roegner, Rezabek, Smith, R., Boccieri, Cera, and Johnson, G., were administered the oath of office by The Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

The next order of business being the election of the minority leader of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative Schuring offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 2-Representative Schuring

Relative to the election of the minority leader for the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democratic members has chosen Fred Strahorn of House District #39 as minority leader; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly that Fred Strahorn be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of minority leader.

The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 95, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Becker	Bishoff	Blessing
Boccieri	Boggs	Brenner	Brinkman
Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze	Cera
Clyde	Conditt	Craig	Cupp
Dean	Dever	DeVitis	Duffey
Edwards	Faber	Fedor	Gavarone
Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman	Green
Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley	Henne
Hill	Holmes	Hood	Householder
Howse	Huffman	Hughes	Ingram
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller	Kelly
Kent	Kick	Koehler	Landis

Lanese	LaTourette	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Lipps	Manning	McColley	Merrin
Miller	O'Brien	Patterson	Patton
Pelanda	Perales	Ramos	Reece
Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek	Riedel
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Ryan
Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring	Seitz
Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.
Sprague	Stein	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Thompson	Vitale	West
Wiggam	Zeltwanger		Rosenberger-95

The resolution was adopted.

The minority leader, Representative Strahorn, was escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Bishoff, Craig, Lepore-Hagan, O'Brien, Patterson, Rogers, Smith, K., Pelanda, LaTourette, Patton, and McColley, was administered the oath of office by The Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The next order of business being the election of the assistant minority leader, the minority whip, and the assistant minority whip of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative Schuring offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 3-Representative Schuring

Relative to the election of the assistant minority leader, the minority whip, and the assistant minority whip for the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democratic members has chosen Nicholas Celebrezze of House District #15 as assistant minority leader, Nickie J. Antonio of House District #13 as minority whip, and as Emilia Strong Sykes of House District #34 as assistant minority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly that Nicholas Celebrezze be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant minority leader; that Nickie J. Antonio be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of minority whip; and that Emilia Strong Sykes be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant minority whip.

The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 95, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Becker	Bishoff	Blessing
Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner	Brinkman
Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze	Cera
Clyde	Conditt	Craig	Cupp
Dean	Dever	DeVitis	Duffey
Edwards	Faber	Fedor	Gavarone
Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman	Green
Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley	Henne
Hill	Holmes	Hood	Householder
Howse	Huffman	Hughes	Ingram
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller	Kelly
Kent	Kick	Koehler	Landis
Lanese	LaTourette	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Lipps	Manning	McColley	Merrin
Miller	O'Brien	Patterson	Patton
Pelanda	Perales	Ramos	Reece
Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek	Riedel
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Ryan
Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring	Seitz
Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.
Sprague	Stein	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Thompson	Vitale	West
Wiggam	Zeltwanger		Rosenberger-95

The resolution was adopted.

The assistant minority leader, Representative Celebrezze; the minority whip, Representative Antonio; and the assistant minority whip, Representative Sykes, were escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Reece, Clyde, Howse, Leland, Ramos, Sheehy, Sweeney, Schuring, Pelanda, and Seitz, were administered the oath of office by The Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

The next order of business being the election of the officials of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative Schuring offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 4-Representative Schuring

Relative to the election of officials of the House of Representatives and empowering the Chief Administrative Officer to sign vouchers.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly, that Bradley J. Young be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of Clerk; that Kimberly M.

Flasher be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of Chief Administrative Officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the terms of office of the Clerk, and Chief Administrative Officer, shall be for a period of two years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That except in cases in which the signature or approval of the speaker is required by law, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House is hereby directed and empowered to sign all vouchers to be presented to the auditor of state for the payment of any claim or claims against the state for service rendered, supplies furnished, money expended, or liabilities incurred in connection with the proper operation of the House of Representatives.

The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 95, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Becker	Bishoff	Blessing
Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner	Brinkman
Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze	Cera
Clyde	Conditt	Craig	Cupp
Dean	Dever	DeVitis	Duffey
Edwards	Faber	Fedor	Gavarone
Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman	Green
Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley	Henne
Hill	Holmes	Hood	Householder
Howse	Huffman	Hughes	Ingram
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller	Kelly
Kent	Kick	Koehler	Landis
Lanese	LaTourette	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Lipps	Manning	McColley	Merrin
Miller	O'Brien	Patterson	Patton
Pelanda	Perales	Ramos	Reece
Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek	Riedel
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Ryan
Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring	Seitz
Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.
Sprague	Stein	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Thompson	Vitale	West
Wiggam	Zeltwanger		Rosenberger-95

The resolution was adopted.

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, the above named persons were duly elected administrative officers of the Ohio House of Representatives, and having been administered the oath of office by The Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, entered upon the discharge of their duties.

Representative Schuring offered the following resolution, requesting that it be read by title only and spread upon the pages of the journal:

H. R. No. 5-Representative Schuring

Relative to employment and compensation of employees of the House of Representatives preparatory to and during House organization.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly, that the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives is hereby authorized to pay all employees actually employed preparatory to House organization of the 132nd General Assembly from December 29, 2016 to January 3, 2017, the date of the convening of the 132nd General Assembly, at the same salary that was paid them during the 131st General Assembly.

The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 95, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Becker	Bishoff	Blessing
Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner	Brinkman
Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze	Cera
Clyde	Conditt	Craig	Cupp
Dean	Dever	DeVitis	Duffey
Edwards	Faber	Fedor	Gavarone
Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman	Green
Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley	Henne
Hill	Holmes	Hood	Householder
Howse	Huffman	Hughes	Ingram
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller	Kelly
Kent	Kick	Koehler	Landis
Lanese	LaTourette	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Lipps	Manning	McColley	Merrin
Miller	O'Brien	Patterson	Patton
Pelanda	Perales	Ramos	Reece
Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek	Riedel
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Ryan
Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring	Seitz
Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.
Sprague	Stein	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Thompson	Vitale	West
Wiggam	Zeltwanger		Rosenberger-95

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Schuring offered the following resolution, requesting that it be read by title only and spread upon the pages of the journal:

H. R. No. 6-Representative Schuring

To provide for the offering of the pledge of allegiance to the flag by the

members of the House of Representatives at the opening session of each week.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly shall make the following pledge of allegiance to the flag at the opening session of each week.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 95, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Becker	Bishoff	Blessing
Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner	Brinkman
Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze	Cera
Clyde	Conditt	Craig	Cupp
Dean	Dever	DeVitis	Duffey
Edwards	Faber	Fedor	Gavarone
Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman	Green
Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley	Henne
Hill	Holmes	Hood	Householder
Howse	Huffman	Hughes	Ingram
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller	Kelly
Kent	Kick	Koehler	Landis
Lanese	LaTourette	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Lipps	Manning	McColley	Merrin
Miller	O'Brien	Patterson	Patton
Pelanda	Perales	Ramos	Reece
Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek	Riedel
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Ryan
Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring	Seitz
Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.
Sprague	Stein	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Thompson	Vitale	West
Wiggam	Zeltwanger		Rosenberger-95

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Schuring offered the following resolution, requesting that it be read by title only and spread upon the pages of the journal:

H. R. No. 7-Representative Schuring

Relative to attendance at conferences and meetings.

WHEREAS, During the 132nd General Assembly (2017-2018), important conferences and meetings of national or statewide interest may be called, especially of interest to the House of Representatives; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly, that, if in the judgment of the Speaker, any conferences or meetings, either national or state, are deemed to be of sufficient importance to warrant attendance of members or officers of the House, the Speaker shall designate members or officers to attend; and be it further

RESOLVED, That expenses incurred incident thereto of any member or officer so designated by the Speaker shall be paid out of appropriate funds of the House.

The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 95, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Becker	Bishoff	Blessing
Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner	Brinkman
Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze	Cera
Clyde	Conditt	Craig	Cupp
Dean	Dever	DeVitis	Duffey
Edwards	Faber	Fedor	Gavarone
Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman	Green
Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley	Henne
Hill	Holmes	Hood	Householder
Howse	Huffman	Hughes	Ingram
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller	Kelly
Kent	Kick	Koehler	Landis
Lanese	LaTourette	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Lipps	Manning	McColley	Merrin
Miller	O'Brien	Patterson	Patton
Pelanda	Perales	Ramos	Reece
Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek	Riedel
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Ryan
Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring	Seitz
Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.
Sprague	Stein	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Thompson	Vitale	West
Wiggam	Zeltwanger		Rosenberger-95

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Schuring offered the following resolution, requesting that it be read by title only and spread upon the pages of the journal:

H. R. No. 8-Representative Schuring

Relative to certain letters to be signed by the Speaker of the House on behalf of the House and sent to persons or groups in lieu of any resolutions on the subject.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives

of the 132nd General Assembly, that upon the request of any member, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may, at the Speaker's discretion, sign letters of commendation, congratulations, or condolence to persons or organizations named in the request on behalf of the House and in its name, and arrange for transmittal therefor to such persons or organizations as may be designated in the request.

The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 95, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Becker	Bishoff	Blessing
Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner	Brinkman
Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze	Cera
Clyde	Conditt	Craig	Cupp
Dean	Dever	DeVitis	Duffey
Edwards	Faber	Fedor	Gavarone
Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman	Green
Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley	Henne
Hill	Holmes	Hood	Householder
Howse	Huffman	Hughes	Ingram
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller	Kelly
Kent	Kick	Koehler	Landis
Lanese	LaTourette	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Lipps	Manning	McColley	Merrin
Miller	O'Brien	Patterson	Patton
Pelanda	Perales	Ramos	Reece
Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek	Riedel
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Ryan
Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring	Seitz
Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.
Sprague	Stein	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Thompson	Vitale	West
Wiggam	Zeltwanger		Rosenberger-95

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Schuring offered the following resolution, requesting that it be read by title only and spread upon the pages of the journal:

H. R. No. 9-Representative Schuring

Relative to the appointment and salaries of the officials and employees of the House of Representatives.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly, that in addition to those officers previously elected by resolution of the House, the Speaker is hereby authorized to appoint such additional staff as may be required for the purpose of facilitating the work of the House of Representatives and to fill any vacancies

in positions as officers or employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the officers and employees of the House of Representatives be compensated as determined by the Chief Administrative Officer, with the approval of the Speaker; and be it further

RESOLVED, That pay increases shall be made only upon recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, with approval of the Speaker; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Administrative Officer shall have the direct supervision and management of those officers and employees who by reason of their duties fall within the specific area of responsibility of the Chief Administrative Officer. Pursuant to the approval of the Speaker, the Chief Administrative Officer may discharge any officer or employee under their respective supervision if the officer or employee is not satisfactorily performing his duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution shall govern all actions taken by the 132nd General Assembly and that all of the foregoing salaries be paid from the appropriate funds of the House of Representatives.

The question being, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 95, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Becker	Bishoff	Blessing
Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner	Brinkman
Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze	Cera
Clyde	Conditt	Craig	Cupp
Dean	Dever	DeVitis	Duffey
Edwards	Faber	Fedor	Gavarone
Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman	Green
Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley	Henne
Hill	Holmes	Hood	Householder
Howse	Huffman	Hughes	Ingram
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller	Kelly
Kent	Kick	Koehler	Landis
Lanese	LaTourette	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Lipps	Manning	McColley	Merrin
Miller	O'Brien	Patterson	Patton
Pelanda	Perales	Ramos	Reece
Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek	Riedel
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Ryan
Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring	Seitz
Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.
Sprague	Stein	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Thompson	Vitale	West
Wiggam	Zeltwanger		Rosenberger-95

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Schuring offered the following concurrent resolution, requesting that it be read by title only and spread upon the pages of the journal:

H. C. R. No. 1-Speaker Rosenberger, Representative Strahorn

Relative to a committee to wait upon the Governor to let him know the 132nd General Assembly is in session.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that a committee of eight on the part of the House of Representatives and eight on the part of the Senate be appointed to wait upon and inform the Governor that the two houses of the 132nd General Assembly have organized and are ready to receive any communication he may desire to transmit.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 95, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Becker	Bishoff	Blessing
Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner	Brinkman
Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze	Cera
Clyde	Conditt	Craig	Cupp
Dean	Dever	DeVitis	Duffey
Edwards	Faber	Fedor	Gavarone
Ginter	Gonzales	Goodman	Green
Greenspan	Hagan	Hambley	Henne
Hill	Holmes	Hood	Householder
Howse	Huffman	Hughes	Ingram
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller	Kelly
Kent	Kick	Koehler	Landis
Lanese	LaTourette	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Lipps	Manning	McColley	Merrin
Miller	O'Brien	Patterson	Patton
Pelanda	Perales	Ramos	Reece
Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek	Riedel
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Ryan
Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring	Seitz
Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.
Sprague	Stein	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Thompson	Vitale	West
Wiggam	Zeltwanger		Rosenberger-95

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Representative Schuring offered the following concurrent resolution, requesting that it be read by title only and spread upon the pages of the journal:

H. C. R. No. 2-Representative Schuring

Relative to the appointment of a joint committee to attend the inauguration of The Honorable Donald J. Trump.

WHEREAS, On the Twentieth Day of January, 2017, The Honorable Donald J. Trump will be inaugurated as President of the United States, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the State of Ohio be represented in its official capacity at said inauguration of The Honorable Donald J. Trump as President of the United States, on the Twentieth Day of January, 2017, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio, that a committee not to exceed eight members of each house, be selected by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate to attend and represent the State of Ohio at said inauguration of The Honorable Donald J. Trump as President of the United States.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent resolution be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 92, nays 3, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Anielski	Antani	Antonio	Arndt
Ashford	Becker	Bishoff	Blessing
Bocchieri	Boggs	Brenner	Brinkman
Butler	Carfagna	Celebrezze	Cera
Conditt	Craig	Cupp	Dean
Dever	DeVitis	Duffey	Edwards
Faber	Fedor	Gavarone	Ginter
Gonzales	Goodman	Green	Greenspan
Hagan	Hambley	Henne	Hill
Holmes	Hood	Householder	Huffman
Hughes	Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Keller
Kelly	Kent	Kick	Koehler
Landis	Lanese	LaTourette	Leland
Lepore-Hagan	Lipps	Manning	McColley
Merrin	Miller	O'Brien	Patterson
Patton	Pelanda	Perales	Ramos
Reece	Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek
Riedel	Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk
Ryan	Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring
Seitz	Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.
Smith, R.	Sprague	Stein	Strahorn
Sweeney	Sykes	Thompson	Vitale
West	Wiggam	Zeltwanger	Rosenberger-92

Representatives Clyde, Howse, and Ingram voted in the negative-3.

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is now in session and ready for the transaction of business.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,
Clerk.

The Cleveland Grays Color Guard presented the colors, followed by a medley of the armed services songs and hymns performed by Forte.

Representative Ginter offered the closing prayer.

On motion of Representative Schuring, the House adjourned until Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,
Clerk.