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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY
Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio
Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 9:00 o'clock a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Pursuant to House Rule No. 25, the Clerk called the House to order.

Representative Lorenz was selected to preside under the Rule.

The journal of the previous legislative day was read and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced:

H. B. No. 1023 - Representative Williams.

To establish the Early Childhood Education Governance and Outcomes Task Force.

Said bill was considered the first time.

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

October 1, 2026

Speaker Matt Huffman
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Speaker Huffman,

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my resignation from the Ohio House of Representatives, representing the 89th District, effective at 11:59 p.m. on October 4, 2026.

It has been an absolute honor to serve the citizens of Erie, Huron, and Ottawa counties in the General Assembly. Mindful of the immense responsibility of this office, I have strived each day to advocate faithfully for our local communities and advance a pro-Ohio agenda. Working alongside my colleagues and dedicated staff has been a privilege for which I will always be deeply grateful.

As I prepare to step down and transition into a new role at the Department of Justice, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the people of the 89th District for their trust and support throughout my tenure. The accomplishments we achieved together remain among the most rewarding

highlights of my service in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Offering my final respects, I wish you and the General Assembly all the best in the future. May God bless the great State of Ohio.

Sincerely,

/s/ D. J. SWEARINGEN

D.J. Swearingen

State Representative

89th Ohio House District

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

October 1, 2026

Representative D.J. Swearingen
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Representative Swearingen:

This acknowledges receipt and acceptance of your letter of resignation from the Ohio House of Representatives, received Thursday, October 1, 2026 and effective Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

Thank you for your service to the people of the 89th House District. I wish you well in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

/s/ MATT HUFFMAN

Matt Huffman

Speaker, Ohio House of Representatives

On motion of Representative Claggett, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

JACK SMITH,
Engrossing Clerk.