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This Week at the Statehouse
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Political News and Notes

Income Tax Bump

The Ohio Office of Budget and Management reported total tax receipts for October were nearly \$69 million or 3.7 percent higher than estimated. A majority of the additional collections were from strong performances in personal and business taxes. Strong auto sales for the month also put total sales tax receipts ahead of their estimate. To date, the \$7.482 billion tax intake is running 1.4 percent ahead of schedule for Fiscal Year 2019 and has been ahead of last year's pace by an average 5.2 percent for the first third of the year.

Around the Statehouse

Lame Duck Priorities

Following the election, legislators laid out initiatives and priorities for the lame duck period during the 2018 Impact Ohio Post Election Conference on Thursday. Senate President Larry Obhof and House Speaker Ryan Smith both stated their intentions to examine criminal justice reform and protect procedural changes involving Ohio's Constitution following the failure of Issue 1. The Senate will focus on the state's regulatory environment and economic protections. The House has several pieces of legislation up for examination, including support for sexual assault victims, cybersecurity measures, workforce development and blockchain technology efforts. Minority leaders in both chambers called for legislators not to get caught up in heated partisan issues, and instead focus on priorities such as education funding, broadband expansion and renewable energy.

Speaker Vote Forthcoming

The ongoing battle for the House Speakership between current Speaker Ryan Smith and former Speaker Larry Householder could culminate in a vote as early as next week. As is tradition, the dean of the caucus will call an informal leadership vote a week after the election. However, problems have arisen as the current dean of the caucus is Representative Butler, a Householder ally who has stated he is still considering the timing of the vote. Official tallies of supporters on either side, including Democratic support, are not clear.

Election Recap

The midterm elections have ended and the new administration's transition has officially begun. Byers, Minton and Associates looks forward to forming new relationships and continuing to develop already existing relationships with all those elected on Tuesday. In case you missed our 2018 General Election updates throughout the week, please see below for election outcomes and analysis:

2018 General Election Analysis Presentation: <https://tinyurl.com/y92c6un9>

2018 General Election Analysis Full Report: <https://tinyurl.com/y83qlydj>

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