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FIRST DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Monday, January 7, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

This being the day fixed by law for the meeting of the General Assembly in regular session, the Senators and Senators-elect of the One Hundred Thirty-Third General Assembly of the State of Ohio, met in the Senate Chamber and were called to order by Senator Larry Obhof, President of the One Hundred Thirty-Second General Assembly.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Robert J. Kurtz, Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, Ohio.

The Colors were presented by the Ohio Air National Guard 179th Airlift Wing Honor Guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of the Senators and Senators-elect.

The National Anthem was sung by members of the Ashland University Chamber Singers.

The President directed the Clerk to call the Senatorial Districts in their numerical order when the following named persons presented their certificates of election as Senators from their respective districts to the One Hundred Thirty-Third General Assembly, and the following named persons who were previously elected in 2018:

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

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

Third District - Composed of: Franklin (part) - Tina Maharath.

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

Fifth District - Composed of: Darke (part), Miami, Montgomery (part), Preble - Stephen A. Huffman.

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

Seventh District - Composed of: Butler (part), Hamilton (part), Warren - Steve Wilson.

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

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

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

Eleventh District - Composed of: Lucas (part) - Teresa Fedor.

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

Thirteenth District - Composed of: Huron, Lorain, - Nathan H. Manning.

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

Fifteenth District - Composed of: Franklin (part) - Hearcel F. Craig.

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

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

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

Nineteenth District - Composed of: Delaware, Franklin (Part), Knox - Andrew O. Brenner.

Twentieth District - Composed of: Athens (part), Fairfield, Guernsey, Hocking, Morgan, Muskingum, Pickaway (part) – Brian Hill.

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

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

Twenty-Third District - Composed of: Cuyahoga (part) - Nickie J. Antonio.

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

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

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

Twenty-Seventh District - Composed of: Stark (part), Summit (part), Wayne - Kristina D. Roegner.

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

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

Hoagland.

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

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

Thirty-Third District - Composed of: Columbiana, Mahoning - Michael A. Rulli.

The members affiliated with the Republican party appeared at the bar of the Senate and were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Judith L. French, Justice, Ohio Supreme Court.

The members affiliated with the Democrat party appeared at the bar of the Senate and were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Melody Stewart, Justice, Ohio Supreme Court.

Senator Peterson moved that the oaths of office of absent members-elect be accepted and spread upon the pages of the journal.

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

The motion was agreed to.

I, WILLIAM P. COLEY, II, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio and will faithfully discharge and perform all of the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Ohio Senate, according to the best of my ability and understanding and do this as I shall answer unto God.

/s/ WILLIAM P. COLEY, II
William P. Coley, II
4th Senatorial District

SWORN to before me and subscribed in my presence this 1st day of January, 2019.

/s/ BOB HENDRICKSON
Bob Hendrickson
Judge
12th District Court of Appeals

I, PEGGY LEHNER, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution

of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio and will faithfully discharge and perform all of the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Ohio Senate, according to the best of my ability and understanding and do this as I shall answer unto God.

/s/ PEGGY LEHNER
Peggy Lehner
6th Senatorial District

SWORN to before me and subscribed in my presence this 2nd day of January, 2019.

/s/ DONALD PATTERSON
Donald Patterson
Mayor
City of Kettering

I, LOU TERHAR, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio and will faithfully discharge and perform all of the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Ohio Senate, according to the best of my ability and understanding and do this as I shall answer unto God.

/s/ LOU TERHAR
Lou Terhar
8th Senatorial District

SWORN to before me and subscribed in my presence this 1st day of January, 2019.

/s/ WILLIAM J. SEITZ
William J. Seitz
Thirtieth House District

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

The President 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, and Assistant Minority Whip.

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

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

Senator Eklund seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Larry Obhof be elected President?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Brenner | Burke | Craig |
| Dolan | Eklund | Fedor | Gardner |
| Hackett | Hill | Hoagland | Hottinger |
| Huffman, M. | Huffman, S. | Kunze | Maharath |
| Manning | McColley | O'Brien | Peterson |
| Roegner | Rulli | Sykes | Thomas |
| Uecker | Williams | Wilson | Yuko-28 |

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

Senator Obhof appeared at the bar of the Senate and was administered the oath of office by the Honorable Judith L. French, Justice, Ohio Supreme Court.

Senator Obhof took the chair.

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

Senator Roegner seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Bob Peterson be elected President Pro Tempore?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Brenner | Burke | Craig |
| Dolan | Eklund | Fedor | Gardner |
| Hackett | Hill | Hoagland | Hottinger |
| Huffman, M. | Huffman, S. | Kunze | Maharath |
| Manning | McColley | O'Brien | Roegner |
| Rulli | Sykes | Thomas | Uecker |
| Williams | Wilson | Yuko | Obhof-28 |

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

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

Senator Manning seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Randy Gardner be elected Majority Floor Leader?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:
Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Brenner | Burke | Craig |
| Dolan | Eklund | Fedor | Hackett |
| Hill | Hoagland | Hottinger | Huffman, M. |
| Huffman, S. | Kunze | Maharath | Manning |
| McColley | O'Brien | Peterson | Roegner |
| Rulli | Sykes | Thomas | Uecker |
| Williams | Wilson | Yuko | Obhof-28 |

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

Senator Hottinger nominated Senator Matt Huffman of the Twelfth District for the office of Majority Whip.

Senator McColley seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Matt Huffman be elected Majority Whip?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Brenner | Burke | Craig |
| Dolan | Eklund | Fedor | Gardner |
| Hackett | Hill | Hoagland | Hottinger |
| Huffman, S. | Kunze | Maharath | Manning |
| McColley | O'Brien | Peterson | Roegner |
| Rulli | Sykes | Thomas | Uecker |
| Williams | Wilson | Yuko | Obhof-28 |

Senator Matt Huffman 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 Judith L. French, Justice, Ohio Supreme Court.

Senator Thomas nominated Senator Kenny Yuko of the Twenty-Fifth District for the office of Minority Leader.

Senator O'Brien seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Kenny Yuko be elected Minority Leader?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Brenner | Burke | Craig |
| Dolan | Eklund | Fedor | Gardner |
| Hackett | Hill | Hoagland | Hottinger |
| Huffman, M. | Huffman, S. | Kunze | Maharath |
| Manning | McColley | O'Brien | Peterson |
| Roegner | Rulli | Sykes | Thomas |
| Uecker | Williams | Wilson | Obhof-28 |

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

Senator Yuko nominated Senator Cecil Thomas of the Ninth District for the office of Assistant Minority Leader.

Senator O'Brien seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Cecil Thomas be elected Assistant Minority Leader?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Brenner | Burke | Craig |
| Dolan | Eklund | Fedor | Gardner |
| Hackett | Hill | Hoagland | Hottinger |
| Huffman, M. | Huffman, S. | Kunze | Maharath |
| Manning | McColley | O'Brien | Peterson |
| Roegner | Rulli | Sykes | Uecker |
| Williams | Wilson | Yuko | Obhof-28 |

Senator Cecil Thomas having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Assistant Minority Leader

Senator Antonio nominated Senator Sean O'Brien of the Thirty-Second District for the office of Minority Whip.

Senator Yuko seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Sean O'Brien be elected Minority Whip?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Brenner | Burke | Craig |
| Dolan | Eklund | Fedor | Gardner |
| Hackett | Hill | Hoagland | Hottinger |
| Huffman, M. | Huffman, S. | Kunze | Maharath |
| Manning | McColley | Peterson | Roegner |
| Rulli | Sykes | Thomas | Uecker |
| Williams | Wilson | Yuko | Obhof-28 |

Senator Sean O'Brien having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Minority Whip.

Senator Fedor nominated Senator Sandra R. Williams of the Twenty-First District for the office of Assistant Minority Whip.

Senator Maharath seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Sandra R. Williams be elected Assistant Minority Whip?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Brenner | Burke | Craig |
| Dolan | Eklund | Fedor | Gardner |
| Hackett | Hill | Hoagland | Hottinger |
| Huffman, M. | Huffman, S. | Kunze | Maharath |
| Manning | McColley | O'Brien | Peterson |
| Roegner | Rulli | Sykes | Thomas |
| Uecker | Wilson | Yuko | Obhof-28 |

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

The duly elected officers of the Democrat party appeared at the bar of the Senate and were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Melody Stewart, Justice, Ohio Supreme Court.

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

Senator Yuko seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Vincent L. Keeran be elected Clerk?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 29, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Brenner | Burke | Craig |
| Dolan | Eklund | Fedor | Gardner |
| Hackett | Hill | Hoagland | Hottinger |
| Huffman, M. | Huffman, S. | Kunze | Maharath |
| Manning | McColley | O'Brien | Peterson |
| Roegner | Rulli | Sykes | Thomas |
| Uecker | Williams | Wilson | Yuko |
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Vincent L. Keeran having received a majority of the votes cast was

declared the elected 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.

Senator Obhof took the chair and addressed the Senate.

As we approach the end of this first session of the 133rd General Assembly, it is customary for the President of the Senate to exercise the president's prerogative to make a few remarks. Before I do that, I am going to invite up my friend, Minority Leader Kenny Yuko, for some brief remarks as well.

The Senate is a family ... we respect each other ... we work well together ... and when we disagree, we are professional about it.

Leader Yuko, thank you for your service ... for being a partner of mine ... and for being such a strong advocate for the positions and viewpoints of the members of the minority caucus.

Senator Yuko addressed the Senate from the chair.

Ladies and gentlemen, we now begin the next chapter of this great institution. I want to thank all those who made this occasion possible.

To Pastor Robert Kurtz of Mansfield Baptist Temple, thank you for delivering the invocation today. Thank you as well to Pastor Brian Hanson of the Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville for joining us today. We ask for your continued prayers, not only for the public servants here today, but for the nearly 12 million people that we serve.

Our thanks as well goes to the Reverend Thomas Wise from Valley View Church in Dayton, who is here today – as he often is – to provide advice and counsel to members of the legislature.

To Justice Judy French and Justice Melody Stewart, thank you for administering the oaths of office to those who are beginning new terms, or those who are taking on positions in leadership.

And my special thanks goes to the Ohio Air National Guard, 179th Airlift Wing Color Guard for delivering the colors today, as you did in the last

General Assembly as well. It is an honor to represent you, and I could not be more proud about the fact that the great men and women of the 179th are part of the 22nd Senate District. On behalf of the people of Ohio, thank you, and thank you to all members of the armed forces, for everything that you do every day to keep us safe, protect our freedoms, and assist with disaster relief efforts here and around the globe.

I'd also like to thank law enforcement, and particularly the Highway Patrol – we see them around the Statehouse, and there are some patrolmen and women here today. All our men and women in uniform deserve our respect. And Jay MacDonald is here on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police today, but really, on behalf of all law enforcement and other first responders across the state.

So let's have a round of applause for all of our first responders. Thank you for what you do ... for the sacrifices that you make and the risks that you take to keep us safe, to protect our families. The Ohio Senate, and the people of Ohio, appreciate you.

And I offer thanks as well to the children and grandchildren of Senate members for leading us today in the Pledge of Allegiance. To the members of the Ashland University Chamber Singers, thank you for joining us today as well.

We are joined by several prior leaders, including a number of my predecessors as Senate President. Presidents Aranoff, Finan, White, Niehaus and Faber, thank you for being here today, and for helping lay the foundation that we will build on during this General Assembly.

I also want to recognize the Senate and Statehouse employees who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Whether it is the Senate staff who do so much of the heavy lifting around here Or our friends at the Legislative Service Commission who provide invaluable, non-partisan help drafting laws or providing analysis ... or the staff of the Capital Square Review and Advisory Board who maintain one of the finest Statehouses anywhere in the country day in and day out YOU make this day possible.

More importantly, though, is your work every other day -- not just on opening day when we are showing off to the State and to our families, but on random Tuesday evenings when we need your help on a Wednesday afternoon when nobody is watching ... sometimes on a holiday or over a weekend because the budget process doesn't stop for the nuances of our

calendar.

You keep things running and you help each of us serve our constituents. We wouldn't be able to do our jobs without all of you doing your jobs so well. And while your efforts are not always publicly acknowledged, I can assure you they're always recognized and always appreciated.

My greatest thanks goes to the family and friends who are here alongside us, not just for this occasion, but for every day. I know that you make a lot of sacrifices. For the adults, time away from your spouses, dealing with difficult and sometimes unpredictable schedules. For the kids who are here today, I know the sacrifice that it means for you . . . time away from your moms and dads, because they are here in Columbus. Please know that they are working for you, so that you and your friends can grow up in an Ohio that has opportunity, that provides the best education possible, that gives you a State that you can be proud of and where you can raise your own families someday.

I know that being the wife or husband or child of a legislator isn't easy. The honor bestowed upon each of us in this chamber comes with sacrifices. And that means that members miss out on quite a bit of the everyday family life that they would otherwise experience. That is why we're particularly grateful for the understanding and patience of our family and friends. Without you none of us would be here today.

We meet here today, as we do every two years at this moment, to kick off a new General Assembly. And as I did two years ago, I would like to remind everyone here that we each swore an oath today.

We swore to faithfully discharge our duties and to uphold the Constitution. We did not swear to a political party, to an interest group, or to any personal agenda.

We work for the people of this State -- the people who have given us the awesome task of representing them in these hallowed halls. Not special interests, and not yourself. No campaign contribution or endorsement is worth sacrificing your integrity.

We are here for the people that we represent -- for each of us, roughly 350,000 people back home, and 11.7 million total people across the state. Some of those people voted for you, some of them voted for me, some of them didn't. But it is our responsibility to represent all of them to the best of

our abilities. It is our responsibility to be the voices for the people of our districts ... all people, especially those whose voices are not loud enough to be heard on their own.

And sometimes we will disagree about how to best move the state forward. But if you keep an open door to your constituents, and an open ear to their concerns, more often than not, you'll be on the right track.

So remember your vows today: to faithfully perform your duties, to serve the people of Ohio with no other allegiance than to the Constitution and our Creator.

I thank you for the opportunity to continue serving the Senate as its leader for the 133rd General Assembly. There can be little doubt that this Chamber has been the one constant over the past few years a stabilizing force in choppy waters. And we did some great work in the last General Assembly.... Balancing a difficult budget, cutting taxes for the working poor, helping victims of human trafficking, reforming our sentencing laws, getting red tape and regulation out of the way and setting the stage for a pro-growth economy that led to more new jobs in 2018 than any year in the last two decades.

These are the results that matter for the people of Ohio. So don't measure your success by how many amendments you can squeeze into a bill, or by how many of those bills are signed by the Governor. Measure it instead by asking yourself, "Are the people I represent better off today than they were yesterday? Are they more free? Do they have more opportunities? Am I doing a job that my mom would be proud of ... that my children can brag to their children about one day." That's why we are here. And every night you should be able to answer those questions the right way.

It is an honor to lead the Senate, but I and the other members of leadership never forget that we serve the other members ... and your constituents as well. We are grateful for the confidence you have shown in us, as we work together to make a great state even better for the next generation – for our children and for our grandchildren.

Never forget what a privilege it is to be here today. Out of 11.7 million people in Ohio, there are only 33 members of this body. That is a tremendous responsibility for each of us.

This chamber has produced three United States Presidents, a Chief Justice

of our nation's highest court, numerous governors, and other state and federal officials. Our nation's most respected leaders have walked through these halls, from Abraham Lincoln to Teddy Roosevelt. And you and I have the honor of continuing that great legacy.

How can we do that? The Book of Micah tells us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Philippians tells us to govern in humility, valuing others above ourselves. And in the Book of Luke, Jesus Christ gave the clearest commandment of all: "do to others as you would have them do to you." That applies every bit as much to your relationship with your constituents as it does to your interactions with your neighbor or with your colleagues.

So let's work to improve the lives of the people we represent. Let's work to provide economic opportunity and to advance the cause of individual liberty. And as we seek to do justice, remember who you serve.

While we have great responsibility, we have it only for a short time. During that time, stay in contact with your constituents, focus on your districts, and spend most of your time there. Talk to people, but more importantly, listen to them.

Remember your faith and your family and the values that they instill in you. And remember the reasons that you are here: because hundreds of thousands of your friends and neighbors sent you here to represent them.

I think if you take a look back at the last eight years that I've spent in the legislature, two things really stick out. First, we have a lot of hard-working people, who are focused on the right things, who did a lot of work to turn the state around. Second, contrary to most peoples' perceptions of how things operate in politics, we actually work very well together.

We aren't always going to see eye to eye. We'll often have different ways of trying to achieve the same goals. Sometimes, although not nearly as often as one might expect, we may even have different goals. But in the last General Assembly, and the one before, we had bipartisan support for more than 90 percent of the bills that passed this chamber.

We can have different views, we can have differences of opinion, we can have different policy goals. But we can also be civil. And I think that here in the Senate, we treat each other with mutual respect. We will treat our

constituents with respect. We will treat our staff and anyone else we encounter with respect. And I look forward to continuing that over the next two years.

I just want to say that it has been an honor to be up here today. I want to thank everybody for giving me the opportunity to lead the Senate for the next two years, and I look forward to working with all of you as we push Ohio forward.

MOTIONS

Senator Huffman moved that Senators absent the week of Sunday, January 6, 2019, be excused, so long as a written explanation is on file with the Clerk pursuant to Senate Rule No. 17.

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

The motion was agreed to.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Peterson offered the following resolution:

S. R. No. 1-Senator Peterson.

Cosponsor: Senator Yuko.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the employees of the Senate be assigned titles as determined by the Chief of Staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, That employees be compensated as determined by the Chief of Staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, That pay increases shall be made only upon the determination of the Chief of Staff; and be it further

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 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Antonio | Brenner | Burke | Craig |
| Dolan | Eklund | Gardner | Hackett |
| Hill | Hoagland | Hottinger | Huffman, M. |
| Huffman, S. | Kunze | Maharath | Manning |
| McColley | O'Brien | Peterson | Roegner |
| Rulli | Sykes | Thomas | Uecker |
| Williams | Wilson | Yuko | Obhof-28 |

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 Yuko.

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 |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Nickie J. Antonio | Cuyahoga | 273 |
| Andrew O. Brenner | Delaware | 40 |
| William P. Coley, II | Butler | 178 |
| Matt Dolan | Cuyahoga | 296 |
| John Eklund | Geauga | 320 |
| Teresa Fedor | Lucas | 300 |
| Randy Gardner | Wood | 244 |
| Bob Hackett | Madison | 56 |
| Brian Hill | Muskingum | 104 |
| Frank Hoagland | Jefferson | 270 |
| Jay Hottinger | Licking | 78 |
| Matt Huffman | Allen | 180 |
| Stephen A. Huffman | Miami | 146 |
| Peggy Lehner | Montgomery | 156 |
| Nathan H. Manning | Lorain | 242 |
| Rob McColley | Henry | 308 |
| Larry Obhof | Medina | 228 |
| Sean J. O'Brien | Trumbull | 368 |
| Bob Peterson | Fayette | 102 |
| Kristina D. Roegner | Summit | 274 |
| Michael A. Rulli | Columbiana | 344 |
| Kirk Schuring | Stark | 252 |
| Vernon Sykes | Summit | 250 |
| Lou Terhar | Hamilton | 226 |
| Cecil Thomas | Hamilton | 208 |
| Joe Uecker | Clermont | 196 |
| Sandra R. Williams | Cuyahoga | 294 |

Steve Wilson
Kenny Yuko

Warren
Cuyahoga

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 28, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

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|-------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Antonio | Brenner | Burke | Craig |
| Dolan | Eklund | Gardner | Hackett |
| Hill | Hoagland | Hottinger | Huffman, M. |
| Huffman, S. | Kunze | Maharath | Manning |
| McColley | O'Brien | Peterson | Roegner |
| Rulli | Sykes | Thomas | Uecker |
| Williams | Wilson | Yuko | Obhof-28 |

So the resolution was adopted.

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

The title was agreed to.

Pursuant to Senate Rule No. 54, the following resolutions were offered:

S. R. No. 3 - Senator Obhof.

Honoring Joseph Tyler Walker for outstanding service to the State of Ohio

S. R. No. 4 - Senators Yuko, Coley, Eklund, Gardner, Hackett, Hottinger, Kunze, Lehner, O'Brien, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson.

Honoring the Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters on its One Hundredth Anniversary

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

So the resolutions were adopted.

Senator Obhof offered the following concurrent resolution:

S. C. R. No. 1-Senator Obhof.

Cosponsor: Senator Yuko.

Relative to convening in Joint Convention

BE IT RESOLVED, That the two houses of the General Assembly convene in joint convention on January 7, 2019, at 4:30 p.m., under Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Ohio and section 3505.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, to witness the opening, announcing, and canvassing of the abstracts of the votes cast for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, and

Attorney General at the general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018.

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

So the concurrent resolution was adopted.

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

The title was agreed to.

A benediction was offered by Pastor Brian Hanson, Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio.

MOTIONS

On the motion of Senator Peterson, the Senate recessed until 4:30 p.m.

The Senate met pursuant to the recess.

The President directed the Clerk to call the Senatorial Districts in their numerical order when the following named persons presented their certificates of election as Senators from their respective districts to the One Hundred Thirty-Third General Assembly, and the following named persons who were previously elected in 2018:

Twenty-Ninth District - Composed of Stark (part) - Kirk Schuring.

Senator Schuring appeared at the bar of the Senate and was administered the oath of office by the Honorable Bob Peterson, President Pro Tempore of the Ohio Senate.

Message from the House of Representatives

Mr. President:

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

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

Message from the House of Representatives

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the House of Representatives has concurred in the adoption of the following concurrent resolution:

S. C. R. No. 1 -Senator Obhof
Cosponsor: Senator Yuko

Relative to convening in Joint Convention.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

Message from the House of Representatives

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the House of Representatives has adopted the following concurrent resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested:

H. C. R. No. 1 -Speaker Householder
Relative to a committee to wait upon the Governor to let him know the 133rd General Assembly is in session.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

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

So the concurrent resolution was adopted.

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

The title was agreed to.

Message from the House of Representatives

Mr. President:

I am directed to inform you that the House of Representatives has adopted the following concurrent resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is requested:

H. C. R. No. 2 -Speaker Householder
Relative to the inauguration of the Governor.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

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

So the concurrent 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 Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.