

THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE JANUARY 6, 2023



Ohio Fact of the Week

Ohio was the first state to be taken from the Northwest Territory and the 17th state to join the union all together.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

No Session or Committees

Stephens Elected Speaker with Democrats' Help; Oelslager Elected Pro Tempore

For the second time in the last few years, Democrats used their sway to pick the Ohio House speaker after the House Republican Caucus split, elevating Rep. Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) to the speaker's dais despite Republicans' announcing Rep. Derek Merrin (R-Monclova) as the speaker-elect last year.

The last time a floor vote went differently than a caucus election was when former House Speaker Larry Householder enlisted the help of Democrats to defeat House Speaker Ryan Smith in 2019.

Rep. Scott Oelslager (R-North Canton) was elected speaker pro tempore, though 14 Republicans voted against his election.

Alex Triantafilou named new chairman of the Ohio Republican Party

Alex Triantafilou, the longtime leader of the Hamilton County Republican Party, has been named as the next chairman of the Ohio Republican Party. Triantafilou will replace Bob Paduchik, who had led the state party since February 2021, following a vote Friday in suburban Columbus by the Ohio Republican Party's central committee.

Triantafilou, an attorney and former judge, defeated several opponents, including Bryan Williams, the chairman of the Summit County Republican Party.

DeWine Signs ARPA Funding Bill without Vetoes, Previews Budget Housing Policies

Gov. Mike DeWine announced Friday the signing of 134-HB45 (West-Roemer), a multi-billion-dollar spending bill, without issuing any line-item vetoes. Noting the calls he'd received to line-item veto provisions of the bill related to affordable housing, the governor said his forthcoming budget proposal would address affordable housing policy.

NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION

(Road naming and license plate bills omitted from list)

HOUSE BILLS

***No new introductions**

SENATE BILLS

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