

# Byers, Minton and Associates

This Week at the Statehouse

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## Around the Square

### House Overrides 11 Vetoes

The House on Thursday overrode 11 of Governor John Kasich's 47 line-item vetoes of the biennial budget. Notable overrides include the Medicaid managed care sales tax replacement plan, the governor's veto of giving the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee's authority to oversee any increase in Medicaid rates, and a provision that gives the general assembly appointment authority for the Ohio Oil and Gas Leasing Commission. Several vetoes related to Medicaid were overrode by the House, except for the Medicaid expansion freeze. For now, that veto will remain, however Speaker Rosenberger announced the House may take up that issue in the Fall. The Senate has not announced their timeline for these veto overrides.

### Rosenberger Unveils OSU Institute

Speaker Cliff Rosenberger announced the creation of the Ohio State University's new State of Ohio Leadership Institute. The institute will provide leadership training and education for current and future elected officials at state and local levels to help prepare these individuals for their jobs. \$5 million has been allocated from the biennial budget to help establish the new institute.

### Cupp Chairs Public Utilities

Representative Bob Cupp has been appointed as the new Chair of the House Public Utilities Committee. He replaced Representative Bill Seitz, who stepped down from his chairmanship on July 1st due to his recent appointment as the House majority floor leader. Cupp currently serves on several committees and additionally chairs the Joint Education Oversight Committee. He has also been named as the chairman of the speaker's task force on education and poverty.

## Political News and Notes

### 40 Years Since the Legislature Overrode Vetoes

It has been 40 years to the day since the last time the House overrode multiple budget vetoes submitted by the governor. In 1977, Democratic Speaker Vern Riffe and the House members overrode all three items Governor James Rhodes vetoed in the 1978-1979 biennial budget. This is the second most recent override for budget items, but not the most recent override in general. In 2006, Speaker John Husted overrode a veto by Governor Bob Taft regarding a concealed handgun measure, which would have superseded more restrictive ordinances in several cities.

### Ohio Business Roundtable President Steps Down

Richard Stoff announced he will retire as President of the Ohio Business Roundtable at the end of this year. Stoff has served as the only president in the advocacy group's history. Gary Heminger, the organization's executive committee chairman, announced they have hired the international search firm of Heidrick & Struggles to find a successor.

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