



# Journal of the House

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Monday Morning

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The invocation was offered by Dr. Jeff Gaskill of Grace Bible Church in Berne, a guest of Representative Lehman.

The House convened at 10:00 a.m. with Speaker Brian C. Bosma in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Representative M. Smith.

The Speaker ordered the roll of the House to be called:

Arnold	Kirchhofer
Austin	Klinker
Aylesworth	Lawson
Bacon	Lehe <input type="checkbox"/>
Baird	Lehman
Bartlett	Leonard
Bauer <input type="checkbox"/>	Lucas
Behning	Lyness
Beumer	Macer
Borders	Mahan
Braun <input type="checkbox"/>	May
C. Brown	Mayfield
T. Brown	McNamara
Burton	Miller
Candelaria Reardon	Moed
Carbaugh	Morris
Cherry	Morrison
Clere	Moseley
Cook	Negele <input type="checkbox"/>
Culver	Nisly
Davisson	Ober
DeLaney	Olthoff
DeVon	Pelath
Dvorak <input type="checkbox"/>	Pierce <input type="checkbox"/>
Eberhart <input type="checkbox"/>	Porter
Ellington	Pressel
Engleman	Pryor
Errington	Richardson
Forestal	Saunders
Friend	Schaibley
Frizzell	Shackleford
Frye	Siegrist
GiaQuinta	Slager
Goodin	Smaltz
Gutwein	M. Smith
Hamilton	V. Smith <input type="checkbox"/>
Hamm	Soliday
Harris	Speedy
Hatfield	Stemler
Heaton <input type="checkbox"/>	Steuerwald
Heine	Sullivan
Huston	Summers
Jordan	J. Taylor
Judy	Thompson
Karickhoff	Torr
Kersey	VanNatter <input type="checkbox"/>

Washburne  
Wesco  
Wolkins  
Wright

J. Young  
Zent  
Ziemke  
Mr. Speaker

Roll Call 4: 90 present; 10 excused. The Speaker announced a quorum in attendance. [NOTE:  indicates those who were excused.]

## HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that when we do adjourn, we adjourn until Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

LEHMAN

The motion was adopted by a constitutional majority.

[*Journal Clerk's note:* The Speaker announced that Leader Pelath requested Representative Lawson to replace Representative Pierce on the Natural Resources standing committee]

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

With consent of the members, the following bills and joint resolutions on Bill List 4 were read a first time by title and referred to the respective committees:

### HB 1134 — Nisly

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

### HB 1149 — Taylor J

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

### HB 1150 — Taylor J

Committee on Public Health

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

### HB 1151 — Taylor J

Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

### HB 1152 — Taylor J

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

### HB 1153 — Leonard

Committee on Public Health

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

**HB 1154** — Leonard

Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

**HB 1155** — Miller D

Committee on Local Government

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

**HB 1156** — Miller D

Committee on Local Government

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

**HB 1157** — Miller D

Committee on Select Committee on Government Reduction

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

**HB 1158** — Miller D

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

**HB 1159** — Lucas, Judy, VanNatter

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

**HB 1160** — Cherry, Steuerwald, Richardson

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning taxation.

**HB 1161** — Lucas

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

**HB 1162** — Lucas

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

**HB 1163** — Lucas

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

**HB 1164** — Schaibley

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

**HB 1165** — Schaibley

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

**HB 1166** — Schaibley

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

**HB 1167** — Schaibley

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

**HB 1168** — Heaton

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

**HB 1169** — Mahan, Cook, McNamara, Wright

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

**HB 1170** — Mahan, Ober, Richardson, Macer

Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

**HB 1171** — Mahan, Frye R, Steuerwald, Lawson L

Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

**HB 1172** — Negele

Committee on Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

**HB 1173** — Eberhart

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

**HB 1174** — Culver

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning transportation.

**HB 1175** — Culver

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

**HB 1176** — Stemler, Steuerwald, Goodin

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

**HB 1177** — Kersey

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

**HB 1178** — Kersey

Committee on Elections and Apportionment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

**HB 1179** — Kersey

Committee on Elections and Apportionment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

**HB 1180** — Kersey

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

**HB 1181** — Kersey

Committee on Judiciary

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning general provisions.

**HB 1182** — Mahan, Lehman, Gutwein, Stemler  
Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

## RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

### House Resolution 2

Representative Aylesworth introduced House Resolution 2:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION concerning the Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs in Lake and Porter Counties.

*Whereas, The motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs in Lake and Porter Counties were begun under federal requirements in 1984 because Lake and Porter Counties were not in "attainment" of federal standards for ozone;*

*Whereas, According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), cars and trucks collectively are the single greatest contributor to ground-level ozone, the major component of smog;*

*Whereas, The purpose of an I/M program is to reduce ground-level ozone by ensuring that the emission control systems on vehicles are working correctly;*

*Whereas, An I/M program cannot reduce the ground-level ozone caused by a vehicle if the vehicle is not subject to the I/M program;*

*Whereas, Generally, only vehicles registered in Lake and Porter Counties are subject to the I/M programs in Lake and Porter Counties;*

*Whereas, Lake and Porter Counties in northwest Indiana are crossed by Interstate Highway 80/90 and Interstate Highway 94, two of the most heavily traveled highways in the Midwest, and Lake County is also crossed by Interstate Highway 65, another heavily traveled highway linking major southern cities with Chicago;*

*Whereas, The I/M programs, therefore, cannot do anything to address a major source of ground-level ozone in Lake and Porter Counties; namely, the many motor vehicles passing through Lake and Porter Counties on Interstate Highways 80/90, 94, and 65;*

*Whereas, The United States EPA itself predicts that remote sensing technologies may soon offer the potential for a fast and convenient way to identify high-emitting vehicles by taking a "snapshot" of a vehicle's emissions as it passes by a sensor located on the side of the road; and*

*Whereas, The United States EPA's establishment this past October of a new, lower ozone standard of 70 parts per billion makes this an appropriate point for federal and state environmental regulators to appraise the ozone control measures in place and consider whether new measures should replace them: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the Environmental Protection Agency to revise or eliminate the requirements under which the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs in Lake and Porter Counties are operated.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Gina McCarthy, the Administrator of the United States

Environmental Protection Agency, and to Susan Hedman, Administrator for Region 5 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago.

The resolution was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Roads and Transportation.

### House Resolution 3

Representative T. Brown introduced House Resolution 3:

A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to assign the topic of examining whether to expand the sales and use tax base to include services to the appropriate interim study committee.

Whereas, Approximately half of the revenue deposited in the State General Fund is generated from the sales and use tax;

Whereas, Data on personal consumption expenditures compiled by the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis demonstrates that Americans spend an ever-increasing share of their income on services and an ever-decreasing share on goods;

Whereas, The shift in consumption preference away from generally taxed goods in favor of generally untaxed services serves to narrow the sales and use tax base;

Whereas, A key principal of sound tax policy is to tax the broadest possible tax base at the lowest possible tax rate; and

Whereas, Expanding the sales and use tax base to include services could allow for a substantial reduction in the sales and use tax rate while maintaining revenue neutrality: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Legislative Council is urged to assign the topic of examining whether to expand the sales and use tax base to include services to the appropriate interim study committee.

The resolution was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The House recessed until the fall of the gavel.

## RECESS

## JOINT CONVENTION

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Senator David C. Long, called the joint convention to order at 9:30 a.m. and addressed the members as follows:

"Members of the Joint Convention: The two Houses of the General Assembly have convened in Joint Convention in order to publish the returns of the election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor held on November 8, 2016."

The President Pro Tempore yielded the gavel to Speaker Brian C. Bosma who addressed the members as follows:

"Members of the Joint Convention: In accordance with IC 3-12-5-5(a), the Indiana Elections Division has prepared and delivered to the Speaker of the House of Representatives a statement of the number of votes received by each candidate for the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the general election held on November 8, 2016. The votes cast in each of the 92 counties have been totaled and show the following:

For Eric Holcomb and  
Suzanne Crouch

1,397,339

For John R. Gregg and  
Christina Hale 1,235,503

For Rex Bell and  
Karl Tatgenhorst 87,025

For Adam Adkins 41

For Christopher Stried 3

Eric Holcomb and Suzanne Crouch received the highest number of votes cast for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, respectively. By virtue of the powers vested in the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, I hereby declare and certify in the presence of both Houses and before the public that Eric Holcomb was duly elected Governor of the State of Indiana and Suzanne Crouch was duly elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Indiana for a term of four years beginning on Monday, January 9, 2016.

This announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected Governor and Lieutenant Governor and shall be entered, with a list of the votes, in the Journals of the House of Representatives and the Senate."

COUNTY	REPORT OF VOTES CAST FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR				
	Democratic Party	Libertarian Party	Republican Party	Adkins	Stried
	Gregg Hale	Bell Tatgenhorst	Holcomb Crouch		
Adams	4272	371	8408	0	0
Allen	61879	4478	80458	4	0
Bartholomew	11869	1122	19063	0	0
Benton	1201	150	2318	0	0
Blackford	1857	213	2719	0	0
Boone	11868	1009	19269	0	0
Brown	3201	272	4488	0	0
Carroll	2923	353	5381	0	0
Cass	5662	511	8059	0	0
Clark	20293	1597	28440	0	0
Clay	4260	337	6457	2	0
Clinton	4120	423	7126	0	0
Crawford	1924	156	2381	0	0
Daviess	4049	217	6460	0	0
Dearborn	5936	669	16606	1	0
Decatur	3291	310	7231	0	0
DeKalb	5340	718	10501	0	0
Delaware	22195	1650	20777	2	1
Dubois	8171	962	10821	0	0
Elkhart	23749	1931	40161	4	0
Fayette	3369	441	5485	0	0
Floyd	15176	1042	20783	0	0
Fountain	2404	277	4792	0	0
Franklin	2697	254	7795	0	0
Fulton	2977	291	5142	0	0
Gibson	5969	344	9203	0	0
Grant	9257	876	14928	0	0
Greene	6610	310	6834	0	0
Hamilton	60176	4148	90381	0	0
Hancock	12347	1271	22673	0	0
Harrison	6303	417	11690	1	0
Hendricks	27180	2227	45207	1	0
Henry	7551	1786	10769	0	0
Howard	15816	1291	19903	0	0
Huntington	4941	679	10092	0	0
Jackson	5613	466	11320	0	0
Jasper	4730	378	8086	0	0
Jay	2935	276	4603	0	0
Jefferson	5373	344	7505	0	0

Jennings	3609	340	7089	1	0
Johnson	22263	1994	42465	0	0
Knox	8597	292	6511	0	0
Kosciusko	8454	1267	22296	0	0
LaGrange	2951	345	6316	0	0
LaPorte	24139	1667	18465	0	1
Lake	127491	4639	64997	1	0
Lawrence	6402	575	11683	1	0
Madison	24041	2062	27579	1	0
Marion	226116	10712	127462	6	0
Marshall	6772	577	10481	0	0
Martin	1823	120	2829	0	0
Miami	4596	549	8094	0	0
Monroe	36303	1918	19866	0	0
Montgomery	5201	549	9412	2	0
Morgan	9356	1128	20430	0	0
Newton	2066	205	3484	0	0
Noble	5512	637	10475	0	0
Ohio	996	60	1805	0	0
Orange	2971	229	4827	0	0
Owen	3073	334	5085	0	0
Parke	2608	207	3824	0	0
Perry	4222	193	3520	0	0
Pike	2671	130	3114	0	0
Porter	41563	2392	32913	0	0
Posey	5028	250	7202	0	0
Pulaski	2069	185	3001	0	0
Putnam	5049	490	9094	0	0
Randolph	3621	482	6094	0	0
Ripley	3540	291	8948	0	0
Rush	2440	306	4393	0	0
Scott	3830	245	4869	0	0
Shelby	6162	691	10998	0	0
Spencer	4030	231	5511	2	0
St. Joseph	57835	3418	48839	3	0
Starke	3903	368	4694	0	0
Steuben	4917	507	9180	0	0
Sullivan	4720	176	3623	0	0
Switzerland	1379	100	2116	0	0
Tippecanoe	30234	2298	30141	3	1
Tipton	2492	259	4712	0	0
Union	936	147	2179	0	0
Vanderburgh	32370	1902	38188	1	0
Vermillion	3339	257	3279	0	0
Vigo	21841	1094	16772	2	0
Wabash	4262	416	8636	0	0
Warren	1260	126	2538	0	0
Warrick	11434	627	17418	0	0
Washington	3593	341	7293	0	0
Wayne	9518	2704	13472	0	0
Wells	3902	428	8766	0	0
White	3586	385	6074	0	0
Whitley	4933	613	9972	3	0

**RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

**Joint Convention Resolution 1**

Representatives Lehman and Pelath introduced House Resolution 1:

A JOINT CONVENTION RESOLUTION to appoint a committee to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

*Be it resolved:*

SECTION 1. That a committee consisting of four members of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker, and four members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore, to wait upon Eric Holcomb and Suzanne Crouch, to inform them that they have been elected Governor and Lieutenant Governor, respectively, and to ascertain from them at what time it will be

convenient for them to take the oath of office and to report thereon to the two Houses of the General Assembly.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote.

The Speaker appointed Representatives T. Brown, Burton, Macer and Porter and the President Pro Tempore appointed Senators Glick, Holdman, Tallian and G. Taylor.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee, appointed to wait upon Eric Holcomb and Suzanne Crouch, to inform them that they have been declared duly elected Governor and Lieutenant Governor, respectively, and to ascertain from them at what time it will be convenient for them to take the oath of office as prescribed in Article 15, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana, hereby reports that it has discharged the duties assigned to it and that the duly elected Governor and Lieutenant Governor will take the oath of office and enter upon the discharge of their duties at 11:00 a.m. on January 9, 2017.

BROWN T	GLICK
BURTON	HOLDMAN
MACER	TALLIAN
PORTER	TAYLOR
Committee of the House	Committee of the Senate

Report adopted.

**HOUSE MOTION**

Mr. Speaker: I move that the Joint Convention do now recess for the purpose of attending the inaugural ceremonies for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor immediately after which the Joint Convention shall be adjourned and the members of the House of Representatives and the members of the Senate will return to their respective chambers.

LEHMAN

Motion prevailed.

**INAUGURAL CEREMONIES**

The oath of office was administered to the Lieutenant Governor-elect by Chief Justice Loretta Rush, which oath is as follows:

"I, Suzanne Crouch, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as Lieutenant Governor of the State of Indiana to the best of my skill and ability, so help me God."

The oath of office was administered to the Governor-elect by Chief Justice Loretta Rush, which oath is as follows:

"I, Eric Holcomb, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as Governor of the State of Indiana to the best of my skill and ability, so help me God."

Upon assuming his office, Governor Holcomb made the following remarks:

Madam Chief Justice, Governors Bayh, Daniels, Pence, Lt. Governor Skillman, Speaker Bosma, Senator Long, fellow citizens:

I am honored to accept the privilege and duty to serve you and the state we all love.

At the outset, I want to recognize three people without whom I wouldn't be here today, beginning with my wife, Janet. All that I have accomplished has only been possible because of your love, your support, your wit and wisdom and, most importantly, your partnership. I love you, and I look forward to sharing this next new adventure with you every step of the way.

There are certain fields in life where the best harbinger of success is to follow great predecessors. By that measure, I'm one of most fortunate men ever to hold this office.

Twelve years ago, I sat side-by-side as Mitch Daniels became governor and—through his focus, vision and fearless leadership—Hoosiers came to not only accept change, but to expect it. The results of those early reforms fueled our current greatness.

Mike Pence took that momentum and kept it going with more Hoosiers employed in the private sector today than at any time in our history. Our state's loss is our country's gain; it says a lot about Indiana leadership that Mike is the sixth Hoosier to go on to serve as Vice President of our great Nation.

You are two tough acts to follow. The best way I know how to show my appreciation for the faith you both placed in me is to uphold the same courage, conviction and commitment you each showed in your own ways every day in this office. Thank you both!

Ladies and Gentlemen, today marks the 51st time in our rich history that a new administration has taken this solemn oath, and for me it is an exciting opportunity. Because I have the great fortune of being the first governor sworn into Indiana's third century. So it's an entirely appropriate time to take stock of our past and look ahead to our future.

Our forbears were pioneers. They ventured into an uncertain, untamed wilderness where everything was at risk: their families, their futures, their very survival. As daunting as the challenges were, they didn't shrink from them. They faced them head on. They built homes and communities, planted fields, constructed canals and roads to connect themselves to one another and to the new country, and established laws to govern themselves to spark the opportunity for prosperity for all.

We tend to think of pioneers as people who "settle" a new territory. But pioneers are also people who come up with new ideas or better ways of doing things. They're trailblazers, inventors, innovators, visionaries. Our forbears were these kinds of pioneers, as well—with eyes always fixed on the future, wielding not only axes and ploughs but also ingenuity and a passion to improve. Our very Constitution that our Hoosier Framers wrote in 1816 – the first year of statehood – is full of optimism, ambition, and generosity.

Among other things, it called for universal education and no slavery – far reaching ideas for the time. And over the past two centuries, Hoosier pioneers blazed trails that have made a titanic difference to the people of Indiana and to the world.

We all know the story of...

Civil War veteran Col. Eli Lilly helping to pioneer modern medicine

Madam C.J. Walker paving the way for women in business

Or Gus Grissom, who made the heavens our new horizons and primed Americans to first land on the moon.

And I've also met Hoosier modern day pioneers everywhere I've traveled throughout our state.

One who's been on my mind lately was a young pastor who became this city's longest-serving mayor, transforming what was derided as IndianOPlace into IndiaSHOWplace—revitalizing our capital city and turning Indianapolis into a sports capital. Such was Bill Hudnut's vision and passion that he not only lured the Colts to Indianapolis but built a stadium before landing the team!

What all of these pioneers have in common are the same traits that have been part of our DNA for 200 years: self-reliance, grit, a can-do attitude, a sense of fairness, and a spirit of generosity. Now, I know that sharing our strengths doesn't always come naturally to us Hoosiers because of another trait we share: humility.

Ironically, Hollywood does it for us. Think of Rudy or Breaking Away. One that's less well known is Madison and, of course, there's Hoosiers. They're all stories of perseverance, of David not just taking on but slaying Goliath, of the underdog punching above its weight class through hard work, utilizing their strengths, playing by the rules, getting the basics right.

That's become our story—the Indiana story—and what Indiana has globally grown to be known for.

Today we see the results:

Our state's finances are sound.

We're one of only 12 states with a triple-A bond rating.

And, we're keeping nearly 2 billion dollars in reserves in a rainy day fund, all the while maintaining a low cost of living and housing.

Our unemployment rate is lower than the national average, and—as I mentioned at the outset—there are more Hoosiers working today than at any other time.

These numbers tell a compelling story: We've become national leaders in business growth, and we've been landing jobs and business relocations that—10 or 12 years ago—were going to Austin or Boston or the Silicon Valley—practically anywhere but here. That's no longer the case. Today, Indiana has three times the high-tech job growth as the nation as a whole. Warsaw is the Silicon Valley of orthopedics, generating one-third of that industry's worldwide business.

And our great state is among the nation's leaders in life-science exports. In fact, of the 50 industries the Brookings Institute says will drive growth in the 21st century, Indiana is a player in 45 of them. They're coming to Indiana now, because our costs of living and doing business are low and the quality of our workforce is high. In fact, our employers can recruit and groom future employees right out of our world-class universities and colleges.

We're not just competing any more; we're winning!

But, as any champion will tell you, winning one year does not guarantee repeating the next. Despite our standing, despite our ongoing momentum, we can't afford to get complacent or take our eyes off the ball.

Too many Hoosiers and their families feel they've been left out or are in danger of being left behind. Too many are not participating in today's economy or getting a quality education—or are struggling with the strangling grip of drugs. Too many Hoosier grads explore opportunities outside our state line. And too many Hoosier businesses are having trouble finding the skilled workers they need to grow.

While Indiana remains an agricultural powerhouse, our average farmer is 58. While we're Number 1 in the nation in manufacturing, the competition is fierce—not only from 49 states but from countries around the globe.

Moreover, in the next 10 years, we'll need to find one million new skilled workers to replace the 700,000 baby boomers who will retire—plus the 300,000 new jobs we will need to create.

Rather than ease up, we must hammer down and maintain that pioneer spirit.

This is where I will focus every day...on ways to take our state to the next level: To make Indiana a place where people thrive. Where they can get a good, fulfilling, well-paid job and a world-class education. Where our kids are well-taken care of. Where we have growing opportunities and the freedom to take advantage of them.

And even as we invest to make our state stronger, we will apply our proven and proud Hoosier drive and common sense to ensure we deliver good government at great taxpayer value.

In the weeks and months ahead, men and women from all across our state will answer the call of service to make sure we hit these targets.

Two hundred years ago, our pioneer forbears came to this territory with little but their aspirations, determination, and—yes—their faith. Over the intervening years, they endured epidemics and depressions, a Civil War, and even two World Wars. Like the contentious debates and sharp divisions found in our political arena today, they didn't always agree on which direction or which steps to take. Yet they worked to forge a consensus and continually adapted by keeping their focus on ways to make life better for their families and their neighbors. They transformed the economy to meet the changing world—evolving from agriculture to manufacturing to today include aerospace, life sciences, and advanced manufacturing based on high-tech automation—even artificial intelligence.

In 1821, just five years after we became our own state, a speaker at a Fourth of July celebration down in Martin County said, "The purest patriotism is to convert the gloomy woods into fields waving with luxuriant harvests." Hoosiers have been practicing that kind of patriotism for 200 years.

And, now we're called to do it again.

Our harvests today might include driverless cars and pilotless barges, or stronger, more flexible metals, or breakthroughs for

Alzheimer’s disease. They include healthier citizens, students equipped for 21st century jobs, and stronger, more vibrant communities.

Whatever our harvests are, we Hoosiers will jump to work together, ploughing and sowing and nourishing—and making sure they too are luxuriant.

I thank everyone who is here today and all those listening from afar on your mobile device for your love of Indiana and the charge you’ve given me.

Together, we are the pioneers who will take our state to the next level.

And I'm chomping at the bit to start!

The Joint Convention adjourned.

The House reconvened at 12:33 p.m. with the Speaker in the Chair.

**OTHER BUSINESS ON THE SPEAKER’S TABLE**

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Behning, Austin and Goodin be added as coauthors of House Bill 1015.

FRYE

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Miller be added as coauthor of House Bill 1018.

AYLESWORTH

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Moseley and Arnold be added as coauthors of House Bill 1025.

BACON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Arnold be added as coauthor of House Bill 1026.

BACON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Heaton be added as coauthor of House Bill 1028.

BACON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Arnold be added as coauthor of House Bill 1030.

LUCAS

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Austin be added as coauthor of House Bill 1033.

LEHMAN

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Clere be added as coauthor of House Bill 1043.

THOMPSON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Morris be added as coauthor of House Bill 1050.

JUDY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Pryor be added as coauthor of House Bill 1058.

SHACKLEFORD

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Nisly be added as coauthor of House Bill 1061.

SHACKLEFORD

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Clere and Stemler be added as coauthors of House Bill 1082.

COOK

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative GiaQuinta be added as coauthor of House Bill 1116.

LEHMAN

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Arnold be added as coauthor of House Bill 1159.

LUCAS

Motion prevailed.

Pursuant to House Rule 60, committee meetings were announced.

On the motion of Representative Austin, the House adjourned at 12:34 p.m., this ninth day of January, 2017, until Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

BRIAN C. BOSMA

Speaker of the House of Representatives

M. CAROLINE SPOTTS

Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives