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This Week at the Statehouse

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Around the Square

House Announcements

Speaker Rosenberger commented on Wednesday there will be a forthcoming announcement regarding congressional redistricting sometime next week. Rosenberger declined to discuss details, but recently met with Senate President Larry Obhof and both chamber's minority leaders on the subject. Additionally, Speaker Rosenberger mentioned the House may reconvene this month and address more of Governor Kasich's budget vetoes. Potentially on the list of vetoes is to discuss is the Medicaid expansion freeze.

Krebs Announces Bid for Senate

Former Rep Gene Krebs announced Thursday his plans to run for term-limited Senator Bill Beagle's 5th Senate District seat. His priorities, if elected, include school funding, reducing state reliance on property taxes, and increasing broadband and cell phone access in rural areas of the state. Krebs will face off against Rep Stephen Huffman, who announced in May his intention to run for the seat as well.

Lang Assumes Vacant Seat

George Lang, a trustee from West Chester Township, will be replacing outgoing Rep Margaret Condit for the 52nd House seat. Lang was selected out of seven applicants and was sworn into office on Wednesday. Rep Schuring noted Lang was selected because of his previous experience as a trustee and his conservative, business friendly policies.

Political News and Notes

Columbus Finalist for the Hyperloop

Hyperloop One announced the Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburg transit route is one of ten international finalists for their high-speed tube system. Columbus was one of 2,600 proposals and the Midwest Connect was selected largely because of strong public and private partnerships throughout the four states affected. The company has not announced when they would be ready to build the tube railways, or how much it would cost, but will offer resources to cities as they explore each possibility.

Eckhart Announces for Senate

Don Elijah Eckhart has announced his candidacy to challenge U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown yesterday. He now joins Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel, Cleveland banker Mike Gibbons and Marysville business owner Melissa Ackison for the Republican nomination. In his announcement, he emphasized his experience in budget writing for state and local governments.

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