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FIRST DAY
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio
Monday, January 3, 2011

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 Twenty-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Ohio, met in the Senate Chamber and were called to order by Senator Bill Harris, President of the One Hundred Twenty-Eighth General Assembly.

Prayer was offered by Father Michael Leshney, St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Richmond, Ohio.

The Colors were presented by Marine Veterans, Clermont County, Ohio.

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

The National Anthem was sung by members of the Alliance Chorus of Greater Central Ohio.

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 Twenty-Ninth General Assembly, and the following named persons who were previously elected in 2008:

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

Second District - Composed of: Erie, Lucas (part), Ottawa (part), Wood – Mark Wagoner.

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

Fourth District - Composed of: Butler - Gary Cates.

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

Sixth District - Composed of: Montgomery (part) – Jon Husted.

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

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

Ninth District - Composed of: Hamilton (part) - Eric Kearney.

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), Mercer, Preble, Shelby – Keith Faber.

Thirteenth District - Composed of: Huron, Lorain, Seneca (part) - Gayle L. Manning.

Fourteenth District - Composed of: Adams, Brown, Clermont, Lawrence (part), Scioto - Thomas E. Niehaus.

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 - David T. Daniels.

Eighteenth District - Composed of: Cuyahoga (part), Geauga, Lake - Timothy J. Grendell.

Nineteenth District - Composed of: Ashland (part), Delaware, Knox, Morrow, Richland - Kris Jordan.

Twentieth District - Composed of: Athens, Coshocton, Guernsey, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Washington – Jimmy Stewart.

Twenty-First District - Composed of: Cuyahoga (part) - Shirley Smith.

Twenty-Second District - Composed of: Ashland (part), Holmes, Medina, Wayne – vacant.

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

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

Twenty-Fifth District - Composed of: Cuyahoga (part) - Nina Turner.

Twenty-Sixth District - Composed of: Crawford, Logan, Marion, Ottawa (part), Sandusky, Seneca (part), Union, Wyandot – Karen Gillmor.

Twenty-Seventh District - Composed of: Summit (part) - Frank LaRose.

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

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

Thirtieth District - Composed of: Belmont, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Tuscarawas (part) – Jason Wilson.

Thirty-First District - Composed of: Fairfield, Hocking, Licking, Perry, Pickaway (part) - Tim Schaffer.

Thirty-Second District - Composed of: Ashtabula, Trumbull – Capri Cafaro.

Thirty-Third District - Composed of: Carroll, Mahoning, Stark (part), Tuscarawas (part) - Joseph 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 Robert R. Cupp, 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 Laurel A. Beatty, Judge, 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 Cates to preside during the election of the President.

Senator Seitz nominated Senator Thomas E. Niehaus of the Fourteenth District for the office of President.

Senator Jones seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Thomas E. Niehaus be elected President?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Beagle	Brown	Buehrer
Cafaro	Cates	Daniels	Faber
Gillmor	Grendell	Hughes	Husted
Jones	Jordan	Kearney	LaRose
Manning	Oelslager	Patton	Sawyer
Schaffer	Schiavoni	Seitz	Skindell
Smith	Stewart	Tavares	Turner
Wagoner	Widener		Wilson-31.

Senator Thomas E. Niehaus having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected President.

Senator Niehaus appeared at the bar of the Senate and was administered the oath of office by the Honorable Robert R. Cupp, Justice, Ohio Supreme Court.

Senator Niehaus took the chair.

Senator Hughes nominated Senator Keith L. Faber of the Twelfth District

for the office of President Pro Tempore.

Senator Manning seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Keith L. Faber be elected President Pro Tempore?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Beagle	Brown	Buehrer
Cafaro	Cates	Daniels	Gillmor
Grendell	Hughes	Husted	Jones
Jordan	Kearney	LaRose	Manning
Oelslager	Patton	Sawyer	Schaffer
Schiavoni	Seitz	Skindell	Smith
Stewart	Tavares	Turner	Wagoner
Widener	Wilson		Niehaus-31.

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

Senator Husted nominated Senator Jimmy Stewart of the Twentieth District for the office of Majority Floor Leader.

Senator Widener seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Jimmy Stewart be elected Majority Floor Leader?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Beagle	Brown	Buehrer
Cafaro	Cates	Daniels	Faber
Gillmor	Grendell	Hughes	Husted
Jones	Jordan	Kearney	LaRose
Manning	Oelslager	Patton	Sawyer
Schaffer	Schiavoni	Seitz	Skindell
Smith	Tavares	Turner	Wagoner
Widener	Wilson		Niehaus-31.

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

Senator Oelslager nominated Senator Shannon Jones of the Seventh District for the office of Majority Whip.

Senator Bacon seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Shannon Jones be elected Majority Whip?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Beagle	Brown	Buehrer
Cafaro	Cates	Daniels	Faber
Gillmor	Grendell	Hughes	Husted
Jordan	Kearney	LaRose	Manning
Oelslager	Patton	Sawyer	Schaffer
Schiavoni	Seitz	Skindell	Smith
Stewart	Tavares	Turner	Wagoner
Widener	Wilson		Niehaus-31.

Senator Shannon Jones 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 Robert R. Cupp, Justice, Ohio Supreme Court.

Senator Sawyer nominated Senator Capri S. Cafaro of the Thirty-Second District for the office of Minority Leader.

Senator Smith seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Capri S. Cafaro be elected Minority Leader?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 30, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Beagle	Brown	Buehrer
Cates	Daniels	Faber	Gillmor
Grendell	Hughes	Jones	Jordan
Kearney	LaRose	Manning	Oelslager
Patton	Sawyer	Schaffer	Schiavoni
Seitz	Skindell	Smith	Stewart
Tavares	Turner	Wagoner	Widener
Wilson			Niehaus-30.

Senator Capri S. Cafaro having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Minority Leader.

Senator Skindell nominated Senator Shirley A. Smith of the Twenty-First District for the office of Assistant Minority Leader.

Senator Cafaro seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Shirley A. Smith be elected Assistant Minority Leader?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 30, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Beagle	Brown	Buehrer
Cafaro	Cates	Daniels	Faber
Gillmor	Grendell	Hughes	Jones
Jordan	Kearney	LaRose	Manning
Oelslager	Patton	Sawyer	Schaffer
Schiavoni	Seitz	Skindell	Stewart
Tavares	Turner	Wagoner	Widener
Wilson			Niehaus-30.

Senator Shirley A. Smith having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the elected Assistant Minority Leader.

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

Senator Smith seconded the nomination.

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

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 30, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Beagle	Buehrer	Cafaro
Cates	Daniels	Faber	Gillmor
Grendell	Hughes	Jones	Jordan
Kearney	LaRose	Manning	Oelslager
Patton	Sawyer	Schaffer	Schiavoni
Seitz	Skindell	Smith	Stewart
Tavares	Turner	Wagoner	Widener
Wilson			Niehaus-30.

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

Senator Sawyer nominated Senator Jason H. Wilson of the Thirtieth District for the office of Assistant Minority Whip.

Senator Kearney seconded the nomination.

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

The question being, "Shall Senator Jason H. Wilson be elected Assistant Minority Whip?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 31, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Beagle	Brown	Buehrer
Cafaro	Cates	Daniels	Faber
Gillmor	Grendell	Hughes	Husted
Jones	Jordan	Kearney	LaRose
Manning	Oelslager	Patton	Sawyer
Schaffer	Schiavoni	Seitz	Skindell
Smith	Stewart	Tavares	Turner
Wagoner	Widener		Niehaus-31.

Senator Jason H. Wilson 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 Laurel Beatty, Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

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

Senator Kearney seconded the nomination.

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

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

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Beagle	Brown	Buehrer
Cafaro	Cates	Daniels	Faber
Gillmor	Grendell	Hughes	Husted
Jones	Jordan	Kearney	LaRose
Manning	Oelslager	Patton	Sawyer
Schaffer	Schiavoni	Seitz	Skindell
Smith	Stewart	Tavares	Turner

Wagoner

Widener

Wilson

Niehaus-32.

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 Thomas E. Niehaus, President of the Ohio Senate.

Senator Niehaus took the chair and addressed the Senate.

As we approach the end of this first session of the 129th General Assembly, it is customary for the President to exercise what we call President's prerogative and make a few remarks.

To my colleagues, thank you for having the confidence in me to lead this next session of the general assembly. Minority Leader Cafaro, I look forward to active but civil discourse as we collaboratively address the challenges that lie ahead.

I want to thank Justice Cupp and Judge Beatty for participating in the ceremony today, and Father Michael Leshney for opening the session with a prayer. I might note we also have Father Michael Lumpe from St. Catherine's in Columbus, who often opens our session with a prayer. Given the challenges that lie ahead, I didn't think it could hurt to have a few extra prayers on our behalf.

As I look out over a crowded chamber I am reminded of the importance of staying close to the people who love us and support us in what we do.

I am especially grateful to have so many family members here today to support me. Senator Patton, I'm not sure if my family rivals yours in numbers, but I know we come close.

First, I would like to recognize my parents, Ed and Mary Lou Niehaus, who are still trying to figure out where I got this interest in public service. It was through their example of hard work and commitment to family that I learned the values that helped shape me as an adult. Mom and Dad, I love you and thank you.

They are joined by four of my seven brothers and sisters, along with sisters and brothers in laws, nieces and nephews. Thank you for sharing this special day with me.

Then of course there is my immediate family, my daughter Michelle and son David and daughter Kristien, and grandchildren Alec, Zachary, Amanda, Michael and Mitchell. Another grandson Taylor is with us in spirit as he is serving with the Ohio National Guard in Iraq. All have participated in their

share of parades and festivals.

I've reserved comments for my biggest supporter, best friend and confidant, my wife Emily. We all have that special person who stands by us no matter what the circumstances. Emily is that special person for me. She is the one who, despite my repeated requests, refuses to call me Mr. President, keeps me grounded and is not afraid to let me know if she thinks I've gone off course.

Emily I love you and will lean on your support and reassurance even more these next two years.

Almost every session we introduce guests and welcome them to the Senate. Today I'd like to ask my colleagues to stand and thank the loved ones and friends who continue to support us in our roles as members of the Ohio Senate.

Joining us in chambers today are past presidents of the Senate. I want to recognize former Senate Presidents Stanley Aronoff and Richard Finan, and my predecessor and friend former President Doug White and his wife Shirley.

Now there is a new member of that select group, former Senate President Bill Harris. President Harris, I'd like you to come forward to accept the gavel you used during your tenure, and to thank you for your service to our state.

In addition to our family and friends, we have other special guests, including former Speaker of the House JoAnn Davidson, former Auditor and Attorney General Betty Montgomery, and former state senators Scott Nein and Jeff Jacobson and Bob Spada.

U.S. Senator elect Rob Portman was here earlier, and Congressman-elect Steve Stivers is here. And of course Governor elect John Kasich spent some time with us during lunch today.

I want to thank all of them for making time to share this day with us.

For many in this room this is your first visit to the Statehouse. Imagine coming to work here every day. As you look around this chamber it is easy to sense the history. And it could be easy for members to get caught up in the prestige of serving in the Ohio Senate.

So as we planned today's activities I wanted to weave some symbolism into the ceremonies as a subtle reminder to me and all of us of our roots and responsibilities.

Let me take you back through the festivities we shared today.

Our luncheon featured some of my favorite Cincinnati foods, a reminder of my roots in a part of the state that helped shape me into the person I am today.

The flower arrangements were prepared by students at Grant Career Center in Clermont County, a reminder that our youth have so much to offer, and with the right support and encouragement, they will brighten our communities for decades to come.

We walked into chambers today on the opposite side of the aisle where we sit, shook hands with a colleague, then crossed over to take our seats. That was intended to remind us of the need to collaborate and “cross the aisle” to work on difficult issues.

The color guard of retired Marines from Clermont County had multiple meanings. These gentlemen not only served their country, but continue to serve their community by posting the colors at more than 50 events this past year alone. We can all learn from their commitment to community. One of the men, Tom Bravard, made my gavel.

Of course, their presence was also a nod of respect to outgoing President Bill Harris, a former Marine.

My choice of clothes has a special meaning for me. Some would argue I should be wearing a “power tie.” But this position is not about power, but about leading and staying grounded and focused. This pink shirt and tie help me do that.

You see, this week marks the sixth anniversary of Emily’s successful breast cancer surgery, a constant reminder to me that, while we do important work in this chamber, there are more important causes.

And I am pleased to have in attendance today a member of our extended family, Emily’s breast cancer surgeon, Dr. Lydia Hernandez, who truly continues to do the important work through her skilled hands and compassion for her patients. Thank you Lydia.

The senators in this 129th General Assembly have a wealth of personal and professional experience from which to draw as we embark on finding solutions to some very serious problems.

Our state budget deficit is well documented. We have many needs to meet, including creating an environment that encourages businesses to expand and hire, making sure parents have a choice about where to educate their children, and helping the less fortunate among us.

The challenges we face affect all Ohioans, and it is our responsibility to find solutions that meet the needs of a very diverse population.

We must always be mindful of the different constituencies each member serves, and respect the fact those needs may be different, but no less important than those of the people we represent.

I want to ensure the Senate is a deliberative body where all voices are heard.

If we truly want to revitalize our economy, encourage the creation of more jobs, build stronger schools that provide quality education, and ultimately, make our state the kind of place our children choose to live, we need to make these next two years as productive as we can. We can do that by working together.

We will have disagreements over the next two years about how to achieve them. But I am asking all of us to be civil, respectful and open to others' ideas. I intend to lead by example.

And while I look forward to working collaboratively with Governor elect-John Kasich and his administration as well as with Speaker-elect Bill Batchelder, I am well aware that as State Senators we have our own role to play in the legislative process.

The challenges are formidable, but so is the talent in this room ready to address them.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

OFFERING OF RESOLUTIONS

Senator Faber offered the following resolution:

S. R. No. 1-Senator Faber.

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?"

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Beagle	Brown	Buehrer
Cafaro	Cates	Daniels	Faber
Gillmor	Grendell	Hughes	Husted
Jones	Jordan	Kearney	LaRose
Manning	Oelslager	Patton	Sawyer

Schaffer	Schiavoni	Seitz	Skindell
Smith	Stewart	Tavares	Turner
Wagoner	Widener	Wilson	Niehaus-32.

So the resolution was adopted.

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

The title was agreed to.

Senator Faber offered the following resolution:

S. R. No. 2-Senator Faber.

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
Bill Beagle	Miami	146
Edna Brown	Lucas	307
Steve Buehrer	Fulton	318
Capri S. Cafaro	Trumbull	354
Gary Cates	Butler	196
David Daniels	Highland	126
Keith Faber	Mercer	212
Karen Gillmor	Seneca	200
Timothy Grendell	Geauga	308
Shannon Jones	Warren	166
Kris Jordan	Delaware	36
Eric H. Kearney	Hamilton	207
Frank LaRose	Summit	244
Gayle Manning	Lorain	250
Thomas E. Niehaus	Clermont	238
Scott Oelslager	Stark	264
Thomas F. Patton	Cuyahoga	253
Tom Sawyer	Summit	256
Tim Schaffer	Fairfield	64
Joe Schiavoni	Mahoning	350
Bill Seitz	Hamilton	232
Michael Skindell	Cuyahoga	267
Shirley Smith	Cuyahoga	302
Jimmy Stewart	Meigs	177
Nina Turner	Cuyahoga	286
Mark Wagoner	Lucas	288
Chris Widener	Clark	105
Jason H. Wilson	Columbiana	350

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

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Senators

Bacon	Beagle	Brown	Buehrer
Cafaro	Cates	Daniels	Faber
Gillmor	Grendell	Hughes	Husted
Jones	Jordan	Kearney	LaRose
Manning	Oelslager	Patton	Sawyer
Schaffer	Schiavoni	Seitz	Skindell
Smith	Stewart	Tavares	Turner
Wagoner	Widener	Wilson	Niehaus-32.

So the resolution was adopted.

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

The title was agreed to.

Senators Niehaus and Cafaro offered the following concurrent resolution:

S. C. R. No. 1-Senators Niehaus, Cafaro.

Relative to convening in Joint Convention.

Be it resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring) that the two houses of the General Assembly convene in joint convention on January 3, 2011, at 4:30 p.m., under Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Ohio and section 3505.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, to witness the opening, announcing, and canvassing of the abstracts of the votes cast for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, and Attorney General at the general election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2010.

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

So the concurrent resolution was adopted.

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

The title was agreed to.

MOTIONS

Senator Jones moved that Senators absent the week of Sunday, January 2, 2011, be excused, so long as a written explanation is on file with the Clerk pursuant to Senate Rule No. 17.

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

The motion 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:

Laura P. Clemens,
Clerk.

On the motion of Senator Faber the Senate recessed to meet in Joint Convention.

The Senate met pursuant to recess.

CLERK'S NOTATION

The acknowledgement to Senator Bob Gibbs' resignation of December 31, 2010 was submitted to the Clerk's office following sine die and therefore was unable to be journalized. The resignation letter and acknowledgement are contained herein.

December 21, 2010

Senator Bill Harris
Senate President
Ohio Statehouse
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Senator Harris,

Please accept this letter as resignation from my position as State Senator for the 22nd District of Ohio effective December 31, 2010.

I want to thank you for the opportunities I have been given here in the Ohio Senate. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, and I am honored to have had the opportunity given to me by the constituents of the 22nd District to serve the people of Ohio.

Thank you again and if you need any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bob Gibbs

Bob Gibbs
State Senator
22nd District

December 31, 2010

Senator Bob Gibbs
Senate Building
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Senator Gibbs:

In accordance with Section 101.25 of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of resignation from the Ohio Senate effective Friday, December 31, 2010.

It has certainly been a pleasure working with you during your time with the Senate. Please accept my sincere best wishes in your upcoming position as a member of the United States Congress.

Good luck!

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill Harris

Senator Bill Harris
Senate President
19th District

On the motion of Senator Niehaus, the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

VINCENT L. KEERAN,
Clerk.