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FIRST DAY
Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio
Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 2:00 o'clock p.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

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 Robert R. Cupp, Speaker of the House of Representatives, One Hundred Thirty-Fourth General Assembly.

The One Hundred Thirty-Fifth General Assembly rose for the opening prayer, offered by Pastor Brian Solomon of Capitol Ministries in Columbus, Ohio.

The colors were presented by the Ohio Highway Patrol Honor Guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The following named persons presented certificates of election as members of the One Hundred Thirty-Fifth General Assembly of Ohio, and having been administered the oath of office by the Honorable Patrick F. Fischer, 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	Dontavius L. Jarrells	D	Franklin (part)
2	Latyna M. Humphrey	D	Franklin (part)
3	Ismail Mohamed	D	Franklin (part)
4	Mary Lightbody	D	Franklin (part)
5	Richard D. Brown	D	Franklin (part)
6	Adam C. Miller	D	Franklin (part)
7	C. Allison Russo	D	Franklin (part)
8	Beth Liston	D	Franklin (part)
9	Munira Yasin Abdullahi	D	Franklin (part)
10	Dave Dobos	R	Franklin (part)
11	Anita Somani	D	Franklin (part)
12	Brian Stewart	R	Franklin (part), Madison, Pickaway
13	Michael J. Skindell	D	Cuyahoga (part)
14	Sean P. Brennan	D	Cuyahoga (part)
15	Richard Dell'Aquila	D	Cuyahoga (part)
16	Bride Rose Sweeney	D	Cuyahoga (part)
17	Thomas F. Patton	R	Cuyahoga (part)
18	Darnell T. Brewer	D	Cuyahoga (part)
19	Phillip M. Robinson, Jr.	D	Cuyahoga (part)
20	Terrence Upchurch	D	Cuyahoga (part)
21	Elliot Forhan	D	Cuyahoga (part)
22	Juanita O. Brent	D	Cuyahoga (part)

23	Daniel P. Troy	D	Cuyahoga (part), Lake (part)
24	Dani Isaacsohn	D	Hamilton (part)
25	Cecil Thomas	D	Hamilton (part)
26	Sedrick Denson	D	Hamilton (part)
27	Rachel B. Baker	D	Hamilton (part)
28	Jessica E. Miranda	D	Hamilton (part)
29	Cindy Abrams	R	Hamilton (part)
30	Bill Seitz	R	Hamilton (part)
31	Bill Roemer	R	Summit (part)
32	Bob Young	R	Summit (part)
33	Tavia Galonski	D	Summit (part)
34	Casey Weinstein	D	Summit (part)
35	Steve Demetriou	R	Summit (part), Geauga (part), Portage (part)
36	Andrea White	R	Mongomery (part)
37	Tom Young	R	Mongomery (part)
38	Willis E. Blackshear, Jr.	D	Mongomery (part)
39	Phil Plummer	R	Mongomery (part)
40	Rodney Creech	R	Mongomery (part), Butler (part), Preble
41	Josh Williams	R	Lucas (part)
42	Derek Merrin	R	Lucas (part)
43	Michele Grim	D	Lucas (part)
44	Elgin Rogers, Jr.	D	Lucas (part), Ottawa (part), Wood (part)
45	Jennifer Gross	R	Butler (part)
46	Thomas Hall	R	Butler (part)
47	Sara P. Carruthers	R	Butler (part)
48	Scott Oelslager	R	Stark (part)
49	Jim Thomas	R	Stark (part)
50	Reggie Stoltzfus	R	Stark (part)
51	Brett Hudson Hillyer	R	Stark (part), Tuscarawas
52	Gayle Manning	R	Lorain (part)
53	Joseph A. Miller, III	D	Lorain (part)
54	Dick Stein	R	Lorain (part), Erie (part), Huron (part)
55	P. Scott Lipps	R	Warren (part)
56	Adam Mathews	R	Warren (part)
57	Jamie Callender	R	Lake (part)
58	Alessandro B. Cutrona	R	Mahoning (part)
59	Lauren McNally	D	Mahoning (part), Columbiana (part)
60	Kris Jordan	R	Delaware (part)
61	Beth Lear	R	Delaware (part), Knox (part)
62	Jean Schmidt	R	Clermont (part)
63	Adam C. Bird	R	Clermont (part), Brown (part)
64	Nick Santucci	R	Trumbull (part)
65	Mike Loychik	R	Trumbull (part), Ashtabula (part)
66	Sharon A. Ray	R	Medina (part)
67	Melanie Miller	R	Medina (part), Ashland
68	Thaddeus J. Claggett	R	Licking (part)
69	Kevin D. Miller	R	Licking (part), Fairfield (part), Perry (part)
70	Brian Lampton	R	Greene (part)
71	Bill Dean	R	Greene (part), Clinton, Clark (part)
72	Gail K. Pavliga	R	Portage (part)
73	Jeff LaRe	R	Fairfield (part)
74	Bernard Willis	R	Clark (part)
75	Haraz N. Ghanbari	R	Wood (part)
76	Marilyn John	R	Richland
77	Scott Wiggam	R	Wayne
78	Susan Manchester	R	Allen, Auglaize (part)
79	Monica Robb Blasdel	R	Carroll, Columbiana (part)
80	Jena Powell	R	Darke (part), Miami

81	James M. Hoops	R	Defiance (part), Fulton, Henry, Williams
82	Roy Klopfenstein	R	Defiance (part), Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert
83	Jon Cross	R	Hancock, Hardin, Logan (part)
84	Angela N. King	R	Auglaize (part), Darke (part), Mercer
85	Tim Barhorst	R	Champaign, Shelby, Logan (part)
86	Tracy M. Richardson	R	Marion (part), Union
87	Riordan T. McClain	R	Marion (part), Crawford, Morrow, Wyandot
88	Gary Click	R	Sandusky, Seneca
89	D.J. Swearingen	R	Erie (part), Huron (part), Ottawa (part)
90	Brian Baldrige	R	Brown (part), Adams, Scioto
91	Bob Peterson	R	Fayette, Highland, Pike, Ross (part)
92	Mark Johnson	R	Hocking, Perry (part), Vinton, Ross (part)
93	Jason Stephens	R	Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence
94	Jay Edwards	R	Athens, Meigs, Morgan, Washington (part)
95	Don Jones	R	Belmont (part), Guernsey (part), Harrison, Noble, Washington (part)
96	Ron Ferguson	R	Belmont (part), Jefferson, Monroe
97	Adam Holmes	R	Guernsey (part), Muskingum
98	Darrell Kick	R	Coshocton, Holmes, Knox (part)
99	Sarah Fowler Arthur	R	Ashtabula (part), Geauga (part)

Representative Plummer 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-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Speaker Cupp addressed the House as follows:

“I’ll just take a few moments to offer a few thoughts and remarks. It is my privilege and honor to extend a welcome to both new and returning members to the Ohio House of Representatives and the commencement of the 135th General Assembly. Welcome also to members’ family and friends who are gathered here in support and appreciation and to share this special moment. This is an exciting day: one filled with anticipation in commencing or recommencing service; of satisfaction of a milestone achieved; a day to enjoy with family and friends and supporters; and for the creation of a special memory enduring for future reflection. All of this is particularly true, I believe, for new members, but it is also true for returning members. As one who has taken the oath of office multiple times with my wife Libby holding the Bible and surrounded by family, I can attest that each swearing in is a special moment with unique memories.

Being a member of the Ohio House of Representatives is an extraordinary opportunity to serve the people of Ohio. Lawmaking, along with the governor's executive authority to carry out the law, and the administration of justice by the judiciary, is one of the three great powers of our democratic system of government. With its proper exercise, and careful exercise, a member of this body is enabled in a special way to help decide public policy, craft beneficial legislation, create solutions to public problems, to serve the best interests of constituents, to build friendships and understandings across the political aisle, and to help build a better future for all Ohioans.

Representative Democracy finds a special place in the Ohio House of Representatives, with its ninety-nine members coming, by design, from every part of our great state. Individuals from many walks of life, with a wide range of experiences and differing opinions, who have been elected by their constituents to represent them, gather here in assembly, sharing and advocating their ideas and expectations. Together, these ideas are debated by the members, input from the public is received, the policy solutions are shaped, and the laws are created to enhance the common good.

Let me just offer a final thought to members of this new session. What an enormous privilege it is for each of you to serve in the Ohio General Assembly and, at any one time, be one of only a 132 individuals in our state, out of more than eleven and a half million people, to be entrusted with the responsibility to be a maker of our state's laws. It is a responsibility that each of you as a member of this chamber has freely accepted by your oath and actions.

Once the new General Assembly is underway and as bills are introduced and deliberated upon, it will become evident to those who serve this session in this chamber of this legislature that they stand also upon the shoulders of those who have preceded them in their service here. While members are destined to come and go, as term limits and voter preferences have their effect, the work of the People's House is cumulative and continuing. So, like all Ohioans, I hope each member will use his or her service this session as an opportunity to build upon, improve and add to that great body of work created by House members whose voices now echo only in our history. And for that, and for the work that you have embarked upon, I wish you all Godspeed."

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 Hillyer of the 51st district nominated for the office of Speaker, Jason Stephens of the 93rd district.

Representative Carruthers of the 47th district seconded the nomination.

Representative Callender of the 57th district nominated for the office of Speaker, Derek Merrin of the 42nd district.

Representative Hoops of the 81st district seconded the nomination.

Representative Cross of the 83rd 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.

Those who voted for Representative Stephens were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Blackshear	Brennan
Brent	Brewer	Brown	Carruthers
Cross	Cutrona	Dell'Aquila	Denson
Edwards	Forhan	Galonski	Ghanbari
Grim	Hillyer	Humphrey	Isaacsohn
Jarrells	Jones	LaRe	Lightbody
Liston	Loychik	McNally	Miller, A.
Miller, J.	Miller, K.	Miranda	Mohamed
Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga	Peterson
Richardson	Robb Blasdel	Robinson	Rogers
Russo	Schmidt	Seitz	Skindell
Somani	Swearingen	Sweeney	Thomas, C.
Troy	Upchurch	Weinstein	Yasin Abdullahi
Young, B.			Stephens-54

Those who voted for Representative Merrin were: Representatives

Baldrige	Barhorst	Bird	Callender
Claggett	Click	Creech	Dean
Demetriou	Dobos	Ferguson	Fowler Arthur
Gross	Hall	Hoops	John
Johnson	Jordan	Kick	King
Klopfenstein	Lampton	Lear	Lipps
Manchester	Mathews	McClain	Merrin
Miller, M.	Plummer	Powell	Ray
Roemer	Santucci	Stein	Stewart
Stoltzfus	Thomas, J.	White	Wiggam
Williams	Willis		Young, T.-43

Having received a statutory majority of all votes cast, Jason Stephens was declared the duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirty-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

The Chair appointed Representatives Plummer, Wiggam, Manchester, Baldrige, Stewart, Ferguson, Click, Kick, Stoltzfus, Russo, and Jarrells to escort Speaker Stephens to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Speaker Stephens was administered the oath of office by The Honorable Patrick F. Fischer, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The Speaker then addressed the House as follows:

“I want to start off by welcoming you all to the 135th General Assembly. Congratulations on winning your elections and being sworn into the Ohio House of Representatives.

It is evident to all of us that this body, The Ohio House, has seen a lot of transition and change in the last few years. But with this new year, I encourage us all to focus on that which unites us. Whether we represent a district in the city or the country, or district along the Ohio River or Lake Erie, or anywhere in between, we all have the responsibility to serve the people of Ohio; the people who have placed their faith in us to make the tough decisions to make our great state a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

I pledge to respect and to work with each and every one of you to address the many concerns of our state, and in particular, your district, to recognize both challenges and opportunities, to develop real solutions, and to improve the lives of the people of Ohio. I pledge to always have an open door and listen. I encourage all to do the same.

Let us be unified in our resolve to serve the people in the Ohio House of Representatives.”

On motion of Representative Swearingen, the House recessed.

The House met pursuant to recess.

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.

Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

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

S. C. R. No. 1 - Senator Huffman, M.

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Cirino, Hackett, Johnson, Rulli

Relative to convening in Joint Convention

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,
Clerk.

Representative Oelslager moved that the following concurrent resolution be brought up for immediate adoption, read in full and spread upon the pages of the journal.

The motion was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, reading as follows:

S. C. R. No. 1 - Senator Huffman, M.

Cosponsors: Senators Antonio, Cirino, Hackett, Johnson, Rulli

Relative to convening in Joint Convention

BE IT RESOLVED, That the two houses of the General Assembly convene in joint convention on January 3, 2023, 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 2022.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 59, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Blackshear
Brennan	Brent	Brewer	Brown
Carruthers	Cross	Cutrona	Dell'Aquila
Edwards	Forhan	Galonski	Ghanbari
Grim	Hall	Hillyer	Hoops
Humphrey	Isaacsohn	Jarrells	Johnson
Jones	Lampton	LaRe	Lightbody
Liston	Loychik	Miller, A.	Miller, J.

Miller, K.	Miranda	Mohamed	Oelslager
Patton	Pavliga	Peterson	Ray
Richardson	Robb Blasdel	Robinson	Roemer
Russo	Schmidt	Seitz	Skindell
Somani	Swearingen	Sweeney	Thomas, C.
Troy	Upchurch	Weinstein	Willis
Yasin Abdullahi	Young, B.		Stephens-59

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

On motion of Representative Oelslager, the House recessed for the purpose of a joint convention.

The hour having arrived for the meeting of the two houses, the members of the Senate preceded by the President, Clerk, and Sergeant-at-arms thereof, appeared within the bar of the House.

The President of the Senate called the joint convention to order.

Senator McColley and Representative Oelslager announced a quorum of each house, respectively, was present.

The President of the Senate, in the presence of the two houses, then proceeded to open and announce the returns of the votes cast at the election held in the State of Ohio on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2022 for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, and Attorney General.

January 3, 2023

The Honorable Frank LaRose
Ohio Secretary of State
22 North Fourth Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Secretary LaRose:

Pursuant to Section 3505.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate in the presence of a majority of both houses of the General Assembly has canvassed 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 as contained in Form No. 2 sent from each county and declares the following candidates elected to those offices:

For Governor and Lt. Governor:

Mike DeWine and Jon Husted — 2,580,424 votes
Nan Whaley and Cheryl L. Stephens — 1,545,489 votes
Marshall Usher and Shannon Walker — 8,082 votes
Timothy Grady and Dayna Bickley — 574 votes
Renea Turner and Adina Pelletier — 231 votes
Craig Patton and Collin Cook — 77 votes

Mike DeWine and Jon Husted are declared Governor and Lt. Governor.

For Secretary of State:

Frank LaRose — 2,444,382 votes
Chelsea Clark — 1,635,824 votes
Terpeshore Tore Maras — 42,753 votes

Frank LaRose is declared Secretary of State.

For Auditor of State:

Keith Faber — 2,397,207 votes
Taylor Sappington — 1,683,216 votes

Keith Faber is declared Auditor of State.

For Treasurer of State:

Robert Sprague — 2,390,542 votes
Scott Schertzer — 1,692,160 votes

Robert Sprague is declared Treasurer of State.

For Attorney General:

Dave Yost — 2,484,753 votes
Jeffrey A. Crossman — 1,647,644 votes

Dave Yost is declared Attorney General.

Sincerely,

/s/MATT HUFFMAN
Matt Huffman, President
Ohio Senate

/s/JASON STEPHENS
Jason Stephens, Speaker
Ohio House of Representatives

On motion of Senator McColley the joint convention was dissolved.

The House met pursuant to recess.

The next order of business being the election of the Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative Seitz of the 30th district nominated for said office Scott Oelslager of the 48th district.

Representative Patton of the 17th district seconded the nomination.

Representative Swearingen of the 89th 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 76, nays 14, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Barhorst
Blackshear	Brennan	Brent	Brewer
Brown	Callender	Carruthers	Creech
Cross	Cutrona	Dean	Dell'Aquila
Demetriou	Denson	Dobos	Edwards
Forhan	Fowler Arthur	Galonski	Ghanbari
Grim	Hall	Hillyer	Hoops
Humphrey	Isaacsohn	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Klopfenstein	Lampton
LaRe	Lightbody	Liston	Loychik
Mathews	McNally	Miller, A.	Miller, J.
Miller, K.	Miller, M.	Miranda	Mohamed
Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga	Peterson
Richardson	Robb Blasdel	Robinson	Roemer
Rogers	Russo	Santucci	Schmidt
Seitz	Skindell	Somani	Swearingen
Sweeney	Thomas, C.	Thomas, J.	Troy
Upchurch	Weinstein	White	Williams
Willis	Yasin Abdullahi	Young, B.	Stephens-76

Those who voted in the negative were: Representatives

Claggett	Click	Ferguson	Gross
Kick	King	Lear	Lipps
Manchester	Merrin	Plummer	Powell
Stein			Stewart-14

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

The Chair appointed Representatives Stoltzfus, Thomas, J., Swearingen, Patton, Seitz, Johnson, Carruthers, Jarrells, Miranda, and Galonski to escort Representative Oelslager to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Representative Oelslager was administered the oath of office by The Honorable Patrick F. Fischer, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

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

Representative Oelslager offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 1-Representative Oelslager

Relative to the election of the minority leader for the 135th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democrat members has chosen C. Allison Russo of House District #7 as minority leader; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly that C. Allison Russo 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 73, nays 14, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Barhorst
Blackshear	Brennan	Brent	Brewer
Brown	Callender	Carruthers	Creech
Cross	Cutrona	Dean	Dell'Aquila
Denson	Dobos	Edwards	Forhan
Galonski	Ghanbari	Grim	Hall
Hillyer	Hoops	Humphrey	Isaacsohn
Jarrells	John	Johnson	Jones
Klopfenstein	Lampton	LaRe	Lightbody
Liston	Loychik	Mathews	McNally
Miller, A.	Miller, J.	Miller, K.	Miranda
Mohamed	Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga
Peterson	Plummer	Richardson	Robb Blasdel
Robinson	Roemer	Rogers	Russo
Schmidt	Seitz	Skindell	Somani
Swearingen	Sweeney	Thomas, C.	Thomas, J.
Troy	Upchurch	Weinstein	White
Williams	Willis	Yasin Abdullahi	Young, B. Stephens-73

Those who voted in the negative were: Representatives

Claggett	Click	Demetriou	Ferguson
Gross	Jordan	Lear	Lipps
Manchester	Merrin	Miller, M.	Powell
Santucci			Stewart-14

The resolution was adopted.

The Minority Leader, Representative Russo, was escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Jarrells, Miranda, Galonski, Sweeney, Upchurch, Liston, Thomas, C., Dobos, Stewart, and Jordan, was administered the oath of office by Honorable Patrick F. Fischer, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of her 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-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative Oelslager offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 2-Representative Oelslager

Relative to the election of the assistant minority leader, the minority whip, and the assistant minority whip for the 135th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democrat members has chosen Dontavius L. Jarrells of House District #1 as assistant minority leader, Jessica E. Miranda of House District #28 as minority whip, and Tavia Galonski of House District #33 as assistant minority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly that Dontavius L. Jarrells be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant minority leader; that Jessica E. Miranda be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of minority whip; and that Tavia Galonski 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 72, nays 15, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Barhorst
Blackshear	Brennan	Brent	Brewer
Brown	Callender	Carruthers	Creech
Cross	Cutrona	Dell'Aquila	Denson
Dobos	Edwards	Forhan	Galonski

Ghanbari	Grim	Hall	Hillyer
Hoops	Humphrey	Isaacsohn	Jarrells
John	Johnson	Jones	King
Klopfenstein	Lampton	LaRe	Lightbody
Liston	Loychik	Manchester	McNally
Miller, A.	Miller, J.	Miller, K.	Miranda
Mohamed	Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga
Peterson	Plummer	Richardson	Robb Blasdel
Robinson	Roemer	Rogers	Russo
Schmidt	Seitz	Skindell	Somani
Swearingen	Sweeney	Thomas, C.	Thomas, J.
Troy	Upchurch	Weinstein	White
Willis	Yasin Abdullahi	Young, B.	Stephens-72

Those who voted in the negative were: Representatives

Claggett	Click	Dean	Demetriou
Ferguson	Gross	Jordan	Lear
Lipps	Merrin	Miller, M.	Powell
Santucci	Stewart		Williams-15

The resolution was adopted.

The assistant minority leader, Representative Jarrells; the minority whip, Representative Miranda; and the assistant minority whip, Representative Galonski, were escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Blackshear, Baker, Forhan, Grim, Mohamed, Robinson, Isaacsohn, Dobos, Stewart, and Jordan, were administered the oath of office by Honorable Patrick F. Fischer, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

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

Representative Oelslager offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 3-Representative Oelslager

Relative to the election of the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly, that Bradley J. Young be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of Clerk; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the term of office of the Clerk shall be for a period of two years.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 91, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Barhorst
Blackshear	Brennan	Brent	Brewer
Brown	Callender	Carruthers	Claggett
Click	Creech	Cross	Cutrona
Dell'Aquila	Demetriou	Denson	Dobos
Edwards	Ferguson	Forhan	Fowler Arthur
Galonski	Ghanbari	Grim	Gross
Hall	Hillyer	Hoops	Humphrey
Isaacsohn	Jarrells	John	Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kick	King
Klopfenstein	Lampton	LaRe	Lear
Lightbody	Lipps	Liston	Loychik
Manchester	Mathews	McNally	Merrin
Miller, A.	Miller, J.	Miller, K.	Miller, M.
Miranda	Mohamed	Oelslager	Patton
Pavliga	Peterson	Plummer	Powell
Richardson	Robb Blasdel	Robinson	Roemer
Rogers	Russo	Santucci	Schmidt
Seitz	Skindell	Somani	Stein
Stewart	Swearingen	Sweeney	Thomas, C.
Thomas, J.	Troy	Upchurch	Weinstein
White	Williams	Willis	Yasin Abdullahi
Young, B.	Young, T.		Stephens-91

The resolution was adopted.

Having received a statutory majority of all votes cast, Bradley J. Young was duly elected Clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives, and having been administered the oath of office by The Honorable Patrick F. Fischer, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, entered upon the discharge of his duties.

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

H. R. No. 4-Representative Oelslager

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 135th 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 135th General Assembly from December 28, 2022, to January 3, 2023, the date of the convening of the 135th General Assembly, at the same salary that was paid them during the 134th General Assembly.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 89, nays 1, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Barhorst
Blackshear	Brennan	Brent	Brewer
Brown	Callender	Carruthers	Claggett
Creech	Cross	Cutrona	Dell'Aquila
Demetriou	Denson	Dobos	Edwards
Ferguson	Forhan	Fowler Arthur	Galonski
Ghanbari	Grim	Gross	Hall
Hillyer	Hoops	Humphrey	Isaacsohn
Jarrells	John	Johnson	Jones
Kick	King	Klopfenstein	Lampton
LaRe	Lear	Lightbody	Lipps
Liston	Loychik	Manchester	Mathews
McNally	Merrin	Miller, A.	Miller, J.
Miller, K.	Miller, M.	Miranda	Mohamed
Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga	Peterson
Plummer	Powell	Richardson	Robb Blasdel
Robinson	Roemer	Rogers	Russo
Santucci	Schmidt	Seitz	Skindell
Somani	Stein	Stewart	Swearingen
Sweeney	Thomas, C.	Thomas, J.	Troy
Upchurch	Weinstein	White	Williams
Willis	Yasin Abdullahi	Young, B.	Young, T.
			Stephens-89

Representative Click voted in the negative-1.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Oelslager 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 Oelslager

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 135th 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 91, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Barhorst
Blackshear	Brennan	Brent	Brewer
Brown	Callender	Carruthers	Claggett
Click	Creech	Cross	Cutrona
Dell'Aquila	Demetriou	Denson	Dobos
Edwards	Ferguson	Forhan	Fowler Arthur
Galonski	Ghanbari	Grim	Gross
Hall	Hillyer	Hoops	Humphrey
Isaacsohn	Jarrells	John	Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kick	King
Klopfenstein	Lampton	LaRe	Lear
Lightbody	Lipps	Liston	Loychik
Manchester	Mathews	McNally	Merrin
Miller, A.	Miller, J.	Miller, K.	Miller, M.
Miranda	Mohamed	Oelslager	Patton
Pavliga	Peterson	Plummer	Powell
Richardson	Robb Blasdel	Robinson	Roemer
Rogers	Russo	Santucci	Schmidt
Seitz	Skindell	Somani	Stein
Stewart	Swearingen	Sweeney	Thomas, C.
Thomas, J.	Troy	Upchurch	Weinstein
White	Williams	Willis	Yasin Abdullahi
Young, B.	Young, T.		Stephens-91

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Oelslager 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 Oelslager

Relative to attendance at conferences and meetings.

WHEREAS, During the 135th General Assembly (2023-2024), 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 135th 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 84, nays 7, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Barhorst
Blackshear	Brennan	Brent	Brewer
Brown	Callender	Carruthers	Claggett
Creech	Cross	Cutrona	Dell'Aquila
Demetriou	Denson	Dobos	Edwards
Forhan	Fowler Arthur	Galonski	Ghanbari
Grim	Hall	Hillyer	Hoops
Humphrey	Isaacsohn	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Jordan	King
Klopfenstein	Lampton	LaRe	Lightbody
Lipps	Liston	Loychik	Manchester
Mathews	McNally	Merrin	Miller, A.
Miller, J.	Miller, K.	Miller, M.	Miranda
Mohamed	Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga
Peterson	Plummer	Richardson	Robb Blasdel
Robinson	Roemer	Rogers	Russo
Santucci	Schmidt	Seitz	Skindell
Somani	Stein	Swearingen	Sweeney
Thomas, C.	Thomas, J.	Troy	Upchurch
Weinstein	White	Williams	Willis
Yasin Abdullahi	Young, B.	Young, T.	Stephens-84

Representatives Click, Ferguson, Gross, Kick, Lear, Powell, and Stewart voted in the negative-7.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Oelslager 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 Oelslager

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 135th 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 thereof 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 88, nays 3, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Barhorst
Blackshear	Brennan	Brent	Brewer
Brown	Callender	Carruthers	Claggett
Creech	Cross	Cutrona	Dell'Aquila
Demetriou	Denson	Dobos	Edwards
Forhan	Fowler Arthur	Galonski	Ghanbari
Grim	Hall	Hillyer	Hoops
Humphrey	Isaacsohn	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Jordan	Kick
King	Klopfenstein	Lampton	LaRe
Lear	Lightbody	Lipps	Liston
Loychik	Manchester	Mathews	McNally
Merrin	Miller, A.	Miller, J.	Miller, K.
Miller, M.	Miranda	Mohamed	Oelslager
Patton	Pavliga	Peterson	Plummer
Powell	Richardson	Robb Blasdel	Robinson
Roemer	Rogers	Russo	Santucci
Schmidt	Seitz	Skindell	Somani
Stein	Stewart	Swearingen	Sweeney
Thomas, C.	Thomas, J.	Troy	Upchurch
Weinstein	White	Williams	Willis
Yasin Abdullahi	Young, B.	Young, T.	Stephens-88

Representatives Click, Ferguson, and Gross voted in the negative-3.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Oelslager 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 Oelslager

Relative to the appointment and salaries of the officials and employees 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 135th 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 135th General Assembly and that all of the foregoing salaries be paid from the appropriate funds of the House of Representatives; 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 89, nays 1, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Barhorst
Blackshear	Brennan	Brent	Brewer
Brown	Callender	Carruthers	Claggett
Creech	Cross	Cutrona	Dell'Aquila
Demetriou	Denson	Dobos	Edwards
Ferguson	Forhan	Fowler Arthur	Galonski
Ghanbari	Grim	Gross	Hall
Hillyer	Hoops	Humphrey	Isaacsohn
Jarrells	John	Johnson	Jones
Kick	King	Klopfenstein	Lampton
LaRe	Lear	Lightbody	Lipps
Liston	Loychik	Manchester	Mathews
McNally	Merrin	Miller, A.	Miller, J.
Miller, K.	Miller, M.	Miranda	Mohamed
Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga	Peterson
Plummer	Powell	Richardson	Robb Blasdel
Robinson	Roemer	Rogers	Russo
Santucci	Schmidt	Seitz	Skindell
Somani	Stein	Stewart	Swearingen
Sweeney	Thomas, C.	Thomas, J.	Troy
Upchurch	Weinstein	White	Williams
Willis	Yasin Abdullahi	Young, B.	Young, T.
			Stephens-89

Representative Click voted in the negative-1.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Oelslager 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 Stephens, Representative Russo

Relative to a committee to wait upon the Governor to let him know the 135th 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 135th 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 85, nays 5, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Barhorst
Blackshear	Brennan	Brent	Brewer
Brown	Callender	Carruthers	Claggett
Creech	Cross	Dell'Aquila	Demetriou
Denson	Dobos	Edwards	Forhan
Fowler Arthur	Galonski	Ghanbari	Grim
Hall	Hillyer	Hoops	Humphrey
Isaacsohn	Jarrells	John	Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kick	King
Klopfenstein	Lampton	LaRe	Lightbody
Lipps	Liston	Loychik	Manchester
Mathews	McNally	Merrin	Miller, A.
Miller, J.	Miller, K.	Miller, M.	Miranda
Mohamed	Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga
Peterson	Plummer	Richardson	Robb Blasdel
Robinson	Roemer	Rogers	Russo
Santucci	Schmidt	Seitz	Skindell
Somani	Stein	Stewart	Swearingen
Sweeney	Thomas, C.	Thomas, J.	Troy
Upchurch	Weinstein	White	Williams
Willis	Yasin Abdullahi	Young, B.	Young, T.
			Stephens-85

Representatives Click, Ferguson, Gross, Lear, and Powell voted in the negative-5.

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Representative Oelslager 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 Oelslager

Relative to the inauguration of the Governor.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that a committee of seven on the part of the House of Representatives and seven on the part of the Senate be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the governor-elect, The Honorable Mike DeWine.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 91, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baker	Baldrige	Barhorst
Blackshear	Brennan	Brent	Brewer
Brown	Callender	Carruthers	Claggett
Click	Creech	Cross	Cutrona
Dell'Aquila	Demetriou	Denson	Dobos
Edwards	Ferguson	Forhan	Fowler Arthur
Galonski	Ghanbari	Grim	Gross
Hall	Hillyer	Hoops	Humphrey
Isaacsohn	Jarrells	John	Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kick	King
Klopfenstein	Lampton	LaRe	Lear
Lightbody	Lipps	Liston	Loychik
Manchester	Mathews	McNally	Merrin
Miller, A.	Miller, J.	Miller, K.	Miller, M.
Miranda	Mohamed	Oelslager	Patton
Pavliga	Peterson	Plummer	Powell
Richardson	Robb Blasdel	Robinson	Roemer
Rogers	Russo	Santucci	Schmidt
Seitz	Skindell	Somani	Stein
Stewart	Swearingen	Sweeney	Thomas, C.
Thomas, J.	Troy	Upchurch	Weinstein
White	Williams	Willis	Yasin Abdullahi
Young, B.	Young, T.		Stephens-91

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Pastor Brian Hanson of Capitol Ministries in Columbus, Ohio offered a benediction.

Pursuant to the motion of Representative Plummer the following oaths of office were entered upon the journal:

State of Ohio

County of Lorain

I, Gayle Manning, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and faithfully to discharge and perform all duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, according to the best of my ability and understanding; and this I do as I shall answer unto God.

/s/ GAYLE MANNING
Gayle Manning

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of January, 2023.

/s/ ALLISON L. MANNING
Allison L. Manning
Magistrate, Elyria Municipal
Court

State of Ohio

County of Muskingum

I, Adam Holmes, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and faithfully to discharge and perform all duties incumbent upon me as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, according to the best of my ability and understanding; and this I do as I shall answer unto God.

/s/ ADAM HOLMES
Adam Holmes

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 2023.

/s/ DONALD L. MASON
Donald L. Mason
Mayor, City of Zanesville

On motion of Representative Oelslager, the House adjourned until Monday, January 9, 2023 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,
Clerk.