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Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio
Monday, January 4, 2021, 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 Robert R. Cupp, Speaker of the House of Representatives, One Hundred Thirty-Third General Assembly.

The One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth General Assembly rose for the opening prayer, offered by Representative-elect Gary Click, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The following named persons presented certificates of election as members of the One Hundred Thirty-Fourth General Assembly of Ohio, and having been administered the oath 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	Scott Wiggam	R	Wayne
2	Marilyn S. John	R	Richland
3	Haraz N. Ghanbari	R	Wood
4	Robert R. Cupp	R	Allen
5	Timothy E. Ginter	R	Columbiana
6	Phillip M. Robinson, Jr.	D	Cuyahoga (part)
7	Thomas F. Patton	R	Cuyahoga (part)
8	Kent Smith	D	Cuyahoga (part)
9	Janine R. Boyd	D	Cuyahoga (part)
10	Terrence Upchurch	D	Cuyahoga (part)
11	Stephanie D. Howse	D	Cuyahoga (part)
12	Juanita O. Brent	D	Cuyahoga (part)
13	Michael J. Skindell	D	Cuyahoga (part)
14	Bride Rose Sweeney	D	Cuyahoga (part)
15	Jeffrey A. Crossman	D	Cuyahoga (part)
16	Monique Smith	D	Cuyahoga (part)
17	Adam C. Miller	D	Franklin (part)
18	Kristin Boggs	D	Franklin (part)
19	Mary Lightbody	D	Franklin (part)
20	Richard D. Brown	D	Franklin (part)
21	Beth Liston	D	Franklin (part)
22	David Leland	D	Franklin (part)
23	Laura Lanese	R	Franklin (part)
24	C. Allison Russo	D	Franklin (part)
25	Dontavius Jarrells	D	Franklin (part)
26	Erica C. Crawley	D	Franklin (part)
27	Thomas E. Brinkman, Jr.	R	Hamilton (part)
28	Jessica E. Miranda	D	Hamilton (part)

29	Cindy Abrams	R	Hamilton (part)
30	Bill Seitz	R	Hamilton (part)
31	Brigid Kelly	D	Hamilton (part)
32	Catherine D. Ingram	D	Hamilton (part)
33	Sedrick Denson	D	Hamilton (part)
34	Emilia Strong Sykes	D	Summit (part)
35	Tavia Galonski	D	Summit (part)
36	Bob Young	R	Summit (part)
37	Casey Weinstein	D	Summit (part)
38	Bill Roemer	R	Stark (part), Summit (part)
39	Willis E. Blackshear	D	Montgomery (part)
40	Phil Plummer	R	Montgomery (part)
41	Andrea White	R	Montgomery (part)
42	Tom Young	R	Montgomery (part)
43	Rodney Creech	R	Preble, Montgomery (part)
44	Paula Hicks-Hudson	D	Lucas (part)
45	Lisa A. Sobecki	D	Lucas (part)
46	Michael Sheehy	D	Lucas (part)
47	Derek Merrin	R	Fulton (part), Lucas (part)
48	Scott Oelslager	R	Stark (part)
49	Thomas West	D	Stark (part)
50	Reggie Stoltzfus	R	Stark (part)
51	Sara P. Carruthers	R	Butler (part)
52	Jennifer Gross	R	Butler (part)
53	Thomas Hall	R	Butler (part)
54	Paul Zeltwanger	R	Butler (part), Warren (part)
55	Gayle Manning	R	Lorain (part)
56	Joseph A. Miller, III	D	Lorain (part)
57	Dick Stein	R	Huron, Lorain (part)
58	Michele Lepore-Hagan	D	Mahoning (part)
59	Alessandro B. Cutrona	R	Mahoning (part)
60	Daniel P. Troy	D	Lake (part)
61	Jamie Callender	R	Lake (part)
62	P. Scott Lipps	R	Warren (part)
63	Mike Loychik	R	Trumbull (part)
64	Michael J. O'Brien	D	Ashtabula (part), Trumbull (part)
65	Jean Schmidt	R	Clermont (part)
66	Adam C. Bird	R	Brown, Clermont (part)
67	Kris Jordan	R	Delaware (part)
68	Rick Carfagna	R	Knox, Delaware (part)
69	Sharon A. Ray	R	Medina (part)
70	Darrell Kick	R	Ashland, Holmes (part), Medina (part)
71	Mark Fraizer	R	Licking (part)
72	Larry Householder	R	Coshocton, Perry, Licking (part)
73	Brian E. Lampton	R	Greene (part)
74	Bill Dean	R	Madison, Clark (part), Greene (part)
75	Gail K. Pavliga	R	Portage (part)
76	Diane V. Grendell	R	Geauga (part), Portage (part)
77	Jeff LaRe	R	Fairfield (part)
78	Brian Stewart	R	Hocking, Morgan, Athens (part), Fairfield (part), Muskingum (part), Pickaway (part)
79	J. Kyle Koehler	R	Clark (part)
80	Jena Powell	R	Miami, Darke (part)
81	James M. Hoops	R	Henry, Putnam, Williams, Fulton (part)
82	Craig S. Riedel	R	Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert, Auglaize (part)
83	Jon Cross	R	Hancock, Hardin, Logan (part)
84	Susan Manchester	R	Mercer, Auglaize (part), Darke (part), Shelby (part)
85	A. Nino Vitale	R	Champaign, Logan (part), Shelby (part)

86	Tracy M. Richardson	R	Union, Marion (part)
87	Riordan T. McClain	R	Crawford, Morrow, Wyandot, Marion (part), Seneca (part)
88	Gary Click	R	Sandusky, Seneca (part)
89	D.J. Swearingen	R	Erie, Ottawa
90	Brian Baldrige	R	Adams, Scioto, Lawrence (part)
91	Shane Wilkin	R	Clinton, Highland, Pike, Ross (part)
92	Mark Johnson	R	Fayette, Pickaway (part), Ross (part)
93	Jason Stephens	R	Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence (part), Vinton (part)
94	Jay Edwards	R	Athens (part), Meigs, Vinton (part), Washington (part)
95	Don Jones	R	Carroll, Harrison, Noble, Belmont (part), Washington (part)
96	Ron Ferguson	R	Jefferson, Monroe, Belmont (part)
97	Adam Holmes	R	Guernsey, Muskingum (part)
98	Brett Hudson Hillyer	R	Tuscarawas, Holmes (part)
99	Sara Fowler Arthur	R	Ashtabula (part), Geauga (part)

Representative Ginter 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-Fourth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

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 Hoops of the 81st district nominated for the office of Speaker, Robert R. Cupp of the 4th district.

Representative Stephens of the 93rd district seconded the nomination.

Representative Stephens of the 93rd 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 92, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baldrige	Bird	Blackshear
Boggs	Brent	Brinkman	Brown
Callender	Carfagna	Carruthers	Click
Creech	Cross	Crossman	Cutrona
Dean	Denson	Edwards	Ferguson
Fowler Arthur	Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari
Ginter	Grendell	Gross	Hall
Hicks-Hudson	Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops

Householder	Howse	Ingram	Jarrells
John	Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kelly	Kick	Koehler	Lampton
Lanese	LaRe	Leland	Lightbody
Lipps	Liston	Loychik	Manchester
Manning	McClain	Merrin	Miller, A.
Miller, J.	Miranda	O'Brien	Oelslager
Patton	Pavliga	Plummer	Powell
Ray	Richardson	Riedel	Robinson
Roemer	Russo	Schmidt	Seitz
Sheehy	Skindell	Smith, K.	Smith, M.
Sobecki	Stein	Stephens	Stewart
Stoltzfus	Swearingen	Sweeney	Sykes
Troy	Upchurch	Weinstein	West
Wiggam	Wilkin	Young, T.	Cupp-92

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, Robert R. Cupp was declared the duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirty-Fourth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Speaker Cupp was escorted by his wife, Libby, to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Speaker Cupp 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:

"First of all, let me say, 'Thank you.'

I am honored by the trust you have placed in me to lead this historic chamber for the One Hundred and Thirty Fourth General Assembly. I recognize that with trust comes responsibility. I will work hard for you to fulfill that responsibility --- and also with you to fulfill our mutual responsibilities to all Ohioans.

Great trust and responsibility is also what our constituents have placed in each of us, and which we have freely accepted by our oath and our actions.

Today we begin a new legislative session – an occasion filled with promise and possibility.

I thank Justice Fischer and Judge Hamilton for assisting today by administering the oaths of office during our session today.

Our program today is without some of the ceremony that usually accompanies the first day of a new legislative session. Because of the continuing spread of the novel coronavirus, we have exchanged much of the ceremonial extras for an extra measure of safety for members and staff. Some might call this a 'bare bones' proceeding, but I prefer to call it 'classic

simplicity.'

Serving in public life is not simple, and the effort that goes into being elected and serving in the legislature is not borne by members alone. Our spouses, family members or significant others are also affected by what we do. They often are called to sacrifice as well and the importance of their commitment to our task and our cause cannot be overstated.

For example, my wife, Libby, has done triple duty over the years: as an educator whose focus was on career and economic education, as a mother raising two Eagle Scout sons, and as my life's partner. I firmly believe she is what God knew I needed to serve out the calling He has placed upon my life throughout the years. She has been my greatest encourager, my most understanding consoler, my advisor, and when needed, a kindly critic. Thank you, Libby. I love you.

To our 20 new members, I am delighted to welcome you to the Ohio House of Representatives. Thank you for your commitment to serving the people of your district, as well as the people of our state, by engaging in the legislative process here in the People's House. There is no other experience that equates to that of serving as a state legislator. And, this is both a challenging, as well as exciting, time to be entering legislative service. I trust that it will be such a rewarding time that in future years you will count it as one of your life's most important experiences.

To our 79 returning members, including those whose service here has been separated by a span of years, I'm pleased to welcome you back as we convene the 134th General Assembly. Your experience, insights and knowledge of the House and the General Assembly are invaluable qualities and will serve us well in this new session. It is worth remembering that each session sets a new stage, mixes in new players, and features some new themes.

This great chamber echoes not just with our voices but with those who came before us, too. Like each of us, they sought to make Ohio a better place. Generation after generation, they tackled problems and balanced budgets. They had the vision to improve education, invest in our infrastructure and protect public safety and more. Their leadership has guided our state and served its people ever since the first session of the Ohio General Assembly convened in Chillicothe in 1803. Our work will add new perspectives and new ideas, and add a new chapter to the history of this great institution.

And if we do our work well, Ohio and its people will be better for it.

Among the common threads connecting all who have served in this chamber is a desire to engage in something larger than ourselves; to have a lasting impact that makes a positive difference in the lives of others. As Albert Einstein so aptly put it,

'There is no greater satisfaction for a just and well-meaning person than the knowledge that he has devoted his best energies to the service of the good cause.'

I know it is this 'sense of service' individually and collectively, that will enable this body to serve the people of Ohio well.

In 2020, Ohioans experienced unprecedented challenges touching virtually every aspect of their lives, triggered by a virus that, one year ago, few had heard of.

The impact of the pandemic is all around us, affecting not only physical and mental health, but also livelihoods and financial health, education and learning, social interactions, and other impacts we have yet to recognize or tally.

With this in mind, in this session of the General Assembly, we must continue working to assist in recovery, re-open our economy safely and fully, and rebuild a workable system of checks and balances for the future.

Throughout this pandemic, some remarkable Ohioans have worked tirelessly and without fanfare on the frontlines to help others when they needed it most...these health care professionals, first responders, members of law enforcement, members of the National Guard, teachers and dedicated and creative volunteers have served with great honor to help their fellow Ohioans.

To these heroes, we say, 'thank you.'

Throughout its history, the Ohio House of Representatives and its members have helped to lead our state in times of challenge and struggle and in times of prosperity and innovation.. That will certainly hold true again in 2021, not only in recovering from the devastating result of COVID-19 but also on a wide range of issues that are important for Ohio, its people and its future.

Our work will not be measured merely in the number of bills and resolutions we pass -- but more broadly in the opportunities we expand, the rights we protect and the lives that improve because of our efforts.

Our legacy will be found not only in what we accomplish today but also in the long-term effects that will only be evident years from now.

Government can't and shouldn't do everything, but what it does, it should do well – and do so effectively and efficiently.

As a co-equal branch of government, the legislature has a critical policymaking and oversight role. The Ohio General Assembly makes the laws . . . that shape the policies . . . that solve problems confronting Ohio and Ohioans, and creates opportunity for all individuals to rise to their full

potential.

The People's House brings together individuals of deep and diverse experience to work together to replace problems with solutions.

Assembled here are those who have served our country in the armed forces or served our communities as members of law enforcement and as first responders. Our colleagues have taught in classrooms, served in local government, volunteered in local communities, worked with children and adults in need. Others have created jobs and met a payroll. Also assembled here are farmers, lawyers, healthcare professionals...and more. Our members range in age from the early 20s through the 70s. And, each have important contributions to make.

This extraordinary depth of knowledge and experience will be invaluable to the work of this House as we consider, weigh, develop, debate and pass proposed new legislation in the weeks and months ahead.

We will have a robust committee process that fosters meaningful debate and thoughtful legislation...with a single over-riding goal: good public policy that works for Ohioans.

We will work collaboratively to develop innovative solutions to complex problems.

It is natural in a body of 99 individuals, who come from or represent many walks of life, and who draw from many different life experiences, that there will be honest disagreements. Disagreements over what is or is not good public policy, the content of bills under consideration, how to spend the public's money appropriately, and more. That's part of the legislative process. But, I believe it's important to put these policy differences in context. It is possible to disagree without being disagreeable. To engage in policy discussions with civility and respect for the other's point of view. To build friendships and good relationships even while on opposite sides of issues . . . or of the aisle. And, when we achieve this, then opportunities to find mutual solutions to mutual problems will grow – and all of our constituents will be better served.

I look forward to the next two years, working with each of you...with integrity and determination...to accomplish important legislative tasks, to make good and beneficial laws and policies for the people of Ohio, to help create a bright future for our state, and to uphold the finest traditions of legislative achievement in this, the People's House.

Thank you.”

The next order of business being the election of the speaker pro tempore, 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-Fourth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative Brinkman offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 1-Representative Brinkman

Relative to the election of the speaker pro tempore, the majority floor leader, the assistant majority floor leader, the majority whip, and the assistant majority whip for the 134th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Republican members have chosen Timothy E. Ginter of House District #5 as speaker pro tempore, Bill Seitz of House District #30 as majority floor leader, Rick Carfagna of House District #68 as assistant majority floor leader, Don Jones of House District #95 as majority whip, and Cindy Abrams of House District #29 as assistant majority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly that Timothy E. Ginter be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of speaker pro tempore; that Bill Seitz be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority floor leader; that Rick Carfagna be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant majority floor leader; that Don Jones be, and upon the adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority whip; and that Cindy Abrams 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 91, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baldrige	Bird	Blackshear
Boggs	Brent	Brinkman	Brown
Callender	Carfagna	Carruthers	Click
Creech	Cross	Crossman	Cutrona
Dean	Denson	Ferguson	Fowler Arthur
Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari	Ginter
Grendell	Gross	Hall	Hicks-Hudson
Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops	Householder
Howse	Ingram	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Jordan	Kelly
Kick	Koehler	Lampton	Lanese
LaRe	Leland	Lightbody	Lipps
Liston	Loychik	Manchester	Manning

McClain	Merrin	Miller, A.	Miller, J.
Miranda	O'Brien	Oelslager	Patton
Pavliga	Plummer	Powell	Ray
Richardson	Riedel	Robinson	Roemer
Russo	Schmidt	Seitz	Sheehy
Skindell	Smith, K.	Smith, M.	Sobecki
Stein	Stephens	Stewart	Stoltzfus
Swearingen	Sweeney	Sykes	Troy
Upchurch	Weinstein	West	Wiggam
Wilkin	Young, T.		Cupp-91

The resolution was adopted.

The speaker pro tempore, Representative Ginter; the majority floor leader, Representative Seitz; the assistant majority floor leader, Representative Carfagna; the majority whip, Representative Jones; and the assistant majority whip, Representative Abrams, were invited to the bar of the House and were administered the oath of office by The 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 minority leader of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Thirty-Fourth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative Ginter offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 2-Representative Ginter

Relative to the election of the minority leader for the 134th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democratic members has chosen Emilia Strong Sykes of House District #34 as minority leader; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly that Emilia Strong Sykes 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 86, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baldrige	Bird	Blackshear
Boggs	Brent	Brinkman	Brown
Callender	Carfagna	Carruthers	Click
Creech	Cross	Crossman	Cutrona
Dean	Denson	Ferguson	Fowler Arthur
Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari	Ginter

Grendell	Gross	Hall	Hicks-Hudson
Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops	Householder
Howse	Ingram	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Jordan	Kelly
Lampton	Lanese	LaRe	Leland
Lightbody	Lipps	Liston	Loychik
Manchester	Manning	McClain	Merrin
Miller, A.	Miller, J.	Miranda	O'Brien
Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga	Plummer
Ray	Richardson	Riedel	Robinson
Roemer	Russo	Schmidt	Seitz
Sheehy	Skindell	Smith, K.	Smith, M.
Sobecki	Stein	Stephens	Stewart
Swearingen	Sweeney	Sykes	Troy
Upchurch	Weinstein	West	Wilkin
Young, T.			Cupp-86

The resolution was adopted.

The minority leader, Representative Sykes, was invited to the bar of the House and was administered the oath of office by The Honorable David Hamilton, Judge of the Akron Municipal 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-Fourth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative Ginter offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 3-Representative Ginter

Relative to the election of the assistant minority leader, the minority whip, and the assistant minority whip for the 134th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democratic members has chosen Kristin Boggs of House District #18 as assistant minority leader, Paula Hicks-Hudson of House District #44 as minority whip, and Richard D. Brown of House District #20 as assistant minority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly that Kristin Boggs be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant minority leader; that Paula Hicks-Hudson be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of minority whip; and that Richard D. Brown 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 88, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baldrige	Bird	Blackshear
Boggs	Brent	Brinkman	Brown
Callender	Carfagna	Carruthers	Click
Creech	Cross	Crossman	Cutrona
Dean	Denson	Ferguson	Fowler Arthur
Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari	Ginter
Grendell	Gross	Hall	Hicks-Hudson
Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops	Householder
Howse	Ingram	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Jordan	Kelly
Koehler	Lampton	Lanese	LaRe
Leland	Lightbody	Lipps	Liston
Loychik	Manchester	Manning	McClain
Merrin	Miller, A.	Miller, J.	Miranda
O'Brien	Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga
Plummer	Ray	Richardson	Riedel
Robinson	Roemer	Russo	Schmidt
Seitz	Sheehy	Skindell	Smith, K.
Smith, M.	Sobecki	Stein	Stephens
Stewart	Stoltzfus	Swearingen	Sweeney
Sykes	Troy	Upchurch	Weinstein
West	Wilkin	Young, T.	Cupp-88

The resolution was adopted.

The assistant minority leader, Representative Boggs; the minority whip, Representative Hicks-Hudson; and the assistant minority whip, Representative Brown, were invited to the bar of the House and were administered the oath of office by The 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-Fourth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative Ginter offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 4-Representative Ginter

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 134th 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 92, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baldrige	Bird	Blackshear
Boggs	Brent	Brinkman	Brown
Callender	Carfagna	Carruthers	Click
Creech	Cross	Crossman	Cutrona
Dean	Denson	Edwards	Ferguson
Fowler Arthur	Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari
Ginter	Grendell	Gross	Hall
Hicks-Hudson	Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops
Householder	Howse	Ingram	Jarrells
John	Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kelly	Kick	Koehler	Lampton
Lanese	LaRe	Leland	Lightbody
Lipps	Liston	Loychik	Manchester
Manning	McClain	Merrin	Miller, A.
Miller, J.	Miranda	O'Brien	Oelslager
Patton	Pavliga	Plummer	Powell
Ray	Richardson	Riedel	Robinson
Roemer	Russo	Schmidt	Seitz
Sheehy	Skindell	Smith, K.	Smith, M.
Sobecki	Stein	Stephens	Stewart
Stoltzfus	Swearingen	Sweeney	Sykes
Troy	Upchurch	Weinstein	West
Wiggam	Wilkin	Young, T.	Cupp-92

The resolution was adopted.

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, Bradley J. Young was duly elected Clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives and was 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 Ginter 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 Ginter

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 134th 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 134th General Assembly

from December 30, 2020 to January 4, 2021, the date of the convening of the 134th General Assembly, at the same salary that was paid them during the 133rd General Assembly.

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	Baldrige	Bird	Blackshear
Boggs	Brent	Brinkman	Brown
Callender	Carfagna	Carruthers	Click
Creech	Cross	Crossman	Cutrona
Dean	Denson	Edwards	Ferguson
Fowler Arthur	Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari
Ginter	Grendell	Gross	Hall
Hicks-Hudson	Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops
Householder	Ingram	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Jordan	Kelly
Kick	Koehler	Lampton	Lanese
LaRe	Leland	Lightbody	Lipps
Liston	Loychik	Manchester	Manning
McClain	Merrin	Miller, A.	Miller, J.
Miranda	O'Brien	Oelslager	Patton
Pavliga	Plummer	Powell	Ray
Richardson	Riedel	Robinson	Roemer
Russo	Schmidt	Seitz	Sheehy
Skindell	Smith, K.	Smith, M.	Sobecki
Stein	Stephens	Stewart	Stoltzfus
Swearingen	Sweeney	Sykes	Troy
Upchurch	Weinstein	West	Wiggam
Wilkin	Young, T.		Cupp-91

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Ginter 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 Ginter

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 134th 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 90, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baldridge	Bird	Blackshear
Boggs	Brent	Brinkman	Brown
Callender	Carfagna	Carruthers	Click
Creech	Cross	Crossman	Cutrona
Dean	Denson	Edwards	Ferguson
Fowler Arthur	Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari
Ginter	Grendell	Gross	Hall
Hicks-Hudson	Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops
Householder	Ingram	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Jordan	Kelly
Kick	Koehler	Lampton	Lanese
LaRe	Leland	Lightbody	Lipps
Liston	Manchester	Manning	McClain
Merrin	Miller, A.	Miller, J.	Miranda
O'Brien	Oelslager	Patton	Pavliga
Plummer	Powell	Ray	Richardson
Riedel	Robinson	Roemer	Russo
Schmidt	Seitz	Sheehy	Skindell
Smith, K.	Smith, M.	Sobecki	Stein
Stephens	Stewart	Stoltzfus	Swearingen
Sweeney	Sykes	Troy	Upchurch
Weinstein	West	Wiggam	Wilkin
Young, T.			Cupp-90

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Ginter 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 Ginter

Relative to attendance at conferences and meetings.

WHEREAS, During the 134th General Assembly (2021-2022), 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 134th 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 89, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baldrige	Bird	Blackshear
Brent	Brinkman	Brown	Callender
Carfagna	Carruthers	Click	Creech
Cross	Crossman	Cutrona	Dean
Denson	Edwards	Ferguson	Fowler Arthur
Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari	Ginter
Grendell	Gross	Hall	Hicks-Hudson
Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops	Householder
Howse	Ingram	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Jordan	Kelly
Kick	Koehler	Lampton	Lanese
LaRe	Leland	Lightbody	Lipps
Liston	Loychik	Manchester	Manning
McClain	Merrin	Miller, A.	Miller, J.
Miranda	O'Brien	Oelslager	Patton
Pavliga	Plummer	Powell	Ray
Richardson	Riedel	Robinson	Roemer
Russo	Schmidt	Seitz	Sheehy
Skindell	Smith, K.	Smith, M.	Sobecki
Stein	Stephens	Stewart	Stoltzfus
Swearingen	Sweeney	Troy	Upchurch
Weinstein	West	Wiggam	Wilkin
			Cupp-89

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Ginter 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 Ginter

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 134th 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 91, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baldrige	Bird	Blackshear
Boggs	Brent	Brinkman	Brown
Callender	Carfagna	Carruthers	Click
Creech	Cross	Crossman	Cutrona
Dean	Denson	Edwards	Ferguson
Fowler Arthur	Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari
Ginter	Grendell	Gross	Hall
Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops	Householder
Howse	Ingram	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Jordan	Kelly
Kick	Koehler	Lampton	Lanese
LaRe	Leland	Lightbody	Lipps
Liston	Loychik	Manchester	Manning
McClain	Merrin	Miller, A.	Miller, J.
Miranda	O'Brien	Oelslager	Patton
Pavliga	Plummer	Powell	Ray
Richardson	Riedel	Robinson	Roemer
Russo	Schmidt	Seitz	Sheehy
Skindell	Smith, K.	Smith, M.	Sobecki
Stein	Stephens	Stewart	Stoltzfus
Swearingen	Sweeney	Sykes	Troy
Upchurch	Weinstein	West	Wiggam
Wilkin	Young, T.		Cupp-91

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Ginter 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 Ginter

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 134th 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 their duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution shall govern all actions taken by the 134th 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 90, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baldrige	Bird	Blackshear
Brent	Brinkman	Brown	Callender
Carfagna	Carruthers	Click	Creech
Cross	Crossman	Cutrona	Dean
Denson	Edwards	Ferguson	Fowler Arthur
Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari	Ginter
Grendell	Gross	Hall	Hicks-Hudson
Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops	Householder
Howse	Ingram	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Jordan	Kelly
Kick	Koehler	Lampton	Lanese
LaRe	Leland	Lightbody	Lipps
Liston	Loychik	Manchester	Manning
McClain	Merrin	Miller, A.	Miller, J.
Miranda	O'Brien	Oelsluger	Patton
Pavliga	Plummer	Powell	Ray
Richardson	Riedel	Roemer	Russo
Schmidt	Seitz	Sheehy	Skindell
Smith, K.	Smith, M.	Sobecki	Stein
Stephens	Stewart	Stoltzfus	Swearingen
Sweeney	Sykes	Troy	Upchurch
Weinstein	West	Wiggam	Wilkin
Young, T.			Cupp-90

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Ginter 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 Cupp, Representative Sykes

Relative to a committee to wait upon the Governor to let him know the 134th 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 134th 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 91, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baldridge	Bird	Blackshear
Boggs	Brent	Brinkman	Brown
Callender	Carfagna	Click	Creech
Cross	Crossman	Cutrona	Dean
Denson	Edwards	Ferguson	Fowler Arthur
Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari	Ginter
Grendell	Gross	Hall	Hicks-Hudson
Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops	Householder
Howse	Ingram	Jarrells	John
Johnson	Jones	Jordan	Kelly
Kick	Koehler	Lampton	Lanese
LaRe	Leland	Lightbody	Lipps
Liston	Loychik	Manchester	Manning
McClain	Merrin	Miller, A.	Miller, J.
Miranda	O'Brien	Oelslager	Patton
Pavliga	Plummer	Powell	Ray
Richardson	Riedel	Robinson	Roemer
Russo	Schmidt	Seitz	Sheehy
Skindell	Smith, K.	Smith, M.	Sobecki
Stein	Stephens	Stewart	Stoltzfus
Swearingen	Sweeney	Sykes	Troy
Upchurch	Weinstein	West	Wiggam
Wilkin	Young, T.		Cupp-91

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Representative Ginter 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 Ginter

Relative to the appointment of a joint committee to attend the inauguration of the President of the United States.

WHEREAS, On the Twentieth Day of January, 2021, the inauguration of the President of the United States will take place in the City of Washington, District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the State of Ohio be represented in its official capacity at said inauguration of the President of the United States, on the Twentieth Day of January, 2021, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio, that a committee not to exceed eight members of each house, be selected by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate to attend and represent the State of Ohio at said inauguration of the President of the United States.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 92, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Abrams	Baldridge	Bird	Blackshear
Boggs	Brent	Brinkman	Brown
Callender	Carfagna	Carruthers	Click
Creech	Cross	Crossman	Cutrona
Dean	Denson	Edwards	Ferguson
Fowler Arthur	Fraizer	Galonski	Ghanbari
Ginter	Grendell	Gross	Hall
Hicks-Hudson	Hillyer	Holmes	Hoops
Householder	Howse	Ingram	Jarrells
John	Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kelly	Kick	Koehler	Lampton
Lanese	LaRe	Leland	Lightbody
Lipps	Liston	Loychik	Manchester
Manning	McClain	Merrin	Miller, A.
Miller, J.	Miranda	O'Brien	Oelslager
Patton	Pavliga	Plummer	Powell
Ray	Richardson	Riedel	Robinson
Roemer	Russo	Schmidt	Seitz
Sheehy	Skindell	Smith, K.	Smith, M.
Sobecki	Stein	Stephens	Stewart
Stoltzfus	Swearingen	Sweeney	Sykes
Troy	Upchurch	Weinstein	West
Wiggam	Wilkin	Young, T.	Cupp-92

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.

Representative Ginter offered the closing prayer.

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

State of Ohio

County of Franklin

I, Erica C. Crawley, 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/ ERICA C. CRAWLEY
Erica C. Crawley

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of December, 2020.

/s/ SHANETTE STRICKLAND
Shanette Strickland
City Council Member
Reynoldsburg

State of Ohio

County of Cuyahoga

I, Janine R. Boyd, 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/ JANINE R. BOYD
Janine R. Boyd

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 2021.

/s/ JUDGE S. STRICKLAND
SAFFOLD

S. Strickland Saffold
Judge
Cuyahoga County Common Pleas
Court

State of Ohio

County of Mahoning

I, Michele Lepore-Hagan, 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/ MICHELE LEPORE-HAGAN

Michele Lepore-Hagan

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of January, 2021.

/s/ ANTHONY D'APOLITO

Anthony D'Apolito
Judge
Mahoning County Court of
Common Pleas

State of Ohio

County of Cuyahoga

I, Terrence Upchurch, 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/ TERRENCE UPCHURCH

Terrence Upchurch

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of January, 2021.

/s/ GAYLE F. WILLIAMS-BYERS
Gayle F. Williams-Byers
Judge
South Euclid Municipal Court

State of Ohio

County of Montgomery

I, Andrea White, 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/ ANDREA WHITE
Andrea White

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 2021.

/s/ FREDRICK W. DRESSEL
Fredrick W. Dressel
Judge
Kettering Municipal Court

State of Ohio

County of Summit

I, Bob Young, 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/ BOB YOUNG
Bob Young

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 2021.

/s/ JILL FLAGG LANZINGER
Jill Flagg Lanzinger
Judge
Barberton Municipal Court

State of Ohio

County of Warren

I, Paul Zeltwanger, 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/ PAUL ZELTWANGER
Paul Zeltwanger

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 2021.

/s/ CHARLES A. PRATT
Charles A. Pratt
Notary Public
State of Ohio

On motion of Representative Jones, the House adjourned until Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,
Clerk.