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Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio
Tuesday, January 2, 2007, 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 Jon A. Husted, Speaker of the House of Representatives, One Hundred Twenty-Sixth General Assembly.

The One Hundred Twenty-Seventh General Assembly rose for the presentation of the colors by the Colonel White High School color guard.

Prayer was offered by Father Todd Dominique, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The following named persons presented certificates of election as members of the One Hundred Twenty-Seventh General Assembly of Ohio, and having been administered the oath of office by The Honorable Thomas J. Moyer, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, or previously having filed a sworn oath of office with the legislative clerk, entered upon the discharge of their duties:

#1-Columbiana		#51 - Stark(part)	
Linda S. Bolon	D	Scott Oelslager	R
#2 - Delaware		#52 - Stark(part)	
Jon Peterson	R	William J. Healy, II	D
#3 - Wayne		#53 - Butler(part)	
Jim Carmichael	R	Shawn N. Webster	R
#4 - Allen		#54 - Butler(part)	
Matt Huffman	R	Courtney E. Combs	R
#5 - Fairfield		#55 - Butler(part)	
Gerald L. Stebelton	R	Bill Coley	R
#6 - Wood		#56 - Lorain(part)	
Robert E. Latta	R	Joseph F. Koziura	D
#7 - Cuyahoga(part)		#57 - Lorain(part)	
Kenny Yuko	D	Matt Lundy	D
#8 - Cuyahoga(part)		#58 - Huron, Lorain(part), Seneca(part)	
Armond Budish	D	Matthew H. Barrett	D
#9 - Cuyahoga(part)		#59 - Mahoning (part)	
Barbara Boyd	D	Kenneth A. Carano, Sr.	D
#10 - Cuyahoga(part)		#60 - Mahoning(part)	
Eugene R. Miller	D	Robert F. Hagan	D
#11 - Cuyahoga(part)		#61 - Carroll, Mahoning(part), Stark(part), Tuscarawas(part)	
Sandra Williams	D	Mark D. Okey	D
#12 - Cuyahoga(part)		#62 - Lake(part)	
Michael DeBose	D	Lorraine M. Fende	D
#13 - Cuyahoga(part)		#63 - Lake(part)	

Michael J. Skindell	D	Carol-Ann Schindel	R
#14 - Cuyahoga(part)		#64 - Trumbull(part)	
Mike Foley	D	Tom Letson	D
#15 - Cuyahoga(part)		#65 - Trumbull(part)	
Timothy J. DeGeeter	D	Sandra Stabile Harwood	D
#16 - Cuyahoga(part)		#66 - Clermont(part)	
Jennifer Brady	D	Joseph Uecker	R
#17 - Cuyahoga(part)		#67 - Warren(part)	
Josh Mandel	R	Shannon Jones	R
#18 - Cuyahoga(part)		#68 - Portage(part)	
Thomas F. Patton	R	Kathleen Chandler	D
#19 - Franklin(part)		#69 - Medina(part)	
Larry L. Flowers	R	William G. Batchelder	R
#20 - Franklin(part)		#70 - Greene(part)	
Jim McGregor	R	Kevin DeWine	R
#21 - Franklin(part)		#71 - Licking(part)	
Kevin Bacon	R	Jay Hottinger	R
#22 - Franklin(part)		#72 - Clark(part)	
Jim Hughes	R	Ross McGregor	R
#23 - Franklin(part)		#73 - Richland(part)	
Larry Wolpert	R	Jay P. Goyal	D
#24 - Franklin(part)		#74 - Defiance(part), Fulton, Williams	
Ted Celeste	D	Bruce W. Goodwin	R
#25 - Franklin(part)		#75 - Defiance(part), Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert	
Daniel Stewart	D	Lynn R. Wachtmann	R
#26 - Franklin(part)		#76 - Auglaize(part), Hancock, Hardin	
Tracy Maxwell Heard	D	Cliff Hite	R
#27 - Franklin(part)		#77 - Darke(part), Mercer, Preble	
Joyce Beatty	D	Keith L. Faber	R
#28 - Hamilton(part)		#78 - Auglaize(part), Champaign, Shelby	
Jim Raussen	R	John Adams	R
#29 - Hamilton(part)		#79 - Darke(part), Miami	
Louis W. Blessing, Jr.	R	Diana Fessler	R
#30 - Hamilton(part)		#80 - Erie, Ottawa(part)	
William J. Seitz	R	Chris Redfern	D
#31 - Hamilton(part)		#81 - Ottawa(part), Sandusky, Seneca(part)	
Steve Driehaus	D	Jeff Wagner	R
#32 - Hamilton(part)		#82 - Crawford, Marion(part), Wyandot	
Dale Mallory	D	Stephen Reinhard	R
#33 - Hamilton(part)		#83 - Logan, Marion(part), Union	
Tyrone K. Yates	D	Anthony E. Core	R
#34 - Hamilton(part)		#84 - Clark(part), Greene(part), Madison	
Tom Brinkman, Jr.	R	Chris Widener	R
#35 - Hamilton(part), Warren(part)		#85 - Fayette, Pickaway(part), Ross(part)	
Michelle G. Schneider	R	John M. Schlicter	R
#36 - Montgomery(part)		#86 - Clinton, Highland, Pike	
Arlene J. Setzer	R	David T. Daniels	R
#37 - Montgomery(part)		#87 - Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence(part), Ross(part), Vinton	
Jon A. Husted	R	Clyde Evans	R
#38 - Montgomery(part)		#88 - Adams(part), Brown, Clermont(part)	
John J. White	R	Danny R. Bulp	R
#39 - Montgomery(part)		#89 - Adams(part), Lawrence(part), Scioto	
Clayton Luckie	D	Todd Book	D
#40 - Montgomery(part)		#90 - Ashland(part), Knox, Morrow,	

Fred Strahorn	D	Richland(part)	
#41 - Summit(part)		Thom Collier	R
		#91 - Hocking, Licking(part), Perry, Pickaway(part)	
Brian G. Williams	D	Dan Dodd	D
#42 - Summit(part)		#92 - Athens, Meigs, Morgan, Washington(part)	
John Widowfield	R	Jimmy Stewart	R
#43 - Portage(part), Summit(part)		#93 - Guernsey, Monroe, Muskingum(part), Noble, Washington(part)	
Stephen Dyer	D	Jennifer Garrison	D
#44 - Summit(part)		#94 - Coshocton, Muskingum(part)	
Vernon Sykes	D	Jim Aslanides	R
#45 - Summit(part)		#95 - Belmont(part), Jefferson	
Robert J. Otterman	D	John Domenick	D
#46 - Lucas(part)		#96 - Belmont(part), Harrison, Tuscarawas(part)	
Mark Wagoner	R	Allan R. Sayre	D
#47 - Lucas(part)		#97 - Ashland (part), Holmes, Medina (part)	
Peter Ujvagi	D	Bob Gibbs	R
#48 - Lucas(part)		#98 - Cuyahoga (part), Geauga	
Edna Brown	D	Matthew J. Dolan	R
#49 - Lucas(part)		#99 - Ashtabula, Trumbull (part)	
Matt Szollosi	D	L. George Distel	D
#50 - Stark(part)			
John P. Hagan	R		

Representative DeWine 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 Twenty-Seventh 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, the Chair appointed Representative Peterson of the 2nd House District to preside during the election of Speaker.

Representative Patton of the 18th district nominated for the office of Speaker, Jon A. Husted of the 37th district.

Representative Book of the 89th district seconded the nomination.

Representative Jones of the 67th district seconded the nomination.

Representative Reinhard of the 82nd 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 96, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams	Bacon	Barrett	Batchelder
Beatty	Blessing	Bolon	Book
Boyd	Brady	Brinkman	Brown
Bubp	Budish	Carano	Carmichael
Celeste	Chandler	Coley	Collier
Combs	Core	Daniels	DeBose
DeGeeter	DeWine	Distel	Dodd
Dolan	Domenick	Driehaus	Dyer
Evans	Fende	Fessler	Flowers
Foley	Garrison	Gibbs	Goodwin
Goyal	Hagan J.	Hagan R.	Harwood
Healy	Heard	Hite	Hottinger
Huffman	Hughes	Jones	Koziura
Latta	Letson	Luckie	Lundy
Mallory	Mandel	McGregor J.	McGregor R.
Miller	Oelslager	Okey	Otterman
Patton	Peterson	Raussen	Redfern
Reinhard	Sayre	Schindel	Schlichter
Schneider	Seitz	Setzer	Skindell
Stebelton	Stewart D.	Stewart J.	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Uecker	Ujvagi
Wachtmann	Wagner	Wagoner	Webster
White	Widener	Widowfield	Williams B.
Williams S.	Wolpert	Yates	Yuko-96.

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, Jon A. Husted was declared the duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twenty-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

The Chair appointed Representatives Beatty, Yates, Celeste, Mandel, Raussen, C. Evans, Watchmann, Setzer, and Gibbs, to escort Speaker Husted to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Speaker Husted was administered the oath of office by The Honorable Thomas J. Moyer, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The Speaker then addressed the House as follows:

Thank you, Representative Peterson, Representatives Patton, Book and Jones and all of the members of the 127th General Assembly for electing me to serve you and Ohio as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

I was honored and humbled to be elected Speaker of the House two years ago, but it may be even more rewarding to be reelected Speaker. And I can promise you the experiences over the last two years have me better prepared to help all of you lead Ohio toward a more prosperous future.

I stand before you today to renew my pledge to work as hard and as smart

as I can, recognizing that I will be accountable to you, the citizens of Ohio and to God.

For the returning members of the House and their families I welcome you back, your experience will be vital to helping accomplish the work that lies ahead.

In many ways, however, this day is about the new members of the House and their families. This is a special day of hope and promise for you, I wish all of you success and thank your families for the sacrifices they have made to help you get here and thank them in advance for what they'll do to help you serve here.

Our families are the real base of support for all public officials. I know how much my family has meant to me, they are the foundation for all I do. I would like to take a moment to thank my parents Jim and Judy, my son Alex and my wife Tina for all you do to help me serve the people of Ohio.

The past few months have been a tough time for my family because we lost my father-in-law Dan Zwayer to brain cancer. He was truly a great Ohioan. I want to thank all of you whose words of support and friendship helped us through a difficult time. I know however that Dan was overjoyed to learn before he passed that Tina is due to have a baby girl in April of 2007. Now, this is great news for our family, but probably not such good news for my staff who will have deal with a sleep deprived Speaker during the budget process this year.

Every New Year holds the hope of a new beginning – it is a time of change and a time of promise. That is true for me and my family, for Ohio and for this General Assembly. I look forward to working with our next Governor, Governor-Elect Ted Strickland and continuing our strong working relationship with the members of the Senate and Senate President Bill Harris.

I congratulate Minority Leader Joyce Beatty on all of her accomplishments. And Representative Beatty, while we know that there will be times and issues that divide Republicans and Democrats, there are many more issues that can unite us in improving the lives of the people we represent.

I look forward to working with you and, as we both experienced last month, the most important part of a healthy, bipartisan, working relationship is the recognition that it requires open communication, focus and integrity.

As former President Jimmy Carter recently said, "Compromise is necessary from both sides, with clear distinction between what their dreams and ideology dictate and what is pragmatically possible."

As I stood here at the end of 2006 I was privileged to listen to the farewell addresses of the departing members of the last General Assembly. These members were from the cities, suburbs and rural parts of Ohio, men and women, black and white, young and old, brought together by the common bond of public service. They told stories about their memories, friendships and

accomplishments.

While all of their stories were different, I was struck by the common reflections on what they each concluded to be important about their service in the House.

It was clear the things they were most proud of were passing laws or changing government in a way that helped someone in need in their district, helping someone who had no other advocate, often times an issue that nobody else on capital square had an interest in or took the time to care about.

They had recognition of the diversity of the state and how what is best for their district may not be the same for other representatives and the people in their districts.

And, that with this recognition many of them regretted not taking the time to get to know the other members of the House, particularly those from the other parts of the state and especially members of the other political party.

Whether this is your first day or your last term I ask you to consider what you will say on your final day? Did you put the priorities of your constituents first and did you find a way to meet those needs while recognizing our obligation to respect all of Ohio? Did you build a mutual understanding and respect with your colleagues so that your differences didn't prevent you from working together to resolve those issues on which you agree?

On the day in which our country lays to rest President Gerald Ford, a man who put public service ahead of personal ambition, I hope we will all allow our instincts to do good works as public servants guide our actions in this chamber.

When I stood before you two years ago, I said that because our economy had not achieved its potential, Ohioans did not have the job opportunities they wanted and that the lack of economic growth affected our ability to fund important priorities and services people wanted or even needed from their government. I asked the House to focus on improving the Ohio economy as our most important goal, and most in the legislature agreed. I specifically asked that we focus on transforming and revitalizing Ohio's economy to create new and better jobs. And we built a strategy to accomplish this.

The strategy required fiscal discipline, tax reform and an investment in research and development. These were not new ideas, but they were important ideas the legislature had not been willing or able to accomplish.

With our mission in mind we responded by passing the most fiscally conservative budget in 40 years. In doing so we received national recognition for the reforms we made to our Medicaid system.

We restructured the tax code to stop penalizing businesses and people from investing and earning in Ohio. We completely eliminated Tangible Personal Property Tax and gave each and every Ohioan 21 percent income tax reduction.

We next brought both sides of the aisle together to invest in the foundation of Ohio's economy through the Jobs for Ohio plan, that with voter approval, allows us to invest in the infrastructure and innovation for the next generation of Ohio jobs.

When we opened the General Assembly these were little more than words on paper, less than 12 months later they stood as the lawful economic strategy for the state of Ohio.

Yes, we can do big things!

Our challenge for the 127th General Assembly will be to build on this foundation.

In the first 30 days of this General Assembly I want to meet with each of you, Republican and Democrat, and discuss your thoughts on how we build a better Ohio. And until we have those discussions and learn more about the details of Governor-Elect Strickland's Turn Around Ohio plan, I could not stand before you and the people of this state and detail all of the priority legislation for the House of Representatives

However, there are important issues that should command our focused attention. I would go as far as to say we even have some must do priorities.

As we move forward I believe our foremost priority should once again be rebuilding the Ohio economy. Ohioans seek the security of good jobs and hope for a better economic future. We can do more to remove the barriers to this reality. Fortunately, we laid the foundation for this economic reconstruction with the spending limitations, tax reforms and our plan for new technology investments in the last General Assembly.

However, we also realize that new government investments in technology and tax and spending reforms are not the only important factors in Ohio's economic future. The skills and talents of Ohioans will determine their earning power and whether businesses choose to locate and stay in our state.

Our education system must become a driver of our economy, not just a contributor to it.

Much progress has been made in our education system over the past decade. Our K-12 test scores beat the national averages and those of our Midwestern competitors, we now have a higher high school graduation rate than most states and we out pace the national average in the number of graduates we send to college. But here is where the success story ends because we have fallen behind the rest of the nation in the number students who graduate from college and in the number of college graduates that populate our state.

This is the point in the discussion where I usually run into a few critics who say, "Not everybody is going to go to college." And I agree, so let's pursue this issue with our eyes wide open. By 2015 nearly 90 percent of the jobs will require some post-secondary training or certification and most of the better-paying jobs will require at least a 2-year degree. So if we agree that

pursuing job security and hope for a better economic future are important, then we must solve “Ohio’s Diploma Dilemma.” More of our citizens must complete certification and degreed programs.

I pledge to work with Governor-Elect Ted Strickland and each one of you to solve Ohio’s Diploma Dilemma – trust me I don’t have all of the answers, but I know the solution requires tireless effort, bipartisan cooperation, and by far the most difficult challenge – the dreaded 6-letter word, CHANGE!

We must change the way we spend, how much we spend and how we deliver services across the educational spectrum. We must strive to reduce the artificial barriers of the education bureaucracy and the very real barriers of affordability.

We must make it easier to earn college credits for students who are still in high school; doing so makes college more affordable and increases the likelihood these students will attend college in Ohio.

We must emphasize science, technology, engineering and math skills, because these are the skills most in demand in the economy and create the best job opportunities for those who possess them.

We can generate momentum for these important outcomes with the creation of STEM academies across Ohio at the high school level and by prioritizing our higher education investments directly in students seeking two and four year degrees in the STEM disciplines.

And while we are developing this talent we must make a better effort to retain it.

I believe by strengthening and investing in cooperative education programs at our 2 and 4-year institutions – employing students in Ohio businesses while they are still in school – we make it more likely these students will stay here and be part of Ohio’s economic renewal.

We must prepare Ohio to successfully compete with Indonesia and India, not just Indiana.

And with the foundation of tax reform in place, the new investments we are making in research and development through Third Frontier and a focused renewal of our education system, we can light the candle of hope in the hearts of Ohioans so that when they go to bed at night they can believe that the opportunity for a better tomorrow lives in their lives, their communities and throughout Ohio.

This General Assembly must develop a path to progress that will help refine the talents of Ohioans and offer them the freedom and economic security that in a global economy only their skills can provide.

May God bless all of us in our work for the people of Ohio.

The next order of business being the election of the Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative Schlichter of the 85th House District nominated for said office Kevin DeWine of the 70th House District.

Representative R. McGregor of the 72nd House District seconded the nomination.

Representative Yates of the 33rd House 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 96, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams	Bacon	Barrett	Batchelder
Beatty	Blessing	Bolon	Book
Boyd	Brady	Brinkman	Brown
Bubp	Budish	Carano	Carmichael
Celeste	Chandler	Coley	Collier
Combs	Core	Daniels	DeBose
DeGeeter	Distel	Dodd	Dolan
Domenick	Driehaus	Dyer	Evans
Fende	Fessler	Flowers	Foley
Garrison	Gibbs	Goodwin	Goyal
Hagan J.	Hagan R.	Harwood	Healy
Heard	Hite	Hottinger	Huffman
Hughes	Jones	Koziura	Latta
Letson	Luckie	Lundy	Mallory
Mandel	McGregor J.	McGregor R.	Miller
Oelslager	Okey	Otterman	Patton
Peterson	Rausen	Redfern	Reinhard
Sayre	Schindel	Schlichter	Schneider
Seitz	Setzer	Skindell	Stebelton
Stewart D.	Stewart J.	Strahorn	Sykes
Szollosi	Uecker	Ujvagi	Wachtmann
Wagner	Wagoner	Webster	White
Widener	Widowfield	Williams B.	Williams S.
Wolpert	Yates	Yuko	Husted-96.

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, Representative Kevin DeWine was declared the duly elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twenty-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

The Chair appointed Representatives Strahorn, Harwood, Goyal, Schindel, Reinhard, J. Stewart, Hottinger, Daniels, and Combs, to escort Representative DeWine to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Representative DeWine was administered the oath of office by The Honorable Thomas J. Moyer, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme

Court, 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 Twenty-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative DeWine and offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 1-Representative DeWine.

Relative to the election of the majority floor leader, the assistant majority floor leader, the majority whip, and the assistant majority whip for the 127th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 127th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Republican members have chosen Larry L. Flowers of House District #19 as majority floor leader, Jim Carmichael of House District #3 as assistant majority floor leader, William J. Seitz of House District #30 as majority whip, and Michelle G. Schneider of House District #35 as assistant majority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 127th General Assembly that Larry L. Flowers be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority floor leader; that Jim Carmichael be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant majority floor leader; that William J. Seitz be, and upon the adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority whip; and that Michelle G. Schneider 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 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams	Bacon	Barrett	Batchelder
Beatty	Blessing	Bolon	Book
Boyd	Brady	Brinkman	Brown
Bubp	Budish	Carano	Carmichael
Celeste	Chandler	Coley	Collier
Combs	Core	Daniels	DeBose
DeGeeter	DeWine	Distel	Dodd
Dolan	Domenick	Driehaus	Dyer
Evans	Fende	Fessler	Flowers
Foley	Garrison	Gibbs	Goodwin
Goyal	Hagan J.	Hagan R.	Harwood
Healy	Heard	Hite	Hottinger
Huffman	Hughes	Jones	Koziura
Latta	Letson	Luckie	Lundy
Mallory	Mandel	McGregor J.	McGregor R.
Miller	Oelslager	Okey	Otterman
Patton	Peterson	Raussen	Redfern

Reinhard	Sayre	Schindel	Schlichter
Schneider	Seitz	Setzer	Skindell
Stebelton	Stewart D.	Stewart J.	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Uecker	Ujvagi
Wachtmann	Wagner	Wagoner	Webster
White	Widener	Widowfield	Williams B.
Williams S.	Wolpert	Yates	Yuko
			Husted-97.

The resolution was adopted.

The majority floor leader, Representative Flowers; the assistant majority floor leader, Representative Carmichael; the majority whip, Representative Seitz; assistant majority whip, Representative Schneider were escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Bacon, Blessing, Hagan, Wagner, Widener, DeGeeter, Carano, and Healy, were administered the oath of office by The Honorable Thomas J. Moyer, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

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

Representative DeWine offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 2-Representative DeWine.

Relative to the election of the minority leader for the 127th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 127th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democrat members has chosen Joyce Beatty of House District #27 as minority leader; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 127th General Assembly that Joyce Beatty 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 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams	Bacon	Barrett	Batchelder
Beatty	Blessing	Bolon	Book
Boyd	Brady	Brinkman	Brown
Bubp	Budish	Carano	Carmichael
Celeste	Chandler	Coley	Collier
Combs	Core	Daniels	DeBose
DeGeeter	DeWine	Distel	Dodd

Dolan	Domenick	Driehaus	Dyer
Evans	Fende	Fessler	Flowers
Foley	Garrison	Gibbs	Goodwin
Goyal	Hagan J.	Hagan R.	Harwood
Healy	Heard	Hite	Hottinger
Huffman	Hughes	Jones	Koziura
Latta	Letson	Luckie	Lundy
Mallory	Mandel	McGregor J.	McGregor R.
Miller	Oelslager	Okey	Otterman
Patton	Peterson	Raussen	Redfern
Reinhard	Sayre	Schindel	Schlichter
Schneider	Seitz	Setzer	Skindell
Stebelton	Stewart D.	Stewart J.	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollasi	Uecker	Ujvagi
Wachtmann	Wagner	Wagoner	Webster
White	Widener	Widowfield	Williams B.
Williams S.	Wolpert	Yates	Yuko
			Husted-97.

The resolution was adopted.

The minority leader, Representative Joyce Beatty was escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Yates, Redfern, Heard, Budish, Bolon, Mandel, DeWine, Skindell, and Barrett, was administered the oath of office by The Honorable Thomas J. Moyer, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of her duties.

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

Representative DeWine offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 3-Representative DeWine.

Relative to the election of the assistant minority leader, the minority whip, and the assistant minority whip for the 127th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 127th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democrat members has chosen T. Todd Book of House District #89 as assistant minority leader, Steve Driehaus of House District #31 as minority whip, and Fred Strahorn of House District #40 as assistant minority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 127th General Assembly that T. Todd Book be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant minority leader; that Steve Driehaus be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of minority whip; and that Fred Strahorn 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

Adams	Bacon	Barrett	Batchelder
Beatty	Blessing	Bolon	Book
Boyd	Brady	Brinkman	Brown
Bubp	Budish	Carano	Carmichael
Celeste	Chandler	Coley	Collier
Combs	Core	Daniels	DeBose
DeGeeter	DeWine	Distel	Dodd
Dolan	Domenick	Driehaus	Dyer
Evans	Fende	Fessler	Flowers
Foley	Garrison	Gibbs	Goodwin
Goyal	Hagan J.	Hagan R.	Harwood
Healy	Heard	Hite	Hottinger
Huffman	Hughes	Jones	Koziura
Latta	Letson	Luckie	Lundy
Mallory	Mandel	McGregor J.	McGregor R.
Miller	Oelslager	Okey	Otterman
Patton	Peterson	Raussen	Redfern
Reinhard	Sayre	Schindel	Schlichter
Schneider	Seitz	Setzer	Skindell
Stebelton	Stewart D.	Stewart J.	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Uecker	Ujvagi
Wachtmann	Wagner	Wagoner	Webster
White	Widener	Widowfield	Williams B.
Williams S.	Wolpert	Yates	Yuko
			Husted-97.

The resolution was adopted.

The assistant minority leader, Representative Book; the minority whip, Representative Driehaus; the assistant minority whip, Representative Strahorn; were escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Beatty, Distel, Carano, Garrison, Carmichael, Wagoner, Luckie, D. Stewart, and Seitz, were administered the oath of office by The Honorable Thomas J. Moyer, Chief 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 Twenty-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative DeWine offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 4-Representative DeWine.

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 127th General Assembly, that Laura P. Clemens 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 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams	Bacon	Barrett	Batchelder
Beatty	Blessing	Bolon	Book
Boyd	Brady	Brinkman	Brown
Bubp	Budish	Carano	Carmichael
Celeste	Chandler	Coley	Collier
Combs	Core	Daniels	DeBose
DeGeeter	DeWine	Distel	Dodd
Dolan	Domenick	Driehaus	Dyer
Evans	Fende	Fessler	Flowers
Foley	Garrison	Gibbs	Goodwin
Goyal	Hagan J.	Hagan R.	Harwood
Healy	Heard	Hite	Hottinger
Huffman	Hughes	Jones	Koziura
Latta	Letson	Luckie	Lundy
Mallory	Mandel	McGregor J.	McGregor R.
Miller	Oelslager	Okey	Otterman
Patton	Peterson	Raussen	Redfern
Reinhard	Sayre	Schindel	Schlichter
Schneider	Seitz	Setzer	Skindell
Stebelton	Stewart D.	Stewart J.	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Uecker	Ujvagi
Wachtmann	Wagner	Wagoner	Webster
White	Widener	Widowfield	Williams B.
Williams S.	Wolpert	Yates	Yuko
			Husted-97.

The resolution was adopted.

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, the above named person was duly elected Clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives, and having been administered the oath of office by the Honorable Thomas J. Moyer, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, entered upon the discharge of her duties.

Representative DeWine 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 DeWine.

Relative to employment and compensation of employees of the House of

Representatives preparatory to and during House organization and empowering the Chief Administrative Officer to sign vouchers.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 127th 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 127th General Assembly from December 21, 2006 to January 2, 2007, the date of the convening of the 127th General Assembly, at the same salary that was paid them during the 126th General Assembly; 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 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams	Bacon	Barrett	Batchelder
Beatty	Blessing	Bolon	Book
Boyd	Brady	Brinkman	Brown
Bubp	Budish	Carano	Carmichael
Celeste	Chandler	Coley	Collier
Combs	Core	Daniels	DeBose
DeGeeter	DeWine	Distel	Dodd
Dolan	Domenick	Driehaus	Dyer
Evans	Fende	Fessler	Flowers
Foley	Garrison	Gibbs	Goodwin
Goyal	Hagan J.	Hagan R.	Harwood
Healy	Heard	Hite	Hottinger
Huffman	Hughes	Jones	Koziura
Latta	Letson	Luckie	Lundy
Mallory	Mandel	McGregor J.	McGregor R.
Miller	Oelslager	Okey	Otterman
Patton	Peterson	Raussen	Redfern
Reinhard	Sayre	Schindel	Schlichter
Schneider	Seitz	Setzer	Skindell
Stebelton	Stewart D.	Stewart J.	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Uecker	Ujvagi
Wachtmann	Wagner	Wagoner	Webster
White	Widener	Widowfield	Williams B.
Williams S.	Wolpert	Yates	Yuko
			Husted-97.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative DeWine 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 DeWine.

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 127th 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 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams	Bacon	Barrett	Batchelder
Beatty	Blessing	Bolon	Book
Boyd	Brady	Brinkman	Brown
Bubp	Budish	Carano	Carmichael
Celeste	Chandler	Coley	Collier
Combs	Core	Daniels	DeBose
DeGeeter	DeWine	Distel	Dodd
Dolan	Domenick	Driehaus	Dyer
Evans	Fende	Fessler	Flowers
Foley	Garrison	Gibbs	Goodwin
Goyal	Hagan J.	Hagan R.	Harwood
Healy	Heard	Hite	Hottinger
Huffman	Hughes	Jones	Koziura
Latta	Letson	Luckie	Lundy
Mallory	Mandel	McGregor J.	McGregor R.
Miller	Oelslager	Okey	Otterman
Patton	Peterson	Rausen	Redfern
Reinhard	Sayre	Schindel	Schlichter
Schneider	Seitz	Setzer	Skindell
Stebelton	Stewart D.	Stewart J.	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Uecker	Ujvagi
Wachtmann	Wagner	Wagoner	Webster
White	Widener	Widowfield	Williams B.
Williams S.	Wolpert	Yates	Yuko
			Husted-97.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative DeWine 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 Husted, Representative Beatty.

Relative to a committee to wait upon the Governor to let him know the 127th 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 127th 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 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams	Bacon	Barrett	Batchelder
Beatty	Blessing	Bolon	Book
Boyd	Brady	Brinkman	Brown
Bubp	Budish	Carano	Carmichael
Celeste	Chandler	Coley	Collier
Combs	Core	Daniels	DeBose
DeGeeter	DeWine	Distel	Dodd
Dolan	Domenick	Driehaus	Dyer
Evans	Fende	Fessler	Flowers
Foley	Garrison	Gibbs	Goodwin
Goyal	Hagan J.	Hagan R.	Harwood
Healy	Heard	Hite	Hottinger
Huffman	Hughes	Jones	Koziura
Latta	Letson	Luckie	Lundy
Mallory	Mandel	McGregor J.	McGregor R.
Miller	Oelslager	Okey	Otterman
Patton	Peterson	Raussen	Redfern
Reinhard	Sayre	Schindel	Schlichter
Schneider	Seitz	Setzer	Skindell
Stebelton	Stewart D.	Stewart J.	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Uecker	Ujvagi
Wachtmann	Wagner	Wagoner	Webster
White	Widener	Widowfield	Williams B.
Williams S.	Wolpert	Yates	Yuko
			Husted-97.

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

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

H. C. R. No. 2-Speaker Husted, Representative Beatty.

Relative to the inauguration of the Governor.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the House (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 Ted Strickland.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent 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

Adams	Bacon	Barrett	Batchelder
Beatty	Blessing	Bolon	Book
Boyd	Brady	Brinkman	Brown
Bubp	Budish	Carano	Carmichael
Celeste	Chandler	Coley	Collier
Combs	Core	Daniels	DeBose
DeGeeter	DeWine	Distel	Dodd
Dolan	Domenick	Driehaus	Dyer
Evans	Fende	Fessler	Flowers
Foley	Garrison	Gibbs	Goodwin
Goyal	Hagan J.	Hagan R.	Harwood
Healy	Heard	Hite	Hottinger
Huffman	Hughes	Jones	Koziura
Latta	Letson	Luckie	Lundy
Mallory	Mandel	McGregor J.	McGregor R.
Miller	Oelslager	Okey	Otterman
Patton	Peterson	Raussen	Redfern
Reinhard	Sayre	Schindel	Schlichter
Schneider	Seitz	Setzer	Skindell
Stebelton	Stewart D.	Stewart J.	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Uecker	Ujvagi
Wachtmann	Wagner	Wagoner	Webster
White	Widener	Widowfield	Williams B.
Williams S.	Wolpert	Yates	Yuko
			Husted-97.

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

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

H. C. R. No. 3-Speaker Husted, Representative Beatty.

Relative to convening in Joint Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that the two houses of the General Assembly convene in joint

convention on January 3, 2007, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., pursuant to 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, 2006.

The question being, "Shall the concurrent 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

Adams	Bacon	Barrett	Batchelder
Beatty	Blessing	Bolon	Book
Boyd	Brady	Brinkman	Brown
Bubp	Budish	Carano	Carmichael
Celeste	Chandler	Coley	Collier
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Mallory	Mandel	McGregor J.	McGregor R.
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Patton	Peterson	Raussen	Redfern
Reinhard	Sayre	Schindel	Schlichter
Schneider	Seitz	Setzer	Skindell
Stebelton	Stewart D.	Stewart J.	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Uecker	Ujvagi
Wachtmann	Wagner	Wagoner	Webster
White	Widener	Widowfield	Williams B.
Williams S.	Wolpert	Yates	Yuko
			Husted-97.

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

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:

David A. Battocletti,

Clerk.

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

December 27, 2006

Speaker Jon Husted
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High Street, 14th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Speaker:

This letter is to regretfully inform you of my resignation from the Ohio House of Representatives effective at 12:01am on January 2nd.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the many experiences afforded me in the House and deeply appreciate the friendship and leadership you have shared with me in my time here. I look forward to continuing the people's work in the Senate, and also to my continued opportunity to work with you in the Ohio legislature.

Again, thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

/s/ KEITH FABER

Keith Faber
State Representative
77th House District

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

January 2, 2007

The Honorable Keith Faber
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street – 77th district
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6111

Dear Representative Faber:

This is to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of your letter of resignation from the Ohio House of Representatives, effective January 2, 2007.

You have served your constituents and the state of Ohio well over the years and I am confident you will continue to do so in your new role as a member of the Ohio Senate.

The Ohio House of Representatives wishes you well as you embark on this new endeavor.

Sincerely,

/s/ JON A. HUSTED

Jon A. Husted
Speaker
Ohio House of

Representatives

Pursuant to the motion of Representative DeWine the following oath of office was entered upon the journal.

State of Ohio
County of Coshocton

I, Jim Aslanides, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State 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/ JIM ASLANIDES

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of December, 2006

/s/ RICHARD I. EVANS
Richard I. Evans, Judge
Court of Common Pleas
Coshocton, Ohio 43812

On motion of Representative DeWine, the House adjourned until Wednesday, January 3, 2007, 1:30 p.m.

Attest:

LAURA P. CLEMENS,
Clerk.