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This Week at the Statehouse

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Around the Square

Election Announcements

Senator Troy Balderson has announced his candidacy to replace retiring U.S. Rep Pat Tiberi. Balderson and Brandon Grisez are currently the only two announced candidates for the GOP nomination, while the Democratic candidates include John Russell, Ed Albertson, John Peters, Doug Wilson and former Franklin County Sheriff Zach Scott. Additionally, Rep Nathan Manning announced he will be running to replace his term-limited mother, Senator Gayle Manning.

McColley Sworn In

Senator Rob McColley was officially sworn into the 1st Senate District Seat on Tuesday to replace former Senator Cliff Hite. Obhof also appointed Senator Bob Hackett as chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, a position that was held by former Senator Cliff Hite. Additionally, the Senate Democratic Caucus named Mike Rowe as their new chief of staff following the resignation of Michael Premo.

Political News and Notes

Cordray Announces for Governor

Former state Attorney General and Treasurer Richard Cordray officially announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor on Tuesday. He joins a crowded primary field with Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley, former U.S. Rep Betty Sutton, Senator Joe Schiavoni, and former Senator Connie Pillich.

O'Neill to Resign

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Bill O'Neill will announce today his future resignation from the bench. Legislators are weighing the option of removing Justice O'Neill, as they believe announcing his potential candidacy for Governor violates the Judicial Code of Conduct. In response, O'Neill added since he has not filed, he is not an official candidate but has since continued his campaigning efforts. Senator Obhof commented there are ongoing discussions for removal, but no plans for a vote.

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