

OHIO

House

of

Representatives

JOURNAL

CORRECTED VERSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2003

FIRST DAY

Hall of the House of Representatives, Columbus, Ohio
Monday, January 6, 2003 at 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 Representatives at 2:00 o'clock p.m. and were called to order by the Honorable Larry Householder, Speaker of the House of Representatives, One Hundred Twenty-Fourth General Assembly.

Prayer was offered by the Most Reverend Dr. William L. Snider, Good Shepherd Community Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the singing of our National Anthem by Sandra E. Phipps.

The colors were presented by the Somerset American Legion, Leo Ryan post 58, and the Junction City American Legion, James E. Fisher post 376.

The chair appointed Representative Bill Hartnett to serve as Clerk Pro Tempore.

The following named persons presented certificates of election as members of the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth General Assembly of the State 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 Clerk, entered upon the discharge of their duties:

House District	Name	Pol.	House District	Name	Pol.
#1--Columbiana	Chuck Blasdel	..... R	#51--Stark (part)	Scott Oelslager	..... R
#2--Delaware	Jon Peterson	..... R	#52--Stark (part)	Mary Cirelli	..... D
#3--Wayne	Jim Carmichael	..... R	#53--Butler (part)	Shawn Webster	..... R
#4--Allen	John Willamowski	..... R	#54--Butler (part)	Gregory Jolivette	..... R
#5--Fairfield	Tim Schaffer	..... R	#55--Butler (part)	Gary Cates	..... R
#6--Wood	Robert Latta	..... R	#56--Lorain (part)	Joseph Koziura	..... D
#7--Cuyahoga (part)	Ed Jerse	..... D	#57--Lorain (part)	Jeffrey Manning	..... R
#8--Cuyahoga (part)			#58--Huron, Seneca (part),		

Lance Mason	.....	D	Lorain (Part)		
			Kathleen Walcher	.....	R
#9--Cuyahoga (part)			#59--Mahoning (part)		
Claudette	.....	D	Kenneth Carano	.....	D
Woodard					
#10--Cuyahoga (part)			#60--Mahoning (part)		
Shirley Smith	.....	D	Sylvester Patton	.....	D
#11--Cuyahoga (part)			#61--Carroll, Tuscarawas (part),		
Annie Key	.....	D	Mahoning (part), Stark (part)		
			John Bocchieri	.....	D
#12--Cuyahoga (part)			#62--Lake (part)		
Michael DeBose	.....	D	Jamie Callender	.....	R
#13--Cuyahoga (part)			#63--Lake (part)		
Michael Skindell	.....	D	Ronald Young	.....	R
#14--Cuyahoga (part)			#64--Trumbull (part)		
Dale Miller	.....	D	Daniel Sferra	.....	D
#15--Cuyahoga (part)			#65--Trumbull (part)		
Dean DePiero	.....	D	Sandra Harwood	.....	D
#16--Cuyahoga (part)			#66--Clermont (part)		
Sally Conway	.....	R	Jean Schmidt	.....	R
Kilbane					
#17--Cuyahoga (part)			#67--Warren (part)		
James Peter	.....	R	Tom Raga	.....	R
Trakas					
#18--Cuyahoga (part)			#68--Portage (part)		
Thomas Patton	.....	R	Kathleen Chandler	.....	D
#19--Franklin (part)			#69--Medina (part)		
Larry Flowers	.....	R	Charles Calvert	.....	R
#20--Franklin (part)			#70--Greene (part)		
Jim McGregor	.....	R	Kevin DeWine	.....	R
#21--Franklin (part)			#71--Licking (part)		
Linda	.....	R	David Evans	.....	R
Reidelbach					
#22--Franklin (part)			#72--Clark (part)		
Jim Hughes	.....	R	Merle Kearns	.....	R
#23--Franklin (part)			#73--Richland (part)		
Larry Wolpert	.....	R	William Hartnett	.....	D
#24--Franklin (part)			#74--Defiance (part), Fulton,		
Geoffrey Smith	.....	R	Williams		
			Stephen Buehrer	.....	R
#25--Franklin (part)			#75--Defiance (part), Henry,		
Dan Stewart	.....	D	Paulding		
			James Hoops	.....	R
#26--Franklin (part)			#76--Hancock, Hardin,		
Larry Price	.....	D	Auglaize (part)		
			Mike Gilb	.....	R
#27--Franklin (part)			#77--Mercer, Preble,		

Joyce Beatty	.....	D	Darke (part)		
			Keith Faber	.....	R
#28--Hamilton (part)			#78--Champaign, Shelby, Auglaize		
Jim Raussen	.....	R	(part)		
			Derrick Seaver	.....	D
#29--Hamilton (part)			#79--Miami, Darke (part)		
Patricia Clancy	.....	R	Diana Fessler	.....	R
#30--Hamilton (part)			#80--Erie, Ottawa (part)		
Bill Seitz	.....	R	Chris Redfern	.....	D
#31--Hamilton (part)			#81--Sandusky, Seneca (part),		
Steve Driehaus	.....	D	Ottawa (part)		
			Jeff Wagner	.....	R
#32--Hamilton (part)			#82--Crawford, Marion (part),		
Catherine Barrett	.....	D	Wyandot		
			Steve Reinhard	.....	R
#33--Hamilton (part)			#83--Logan, Marion (part), Union		
Tyrone Yates	.....	D	Anthony Core	.....	R
#34--Hamilton (part)			#84--Clark (part), Greene		
Tom Brinkman	.....	R	(part), Madison		
			Chris Widener	.....	R
#35--Hamilton (part), Warren			#85--Fayette, Pickaway (part),		
(part)			Ross (part), Vinton		
Michelle	.....	R	John Schlichter	.....	R
Schneider					
#36--Montgomery			#86--Clinton, Highland, Pike		
(part)					
Arlene Setzer	.....	R	David Daniels	.....	R
#37--Montgomery			#87--Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence		
(part)			(part), Ross (part), Vinton		
Jon Husted	.....	R	Clyde Evans	.....	R
			#88--Adams (part), Brown,		
#38--Montgomery			Clermont (part)		
(part)			Tom Niehaus	.....	R
John White	.....	R	#89--Adams (part), Lawrence		
			(part), Scioto		
#39--Montgomery			Todd Book	.....	D
(part)			#90--Ashland (part), Knox,		
Dixie Allen	.....	D	Morrow, Richland (part)		
			Thom Collier	.....	R
#40--Montgomery			#91--Perry, Hocking, Licking		
(part)			(part), Pickaway (part)		
Fred Strahorn	.....	D	Larry Householder	.....	R
			#92--Athens, Meigs, Morgan,		
#41--Summit (part)					
Bryan Williams	.....	R			
#42--Summit (part)					

John Widowfield.....	R	Washington (part)	
		Jimmy Stewart	R
#43--Portage (part), Summit (part)		#93--Guernsey, Monroe, Noble, Muskingum (part), Washington (part)	
Mary Taylor	R	Nancy Hollister	R
#44--Summit (part)		#94--Muskingum (part), Coshocton	
Barbara Sykes	D	Jim Aslanides	R
#45--Summit (part)		#95--Belmont (part), Jefferson	
Robert Otterman	D	John Domenick	D
#46--Lucas (part)		#96--Belmont (part), Harrison, Tuscarawas (part)	
Lynn Olman	R	Charlie Wilson	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	Timothy Grendell	R
#49--Lucas (part)		#99--Ashtabula, Trumbull (part)	
Jeanine Perry	D	L. George Distel	D
#50--Stark (part)			
John Hagan	R		

Representative Cates 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.

The chair then called to order the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

The House proceeded to the next order of business 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 Olman of House District No. 46 to preside during the election of Speaker.

Representative Kearns of House District No. 72 nominated for the office of Speaker, Larry Householder of House District No. 91.

Representative Hartnett of House District No. 73 seconded the nomination.

Representative Cates of House District No. 55 seconded the nomination.

Representative Callender of House District No. 62 moved that the nominations of Speaker be closed.

The motion was agreed to.

The House then proceeded to the election of Speaker.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 94 , nays 0 , as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Allen	Barrett	Beatty	Blasdel
Boccieri	Book	Brinkman	Brown
Buehrer	Callender	Calvert	Carano
Carmichael	Cates	Chandler	Cirelli
Clancy	Collier	Core	Daniels
DeBose	DePiero	DeWine	Distel
Domenick	Driehaus	C. Evans	Faber
Fessler	Flowers	Gibbs	Gilb
Grendell	Hagan	Hartnett	Harwood
Hollister	Hoops	Hughes	Husted
Jerse	Jolivette	Kearns	Key
Kilbane	Koziura	Latta	Manning
Mason	McGregor	Miller	Niehaus
Oelslager	Olman	Otterman	T. Patton
Perry	Peterson	Price	Raga
Rausen	Redfern	Reidelbach	Reinhard
Schaffer	Schlichter	Schmidt	Schneider
Seaver	Seitz	Setzer	Sferra
Skindell	G. Smith	S. Smith	D. Stewart
J. Stewart	Strahorn	Sykes	Taylor
Trakas	Ujvagi	Wagner	Walcher
Webster	White	Widener	Widowfield
Williamowski	Williams	Wilson	Wolpert
Woodard			Yates-94.

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, Larry Householder was declared the duly elected speaker of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

The chair appointed Representatives Cates, Clancy, Buehrer, Trakas, Peterson, Redfern, Beatty, Miller, Boccieri, Aslanides, D. Evans, J. Stewart, Schaffer, Schlichter and Flowers to escort Speaker Householder to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Speaker Householder 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:

The first thing I would like to do today is thank all of you for showing the faith in me that you have. It is an awesome responsibility during good times, and I think it is even more of an awesome responsibility during tough times. All of us here today know what we have facing us in the state of Ohio.

Two years ago when you elected me as Speaker of the house, I stood before you and I had my wife and my sons in the front row of the gallery. On that particular day I made a commitment first to them. One, to my wife that I would be a husband, and two, to my sons that the first order of business would be Dad. It has been tough. This job takes a lot of time and energy, and it takes

a lot out of a person and even more out of a family. I hope I can stand here today and say to Taundra and my boys, that I have lived up to my commitment.

I would like to introduce you to my family. My wife Taundra, and I would like to say she is the speaker of my house. The four year old on her lap is Luke and he could not be more excited. Next is Nathan who is eight. We have Matthew who is eleven. We have Adam who is twelve, but in two weeks he will be thirteen. And finally in the back row is Derek who is sixteen and a half.

Two personal friends of mine from Hocking County, Darryl and Judy Baccus, I asked to be here today. Daryl and Judy, I can remember back to 1990, we were campaigning together in the statewide election, and it was the first time we had an opportunity to meet them, and we have been through a tremendous amount together, not only politically, but also personally. I want to thank them for being here with us today, because it is very special.

I'd also like to thank the American Legion Post, the Junction City American Legion Post and Somerset American Legion Post. As you know Somerset was our honor guard last year, and they are one of the most recognized honor guards in the state of Ohio, and are from a town close to my home town. Actually where Adam Householder came, Somerset, Ohio, two hundred and soon to be one years ago today. Junction City is the small town where I was raised outside of as a small boy, and they are tremendous people, and good folks that you never want to forget. I hope they never forget me, because I will never forget them.

Before continuing I would like to make a few remarks as we welcome our new members and enter what I believe will be a truly historic time for the state of Ohio and this General Assembly. Two years ago we gathered here and we talked about the historic changes as we were ushering in term limits in the state of Ohio. Frankly I m not sure any of us knew exactly what to expect. We knew we would be in difficult times and all the institutional knowledge we lost due to term limits would have to be supplemented in some way. If you remember at the time, some of the political pundits said all of these new freshman, almost half the general assembly, they won't even be able to pass a budget. They were saying that when they thought it would be a normal budget. But we did it. We not only passed a budget, one of the most difficult budgets ever in the state of Ohio, but we passed three corrections bills on top of that. We assumed the mantel of leadership. While times were tough and difficult, we did our jobs and we did our jobs first.

We tackled issues such as terrorism, we tackled health care issues, we tackled school funding issues, we tackled the quality of education issues and wrote new standards for education. Truly trying to make sure each child has a top notch education. I would be fooling you to say that we are finished. We are long from being finished. Everybody in this room knows that our system of public education for our children in this state is not where we want it to be.

I would say we have done an awful lot, with a lot more to do. I know that this body has the fortitude to meet the challenge. I know because I see it in your eyes on this floor, I hear it in the hallways and I know it is in your hearts. We will meet the challenges.

My goal for the state of Ohio, if I could have the perfect situation, it would be to have all types of educational opportunities for children in this state. Public education would be the choice that families make, because it would be the best. Some will laugh and scoff and say that is pipe dream. But it is not a pipe dream. We have made huge changes in public education. We have been proud of our proficiency test scores over the last several years, because they have continued to increase. Our building program is the best in the country. We have other states call us on a regular basis and ask, How do you do it in Ohio? How do you build those buildings and make that investment in education? You do it because you care and you do it because you are committed and that is how you solve problems is through commitment.

We have tackled a tremendous amount of issues. This past summer we set up eight select committees to travel the state and talk about issues important to the state of Ohio. Not issues important just tomorrow, but twenty years into the future. Issues such as an energy policy for the state of Ohio. The first time ever we would have a state energy policy. Issues such as quality of education, higher education, health care accessibility, tax reform. Things that burn in the hearts and souls of Ohioans. What they desperately need and what they desperately want. And now friends it is time to put it all together. We are asked to meet the challenge and with those select committees we are going to put together an agenda for the future of Ohio. One that deals with economic development for Appalachian Ohio, for the Mahoning Valley, for northwest Ohio and for southwest Ohio. A broad economic development policy for this state that will work.

We are going to tackle the issue of quality education, beyond school funding; the classroom, that is what is important, the classroom. Kids having an opportunity to learn in safe environments with teachers who want to teach; and giving students the opportunity of choices if they can't learn in those traditional areas.

Health care accessibility; we know we have a tremendous issue with Medicaid in this state. Our population continues to age; we are living longer but we are not living well. So here in Ohio we have to tackle Medicaid. Yet we have to meet that balance where we allow rural and urban communities to have viable nursing homes. Allow people to make a profit in order to provide services, because if they don't make a profit, they won't provide the services.

These are all issues that we have to tackle, but more important than anything is that two year state budget; that operating budget. It was difficult two years ago, but friends, it is going to be more difficult this year. We already hear that revenues in the state are declining. We may even have to do a budget corrections bill before we ever get the Governor's blue book to our

esks. But we have dealt with tough times before. Ohioans are noted for dealing with tough times.

I want you to think about and reflect two hundred years of history in Ohio, and what Ohioans has achieved. A young boy from Milan who was the inventor of more great things than this country will ever see again. Two young men from Dayton who dreamed they could fly and that dream became a reality. Could we touch the stars? An Ohioan orbited the earth, and it was an Ohioan from Wapakoneta that made one very large step for mankind. Medicine, education, the list goes on and on.

In the world of sports, we have a lot to be proud of. Number one. It is very simple, if you have a plan; ask Jim Tressel. You don't need to be the best individuals, you have to be the best team. You know friends, we bicker a lot, and sometimes we let politics get in the way of the good of the people. But it is the team that is going to count at the end of the day. I would like to say that this 125th General Assembly in the 200th year of the history of the state of Ohio we are going to be a team. We are going to work together.

I have already asked Representative Redfern if we can get together some informal groups to talk about the budget, the quality of education and the school funding issue in the state of Ohio. We're going to do that. If you recall two years ago we had quite a bit of success that started out in an informal group, and I hope we are able to do that again.

I can tell you, just like the Ohio State Buckeyes who went to the deserts of Arizona and came home national champions, we know we have the tools in Ohio to again be number one. I have said many times in speeches lately that in Ohio, all of our problems are good problems to have. Everybody looks at me confused and wonders what potato truck I fell off of, but let me explain what I mean by that. Number one, economic development and jobs. Let me explain. I just took a trip out west to watch national championship football, and yes they have sunshine and it is a nice place to visit. But the one thing the west doesn't have and are still fighting over after one hundred and fifty years is they don't have water. But we have a great lake and a great river, friends, and a lot of water in between. We have a great industrial state and all we need to do is figure out how to put it together.

When it comes to technology and research; you know the state of Georgia boasts that they spend two hundred million dollars a year; they finally hit a plateau. Two hundred million dollars a year spent on new technology! Well I got news for you friends, the Ohio State University alone spends more than that in one year. That's technology! Can they boast that they have NASA, Battelle and Wright Patterson Air Force Base all within their own state? They can't boast that. And when you come to education; yes, we have a problem funding higher education; there is no question about that. Do you want to know why? Because we have more opportunity than any state in the union. We have more two year and four year colleges with local access to students than any state in the country. Opportunity is expensive, and it takes a lot of

money to fund that much opportunity.

My good friend Jim Rhodes used to say that Ohio state is so great, we do more good by accident than most states do on purpose. You know Jimmy was right, we do. Our problem is we have to put it all together, and that is a pretty good problem to have when you think about it.

So that will be our charge in the next two years. To be a team, to put it all together, to bring the tools out of the tool box, and work to make Ohio great. And we can do it, because we don't lack the tools. We just have to have the ability to do it. And working as a team, like the Buckeyes in the desert of Arizona, we are going to do it, and Ohio is going to be great.

Thank you.

The next order of business being the election of the Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative Webster of House District No. 53 nominated for said office, Representative Gary Cates of House District No. 55.

Representative Faber of House District No. 77 seconded the nomination.

Representative Fessler of House District No. 79 seconded the nomination.

Representative Raga of House District No. 67 moved that the nominations of Speaker Pro Tempore be closed.

The motion was agreed to.

The House then proceeded to the election of the Speaker Pro Tempore.

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 94 , nays 0 , as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Allen	Barrett	Beatty	Blasdel
Boccieri	Book	Brinkman	Brown
Buehrer	Callender	Calvert	Carano
Carmichael	Cates	Chandler	Cirelli
Clancy	Collier	Core	Daniels
DeBose	DePiero	DeWine	Distel
Domenick	Driehaus	C. Evans	Faber
Fessler	Flowers	Gibbs	Gilb
Grendell	Hagan	Hartnett	Harwood
Hollister	Hoops	Hughes	Husted
Jerse	Jolivette	Kearns	Key
Kilbane	Koziura	Latta	Manning
Mason	McGregor	Miller	Niehaus
Oelslager	Olman	Otterman	T. Patton
Perry	Peterson	Price	Raga
Raussen	Redfern	Reidelbach	Reinhard
Schaffer	Schlichter	Schmidt	Schneider
Seaver	Seitz	Setzer	Sferra
Skindell	G. Smith	S. Smith	D. Stewart
J. Stewart	Strahorn	Sykes	Taylor
Trakas	Ujvagi	Wagner	Walcher
Webster	White	Widener	Widowfield
Willamowski	Wilson	Wolpert	Woodard

Yates

Householder-94.

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

The chair appointed Representatives Clancy, Buehrer, Trakas, Peterson, Olman, Redfern, Beatty, Miller, Bocchieri, and Wilson to escort Representatives Cates to the bar of the House.

Upon being presented, Representative Cates was administered the oath of office by the Honorable Larry Householder, 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 Twenty-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Ohio, Representative Cates offered the following resolution:

H.R. No. 1 - REPRESENTATIVE Cates.

Relative to the election of the majority floor leader, the assistant majority floor leader, the majority whip, and the assistant majority whip for the 125th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 125th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Republican members have chosen Patricia M. Clancy of House District #29 as majority floor leader, Stephen Buehrer of House District #74 as assistant majority floor leader, James Peter Trakas of House District #17 as majority whip, and Jon Peterson of House District #2 as assistant majority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 125th General Assembly that Patricia M. Clancy be, and upon adoption of the resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority floor leader; that Stephen Buehrer be, and upon adoption of the resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant majority floor leader; that James Peter Trakas be, and upon the adoption of the resolution is, hereby elected to the office of majority whip; and that Jon Peterson 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 94 , nays 0 , as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Allen	Barrett	Beatty	Blasdel
Bocchieri	Book	Brinkman	Brown
Buehrer	Callender	Calvert	Carano
Carmichael	Cates	Chandler	Cirelli

Clancy	Collier	Core	Daniels
DeBose	DePiero	DeWine	Distel
Domenick	Driehaus	C. Evans	Faber
Fessler	Flowers	Gibbs	Gilb
Grendell	Hagan	Hartnett	Harwood
Hollister	Hoops	Hughes	Husted
Jerse	Jolivette	Kearns	Key
Kilbane	Koziura	Latta	Manning
Mason	McGregor	Miller	Niehaus
Oelslager	Olman	Otterman	T. Patton
Perry	Peterson	Price	Raga
Rausen	Redfern	Reidelbach	Reinhard
Schaffer	Schlichter	Schmidt	Schneider
Seaver	Seitz	Setzer	Sferra
Skindell	G. Smith	S. Smith	D. Stewart
J. Stewart	Strahorn	Sykes	Taylor
Trakas	Ujvagi	Wagner	Walcher
Webster	White	Widener	Widowfield
Willamowski	Wilson	Wolpert	Woodard
Yates			Householder-94.

The resolution was adopted.

The majority floor leader, Representative Clancy; the assistant majority floor leader, Representative Buehrer; the majority whip, Representative Trakas; the assistant majority whip, Representative Peterson, were escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Grendell, Taylor, Jolivette, Faber, Schaffer, Hagan and McGregor, 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 minority leader of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Twenty- Fifth General Assembly of the State of Ohio, Representative Cates offered the following resolution:

H.R. No. 2 - REPRESENTATIVE Cates.

Relative to the election of the minority leader for the 125th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 125th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democrat members have chosen Chris Redfern of House District #80 as minority leader; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 125th General Assembly that Chris Redfern be, and upon adoption of the resolution is, hereby elected to office of minority floor leader.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 94 , nays 0 , as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Allen	Barrett	Beatty	Blasdel
Boccieri	Book	Brinkman	Brown
Buehrer	Callender	Calvert	Carano
Carmichael	Cates	Chandler	Cirelli
Clancy	Collier	Core	Daniels
DeBose	DePiero	DeWine	Distel
Domenick	Driehaus	C. Evans	Faber
Fessler	Flowers	Gibbs	Gilb
Grendell	Hagan	Hartnett	Harwood
Hollister	Hoops	Hughes	Husted
Jerse	Jolivette	Kearns	Key
Kilbane	Koziura	Latta	Manning
Mason	McGregor	Miller	Niehaus
Oelslager	Olman	Otterman	T. Patton
Perry	Peterson	Price	Raga
Raussen	Redfern	Reidelbach	Reinhard
Schaffer	Schlichter	Schmidt	Schneider
Seaver	Seitz	Setzer	Sferra
Skindell	G. Smith	S. Smith	D. Stewart
J. Stewart	Strahorn	Sykes	Taylor
Trakas	Ujvagi	Wagner	Walcher
Webster	White	Widener	Widowfield
Willamowski	Wilson	Wolpert	Woodard
Yates			Householder-94.

The resolution was adopted.

The minority leader, Representative Redfern was escorted to the bar of the House by Reps. Beatty, Miller, Boccieri, Strahorn, Hartnett, Sykes and DePiero, 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 minority leader, the assistant minority leader, the minority whip, and the assistant minority whip of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth General Assembly of the State of Ohio, Representative Cates offered the following resolution:

H.R. No. 3 - REPRESENTATIVE Cates.

Relative to the election of the assistant minority leader, the minority whip, and the assistant minority whip for the 125th General Assembly of Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 125th General Assembly of Ohio have been advised that the caucus of Democrat members have chosen Joyce Beatty of House District #27 as assistant minority leader, Dale Miller of House District #14 as minority whip, and John Boccieri of House District #61 as assistant minority whip; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 125th General Assembly that Joyce Beatty be, and upon adoption of this resolution is, hereby elected to the office of assistant minority leader; that Dale Miller be, and upon adoption of the resolution is, hereby elected to the office of minority

whip; and that John Bocchieri 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 94 , nays 0 , as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Allen	Barrett	Beatty	Blasdel
Bocchieri	Book	Brinkman	Brown
Buehrer	Callender	Calvert	Carano
Carmichael	Cates	Chandler	Cirelli
Clancy	Collier	Core	Daniels
DeBose	DePiero	DeWine	Distel
Domenick	Driehaus	C. Evans	Faber
Fessler	Flowers	Gibbs	Gilb
Grendell	Hagan	Hartnett	Harwood
Hollister	Hoops	Hughes	Husted
Jerse	Jolivette	Kearns	Key
Kilbane	Koziura	Latta	Manning
Mason	McGregor	Miller	Niehaus
Oelslager	Olman	Otterman	T. Patton
Perry	Peterson	Price	Raga
Raussen	Redfern	Reidelbach	Reinhard
Schaffer	Schlichter	Schmidt	Schneider
Seaver	Seitz	Setzer	Sferra
Skindell	G. Smith	S. Smith	D. Stewart
J. Stewart	Strahorn	Sykes	Taylor
Trakas	Ujvagi	Wagner	Walcher
Webster	White	Widener	Widowfield
Willamowski	Wilson	Wolpert	Woodard
Yates			Householder-94.

The resolution was adopted.

The assistant minority leader, Representative Beatty; the minority whip, Representative Miller; the assistant minority whip, Representative Bocchieri, were escorted to the bar of the House by Representatives Allen, Brown, Carano, Driehaus, Jerse, Mason, Perry, and S. Smith 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 and empowering the executive secretary to sign vouchers, Representative Cates offered the following resolution:

H. R. No. 4 - REPRESENTATIVE Cates.

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 125th General Assembly, that the following persons be, and are thereby, elected to the offices set opposite their names;

Kimberly M. Flasher Chief Administrative Officer

Laura P. Clemens Clerk
 Thomas F. Brandt Sergeant-at-arms
 ; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the terms of office of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Clerk, and the 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 94 , nays 0 , as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Allen	Barrett	Beatty	Blasdel
Boccieri	Book	Brinkman	Brown
Buehrer	Callender	Calvert	Carano
Carmichael	Cates	Chandler	Cirelli
Clancy	Collier	Core	Daniels
DeBose	DePiero	DeWine	Distel
Domenick	Driehaus	C. Evans	Faber
Fessler	Flowers	Gibbs	Gilb
Grendell	Hagan	Hartnett	Harwood
Hollister	Hoops	Hughes	Husted
Jerse	Jolivette	Kearns	Key
Kilbane	Koziura	Latta	Manning
Mason	McGregor	Miller	Niehaus
Oelslager	Olman	Otterman	T. Patton
Perry	Peterson	Price	Raga
Raussen	Redfern	Reidelbach	Reinhard
Schaffer	Schlichter	Schmidt	Schneider
Seaver	Seitz	Setzer	Sferra
Skindell	G. Smith	S. Smith	D. Stewart
J. Stewart	Strahorn	Sykes	Taylor
Trakas	Ujvagi	Wagner	Walcher
Webster	White	Widener	Widowfield
Willamowski	Wilson	Wolpert	Woodard
Yates			Householder-94.

The resolution was adopted.

Having received a constitutional majority of all votes cast, the above named persons were duly elected officers of the 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 their duties.

Representative Cates 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 Cates.

Relative to the appointment of a special committee on Rules.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the members of the House of Representatives of the 125th General Assembly, that the speaker shall appoint a committee of eight members to prepare the rules for the conduct of business of the House and to confer with a like committee from the Senate to prepare joint rules and to report at the earliest date practicable; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in the interim all questions on procedure shall be determined on the basis of the rules of the House of Representatives adopted by the House during the 124th General Assembly.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 94 , nays 0 , as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Allen	Barrett	Beatty	Blasdel
Boccieri	Book	Brinkman	Brown
Buehrer	Callender	Calvert	Carano
Carmichael	Cates	Chandler	Cirelli
Clancy	Collier	Core	Daniels
DeBose	DePiero	DeWine	Distel
Domenick	Driehaus	C. Evans	Faber
Fessler	Flowers	Gibbs	Gilb
Grendell	Hagan	Hartnett	Harwood
Hollister	Hoops	Hughes	Husted
Jerse	Jolivette	Kearns	Key
Kilbane	Koziura	Latta	Manning
Mason	McGregor	Miller	Niehaus
Oelslager	Olman	Otterman	T. Patton
Perry	Peterson	Price	Raga
Raussen	Redfern	Reidelbach	Reinhard
Schaffer	Schlichter	Schmidt	Schneider
Seaver	Seitz	Setzer	Sferra
Skindell	G. Smith	S. Smith	D. Stewart
J. Stewart	Strahorn	Sykes	Taylor
Trakas	Ujvagi	Wagner	Walcher
Webster	White	Widener	Widowfield
Willamowski	Wilson	Wolpert	Woodard
Yates			Householder-94.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Cates 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 Cates.

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 125th 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 125th General Assembly from December 31, 2002 to January 6, 2003, the date of the convening of the 125th General Assembly, at the same salary that was paid them during the 124th General Assembly.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 94 , nays 0 , as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Allen	Barrett	Beatty	Blasdel
Boccieri	Book	Brinkman	Brown
Buehrer	Callender	Calvert	Carano
Carmichael	Cates	Chandler	Cirelli
Clancy	Collier	Core	Daniels
DeBose	DePiero	DeWine	Distel
Domenick	Driehaus	C. Evans	Faber
Fessler	Flowers	Gibbs	Gilb
Grendell	Hagan	Hartnett	Harwood
Hollister	Hoops	Hughes	Husted
Jerse	Jolivette	Kearns	Key
Kilbane	Koziura	Latta	Manning
Mason	McGregor	Miller	Niehaus
Oelslager	Olman	Otterman	T. Patton
Perry	Peterson	Price	Raga
Raussen	Redfern	Reidelbach	Reinhard
Schaffer	Schlichter	Schmidt	Schneider
Seaver	Seitz	Setzer	Sferra
Skindell	G. Smith	S. Smith	D. Stewart
J. Stewart	Strahorn	Sykes	Taylor
Trakas	Ujvagi	Wagner	Walcher
Webster	White	Widener	Widowfield
Willamowski	Wilson	Wolpert	Woodard
Yates			Householder-94.

The resolution was adopted.

Representative Cates 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 Cates.

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 125th 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 94 , nays 0 , as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Allen	Barrett	Beatty	Blasdel
Boccieri	Book	Brinkman	Brown
Buehrer	Callender	Calvert	Carano
Carmichael	Cates	Chandler	Cirelli
Clancy	Collier	Core	Daniels
DeBose	DePiero	DeWine	Distel
Domenick	Driehaus	C. Evans	Faber
Fessler	Flowers	Gibbs	Gilb
Grendell	Hagan	Hartnett	Harwood
Hollister	Hoops	Hughes	Husted
Jerse	Jolivette	Kearns	Key
Kilbane	Koziura	Latta	Manning
Mason	McGregor	Miller	Niehaus
Oelslager	Olman	Otterman	S. Patton
Perry	Peterson	Price	Raga
Rausen	Redfern	Reidelbach	Reinhard
Schaffer	Schlichter	Schmidt	Schneider
Seaver	Seitz	Setzer	Sferra
Skindell	G. Smith	S. Smith	D. Stewart
J. Stewart	Strahorn	Sykes	Taylor
Trakas	Ujvagi	Wagner	Walcher
Webster	White	Widener	Widowfield
Willamowski	Wilson	Wolpert	Woodard
Yates			Householder-94.

The resolution was adopted.

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

H. C. R. No. 1 -Representatives Householder, Redfern.

Relative to a committee to wait upon the Governor to let him know the 125th General Assembly is in session.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the House (the Senate concurring), that a committee of five on the part of the House of Representatives and five on the part of the Senate be appointed to wait upon and inform the Governor that the two houses of the 125th 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 94 , nays 0 , as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Allen	Barrett	Beatty	Blasdel
Boccieri	Book	Brinkman	Brown
Buehrer	Callender	Calvert	Carano

Carmichael	Cates	Chandler	Cirelli
Clancy	Collier	Core	Daniels
DeBose	DePiero	DeWine	Distel
Domenick	Driehaus	C. Evans	Faber
Fessler	Flowers	Gibbs	Gilb
Grendell	Hagan	Hartnett	Harwood
Hollister	Hoops	Hughes	Husted
Jerse	Jolivette	Kearns	Key
Kilbane	Koziura	Latta	Manning
Mason	McGregor	Miller	Niehaus
Oelslager	Olman	Otterman	T. Patton
Perry	Peterson	Price	Raga
Raussen	Redfern	Reidelbach	Reinhard
Schaffer	Schlichter	Schmidt	Schneider
Seaver	Seitz	Setzer	Sferra
Skindell	G. Smith	S. Smith	D. Stewart
J. Stewart	Strahorn	Sykes	Taylor
Trakas	Ujvagi	Wagner	Walcher
Webster	White	Widener	Widowfield
Willamowski	Wilson	Wolpert	Woodard
Yates			Householder-94.

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

Representative Cates 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 -Representatives Householder, Redfern.

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 Robert A. Taft III, on Monday, January 13, 2003.

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

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted - yeas 94 , nays 0 , as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

Allen	Barrett	Beatty	Blasdel
Boccieri	Book	Brinkman	Brown
Buehrer	Callender	Calvert	Carano
Carmichael	Cates	Chandler	Cirelli
Clancy	Collier	Core	Daniels
DeBose	DePiero	DeWine	Distel
Domenick	Driehaus	C. Evans	Faber
Fessler	Flowers	Gibbs	Gilb
Grendell	Hagan	Hartnett	Harwood
Hollister	Hoops	Hughes	Husted
Jerse	Jolivette	Kearns	Key
Kilbane	Koziura	Latta	Manning

Mason	McGregor	Miller	Niehaus
Oelslager	Olman	Otterman	T. Patton
Perry	Peterson	Price	Raga
Raussen	Redfern	Reidelbach	Reinhard
Schaffer	Schlichter	Schmidt	Schneider
Seaver	Seitz	Setzer	Sferra
Skindell	G. Smith	S. Smith	D. Stewart
J. Stewart	Strahorn	Sykes	Taylor
Trakas	Ujvagi	Wagner	Walcher
Webster	White	Widener	Widowfield
Willamowski	Wilson	Wolpert	Woodard
Yates			Householder-94.

The concurrent resolution was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, the Speaker hereby appoints the following members to a committee to wait upon the Governor:

Representatives Cates, Clancy, Buehrer, Trakas, Peterson, Beatty, Millier, Boccieri

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER

Pursuant to House Resolution No. 5, the Speaker hereby appoints the following members to the Special Committee on Rules:

Representatives Cates (chair), Clancy, Buehrer, Trakas, Peterson, Beatty, Miller, Boccieri

On motion of Representative Cates , the House adjourned until Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Attest:

LAURA P. CLEMENS ,
Clerk.