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FIRST DAY
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Monday, January 5, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

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

Prayer was offered by Father Kenneth Schnipke, Immaculate Conception and St. Teresa Parish, Celina, Ohio.

The Colors were presented by the Allen County Sheriff's Office Color Guard.

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

Members of the St. Francis DeSales High School Select Ensemble performed the National Anthem.

The President directed the Clerk to call the Senatorial Districts in their numerical order when the following named persons presented their certificates of election as Senators from their respective districts to the One Hundred Thirty-First General Assembly, and the following named persons who were previously elected in 2012:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seventh District - Composed of: Butler (part), Hamilton (part), Warren - Shannon Jones.

Eighth District - Composed of: Hamilton (part) - Bill Seitz.

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

Tenth District - Composed of: Clark, Greene, Madison - Chris Widener.

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

Twelfth District - Composed of: Allen, Auglaize (part), Champaign, Darke

(part), Logan (part), Mercer, Shelby – Keith Faber.

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

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

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

Sixteenth District - Composed of: Franklin (part) – Jim Hughes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Twenty-Fourth District - Composed of: Cuyahoga (part) – Thomas F. Patton.

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

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

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

Twenty-Eighth District - Composed of: Summit (part) – Tom Sawyer.

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

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

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

Thirty-Second District - Composed of: Ashtabula, Geauga (part), Trumbull – Capri S. Cafaro.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senator Hughes nominated Senator Keith Faber of the Twelfth District for the office of President.

Senator Manning seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Keith Faber be elected President?"

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Cafaro	Coley	Eklund
Gardner	Gentile	Hite	Hottinger
Hughes	Jones	Jordan	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	Obhof	Oelslager
Patton	Peterson	Sawyer	Schiavoni
Seitz	Skindell	Tavares	Thomas
Uecker	Widener	Williams	Yuko-32

Senator Keith Faber having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected President.

Senator Faber appeared at the bar of the Senate and was administered the

oath of office by the Honorable Sharon L. Kennedy, Justice, Ohio Supreme Court.

Senator Faber took the chair.

Senator Manning nominated Senator Chris Widener of the Tenth District for the office of President Pro Tempore.

Senator Balderson seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Chris Widener be elected President Pro Tempore?"

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Cafaro	Coley	Eklund
Gardner	Gentile	Hite	Hottinger
Hughes	Jones	Jordan	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	Obhof	Oelslager
Patton	Peterson	Sawyer	Schiavoni
Seitz	Skindell	Tavares	Thomas
Uecker	Williams	Yuko	Faber-32

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

Senator Eklund nominated Senator Tom Patton of the Twenty-Fourth District for the office of Majority Floor Leader.

Senator Manning seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Tom Patton be elected Majority Floor Leader?"

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Cafaro	Coley	Eklund
Gardner	Gentile	Hite	Hottinger
Hughes	Jones	Jordan	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	Obhof	Oelslager
Peterson	Sawyer	Schiavoni	Seitz
Skindell	Tavares	Thomas	Uecker
Widener	Williams	Yuko	Faber-32

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

Senator Hite nominated Senator Larry Obhof of the Twenty-Second District for the office of Majority Whip.

Senator Peterson seconded the nomination.

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

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

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Cafaro	Coley	Eklund
Gardner	Gentile	Hite	Hottinger
Hughes	Jones	Jordan	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	Oelslager	Patton
Peterson	Sawyer	Schiavoni	Seitz
Skindell	Tavares	Thomas	Uecker
Widener	Williams	Yuko	Faber-32

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

The duly elected officers of the Republican party appeared at the bar of the Senate and were administered the oath of office by the Honorable Sharon L. Kennedy, Justice, Ohio Supreme Court.

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

Senator Cafaro seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Joseph Schiavoni be elected Minority Leader?"

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
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Burke	Cafaro	Coley	Eklund
Gardner	Gentile	Hite	Hottinger
Hughes	Jones	Jordan	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	Obhof	Oelslager
Patton	Peterson	Sawyer	Seitz
Skindell	Tavares	Thomas	Uecker
Widener	Williams	Yuko	Faber-32

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

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

Senator Sawyer seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Charleta B. Tavares be elected Assistant Minority Leader?"

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Cafaro	Coley	Eklund
Gardner	Gentile	Hite	Hottinger
Hughes	Jones	Jordan	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	Obhof	Oelslager
Patton	Peterson	Sawyer	Schiavoni
Seitz	Skindell	Thomas	Uecker
Widener	Williams	Yuko	Faber-32

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

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

Senator Skindell seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Edna Brown be elected Minority Whip?"

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Burke
Cafaro	Coley	Eklund	Gardner
Gentile	Hite	Hottinger	Hughes
Jones	Jordan	LaRose	Lehner
Manning	Obhof	Oelslager	Patton
Peterson	Sawyer	Schiavoni	Seitz
Skindell	Tavares	Thomas	Uecker
Widener	Williams	Yuko	Faber-32

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

Senator Brown nominated Senator Lou Gentile of the Thirtieth District for the office of Assistant Minority Whip.

Senator Yuko seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Lou Gentile be elected Assistant Minority Whip?"

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Cafaro	Coley	Eklund
Gardner	Hite	Hottinger	Hughes
Jones	Jordan	LaRose	Lehner
Manning	Obhof	Oelslager	Patton
Peterson	Sawyer	Schiavoni	Seitz
Skindell	Tavares	Thomas	Uecker
Widener	Williams	Yuko	Faber-32

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

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

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

Senator Schiavoni seconded the nomination.

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

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 33, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Cafaro	Coley	Eklund
Gardner	Gentile	Hite	Hottinger
Hughes	Jones	Jordan	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	Obhof	Oelslager
Patton	Peterson	Sawyer	Schiavoni
Seitz	Skindell	Tavares	Thomas
Uecker	Widener	Williams	Yuko
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Vincent L. Keeran having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Clerk.

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

President Faber took the chair and addressed the Senate.

As we approach the end of this first session of the 131st General Assembly, it is customary for the President of the Senate to exercise what we call the president's prerogative to make a few remarks.

So I appreciate your indulgence for just a few moments as we commence the next chapter of this great institution.

Scripture tells us that in everything we should give thanks, and so I want to begin today with a word of gratitude.

First, I want to thank those who made this occasion possible.

To Father Ken Schnipke of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Celina, thank you for delivering the invocation today. I ask for your continued prayer on our behalf in the days ahead.

To Justice Sharon Kennedy and Judge Terri Jamison, thank you for administering the oath of office to those who are beginning new terms.

And my thanks, as well, to the Allen County Sheriff Department Honor Guard for delivering the colors and – more importantly – for their service to our nation; to the children and grandchildren of Senate members for leading us in the pledge of allegiance; and to the Saint Francis DeSales Select Ensemble, who you will hear from in just a moment as we conclude, thank you for joining us today.

I also want to recognize the Senate and Statehouse employees who worked

tirelessly behind the scenes to serve this chamber and to make this day possible, from the invitations and logistics of this event to getting senators moved into their offices and accommodating their guests. The work of our staff often goes unrecognized but never unappreciated.

As I have said before, I have the great honor of representing the leading agricultural district in the state, and I wanted to – again – pay special tribute to them through our luncheon today in the Atrium.

Many of the organizations that represent Ohio's agriculture industry, led by the Ohio Farm Bureau, volunteered to provide the meal we all enjoyed. I appreciate not only their assistance with this event today but also their service to our state's number-one job provider, agriculture.

My greatest thanks belongs to the family and friends who are here alongside us, not just for this occasion today but every day. I am sure every senator would agree that being an effective legislator would not be possible without the support of family and friends.

The honor bestowed upon each of us in this chamber does not come without sacrifice, especially when it comes to missing out on those everyday responsibilities of being a spouse or a parent.

Believe me, putting a child to bed over the phone – or now with Facetime – or failing to be there for that important football game or school recital can be one of the most difficult realities of this job.

The sacrifice required of us can impact many lives, and, for that, we are particularly grateful for the love, understanding and patience of our family and friends. Without them, none of us would be here today.

With that, let me say welcome to my colleagues, to the families joining you here today, and to our friends, our staff, the members of the media and our fellow citizens.

We meet here today, as we do every two years at this moment, by the direction of our state constitution.

We gather to swear an oath, not to a political party, an interest group or a personal agenda, but to the people of this state – those who entrusted us to walk these halls on their behalf and to speak for them on the matters that come before this assembly.

We vow to faithfully perform our duties to the best of our ability – with no other allegiance than to the constitution and to the creator.

And should we take that oath for granted, Abraham Lincoln reminded us that “the people have wisely given their public servants ... little power for mischief, and have with equal wisdom provided for the return of that little power to their own hands at very short intervals.”

In other words, the people who sent us here can swiftly send us home. So

with that in mind, we should remind ourselves today of a few simple truths.

First, that no one in this town is more important than the people who sent us here. Not a lobbyist, not a party boss, not a journalist, not even a caucus. Your first and last allegiance belongs to your constituents. Serve them often and serve them well.

Second, preserve your integrity at all cost. No one, for any reason or any price, is worth surrendering the honor of public service. Guard it with your life, and never let anyone tempt you to sacrifice your ethics for a moment of power or pleasure.

Third, respect the institution. It is one of the finest and most admired legislative bodies in the nation. This chamber has produced three United States Presidents, a Chief Justice of our nation's highest court and many other notable statesmen, including the current governor of our state.

Some of our nation's most respected leaders have graced these halls, from Abraham Lincoln to Teddy Roosevelt. And YOU have the honor of continuing that legacy.

Finally, be grateful. Political power has a way of feeding arrogance and starving humility. Do everything you can to nurture humility. Get away from here at every opportunity. Get back to your district. Listen to your constituents. And remember the values of faith and family that brought you to this moment.

Despite our differences, we have accomplished a lot together, and we have more to do.

Since 2011, Ohio has created more than 280,000 new private sector jobs.

We have balanced every budget with a surplus – and returned more than \$3 billion in tax relief, including a 10 percent reduction in the personal income tax, eliminating the death tax and cutting small business taxes in half.

We've made it easier for Ohioans to find jobs by investing in workforce development.

We've invested more state funding into primary and secondary education than at any time in Ohio's history.

We've made historic investments in transportation infrastructure and capital improvements.

We launched new efforts to fight human trafficking, rape and child enticement.

And we came together to restore the public trust in the process of drawing Ohio's legislative districts.

Ninety percent of the bills we pass through this chamber have bipartisan support but not always bipartisan input. I hope each of us can commit here

today to a renewed spirit of compromise.

Let me pause here to thank Minority Leader Schiavoni. During the past two years, we have shown at times that we can work together.

I again extend to you all both collectively and individually the olive branch of cooperation. I firmly believe we share the goal of making Ohio the best place to live, work and to raise our families.

As Lincoln said, "Shades of opinion may be sincerely entertained by honest and truthful people." I do want to identify two key areas today where we have joint interests that can be addressed together.

First, Opportunity.

We firmly believe that it is and should be our priority to help each Ohioan secure the opportunity to obtain their God-given potential and achieve all that they can for themselves and their families.

Opportunity is why we have worked so hard to provide more jobs for Ohioans. It is why we have improved Ohio education, and it is why we have worked to remember those less fortunate or those who need special assistance.

But make no mistake; we need to acknowledge the fact that opportunity does not guarantee success.

Our focus on opportunity is key to the reevaluation of our educational providers with respect to K-12 education. During the last budget, we increased funding by nearly one billion dollars, but it has become increasingly clear that money alone has not and will not improve Ohio's K-12 education system.

For too long the focus on funding as ignored the other side of the coin: spending. Far too often, the current system has resulted in too much top-down, Columbus-based command and control. That has done little to improve most local schools, and it has left too many unfunded mandates that only increase costs.

Few here believe that this model on centralized planning works in any other aspect of government, so why do we think it works in K-12 education? It hasn't and it won't.

That is why our challenge is to free-up local schools, particularly high-performing local schools, to better manage and focus on local needs. What works and is necessary in Celina or Coldwater may or may not work or be necessary in Columbus or Cleveland.

As to higher education, it is as simple as it is true that without access to world-class higher education, Ohio and Ohioans will not have the level of opportunity we need to compete in this world economy.

Because of this, we need to both recognize and address the ever-increasing problem of rising education costs. No longer can we say that a system whose

costs increase regularly above the rate of inflation will remain accessible and affordable.

That's why we issued and will follow through on the Senate five percent challenge to our public higher education colleges and universities. We have asked that they lower overall higher education costs by five percent this next year. While we should restrain ourselves from micromanaging the "how" – giving each institution the ability to creatively advise the best results – we should be steadfast in the "what" – at least a five percent reduction to the student cost of higher education.

I could go on, but this is not the forum for an extended policy speech today. So let me conclude today with a challenge as we begin this General Assembly: that each of us will lead with urgency (the time will pass faster than you expect); that we will act with initiative (In the words of Dr. Seuss, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not."); that we will be creative (government could use more innovative thinking, and it starts with us); that we will be consistent (able to disagree but respectful of personal conviction); and to be accountable (always remembering that we serve a government "of the people, by the people and for the people").

I am grateful to once again serve as president of this body. And I pray that God will give us all the wisdom, courage and vision to do the work we are about to commence.

Thank you and my God bless the work of this 131st General Assembly.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Widener offered the following resolution:

S. R. No. 1-Senator Widener.

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That all such employees, property, premises, and expenditures of the Senate shall be under the direct supervision of the Chief of Staff and the Clerk, and these officials are hereby authorized to make such changes and such assignments of duties of said employees as will result in the highest efficiency and best serve the interests of the State. The Chief of Staff

and the Clerk are also authorized to discharge and replace said appointees and are authorized to appoint any additional staff as may be necessary to facilitate the work of the Senate; and be it further

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

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

So the resolution was adopted.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 33, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Cafaro	Coley	Eklund
Gardner	Gentile	Hite	Hottinger
Hughes	Jones	Jordan	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	Obhof	Oelslager
Patton	Peterson	Sawyer	Schiavoni
Seitz	Skindell	Tavares	Thomas
Uecker	Widener	Williams	Yuko
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The question being, "Shall the title be agreed to?"

The title was agreed to.

Senator Widener offered the following resolution:

S. R. No. 2-Senator Widener.

Relative to mileage reimbursement.

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

NAME	COUNTY	MILEAGE ROUND TRIP
Troy Balderson	Muskingum	114
Bill Beagle	Miami	148
Edna Brown	Lucas	307
David Burke	Union	70
Capri S. Cafaro	Trumbull	348
William P. Coley, II	Butler	178
John Eklund	Geauga	320
Keith Faber	Mercer	215
Randy Gardner	Wood	244
Lou Gentile	Jefferson	304
Cliff Hite	Hancock	194
Jay Hottinger	Licking	78

Shannon Jones	Warren	158
Kris Jordan	Delaware	59
Frank LaRose	Summit	240
Peggy Lehner	Montgomery	156
Gayle Manning	Lorain	252
Larry Obhof	Medina	228
Scott Oelslager	Stark	262
Thomas F. Patton	Cuyahoga	252
Bob Peterson	Fayette	102
Tom Sawyer	Summit	256
Joe Schiavoni	Mahoning	354
Bill Seitz	Hamilton	232
Michael Skindell	Cuyahoga	274
Cecil Thomas	Hamilton	208
Joe Uecker	Clermont	196
Chris Widener	Clark	105
Sandra R. Williams	Cuyahoga	294
Kenny Yuko	Cuyahoga	300

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

So the resolution was adopted.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 33, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Cafaro	Coley	Eklund
Gardner	Gentile	Hite	Hottinger
Hughes	Jones	Jordan	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	Obhof	Oelslager
Patton	Peterson	Sawyer	Schiavoni
Seitz	Skindell	Tavares	Thomas
Uecker	Widener	Williams	Yuko
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The question being, "Shall the title be agreed to?"

The title was agreed to.

Senator Faber offered the following concurrent resolution:

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

To adopt the Legislative Code of Ethics for the members and employees of both chambers of the 132nd General Assembly, employees of any legislative agency, and candidates for the 133rd General Assembly.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 33, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Balderson	Beagle	Brown
Burke	Cafaro	Coley	Eklund
Gardner	Gentile	Hite	Hottinger
Hughes	Jones	Jordan	LaRose
Lehner	Manning	Obhof	Oelslager
Patton	Peterson	Sawyer	Schiavoni
Seitz	Skindell	Tavares	Thomas
Uecker	Widener	Williams	Yuko
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So the concurrent resolution was adopted.

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

The title was agreed to.

Message from the House of Representatives

Mr. President:

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

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

Message from the House of Representatives

Mr. President:

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

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

Cosponsor: Senator Schiavoni.

Relative to convening in Joint Convention.

Attest:

Bradley J. Young,
Clerk.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Section 148.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, the President of the Senate appoints Senator Jay Hottinger to the Public Employees Deferred

Compensation Board (replacing Senator Edna Brown).

Senator Widener moved that the Senate stand in recess for the purpose of meeting in a Joint Convention.

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

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate met pursuant to the recess.

On the motion of Senator Obhof, the Senate adjourned until Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.