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FIRST DAY  
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio  
**Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 1:30 p.m.**

This being the day fixed by law for the meeting of the General Assembly in the regular session, the senators and senators-elect of the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly of the State of Ohio, met in the Senate Chamber and were called to order by Senator Kieth L. Faber, President of the Senate of the One Hundred Thirty-First General Assembly.

The President of the Senate passed the gavel to Senator Larry Obhof, President Pro Tempore of the One Hundred Thirty-First General Assembly.

Prayer was offered by Father Anthony F. Sebja, from the St. Francis Xavier Church, Medina, Ohio. The colors were presented by the Ohio Air National Guard 179th Airlift Color Guard.

The children and grandchildren of the senators and senators-elect assembled in the well and led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance following the presentation of the colors.

The National Anthem was sung by members of the Alliance Chorus.

The President Pro Tempore directed the Clerk to call the Republican Districts starting with first-time elected Senators in their numerical order.

The following named persons presented their certificates of election as Senators from their respective districts to the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly.

Eighth District-Composed of: Hamilton (part)-Lou Terhar

Twelfth District-Composed of: Allen, Auglaize (part), Champaign, Darke (part), Logan (part), Mercer, Shelby-Matt Huffman.

Sixteenth District-Composed of: Franklin (part)-Stephanie Kunze.

Twenty-Fourth District-Composed of: Cuyahoga (part)-Matt Dolan.

Thirtieth District-Composed of: Athens (part), Belmont, Carroll, Harrison, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Noble, Vinton (part), Washington-Frank Hoagland.

Senators Terhar, Huffman, Kunze, Dolan, and Hoagland appeared at the bar of the Senate and were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Maureen O'Connor, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

The President Pro Tempore directed the Clerk to call the even-numbered Republican Senatorial Districts in their numerical order.

The following named persons presented their certificates of election as Senators from their respective districts to the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly.

Second District-Composed of: Erie, Fulton (part), Lucas (part), Ottawa, Wood-Randy Gardner.

Fourth District-Composed of: Butler (part)-William P. Coley, II.

Sixth District-Composed of: Montgomery (part)-Peggy Lehner.

Tenth District-Composed of: Clark, Greene, Madison-Bob D. Hackett.

Fourteenth District-Composed of: Adams, Brown, Clermont, Lawrence (part), Scioto-Joe Uecker.

Eighteenth District-Composed of: Geauga (part), Lake (part), Portage-John Eklund.

Twentieth District-Composed of: Athens (part), Fairfield, Guernsey, Hocking, Morgan, Muskingum, Pickaway (part)-Troy Balderson.

Twenty-Second District-Composed of: Ashland, Holmes (part), Medina, Richland-Larry Obhof.

Twenty-Sixth District-Composed of: Crawford, Marion, Morrow, Sandusky, Seneca , Union, Wyandot-David Burke.

The members appeared in the bar of the Senate and were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Maureen O'Connor, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

The President Pro Tempore directed the Clerk to call the odd-numbered Republican Senatorial Districts in their numerical order.

First District-Composed of: Auglaize (part), Defiance, Fulton (part), Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan (part), Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams-Cliff Hite.

Third District-Composed of: Franklin (part)-Kevin Bacon.

Fifth District-Composed of: Darke (part), Miami, Montgomery (part), Preble-Bill Beagle.

Thirteenth District-Composed of: Huron, Lorain-Gayle Manning.

Seventeenth District-Composed of: Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence (part), Pickaway (part), Pike, Ross, Vinton (part)-Bob Peterson.

Nineteenth District-Composed of: Delaware, Franklin (part), Knox-Kris Jordan.

Twenty-Seventh District-Composed of: Stark (part), Summit (part), Wayne-Frank LaRose.

Twenty-Ninth-Composed of: Stark (part)-Scott Oelslager.

Thirty-First District-Composed of: Coshocton, Holmes (part), Licking, Perry, Tuscarawas-Jay Hottinger.

The members appeared in the bar of the Senate and were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Maureen O'Connor, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

The President Pro Tempore directed the Clerk to call the Democratic Districts starting with the first-time elected Senators in their numerical order.

The following named persons presented their certificates of election as Senators from their respective districts to the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly.

Twenty-Eighth District-Composed of: Summit (part)-Vernon Sykes.

Thirty-Second District-Composed of: Ashtabula, Geauga (part), Trumbull-Sean J. O'Brien.

Senators Sykes and O'Brien appeared at the bar of the Senate and were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Terri B. Jamison, Judge of the Domestic Relations-Juvenile Court, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

The President Pro Tempore directed the Clerk to call the odd-numbered Democratic Senatorial Districts in their numerical order.

The following named persons presented their certificates of election as Senators from their respective districts to the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly.

Ninth District-Composed of: Hamilton (part)-Cecil Thomas.

Eleventh District-Composed of: Lucas (part)-Edna Brown.

Fifteenth District-Composed of Franklin (part)-Charleta B. Tavares.

Twenty-First District-Composed of: Cuyahoga (part)-Sandra R. Williams.

Twenty-Third District-Composed of: Cuyahoga (part)-Michael J. Skindell.

Twenty-Fifth District-Composed of: Cuyahoga (part), Lake (part)-Kenny Yuko.

Thirty-Third District-Composed of: Columbiana, Mahoning-Joseph Schiavoni.

The members appeared at the bar of the Senate and were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Terri B. Jamison, Judge of the Domestic Relations-Juvenile Court, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

The President Pro Tempore announced that a quorum of the Senate was present and that the Senate was ready to transact business.

The President Pro Tempore announced that the next order of business should be the election of the following officers: President, President Pro Tempore, Majority Floor Leader, Majority Whip, Minority Leader, Assistant Minority Leader, Minority Whip, Assistant Minority whip.

The election of the President being the first order, the Chair appointed Senator Beagle to preside during the election of the President.

Senator LaRose nominated Larry Obhof of the Twenty-Second District for the office of President.

Senator Hite seconded the nomination.

On the motion of Senator Oelslager, the nominations were closed.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Coley	Dolan	Eklund
Gardner	Hackett	Hite	Hoagland
Hottinger	Huffman	Jordan	Kunze
LaRose	Lehner	Manning	O'Brien
Oelslager	Peterson	Schiavoni	Skindell
Sykes	Tavares	Terhar	Thomas
Uecker	Williams		Yuko-31

Senator Obhof having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected President of the Ohio Senate.

Senator Obhof appeared at the bar and was administered the oath of office by the Honorable Maureen O'Connor, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Senator Burke nominated Senator Bob Peterson of the Seventeenth District for the office of President Pro Tempore.

Senator Kunze seconded the nomination.

On the motion of Senator Terhar, the nominations were closed.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Coley	Dolan	Eklund
Gardner	Hackett	Hite	Hoagland
Hottinger	Huffman	Jordan	Kunze
LaRose	Lehner	Manning	O'Brien
Oelslager	Schiavoni	Skindell	Sykes
Tavares	Terhar	Thomas	Uecker
Williams	Yuko		Obhof-31

Senator Peterson having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected President Pro Tempore.

Senator Uecker nominated Randy Gardner of the Second District for the office of Majority Floor Leader.

Senator Dolan seconded the nomination.

On the motion Senator Bacon, the nominations were closed.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Coley	Dolan	Eklund
Hackett	Hite	Hoagland	Hottinger
Huffman	Jordan	Kunze	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	O'Brien	Oelslager
Peterson	Schiavoni	Skindell	Sykes
Tavares	Terhar	Thomas	Uecker
Williams	Yuko		Obhof-31

Senator Gardner having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Majority Floor Leader.

Senator Lehner nominated Senator Gayle Manning of the Thirteenth District for the office of Majority Whip.

Senator Balderson seconded the nomination.

On the motion of Senator Beagle, the nominations were closed.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Coley	Dolan	Eklund
Gardner	Hackett	Hite	Hoagland
Hottinger	Huffman	Jordan	Kunze
LaRose	Lehner	O'Brien	Oelslager
Peterson	Schiavoni	Skindell	Sykes
Tavares	Terhar	Thomas	Uecker
Williams	Yuko		Obhof-31

Senator Manning having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Majority Whip.

The duly elected officers of the Republican Party appeared at the bar of the Senate and were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Maureen O'Connor, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Senator Thomas nominated Joseph Schiavoni of the Thirty-Third District for the office of Minority Leader.

Senator Tavares seconded the nomination.

On the motion of Senator O'Brien, the nominations were closed.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Coley	Dolan	Eklund
Gardner	Hackett	Hite	Hoagland
Hottinger	Huffman	Jordan	Kunze
LaRose	Lehner	Manning	O'Brien
Oelslager	Peterson	Skindell	Sykes
Tavares	Terhar	Thomas	Uecker
Williams	Yuko		Obhof-31

Senator Schiavoni having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Minority Leader.

Senator Sykes nominated Charleta Tavares of the Fifteenth District for the office of Assistant Minority Leader.

Senator Brown seconded the nomination.

On the motion of Senator O'Brien, the nominations were closed.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Coley	Dolan	Eklund
Gardner	Hackett	Hite	Hoagland
Hottinger	Huffman	Jordan	Kunze
LaRose	Lehner	Manning	O'Brien
Oelslager	Peterson	Schiavoni	Skindell
Sykes	Terhar	Thomas	Uecker
Williams	Yuko		Obhof-31

Senator Tavares having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Assistant Minority Leader.

Senator Yuko nominated Senator Edna Brown of the Eleventh District for the office of Minority Whip.

Senator Skindell seconded the nomination.

On the motion of Senator O'Brien, the nominations were closed.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators



Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Burke
Coley	Dolan	Eklund	Gardner
Hackett	Hite	Hoagland	Hottinger
Huffman	Jordan	Kunze	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	O'Brien	Oelslager
Peterson	Schiavoni	Skindell	Sykes
Tavares	Terhar	Thomas	Uecker
Williams	Yuko		Obhof-31

Senator Brown having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Minority Whip.

Senator Schiavoni nominated Senator Cecil Thomas of the Ninth District for the office of Assistant Minority Whip.

Senator Brown seconded the nomination.

On the motion of Senator O'Brien, the nominations were closed.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Coley	Dolan	Eklund
Gardner	Hackett	Hite	Hoagland
Hottinger	Huffman	Jordan	Kunze
LaRose	Lehner	Manning	O'Brien
Oelslager	Peterson	Schiavoni	Skindell
Sykes	Tavares	Terhar	Uecker
Williams	Yuko		Obhof-31

Senator Thomas having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Assistant Minority Whip.

The duly elected officers of the Democratic party appeared at the bar of the Senate and were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Terri B. Jamison, Judge of the Domestic Relations-Juvenile Court, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

The President announced that the next order of business should be the election of the Clerk.

Senator Obhof nominated Vincent L. Keeran for the office of Senate Clerk.

Senator Schiavoni seconded the nomination.

On the motion of Senator Oelslager, the nominations were closed.

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Coley	Dolan	Eklund
Gardner	Hackett	Hite	Hoagland
Hottinger	Huffman	Jordan	Kunze
LaRose	Lehner	Manning	O'Brien
Oelslager	Peterson	Schiavoni	Skindell
Sykes	Tavares	Terhar	Thomas
Uecker	Williams	Yuko	Obhof-32

Mr. Keeran having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Senate Clerk.

Mr. Keeran appeared at the bar of the Senate and was administered the oath of office by the Honorable Larry Obhof, President of the Ohio Senate.

Members of the Alliance Chorus sang America the Beautiful.

### OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Peterson offered the following resolution:

**S. R. No. 1**-Senator Peterson.

Cosponsor: Senator Schiavoni.

Relative to the salaries of the officials and employees of the Senate.

RESOLVED, That all such employees, property, premises, and expenditures of the Senate shall be under the direct supervision of the Chief of Staff and the Clerk, and these officials are hereby authorized to make such changes and such assignments of duties of said employees as will result in the highest efficiency and best serve the interests of the State. The Chief of Staff and the Clerk are also authorized to discharge and replace said appointees and are authorized to appoint any additional staff as may be necessary to facilitate the work of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all of the foregoing salaries be paid from the appropriate funds of the Senate.

The question being, "Shall the resolution, **S. R. No. 1**, be adopted?"

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Coley	Dolan	Eklund
Gardner	Hackett	Hite	Hoagland
Hottinger	Huffman	Jordan	Kunze
LaRose	Lehner	Manning	O'Brien
Oelslager	Peterson	Schiavoni	Skindell

Sykes  
Uecker

Tavares  
Williams

Terhar  
Yuko

Thomas  
Obhof-32

So the resolution was adopted.

The question being, "Shall the title be agreed to?"

The title was agreed to.

Senator Peterson offered the following resolution:

**S. R. No. 2**-Senator Peterson.

Cosponsor: Senator Schiavoni.

Relative to mileage reimbursement.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby authorized to pay the following named persons mileage reimbursement for mileage as provided by section 101.27 of the Revised Code.

NAME	COUNTY	MILEAGE ROUND TRIP
Troy Balderson	Muskingum	116
Bill Beagle	Miami	148
Edna Brown	Lucas	307
William P. Coley, II	Butler	178
Matt Dolan	Cuyahoga	296
John Eklund	Geauga	320
Randy Gardner	Wood	244
Bob Hackett	Madison	56
Cliff Hite	Hancock	194
Frank Hoagland	Jefferson	270
Jay Hottinger	Licking	78
Matt Huffman	Allen	180
Kris Jordan	Delaware	59
Frank LaRose	Summit	268
Peggy Lehner	Montgomery	156
Gayle Manning	Lorain	252
Larry Obhof	Medina	228
Sean J. O'Brien	Trumbull	368
Scott Oelslager	Stark	262
Bob Peterson	Fayette	102
Joe Schiavoni	Mahoning	354
Michael Skindell	Cuyahoga	274
Vernon Sykes	Summit	250
Lou Terhar	Hamilton	226
Cecil Thomas	Hamilton	208
Joe Uecker	Clermont	196
Sandra R. Williams	Cuyahoga	294
Kenny Yuko	Cuyahoga	300

The question being, "Shall the resolution, **S. R. No. 2**, be adopted?"

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Coley	Dolan	Eklund
Gardner	Hackett	Hite	Hoagland
Hottinger	Huffman	Jordan	Kunze
LaRose	Lehner	Manning	O'Brien
Oelslager	Peterson	Schiavoni	Skindell
Sykes	Tavares	Terhar	Thomas
Uecker	Williams	Yuko	Obhof-32

So the resolution was adopted.

The question being, "Shall the title be agreed to?"

The title was agreed to.

On the motion of Senator Peterson, the Senate adjourned until Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,  
Clerk.