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Monday, January 7, 2013, 2:00 o'clock p.m.

This being the day designated by law in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Ohio for the meeting of the General Assembly in regular session, the members-elect of the House of Representatives assembled in the Hall of the Representatives at 2:00 o'clock p.m. and were called to order by The Honorable William Batchelder, Speaker of the House of Representatives, One Hundred Twenty-Ninth General Assembly.

A Scottish medley consisting of *Scotland the Brave*, *The Rowan Tree*, and *Killicrankie* was performed by the Columbus Police and Fire Pipe and Drum Band.

The One Hundred Thirtieth General Assembly rose for the opening prayer, offered by Dr. Richard Powers, Sr.

The colors were presented by the American Legion Don Gentile Post 532 Color Guard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The following named persons presented certificates of election as members of the One Hundred Thirtieth General Assembly of Ohio, and having been administered the oath of office by The Honorable Judith L. French, 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:

<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>County</u>
1	Ron Amstutz	R	Wayne
2	Mark J. Romanchuk	R	Richland
3	Tim W. Brown	R	Wood
4	Matt Huffman	R	Allen
5	Nick Barborak	D	Columbiana
6	Marlene Anielski	R	Cuyahoga (part)
7	Mike Dovilla	R	Cuyahoga (part)
8	Armond Budish	D	Cuyahoga (part)
9	Barbara Boyd	D	Cuyahoga (part)
10	Bill Patmon	D	Cuyahoga (part)
11	Sandra Williams	D	Cuyahoga (part)
12	John Barnes, Jr.	D	Cuyahoga (part)
13	Nickie Antonio	D	Cuyahoga (part)
14	Mike Foley	D	Cuyahoga (part)
15	Nicholas Celebrezze	D	Cuyahoga (part)
16	Nan A. Baker	R	Cuyahoga (part)
17	Michael F. Curtin	D	Franklin (part)
18	Michael Stinziano	D	Franklin (part)
19	Anne Gonzales	R	Franklin (part)
20	Heather Bishoff	D	Franklin (part)
21	Mike Duffey	R	Franklin (part)
22	John Patrick Carney	D	Franklin (part)

23	Cheryl L. Grossman	R	Franklin (part)
24	Stephanie Kunze	R	Franklin (part)
25	Kevin Boyce	D	Franklin (part)
26	Tracy Maxwell Heard	D	Franklin (part)
27	Peter Stautberg	R	Hamilton (part)
28	Connie Pillich	D	Hamilton (part)
29	Louis W. Blessing, III	R	Hamilton (part)
30	Louis Terhar	R	Hamilton (part)
31	Denise Driehaus	D	Hamilton (part)
32	Dale Mallory	D	Hamilton (part)
33	Alicia Reece	D	Hamilton (part)
34	Vernon Sykes	D	Summit (part)
35	Zack Milkovich	D	Summit (part)
36	Anthony DeVitis	R	Summit (part)
37	Kristina Roegner	R	Summit (part)
38	Marilyn Slaby	R	Stark (part), Summit (part)
39	Fred Strahorn	D	Montgomery (part)
40	Michael Henne	R	Montgomery (part)
41	Jim Butler	R	Montgomery (part)
42	Terry Blair	R	Montgomery (part)
43	Roland Winburn	D	Preble, Montgomery (part)
44	Michael Ashford	D	Lucas (part)
45	Teresa Fedor	D	Lucas (part)
46	Matthew Szollosi	D	Lucas (part)
47	Barbara R. Sears	R	Fulton (part), Lucas (part)
48	Kirk Schuring	R	Stark (part)
49	Stephen Slesnick	D	Stark (part)
50	Christina Hagan	R	Stark (part)
51	Wes Retherford	R	Butler (part)
52	Margaret Conditt	R	Butler (part)
53	Timothy Derickson	R	Butler (part)
54	Peter Beck	R	Butler (part), Warren (part)
55	Matt Lundy	D	Lorain (part)
56	Daniel Ramos	D	Lorain (part)
57	Terry Boose	R	Huron, Lorain (part)
58	Robert F. Hagan	D	Mahoning (part)
59	Ronald V. Gerberry	D	Mahoning (part)
60	John M. Rogers	D	Lake (part)
61	Ron Young	R	Lake (part)
62	Ronald Maag	R	Warren (part)
63	Sean O'Brien	D	Trumbull (part)
64	Tom Letson	D	Ashtabula (part), Trumbull (part)
65	John Becker	R	Clermont (part)
66	Doug Green	R	Brown, Clermont (part)
67	Andrew Brenner	R	Delaware (part)
68	Margaret Ann Ruhl	R	Knox, Delaware (part)
69	William G. Batchelder	R	Medina (part)
70	David Hall	R	Ashland, Holmes (part), Medina (part)
71	Jay Hottinger	R	Licking (part)
72	Bill Hayes	R	Coshocton, Perry, Licking (part)
73	Rick Perales	R	Greene (part)
74	Robert D. Hackett	R	Madison, Clark (part), Greene (part)
75	Kathleen Clyde	D	Portage (part)
76	Matt Lynch	R	Geauga (part), Portage (part)
77	Gerald L. Stebelton	R	Fairfield (part)
78	Ron Hood	R	Hocking, Morgan, Athens (part), Fairfield (part), Muskingum (part), Pickaway (part)
79	Ross W. McGregor	R	Clark (part)
80	Richard N. Adams	R	Miami, Darke (part)
81	Lynn R. Wachtmann	R	Henry, Putnam, Williams, Fulton (part)
82	Tony Burkley	R	Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert, Auglaize (part)

83	Robert Sprague	R	Hancock, Hardin, Logan (part)
84	Jim Buchy	R	Mercer, Auglaize (part), Darke (part), Shelby (part)
85	John Adams	R	Champaign, Logan (part), Shelby (part)
86	Dorothy Pelanda	R	Union, Marion (part)
87	Jeff A. McClain	R	Crawford, Morrow, Wyandot, Marion (part), Seneca (part)
88	Rex Damschroder	R	Sandusky, Seneca (part)
89	Chris Redfern	D	Erie, Ottawa
90	Terry Johnson	R	Adams, Scioto, Lawrence (part)
91	Cliff Rosenberger	R	Clinton, Highland, Pike, Ross (part)
92	Gary Scherer	R	Fayette, Pickaway (part), Ross (part)
93	Ryan Smith	R	Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence (part), Vinton (part)
94	Debbie Phillips	D	Athens (part), Meigs, Vinton (part), Washington (part)
95	Andy Thompson	R	Carroll, Harrison, Noble, Belmont (part), Washington (part)
96	Jack Cera	D	Jefferson, Monroe, Belmont (part)
97	Brian Hill	R	Guernsey, Muskingum (part)
98	Al Landis	R	Tuscarawas, Holmes (part)
99	John Patterson	D	Ashtabula (part), Geauga (part)

Representative Huffman 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 Thirtieth 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 Buchy of the 84th district nominated for the office of Speaker, Representative William G. Batchelder of the 69th district.

Representative Dovilla of the 7th district seconded the nomination.

Representative Kunze of the 24th 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 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Curtin

Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Foley
Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hottinger	Huffman	Johnson
Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
McGregor	Milkovich	O'Brien	Patmon
Patterson	Pelanda	Perales	Phillips
Pillich	Ramos	Redfern	Reece
Retherford	Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk
Rosenberger	Ruhl	Scherer	Schuring
Sears	Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith
Sprague	Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano
Strahorn	Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar
Thompson	Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn
			Young-97.

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, William G. Batchelder was declared the duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirtieth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

The Chair appointed Representatives Huffman, Sears, J. Adams, Grossman, Buchy, Amstutz, Stebelton, Cera, Gerberry, R. Hagan, and Pillich to escort Speaker Batchelder to the bar of the House.

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

The Speaker then addressed the House as follows:

"My fellow colleagues in the Ohio House of Representatives... family...legislative staff...and friends... Today, we ring in the New Year and with it a new General Assembly, the 130th in Ohio's rich history.

We are pleased to welcome some new faces into this chamber, and we welcome back some familiar faces as well. Together, we in this distinguished body will be tasked with undertaking some of the most important issues facing Ohio – issues that affect our constituents at home and we will have a real ability to help them to be successful in providing for their families.

This will not be a particularly easy road...it certainly was not in the last session...nor will there ever be easy answers. However, I am more than confident in the wealth of knowledge that each of you bring to the table. It is your breadth of life experiences and understanding of everything from agriculture to small business growth that will help continue the strides that we undertook during the previous General Assembly.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of members from both sides of the aisle, our state accomplished considerable job growth and economic advancement, improved its competitiveness nationwide, and expressed leadership in many important policy areas. At a time when the rest of the nation continues to struggle to get back on its feet, we in Ohio are leading the way out of these economic hardships and leading the charge into a pro-business, pro-jobs economy.

We have much to be proud of during the past two years. During the previous General Assembly:

- Ohio's unemployment rate dropped from 9.3 percent at the beginning of the 129th General Assembly to 6.8 percent today, thanks in part to the many pro-jobs policies that passed through this chamber. Job creation has continued to be the top priority in the Ohio House of Representatives, and the work that we have done thus far is reflective of this fact. Our state has witnessed job growth totaling more than 100,000 jobs in a diverse number of fields in all regions of Ohio.
- We addressed the issue of rampant drug addiction and the tragic deaths that resulted from "pill mills," helping to save lives and making it easier for people to seek the treatment they desperately need.
- We reformed Ohio's five public employee pension systems, ensuring the solvency of these systems for future generations.
- We enacted policies to hold state government agencies more accountable, by creating the Common Sense Initiative and adopting performance audits for state agencies.
- We passed significant legislation to protect minors and others from the travesty of human trafficking.
- And we accomplished what many thought was impossible—we eliminated the \$8 billion budget deficit without raising taxes on families and businesses.

As a result of our responsible budgeting, Ohio's credit rating was upgraded by both Standard and Poor's and Moody's rating agencies—at a time when the credit rating of the United States was being downgraded for the first time in history. While Washington taxes, borrows and spends, building a monumental deficit, we in Ohio are keeping our fiscal house in order and preserving our prosperity for future generations.

This was all made possible because the members of both caucuses, while not always in agreement, had respect for opposing views and were largely willing to work together. Ohio is and should be a shining example that our politics are not defined by our differences, but by our similarities and by our common cause. Only by first establishing our common ground can we begin to move forward to enacting policies that will improve the health, well-being and prosperity of all Ohioans. Furthermore, laying out our similarities allows us all

to engage in discussion, without forcing any legislator—from the most devout conservative to the most dedicated liberal—to abandon their principles.

This, I believe, is what is meant when citizens request that both sides work together to solve our problems. “Working together” does not mean that one side forfeits its most deeply held convictions, but rather that we simply are able to identify areas in which both sides are on equal terms.

Those of us in this body were not drawn to public service—nor were we elected by our constituents—to serve our own personal interests. We are entrusted with these seats to serve the best interests of the people we were called to represent. This job requires a passion for helping people, a commitment to defending liberty, and the humility to seek the counsel of others. Our decisions should not be inspired by the letter behind our names, but the convictions in our hearts.

Every woman and man sitting here today has a background that is at once unique, and beneficial, to this assembly. In much the same way are the 99 districts that compose our state—each one unique and special, with different interests, equipped with its own advantages and facing its own headwinds. Some so densely populated that they make up just a small portion of a single county; others span multiple counties, linked together by acre upon acre of open farmland.

No matter the area we have the honor to represent—Williams or Washington, Lawrence or Lorain, Mercer or Mahoning—we all share similar threads. We represent teachers, doctors, healthcare workers, business owners, veterans, students. We are the voices for the rich and the impoverished, the healthy and the handicapped, the young and the elderly. We serve people who have called Ohio home their entire lives and people new to the state looking to create better futures for their families.

You were all selected by your peers to serve here because you reflect the values of your district. Every Ohioan is important and every Ohioan deserves fair and equal representation. It is the job of every person sitting in this chamber to make sure these requirements are carried through with honor and integrity.

It has been my privilege to serve in the Ohio House of Representatives for more than 35 years...and I understand that I am now the number two member of this House in terms of length of service... I can say with absolute confidence that the previous General Assembly has set the bar extremely high, due to both its tireless work ethic and the substantive reforms that passed through this chamber—many of which with bipartisan support. But despite our hard work and positive outcomes, there is still much more work to be done.

The task before this body over the next two years is huge, but slowing down is not an option. Ohio has a lot to offer, not only to the country, but also to the entire world.

One area in which Ohio can act as a guiding light is in oil and natural gas exploration and production. Under Governor Strickland's administration, we passed some of the best regulatory efforts on oil and gas. Smart, responsible policies that strike a balance between promoting free market innovation and protecting our critically valuable natural resources—will require our diligence and interparty cooperation. But I am confident that the end-result will be one that all Ohioans can both embrace and benefit from.

Additionally, we will be looking closely at education issues—especially ways that we can provide Ohio's students with the most comprehensive, competitive education that we can. Substantial progress was made over the past two years on education issues, but we still have a long way to go to ensure that Ohio's students receive an education and acquire skills that will make them competitive in the jobs market, as well as capable of facing and conquering the demands of the 21st Century.

Our goal as legislators is to work with the parents, teachers, and administrators in our districts to enact policies that strengthen the focus on student success. After all, our students are our number one asset. They are the ones left to face the many challenges that we either have not yet overcome or have yet to encounter.

No two students' needs are the same. Whether the best path is to attend college, enter the workforce immediately following high school, or serve our nation in uniform, they deserve the very best opportunities that Ohio can offer.

During the next two years, we will also continue our work with my good friend, Representative Vernon Sykes, on the Constitutional Modernization Commission, which will continue to consider smart, agreeable reforms to our state's Constitution. We in the Legislature will strive to not only provide the leadership that this task requires but also actively seek out input from interested parties and the public... Meetings will continue to be held in earnest starting next month, focusing on issues such as redistricting and reapportionment, tax reform, election reform, and term limits, among others.

The task of implementing a healthcare exchange without harming small businesses remains an important prerogative demanding our focused attention.

We will be seeking to further reform Ohio's tax policies in ways that will help our state be more competitive and attractive as a place to live and grow stronger economically.

And, of course, we will continue our focus on jobs. Everything we do must come back to jobs and all Ohioans' ability to live comfortably and obtain gainful employment. Without stable wages and the security of knowing that food will be on the table for dinner and the mortgage will be paid on time, everything we do here in this chamber loses its meaning.

Given the economic situation Ohio was facing just a few short years ago, leaders at all levels of government had to make tough decisions about their own budgets in order to continue to provide important services to Ohioans.

The Ohio House of Representatives was not immune to that. As such, we recently began utilizing enhanced technologies to improve the operation of the House:

- Early in this Session, we will be unveiling a system that will make legislative information significantly more accessible to the public. This new platform will revolutionize the legislative drafting process and will make documents like bill drafts and other legislative materials easily available to the public online.
- Soon, we intend to broadcast the House Finance and Appropriations committee over the internet and public access stations throughout the budget process, allowing people to delve into the budget process from their own homes or from their mobile device. This alone is an unprecedented step forward in terms of legislative transparency.
- During the last General Assembly, a number of members had the opportunity to be part of a pilot project to implement paperless committees. Through the use of an iPad, committees will eventually be paperless, with a net decrease in cost to the taxpayers.

All of these new efficiencies are being implemented in order to accomplish two goals: saving taxpayers a significant amount of their money and also greatly increasing the transparency of the legislative process. The public deserves nothing less and I am honored to be working with all members of the House to accomplish these goals.

While much progress has been made since two years ago...there is still a long way to go to build a strong and stable economy that can compete outside our borders. The ability to create jobs distinguishes strong states from weak states. It enables people to successfully pursue their interests, provide for their families and take care of the less fortunate.

It is not the proper role of government to be the enemy of business. Rather, it should merely establish a set of rules that are fair and consistent, and that foster economic investment and growth by allowing entrepreneurs and free-thinking innovators to do what they do best. With an abundance of resources, great universities and effective job-training programs, Ohio has the tools to compete for business without entering into expensive bidding wars with other states.

Friends, much work lies ahead of us, and we will hit the ground running. This is an important time in Ohio's history, one in which you and I will put our heads together and fight to improve the quality of life in this state we all love so much.

And that is what it all really comes down to—we are here, as elected voices of our home districts, because we love our communities and we want to help Ohio regain its footing. We will drive from all corners of the state, in snow, rain and shine, to make a difference in the everyday lives of our friends and neighbors back home.

This is what being an elected official—and a member of the Ohio House of Representatives—is about. I sincerely thank you for your dedication and your love for this institution and for this state. Your efforts, your expertise and your opinions will be greatly needed over the next two years, and I look forward to making the journey ahead with you.

Thank you."

The next order of business being the election of the Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative Stebelton of the 77th district nominated for said office Matt Huffman of the 4th district.

Representative Sears of the 47th district seconded the nomination.

Representative Grossman of the 23rd 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 J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Curtin
Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Foley
Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hottinger	Huffman	Johnson
Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
McGregor	Milkovich	O'Brien	Patmon
Patterson	Pelanda	Perales	Phillips
Pillich	Ramos	Redfern	Reece
Retherford	Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk
Rosenberger	Ruhl	Scherer	Schuring
Sears	Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith
Sprague	Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Batchelder-96.

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, Representative Matt Huffman was declared the duly elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirtieth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

The Chair appointed Representatives Buchy, J. Adams, Wachtmann, Sprague, Roegner, Gonzales, Szollosi, Patmon, Bishoff, and Ramos to escort Representative Huffman to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Representative Huffman was administered the oath of office by The Honorable William G. Batchelder, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, 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 Thirtieth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Representative Huffman offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 1-Representative Huffman.

Relative to the election of the majority floor leader, the assistant majority floor leader, the majority whip, and the assistant majority whip for the 130th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Republican members have chosen Barbara Sears of House District #47 as majority floor leader, John Adams of House District #85 as assistant majority floor leader, Cheryl Grossman of House District #23 as majority whip, and Jim Buchy of House District #84 as assistant majority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 130th General Assembly that Barbara Sears be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority floor leader; that John Adams be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant majority floor leader; that Cheryl Grossman be, and upon the adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority whip; and that Jim Buchy 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 J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Curtin
Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Foley

Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hottinger	Huffman	Johnson
Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
McGregor	Milkovich	O'Brien	Patterson
Pelanda	Perales	Phillips	Pillich
Ramos	Redfern	Reece	Retherford
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Rosenberger
Ruhl	Scherer	Schuring	Sears
Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith	Sprague
Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Young
			Batchelder-97.

The resolution was adopted.

The majority floor leader, Representative Sears; the assistant majority floor leader, Representative J. Adams; the majority whip, Representative Grossman; assistant majority whip, Representative Buchy were escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Amstutz, Brown, Johnson, Ruhl, Romanchuk, Blessing, Roegner, Barnes, Carney, and Letson, were administered the oath of office by The Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

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

Representative Huffman offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 2-Representative Huffman.

Relative to the election of the minority leader for the 130th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democratic members has chosen Armond Budish of House District #08 as minority leader; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 130th General Assembly that Armond Budish 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 J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Curtin
Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Foley
Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hottinger	Huffman	Johnson
Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
McGregor	Milkovich	O'Brien	Patterson
Pelanda	Perales	Phillips	Pillich
Ramos	Rodfern	Reece	Retherford
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Rosenberger
Ruhl	Scherer	Schuring	Sears
Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith	Sprague
Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Young Batchelder-97.

The resolution was adopted.

The minority leader, Representative Budish, was escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Celebrezze, Clyde, Lundy, Patterson, Reece, Sykes, Williams, Sears, J. Adams, Grossman, and Buchy, was administered the oath of office by The Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

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

Representative Huffman offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 3-Representative Huffman.

Relative to the election of the assistant minority leader, the minority whip, and the assistant minority whip for the 130th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 130th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democratic members has chosen Matt Szollosi of House District #46 as assistant minority leader, Tracy Heard of House District #26 as minority whip, and Debbie Phillips of House District #94 as assistant minority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 130th General Assembly that Matt Szollosi be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant minority leader; that Tracy Heard be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of minority whip; and that Debbie Phillips 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 J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Curtin
Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Foley
Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hottinger	Huffman	Johnson
Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
McGregor	Milkovich	O'Brien	Patterson
Pelanda	Perales	Phillips	Pillich
Ramos	Redfern	Reece	Retherford
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Rosenberger
Ruhl	Scherer	Schuring	Sears
Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith	Sprague
Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Young
			Batchelder-97.

The resolution was adopted.

The assistant minority leader, Representative Szollosi; the minority whip, Representative Heard; the assistant minority whip, Representative Phillips; were escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Antonio, Boyce, Budish, Curtin, Driehaus, Fedor, Mallory, Anielski, Huffman, and Brown,

were administered the oath of office by The Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

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

Representative Huffman offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 4-Representative Huffman.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 130th General Assembly, that Bradley J. Young be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of Clerk; that Kimberly M. Flasher be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of Chief Administrative Officer; that Richard H. Collins be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of Sergeant-at-arms; and be it further

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

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

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Curtin
Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Foley
Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hottinger	Huffman	Johnson
Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
McGregor	Milkovich	O'Brien	Patterson

Pelanda	Perales	Phillips	Pillich
Ramos	Redfern	Reece	Retherford
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Rosenberger
Rühl	Scherer	Schuring	Sears
Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith	Sprague
Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Young
			Batchelder-97.

The resolution was adopted.

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, the above named persons were duly elected administrative officers of the Ohio House of Representatives, and having been administered the oath of office by the Honorable Judith L. French, Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, entered upon the discharge of their duties.

Representative Huffman 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 Huffman.

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 130th 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 130th General Assembly from December 31, 2012 to January 7, 2013, the date of the convening of the 130th General Assembly, at the same salary that was paid them during the 129th General Assembly.

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 J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Curtin
Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Foley
Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall

Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hottinger	Huffman	Johnson
Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
McGregor	Milkovich	O'Brien	Patterson
Pelanda	Perales	Phillips	Pillich
Ramos	Redfern	Reece	Retherford
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Rosenberger
Ruhl	Scherer	Schuring	Sears
Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith	Sprague
Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Young
			Batchelder-97.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Huffman 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 Huffman.

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 130th 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 J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Curtin
Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Foley
Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hottinger	Huffman	Johnson

Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
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Ramos	Redfern	Reece	Retherford
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Rosenberger
Ruhl	Scherer	Schuring	Sears
Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith	Sprague
Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Young
			Batchelder-97.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Huffman 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 Huffman.

Relative to attendance at conferences and meetings.

WHEREAS, During the 130th General Assembly (2013-2014), 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 130th General Assembly, that, if in the judgment of the Speaker, any conferences or meetings, either national or state, are deemed to be of sufficient importance to warrant attendance of members or officers of the House, the Speaker shall designate members or officers to attend; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all expenses incurred incident thereto of any member or officer so designated by the Speaker shall be paid out of appropriate funds of the House.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
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Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
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Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hottinger	Huffman	Johnson
Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
McGregor	Milkovich	O'Brien	Patterson
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Ramos	Redfern	Reece	Retherford
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Rosenberger
Ruhl	Scherer	Schuring	Sears
Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith	Sprague
Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Young
			Batchelder-97.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Huffman 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 Huffman.

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 130th 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 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Curtin
Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Foley
Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman

Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hottinger	Huffman	Johnson
Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
McGregor	Milkovich	O'Brien	Patterson
Pelanda	Perales	Phillips	Pillich
Ramos	Redfern	Reece	Retherford
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Rosenberger
Ruhl	Scherer	Schuring	Sears
Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith	Sprague
Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Young
			Batchelder-97.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Huffman 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 Huffman.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 130th General Assembly, that in addition to those officers previously elected by resolution of the House, the Speaker is hereby authorized to appoint such additional staff as may be required for the purpose of facilitating the work of the House of Representatives and to fill any vacancies in positions as officers or employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the officers and employees of the House of Representatives be compensated as determined by the Chief Administrative Officer, with the approval of the Speaker; and be it further

RESOLVED, That pay increases shall be made only upon recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, with approval of the Speaker; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Administrative Officer shall have the direct supervision and management of those officers and employees who by reason of their duties fall within the specific area of responsibility of the Chief Administrative Officer. Pursuant to the approval of the Speaker, the Chief Administrative Officer may discharge any officer or employee under their respective supervision if the officer or employee is not satisfactorily performing his duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution shall govern all actions taken by the 130th General Assembly and that all of the foregoing salaries be paid from the appropriate funds of the House of Representatives.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Adams J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
Cera	Clyde	Conditt	Curtin
Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
Driehaus	Duffey	Fedor	Foley
Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
Hood	Hottinger	Huffman	Johnson
Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
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Pelanda	Perales	Phillips	Pillich
Ramos	Redfern	Reece	Retherford
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Rosenberger
Ruhl	Scherer	Schuring	Sears
Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith	Sprague
Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Young
			Batchelder-97.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Huffman 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 Batchelder, Representative Budish.

Relative to a committee to wait upon the Governor to let him know the 130th 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 130th 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 J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
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Damschroder	DeVitis	Derickson	Dovilla
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Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
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Ramos	Redfern	Reece	Retherford
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Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith	Sprague
Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Young
			Batchelder-97.

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Representative Huffman 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 Huffman.

Relative to the appointment of a joint committee to attend the inauguration of The Honorable Barack Obama.

WHEREAS, On the Twenty-first Day of January, 2013, The Honorable Barack Obama will be inaugurated as President of the United States, 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 Honorable Barack Obama as President of the United States, on the Twenty-first Day of January, 2013, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the 130th 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 Honorable Barack Obama as President of the United States.

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 J.	Adams R.	Amstutz	Anielski
Antonio	Ashford	Baker	Barborak
Barnes	Beck	Becker	Bishoff
Blair	Blessing III	Boose	Boyce
Brenner	Brown	Buchy	Budish
Burkley	Butler	Carney	Celebrezze
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Gerberry	Gonzales	Green	Grossman
Hackett	Hagan, C.	Hagan, R.	Hall
Hayes	Heard	Henne	Hill
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Kunze	Landis	Letson	Lundy
Lynch	Maag	Mallory	McClain
McGregor	Milkovich	O'Brien	Patterson
Pelanda	Perales	Phillips	Pillich
Ramos	Redfern	Reece	Retherford
Roegner	Rogers	Romanchuk	Rosenberger
Ruhl	Scherer	Schuring	Sears
Slaby M.	Slesnick	Smith	Sprague
Stautberg	Stebelton	Stinziano	Strahorn
Sykes	Szollosi	Terhar	Thompson
Wachtmann	Williams	Winburn	Young
			Batchelder-97.

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.

Father Bob Stec offered a benediction followed by the Columbus Police and Fire Pipe and Drum Band's performance of a medley consisting of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *America the Beautiful*, and *God Bless America*.

Pursuant to the motion of Representative Huffman the following oath of office was entered upon the journal:

State of Ohio
County of Cuyahoga

I, Barbara 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/ BARBARA BOYD
Barbara Boyd

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 2013.

/s/ ARMOND BUDISH
Armond Budish
Ohio House of Representatives
House Minority Leader
8th House District

On motion of Representative Huffman, the House adjourned until Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

BRADLEY J. YOUNG,
Clerk.