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FIRST DAY
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Monday, January 5, 2015, 2:00 o'clock p.m.

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 William G. Batchelder, Speaker of the House of Representatives, One Hundred Thirtieth General Assembly.

The One Hundred Thirty-First General Assembly rose for the opening prayer, offered by Pastor Jason Williams of the High Street Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

The colors were presented by the 178th Wing Color Guard, Ohio Air National Guard, and the Wright State University A capella group, ETHOS, performed the National Anthem.

Miss Emma Dittoe led the House of Representatives in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>County</u>
1	Ron Amstutz	R	Wayne
2	Mark J. Romanchuk	R	Richland
3	Tim W. Brown	R	Wood
4	Robert R. Cupp	R	Allen
5	Timothy E. Ginter	R	Columbiana
6	Marlene Anielski	R	Cuyahoga (part)
7	Michael D. Dovilla	R	Cuyahoga (part)
8	Kent Smith	D	Cuyahoga (part)
9	Janine R. Boyd	D	Cuyahoga (part)
10	Bill Patmon	D	Cuyahoga (part)
11	Stephanie D. Howse	D	Cuyahoga (part)
12	John Barnes, Jr.	D	Cuyahoga (part)
13	Nickie J. Antonio	D	Cuyahoga (part)
14	Martin J. Sweeney	D	Cuyahoga (part)
15	Nicholas Celebrezze	D	Cuyahoga (part)
16	Nan A. Baker	R	Cuyahoga (part)
17	Michael F. Curtin	D	Franklin (part)
18	Michael Stinziano	D	Franklin (part)
19	Anne Gonzales	R	Franklin (part)
20	Heather Bishoff	D	Franklin (part)
21	Mike Duffey	R	Franklin (part)
22	David Leland	D	Franklin (part)

23	Cheryl L. Grossman	R	Franklin (part)
24	Stephanie Kunze	R	Franklin (part)
25	Kevin Boyce	D	Franklin (part)
26	Hearcel F. Craig	D	Franklin (part)
27	Thomas E. Brinkman, Jr.	R	Hamilton (part)
28	Jonathan Dever	R	Hamilton (part)
29	Louis W. Blessing, III	R	Hamilton (part)
30	Louis Terhar	R	Hamilton (part)
31	Denise Driehaus	D	Hamilton (part)
32	Christie Bryant Kuhns	D	Hamilton (part)
33	Alicia Reece	D	Hamilton (part)
34	Emilia Strong Sykes	D	Summit (part)
35	Greta Johnson	D	Summit (part)
36	Anthony DeVitis	R	Summit (part)
37	Kristina Roegner	R	Summit (part)
38	Marilyn Slaby	R	Stark (part), Summit (part)
39	Fred Strahorn	D	Montgomery (part)
40	Michael Henne	R	Montgomery (part)
41	Jim Butler	R	Montgomery (part)
42	Niraj J. Antani	R	Montgomery (part)
43	Jeffery S. Rezabek	R	Preble, Montgomery (part)
44	Michael Ashford	D	Lucas (part)
45	Teresa Fedor	D	Lucas (part)
46	Michael Sheehy	D	Lucas (part)
47	Barbara R. Sears	R	Fulton (part), Lucas (part)
48	Kirk Schuring	R	Stark (part)
49	Stephen Slesnick	D	Stark (part)
50	Christina Hagan	R	Stark (part)
51	Wes Retherford	R	Butler (part)
52	Margaret Conditt	R	Butler (part)
53	Timothy Derickson	R	Butler (part)
54	Paul Zeltwanger	R	Butler (part), Warren (part)
55	Nathan H. Manning	R	Lorain (part)
56	Daniel Ramos	D	Lorain (part)
57	Terry Boose	R	Huron, Lorain (part)
58	Michele Lepore-Hagan	D	Mahoning (part)
59	Ronald V. Gerberry	D	Mahoning (part)
60	John M. Rogers	D	Lake (part)
61	Ron Young	R	Lake (part)
62	Ronald Maag	R	Warren (part)
63	Sean O'Brien	D	Trumbull (part)
64	Michael J. O'Brien	D	Ashtabula (part), Trumbull (part)
65	John Becker	R	Clermont (part)
66	Doug Green	R	Brown, Clermont (part)
67	Andrew Brenner	R	Delaware (part)
68	Margaret Ann Ruhl	R	Knox, Delaware (part)
69	Stephen D. Hambley	R	Medina (part)
70	David Hall	R	Ashland, Holmes (part), Medina (part)
71	Scott Ryan	R	Licking (part)
72	Bill Hayes	R	Coshocton, Perry, Licking (part)
73	Rick Perales	R	Greene (part)
74	Robert D. Hackett	R	Madison, Clark (part), Greene (part)
75	Kathleen Clyde	D	Portage (part)
76	Sarah LaTourette	R	Geauga (part), Portage (part)
77	Timothy O. Schaffer	R	Fairfield (part)
78	Ron Hood	R	Hocking, Morgan, Athens (part), Fairfield (part), Muskingum (part), Pickaway (part)
79	J. Kyle Koehler	R	Clark (part)

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

Representative Amstutz 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-First General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Speaker Batchelder addressed the House as follows:

“I now officially convene the House of Representatives for the 131st General Assembly for the state of Ohio. It’s an honor for me to be here today, to have a chance to meet and to work with a number of new members. But most particularly I want to thank those of you whom I have known for some years, and know that you will be looking forward, not backward—forward to the challenges that this great state faces, and that you will do what is appropriate and necessary to see to it that this state continues to go forward. We are in a position where there has been remarkable progress. Obviously, when we first came to this hall, we were in a situation in which there was unbelievable unemployment across this state. And now, the unemployment picture is much different, especially when you compare this state to others. 5%--that is truly appropriate for Ohio and remarkable opportunity for you to do those things which will take Ohio forward.

I am honored to be finishing my 38th year and change. I came here in '68. I came here as part of an administration that was providing new jobs; it was working diligently. It was run by a governor, without doubt one of the all-time characters in the history of the state of Ohio, Governor Jim Rhodes. I had the

opportunity to serve, as each of you will have, in many capacities in terms of doing things which will advance Ohio. And more importantly, I had the opportunity to serve a number of governors of both parties in ways that prevented difficulties which were extreme in the state. You have the same opportunities. You have the same ability to do that which must be done in order to keep Ohio advancing. When I first came, I was immediately out of the United States Army, and as a result, that coupled with the fact that I had worked in the Senate—I've never admitted that in this House—I had worked in the Senate the previous session as the administrative assistant to the then presiding officer of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor John W. Brown. And when I came over here, I found it more exciting, to put it mildly. I also found that many people in this chamber wanted to see new young members succeed. They wanted to help us, and I know that those of you who are new members here will find this same thing.

It's important that all of us work together, and we may not agree on given issues, but we must work together to see to it that this state continues in forward motion. I can well remember going over to the Senate one day after I was a House member and one of the Senators, recognizing me as having sat beside John Brown up in front for a long time, asked if I could copy some papers for her. I obviously wanted to do that; you never know when you'll need a friend in the Senate. I undertook to do it, and another member said, 'Billy got elected to the House; he's a member of the House now.' And she apologized to me when I came back, and I said, 'House members always want to be helpful to members of the Senate.' And I know that you will find that cooperation back and forth extremely important to you.

As we went through different times in this House, I will never forget one of the great honors that I had. I received a call from Governor Dick Celeste who I had known as a fellow member in this House, and he said, 'We've got a terrible mess on hand. Home State has blown up.' Well I read the Wall Street Journal every day; I was aware that Home State had blown up. That was a bank down in Cincinnati at home, and as a practical matter, those difficulties had broken out all across the country. But what was necessary for us was to find a solution to that problem, and by finding that solution, to make Ohio, once again, show that it was very important. Rhode Island never reopened. Colorado never reopened. And Maryland never reopened. But the state of Ohio, at a hundred cents on the dollar, reopened its building and loans in this state, which was an absolutely remarkable situation from our standpoint.

I had written a bill for the governor—incidentally, Dick Celeste sleeps less than anyone I ever knew. He was one of these people that was driven. When I completed the draft I had made and showed it to the governor, he said, 'Well this is fantastic.' He said, 'Can you lead the floor fight?' And I said, 'Well I'll be happy to explain it to the members, but Governor, I can't vote for this bill.' Well he looked a little bit shocked—we'd worked on it for three weeks! And

he said, 'If I may ask, why not?' I said, 'I don't think it's constitutional.' The governor looked at me and said, 'Well, we'll have the opportunity to go over to the Supreme Court and find out then.' It was upheld by the Court. You see, back then Ohio had a new image across the country. You may have such a wonderful opportunity yourselves—I hope it won't be on that scale. But remember that working the bipartisan way can accomplish things that otherwise would not have been accomplished.

What an honor it has been for me in these 38-plus years to be a member of this House. This House has had members who are absolutely outstanding historically—historic leaders of this republic. And you are part, today, after your oath, of this House. Never forget that God has blessed you.”

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

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

Representative Butler of the 41st district seconded the nomination.

Representative LaTourette of the 76th district moved that the nominations of Speaker be closed.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

The House then proceeded to the election of Speaker.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Becker
Bishoff	Blessing	Boose	Boyce
Boyd	Brenner	Brinkman	Brown
Buchy	Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Curtin	Derickson	Dever
DeVitis	Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey
Fedor	Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales
Green	Grossman	Hackett	Hagan
Hall	Hambley	Hayes	Henne
Hill	Hood	Howse	Huffman
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus
Kuhns	Kunze	Landis	LaTourette
Leland	Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning
McClain	McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.
Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda	Perales
Phillips	Ramos	Reece	Reineke
Retherford	Rzabek	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer
Scherer	Schuring	Sears	Sheehy

Slaby	Slesnick	Smith, K.	Smith, R.
Sprague	Stinziano	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Terhar	Thompson	Vitale
Young	Zeltwanger		Rosenberger-99

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

The Chair appointed Representatives Amstutz, Sears, Buchy, Dovilla, Pelanda, Smith, Butler, Strahorn, Celebrezze, Boyce, and Antonio, to escort Speaker Rosenberger to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Speaker Rosenberger was administered the oath of office by The Honorable William G. Batchelder, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The Speaker then addressed the House as follows:

“Distinguished guests, members of the House, families and most importantly to the citizens of Ohio. It is a great honor and privilege to stand before you today in this most revered institution known as the Ohio House of Representatives. Thank you to my fellow members who have placed their great faith and trust in me. I can whole-heartedly say that I will forever look back to this occasion and never be able to top the feeling of gratitude and honor with which you have entrusted me. My heart is full, and my mind set to the mission and task before this august body. It is with that feeling, love and admiration for the people of this great state that I’m honored to accept the responsibility you have bestowed upon me today.

Let me first begin by thanking the men and women of our country’s armed forces, as well as those men and women who protect us at home in the emergency services. If you are a veteran or currently serving either of those capacities, please stand and be recognized for your service.

We cannot thank you enough for the freedom and liberties you so willingly protect and defend so that we all may share in this remarkable opportunity.

Speakers Davidson, Husted, and Batchelder...thank you for being here today. Your presence means a great deal to me, and your example of service to our state is before not only me but each one us. You have all left behind a legacy that has set this institution at the top of these United States, an institution of transparency, openness and most importantly integrity and service to the people. You can count on me to continue this legacy and uphold this most respected institution.

Especially Speaker Batchelder...thank you for being here. If I didn’t know

any better, I'd say you kind of like this place. As a matter of fact, I know you love this institution with all your heart. I'm often told that I have big shoes to fill, and my response to that is that no person could ever fill your shoes. My only objective is to continue the legacy and love that you have built for this institution.

You were the only speaker I've ever served under. As a freshman legislator in the 129th General Assembly, I couldn't have asked for a better leader and mentor to take me under his wing. The respect you have shown for the People's House and for each of your colleagues has meant a great deal to this chamber and to the citizens of The State of Ohio. The reverence you had—and continue to have—for this institution, has no question made this chamber stronger and more respected.

I am honored to have called you my speaker, a colleague, and, most of all, a dear friend. Thank you again for all that you have done for our state and for this House.

Finally, allow me to acknowledge for a moment those folks who have impacted my life the most and helped me become the man I am today. My mother Son Ye, father Mike, sister Megan etc...

As honored as I am to hold the title of 'Speaker of the House,' it will never trump my titles of son, grandson, brother and uncle.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I'm not a scholar. I'm not a lawyer, (No offense to the lawyers here). I'm not even the best at delivering speeches, nor do I think that what I have to say will be profound or remembered. I'm just like most of you, here to serve and wanting a better future for my family, friends, and neighbors. I do however want to quickly share with you my story and some thoughts to help you better understand my principles.

I'm a guy who grew up the son of an immigrant, whose country, South Korea, experienced oppression and hate, and with the help of the United States at a time when we were not afraid to lead, stepped up to give her a better future. It is how I learned determination and fortitude from a mother that would always set higher goals and pressed me to achieve them.

I grew up at the doorstep of Appalachia. In a community where everyone knew your name and your family, and I was surrounded by love in a place that cared for and looked after one another. I was taught by grandparents and family who lead by example; they instilled in me a service to my community and country. I was often reminded to never forget where I came from, and to be proud of it. It was in that environment where I was instilled with an obligation to give back to my community and where I learned that integrity was always first and that your word means everything.

I grew up in a family of volunteer firefighters who showed me the

importance of service before self.

See, I had parents that taught me I could do anything I put my mind to. If I wanted to be a truck driver, they hoped that I would want to be the best one possible, to work hard, and strive to run the company someday.

Opportunity will show her face if you're willing to put your shoulder to the wheel. And when opportunity lets you down, it is once again hard work that will allow you to pick yourself up, dust off and get right back to it.

It is there in Clinton County that my values and faith were established. It is the community that taught me opportunity is not a lengthy visitor, nor is it given to you freely.

Only through the dignity of hard work unfold blessings of opportunities for brighter futures. In a time in which so many feel the American dream is no longer attainable, I say to you that that thinking is wrong. I'm a standing example that dreams can come true. But you have to be willing to work for it, and the government can't give it all to you.

If it is your mission in this General Assembly to find ways to govern opportunities, to diminish hard work and to be okay with the status quo, then you will be met with opposition. If it is your mission to open opportunities, encourage hard work and challenge the status quo, then together we will build a brighter future for our great state and become a beacon for all others to follow.

Five days ago, we celebrated the beginning of a new year, and today, we celebrate the beginning of a new General Assembly in the House of Representatives—the 131st in our state's history. 212 years ago, in a much smaller building than this, 29-year-old Michael Baldwin, the youngest Speaker in our state's history, (and most likely Bill Batchelder), presided over the first meeting of the Ohio House of Representatives. I can only imagine the sense of awe they must have felt by the challenges that faced that very first General Assembly as they pioneered a new state. And while this day presents much different challenges than those of the first meeting, the opportunity that each of us have been presented today is no different than that to which our state's founders experienced. That is the opportunity and privilege to serve our fellow citizens in this storied and unique institution.

Beyond just a privilege, however, we have been granted a very serious responsibility and a charge to uphold. We have been entrusted to be the voice for the constituents of our districts. In a state of more than eleven-and-a-half million people—the seventh most in the country— we are their voice, we are the People's House. We must devote every second, minute and hour to their care for as long as we garner their trust. This is not always an easy task, but each of those individuals deserves to have their voices heard and their views carried out, to the best of our abilities.

We must take better care of the people's understanding and view of their government. We cannot afford to be THE government, as if it were some out-of-control machine. We must be OUR government, one that always places the citizen first, protects their rights, and stays out of their lives. A government that is honest, transparent, and has the courage from its leaders to do the right thing, not just the popular choice.

We also tend to do the best job of complicating the obvious and overreaching to hinder people's lives more than we do help them. We could do well to learn to keep things more simple. Let me share a short story with you, which some of you may have heard before, but a story I believe is an important reminder to what we must do.

It's a simple story that has a simple truth. We cannot be an institution of road blocks and traffic jams, nor allow ourselves to become fearful of compromise. Slowing progress by which the people themselves can flourish is unacceptable. We can't strengthen folks among us who struggle in shadows by placing all the burden on those who are successful. We cannot hurry legislation just to satisfy a poll and we must learn to build upon a faith in one another. Only then can Ohioans have full faith in us to do what is right.

If your intention in this House is to be the cause of road blocks, unwilling to compromise and to work together, we will find ourselves only slowing down the people of our great state. We can, however, be an institution that allows our citizens' livelihoods to move freely and without interference. A single parent in Pike County or downtown Cleveland raising a son or daughter has no time to be slowed by our inability to work together as one House.

Leader Strahorn: I look forward to working with you and your caucus to build a bridge that will span the chasm of differences. There are serious issues facing our state, and finding lasting solutions to those issues will require understanding and cooperation from all parties involved, with both sides of the aisle bringing their best ideas to the table. We will surely have our differences along the way, however I truly believe the chasm that divides isn't deep enough or too long to cross together. I anticipate open, spirited debate that is based on principle, not personality.

The issues and problems Ohio faces are too important to have each side running to its respective corner, unable and unwilling to find common ground.

This is an institution that stands on its own. Preserving a government that is open, fair and effective requires each of its components to be strong, vocal and independent of the whims and aspirations of its neighboring parts. Hear me clearly, this institution will stand firmly as its own body.

Separately, we represent 99 distinct House districts across Ohio. Together, we represent a very important institution within our state's government. Within this institution, we have the responsibility of devoting to every issue a fresh and fair perspective—to look at each item with an inquisitive and

skeptical eye—making decisions based on what will help us improve the quality of life for every Ohioan.

In recent years we have focused our strength on recovery and building a strong environment that fosters job creation. It is now our duty to the people of Ohio to ensure the mobility of our citizens, the mobility to move them out of poverty, the mobility to find secure and meaningful work, and the mobility to seek out an education that provides for choice and that parents aren't fearful of.

That, after all, is the reason we are here. Our first commitment is to the people we serve. Ohio has come a long way in recent years to expand opportunity and promote economic growth. I know firsthand; I've witnessed the effects of my community that overnight lost 10,000 jobs. I witnessed the determination of families forced to live together to make ends meet, and I've witnessed the great recovery of a people that will not be held down.

Ladies and gentleman Ohio's greatest asset is her people and the work ethic and spirit that resides in each individual. We only have to get out of their way and be mindful that we are not the creator of jobs, but only a means to which we can help foster them.

I am confident that our mission to strengthen our economy even further will not waver during the 131st General Assembly. Building an environment in Ohio that is friendly to both employees and employers will further enhance the entrepreneurial spirit that has made our state and country strong.

Additionally, we must not let up in our efforts over recent years to reform Ohio's workforce development system. In order to meet our goal of helping business owners create jobs, we must be just as strongly dedicated to filling them.

Although the issues that pass across our desks shall be numerous and diverse, most will surely be linked back to the condition of the economy. Allowing individuals to more easily access the tools they need to make their own way in life is the surest and quickest way of ensuring a brighter future for all people.

A critical part of ensuring that brighter future for all Ohioans is to build and maintain a thorough and efficient education system—for everyone from the kindergartener stepping onto the school bus for the very first time, to the recent college graduate who has just been handed a diploma. Ohio's future health and strength depends on us making these people a top priority.

As Speaker, I intend to do exactly that, because a robust, well-rounded education is the engine that drives all future economic, social and cultural stability. We must strive to lift up all Ohio children and help them gain the best education possible, no matter their surrounding or circumstance. This endeavor will be my main priority for as long as I am Speaker.

People ask me what my ideology is, and in the traditional sense I am a conservative. But my goal as Speaker is to do what is best for the long-term future of Ohio.

With that in mind, I am building out a plan for the future of this institution along with my colleagues. The business and families of this state have to work off goals and plans and it's high time that we do as well. This plan, named 'Ohio 20/20,' will be a 6-year outlook that will set a strategic shared vision for our state to affect long-term issues, many of which I've highlighted in these remarks. We must work to challenge ourselves to focus on making long-term decisions, even though we serve in just two-year cycles.

Speaker Batchelder: In your farewell address to this chamber a couple weeks ago, you shared what is probably your favorite story—that which begins with Benjamin Franklin walking down the steps of Independence Hall. At the conclusion of the story, you challenged us to uphold—in the words of Dr. Franklin, 'to keep,'—the principles and ideals that were the foundation of this great republic, and that were the cornerstone of Ohio's founding a couple decades later.

Mr. Speaker, you hereby have my word that, for as long as I am fortunate enough to be your successor, I will work each and every day to carry on your legacy of service, and to uphold those principles with my colleagues in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Together, we will continue to build a better life for the citizens of this state we call home, and with the faith in the almighty, through which we know all things are possible, we will most certainly 'keep it.' God bless this great state and this wonderful country we call home.”

The next order of business being the election of the Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative McClain of the 87th district nominated for said office Ron Amstutz of the 1st district.

Representative Sears of the 47th district seconded the nomination.

Representative Ginter of the 5th 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 98, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Becker
Bishoff	Blessing	Boose	Boyce
Boyd	Brenner	Brinkman	Brown

Buchy	Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Curtin	Derickson	Dever
DeVitis	Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey
Fedor	Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales
Green	Grossman	Hackett	Hagan
Hall	Hambley	Hayes	Henne
Hill	Hood	Howse	Huffman
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus
Kuhns	Kunze	Landis	LaTourette
Leland	Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning
McClain	McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.
Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda	Perales
Phillips	Ramos	Reece	Reineke
Retherford	Rezabek	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer
Scherer	Schuring	Sears	Sheehy
Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague
Stinziano	Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes
Terhar	Thompson	Vitale	Young
Zeltwanger			Rosenberger-98

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

The Chair appointed Representatives Baker, Grossman, Hambley, Koehler, Sears, Young, Celebrezze, Ashford, Driehaus, and Phillips to escort Representative Amstutz to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Representative Amstutz was administered the oath of office by The Honorable William G. Batchelder, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

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

Representative Amstutz offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 1-Representative Amstutz

Relative to the election of the majority floor leader, the assistant majority floor leader, the majority whip, and the assistant majority whip for the 131st General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Republican members have chosen Barbara Sears of House District #47 as majority floor leader, Jim Buchy of House District #84 as assistant majority floor leader, Michael D. Dovilla of House District #7 as majority whip, and Dorothy Pelanda of House District #86 as assistant majority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly that Barbara Sears be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority floor leader; that Jim Buchy be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant majority floor leader; that Michael D. Dovilla be, and upon the adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority whip; and that Dorothy Pelanda be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant majority whip.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 93, nays 5, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Bishoff
Blessing	Boose	Boyce	Boyd
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Burkley
Butler	Celebrezze	Cera	Clyde
Conditt	Craig	Cupp	Curtin
Derickson	Dever	DeVitis	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Gerberry
Ginter	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan	Hall	Hambley
Hayes	Henne	Hill	Hood
Howse	Huffman	Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.
Koehler	Kraus	Kuhns	Kunze
Landis	LaTourette	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Maag	Manning	McClain	McColley
O'Brien, M.	Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda
Perales	Phillips	Ramos	Reece
Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek	Roegner
Rogers	Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan
Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring	Sears
Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.
Sprague	Stinziano	Strahorn	Sweeney
Sykes	Terhar	Thompson	Young
			Rosenberger-93

Representatives Becker, Brinkman, O'Brien, S., Vitale, Zeltwanger voted in the negative-5.

The resolution was adopted.

The majority floor leader, Representative Sears; the assistant majority floor leader, Representative Buchy; the majority whip, Representative Dovilla; and the assistant majority whip, Representative Pelanda, were escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Amstutz, McColley, Huffman, Derickson, Brown, Rezabek, Smith, Boyce, Cera, and Fedor, were administered the oath of office by The Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

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

Representative Amstutz offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 2-Representative Amstutz

Relative to the election of the minority leader for the 131st General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democratic members has chosen Fred Strahorn of House District #39 as minority leader; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly that Fred Strahorn be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of minority leader.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 94, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Becker	Bishoff
Boose	Boyce	Boyd	Brenner
Brinkman	Brown	Buchy	Burkley
Butler	Celebrezze	Cera	Clyde
Conditt	Craig	Cupp	Curtin
Derickson	Dever	DeVitis	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Gerberry
Ginter	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan	Hall	Hambley
Hayes	Henne	Hill	Hood
Howse	Huffman	Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.
Koehler	Kraus	Kuhns	Kunze
Landis	LaTourette	Leland	Lepore-Hagan
Maag	Manning	McClain	McColley
O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.	Patmon	Patterson
Pelanda	Perales	Phillips	Ramos
Reece	Reineke	Retherford	Rezabek
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Ruhl

Ryan	Schaffer	Scherer	Schuring
Sears	Sheehy	Slaby	Smith, K.
Smith, R.	Sprague	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sweeney	Sykes	Terhar	Thompson
Zeltwanger			Rosenberger-94

The resolution was adopted.

The minority leader, Representative Strahorn, was escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Celebrezze, Boyce, Antonio, Cera, Driehaus, Gerberry, Reece, Sears, Buchy, Dovilla, and Pelanda, was administered the oath of office by The Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

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

Representative Amstutz offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 3-Representative Amstutz

Relative to the election of the assistant minority leader, the minority whip, and the assistant minority whip for the 131st General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democratic members has chosen Nicholas Celebrezze of House District #15 as assistant minority leader, Kevin Boyce of House District #25 as minority whip, and Nickie J. Antonio of House District #13 as assistant minority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly that Nicholas Celebrezze be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant minority leader; that Kevin Boyce be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of minority whip; and that Nickie J. Antonio 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 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Becker	Bishoff

Blessing	Boose	Boyce	Boyd
Brenner	Brinkman	Brown	Buchy
Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze	Cera
Clyde	Conditt	Craig	Cupp
Curtin	Derickson	Dever	DeVitis
Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor
Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales	Green
Grossman	Hackett	Hagan	Hall
Hambley	Hayes	Henne	Hill
Hood	Howse	Huffman	Johnson, G.
Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus	Kuhns
Kunze	Landis	LaTourette	Leland
Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning	McClain
McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.	Patmon
Patterson	Pelanda	Perales	Phillips
Ramos	Reece	Reineke	Retherford
Rezabek	Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk
Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer	Scherer
Schuring	Sears	Sheehy	Slaby
Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague	Stinziano
Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes	Terhar
Thompson	Vitale	Young	Zeltwanger
			Rosenberger-97

The resolution was adopted.

The assistant minority leader, Representative Celebrezze; the minority whip, Representative Boyce; and the assistant minority whip, Representative Antonio, were escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Bishoff, Driehaus, Fedor, O'Brien, S., Ramos, Reece, Rogers, Buchy, Pelanda, and Sears, were administered the oath of office by The Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

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

Representative Amstutz offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 4-Representative Amstutz

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st General Assembly, that Bradley J. Young be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of Clerk; that Kimberly M. Flasher be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of Chief Administrative Officer; that Richard H. Collins be, and upon

adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of Sergeant-at-arms; and be it further

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

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

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Becker
Bishoff	Blessing	Boose	Boyce
Boyd	Brenner	Brinkman	Brown
Buchy	Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Curtin	Derickson	Dever
DeVitis	Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey
Fedor	Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales
Green	Grossman	Hackett	Hagan
Hall	Hambley	Hayes	Henne
Hill	Hood	Howse	Huffman
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus
Kuhns	Kunze	Landis	LaTourette
Leland	Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning
McClain	McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.
Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda	Perales
Phillips	Ramos	Reece	Reineke
Retherford	Rezabek	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer
Scherer	Schuring	Sears	Sheehy
Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague
Stinziano	Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes
Terhar	Thompson	Vitale	Young
Zeltwanger			Rosenberger-98

The resolution was adopted.

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, the above named persons were duly elected administrative officers of the Ohio House of Representatives, and having been administered the oath of office by The

Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, entered upon the discharge of their duties.

Representative Amstutz 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 Amstutz

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 131st 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 131st General Assembly from December 31, 2014 to January 5, 2015, the date of the convening of the 131st General Assembly, at the same salary that was paid them during the 130th General Assembly.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Becker
Bishoff	Blessing	Boose	Boyce
Boyd	Brenner	Brinkman	Brown
Buchy	Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Curtin	Derickson	Dever
DeVitis	Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey
Fedor	Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales
Green	Grossman	Hackett	Hagan
Hall	Hambley	Hayes	Henne
Hill	Hood	Howse	Huffman
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus
Kuhns	Kunze	Landis	LaTourette
Leland	Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning
McClain	McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.
Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda	Perales
Phillips	Ramos	Reece	Reineke
Retherford	Rezabek	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer
Scherer	Schuring	Sears	Sheehy
Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague
Stinziano	Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes
Terhar	Thompson	Vitale	Young
Zeltwanger			Rosenberger-98

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Amstutz 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 Amstutz

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 131st 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 98, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Becker
Bishoff	Blessing	Boose	Boyce
Boyd	Brenner	Brinkman	Brown
Buchy	Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Curtin	Derickson	Dever
DeVitis	Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey
Fedor	Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales
Green	Grossman	Hackett	Hagan
Hall	Hambley	Hayes	Henne
Hill	Hood	Howse	Huffman
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus
Kuhns	Kunze	Landis	LaTourette
Leland	Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning
McClain	McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.
Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda	Perales
Phillips	Ramos	Reece	Reineke
Retherford	Rezabek	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer
Scherer	Schuring	Sears	Sheehy
Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague
Stinziano	Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes
Terhar	Thompson	Vitale	Young
Zeltwanger			Rosenberger-98

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Amstutz 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 Amstutz

Relative to attendance at conferences and meetings.

WHEREAS, During the 131st General Assembly (2015-2016), 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 131st 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 all 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 98, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Becker
Bishoff	Blessing	Boose	Boyce
Boyd	Brenner	Brinkman	Brown
Buchy	Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Curtin	Derickson	Dever
DeVitis	Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey
Fedor	Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales
Green	Grossman	Hackett	Hagan
Hall	Hambley	Hayes	Henne
Hill	Hood	Howse	Huffman
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus
Kuhns	Kunze	Landis	LaTourette
Leland	Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning
McClain	McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.
Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda	Perales
Phillips	Ramos	Reece	Reineke
Retherford	Rezabek	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer
Scherer	Schuring	Sears	Sheehy
Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague
Stinziano	Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes
Terhar	Thompson	Vitale	Young
Zeltwanger			Rosenberger-98

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Amstutz 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 Amstutz

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 131st General Assembly, that upon the request of any member, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may, at the Speaker's discretion, sign letters of commendation, congratulations, or condolence to persons or organizations named in the request on behalf of the House and in its name, and arrange for transmittal therefor to such persons or organizations as may be designated in the request.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Becker
Bishoff	Blessing	Boose	Boyce
Boyd	Brenner	Brinkman	Brown
Buchy	Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Curtin	Derickson	Dever
DeVitis	Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey
Fedor	Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales
Green	Grossman	Hackett	Hagan
Hall	Hambley	Hayes	Henne
Hill	Hood	Howse	Huffman
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus
Kuhns	Kunze	Landis	LaTourette
Leland	Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning
McClain	McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.
Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda	Perales
Phillips	Ramos	Reece	Reineke
Retherford	Rezabek	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer
Scherer	Schuring	Sears	Sheehy
Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague
Stinziano	Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes
Terhar	Thompson	Vitale	Young
Zeltwanger			Rosenberger-98

The resolution was adopted.

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

H. R. No. 9-Representative Amstutz

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 131st 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 131st General Assembly and that all of the foregoing salaries be paid from the appropriate funds of the House of Representatives.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Becker
Bishoff	Blessing	Boose	Boyce
Boyd	Brenner	Brinkman	Brown
Buchy	Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Curtin	Derickson	Dever
DeVitis	Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey
Fedor	Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales
Green	Grossman	Hackett	Hagan
Hall	Hambley	Hayes	Henne

Hill	Hood	Howse	Huffman
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus
Kuhns	Kunze	Landis	LaTourette
Leland	Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning
McClain	McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.
Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda	Perales
Phillips	Ramos	Reece	Reineke
Retherford	Rezabek	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer
Scherer	Schuring	Sears	Sheehy
Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague
Stinziano	Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes
Terhar	Thompson	Vitale	Young
Zeltwanger			Rosenberger-98

The resolution was adopted.

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

H. C. R. No. 1-Speaker Rosenberger, Representative Strahorn
Creates committee to notify Governor 131st GA-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 131st 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 98, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Becker
Bishoff	Blessing	Boose	Boyce
Boyd	Brenner	Brinkman	Brown
Buchy	Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Curtin	Derickson	Dever
DeVitis	Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey
Fedor	Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales
Green	Grossman	Hackett	Hagan
Hall	Hambley	Hayes	Henne
Hill	Hood	Howse	Huffman
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus
Kuhns	Kunze	Landis	LaTourette
Leland	Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning
McClain	McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.

Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda	Perales
Phillips	Ramos	Reece	Reineke
Retherford	Rezabek	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer
Scherer	Schuring	Sears	Sheehy
Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague
Stinziano	Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes
Terhar	Thompson	Vitale	Young
Zeltwanger			Rosenberger-98

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Representative Amstutz 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-Speaker Rosenberger, Representative Strahorn

Joint committee to make arrangements for inauguration of Governor-elect

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 John Kasich.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Becker
Bishoff	Blessing	Boose	Boyce
Boyd	Brenner	Brinkman	Brown
Buchy	Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Curtin	Derickson	Dever
DeVitis	Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey
Fedor	Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales
Green	Grossman	Hackett	Hagan
Hall	Hambley	Hayes	Henne
Hill	Hood	Howse	Huffman
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus
Kuhns	Kunze	Landis	LaTourette
Leland	Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning
McClain	McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.
Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda	Perales
Phillips	Ramos	Reece	Reineke
Retherford	Rezabek	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer
Scherer	Schuring	Sears	Sheehy

Slaby
Stinziano
Terhar
Zeltwanger

Smith, K.
Strahorn
Thompson

Smith, R.
Sweeney
Vitale

Sprague
Sykes
Young
Rosenberger-98

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Message from the Senate

Mr. Speaker:

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

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,
Clerk.

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 Faber

Cosponsors: Senator Schiavoni

Relative to convening in Joint Convention.

Attest:

Vincent L. Keeran,
Clerk.

Representative Amstutz moved that the following concurrent resolution be brought up for immediate adoption, read by title only and spread upon the pages of the journal.

The motion was agreed to without objection.

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

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

Relative to convening in Joint Convention.

Be it resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring) that the two houses of the General Assembly convene in joint convention on January 5, 2015, 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 2014.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Amstutz	Anielski	Antani	Antonio
Ashford	Baker	Barnes	Becker
Bishoff	Blessing	Boose	Boyce
Boyd	Brenner	Brinkman	Brown
Buchy	Burkley	Butler	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Craig
Cupp	Curtin	Derickson	Dever
DeVitis	Dovilla	Driehaus	Duffey
Fedor	Gerberry	Ginter	Gonzales
Green	Grossman	Hackett	Hagan
Hall	Hambley	Hayes	Henne
Hill	Hood	Howse	Huffman
Johnson, G.	Johnson, T.	Koehler	Kraus
Kuhns	Kunze	Landis	LaTourette
Leland	Lepore-Hagan	Maag	Manning
McClain	McColley	O'Brien, M.	O'Brien, S.
Patmon	Patterson	Pelanda	Perales
Phillips	Ramos	Reece	Reineke
Retherford	Rezabek	Roegner	Rogers
Romanchuk	Ruhl	Ryan	Schaffer
Scherer	Schuring	Sears	Sheehy
Slaby	Smith, K.	Smith, R.	Sprague
Stinziano	Strahorn	Sweeney	Sykes
Terhar	Thompson	Vitale	Young
Zeltwanger			Rosenberger-98

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

High Roads performed Testify to Love, followed by a benediction offered by Representative Ginter.

On motion of Representative Amstutz, 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.

Representative Amstutz and Senator Widener 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 2014 for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Auditor of State, Secretary of State, and Treasurer of State.

January 5, 2015

The Honorable Jon Husted
Secretary of State
30 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Secretary Husted:

Pursuant to Section 3505.34 of the 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, Attorney General, Auditor of State, Secretary of State, and Treasurer of State as contained in Form No. 2 sent from each county and declares the following candidates elected to those offices:

For Governor and Lieutenant Governor:

John Kasich and Mary Taylor – 1,944,848 votes
Edward FitzGerald and Sharen Neuhardt – 1,009,359 votes
Anita Rios and Bob Fittrakis – 101,706 votes

For Attorney General:

Mike DeWine – 1,882,048 votes
David Pepper – 1,178,426 votes

For Auditor of State:

David Yost – 1,711,927 votes
John Patrick Carney – 1,149,305 votes
Bob Bridges – 143,363 votes

For Secretary of State:

Jon Husted – 1,811,020 votes
Nina Turner – 1,074,475 votes
Kevin Knedler – 141,292 votes

For Treasurer of State:

Josh Mandel – 1,724,060 votes
Connie Pillich – 1,323,325 votes

Sincerely,

/s/KEITH FABER

Keith Faber, President
Ohio Senate

/s/CLIFFORD A. ROSENBERGER

Clifford A. Rosenberger, Speaker
Ohio House of Representatives

On motion of Senator Widener the joint convention was dissolved.
The House met pursuant to recess.

CLERK'S NOTATION

TO: Brad Young
FROM: Representative Sean J. O'Brien
DATE: January 5, 2015
RE: Vote Correction

I am writing to request that the voting record regarding today's (1/5/15) session vote for H.R. 1 be corrected to reflect that I voted affirmatively for the members in question.

I meant to hit the green button during that vote but, at exactly the wrong time, an object on my desk became dislodged, striking the red button and causing

my vote to be cast in error.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ SEAN J. O'BRIEN

Sean J. O'Brien
State Representative
63rd House District

On motion of Representative Butler, the House adjourned until Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,
Clerk.