

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2011 Resolution

Senate Bill 5

1 WHEREAS, Ohio's collective bargaining law benefits both employers and workers by
2 managing expectations and goals; and

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4 WHEREAS, Ohio's collective bargaining law has reduced the number of strikes, and
5 has helped improve services provided to the public, and ensured safe and more well-
6 prepared workers; and

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8 WHEREAS, if teachers lose their right to collectively bargain contracts, they lose the
9 ability to safeguard students by having a say in maintaining appropriate class size
10 and attracting quality teachers; and

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12 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 5 will kill jobs and weaken middle class families in Ohio; and

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14 WHEREAS, workers who use collective bargaining provide a wide range of
15 necessary services; such as teaching our children, driving children to and from school
16 safely, protecting and patrolling our streets, fighting fires, providing transportation for
17 the disabled and elderly, plowing our streets, fixing our waterlines when they break in
18 freezing weather, paving and maintaining our roads, collecting our trash; and

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20 WHEREAS, our teachers, police officers, firefighters, child protective service workers,
21 correction officers, school bus drivers, nurses, paramedics and other public workers
22 are also our neighbors, friends, family members, coaches, community volunteers,
23 ushers at church, and taxpayers - are part of the fabric of our communities; and

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25 WHEREAS, corrections officers, bus drivers, water and sewer workers, educators, in-
26 home caregivers and other public employees are also consumers in their
27 communities spending their money on products and services that keep local
28 merchants open, hiring and thriving; and

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30 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 5 will have such a devastating impact on all Ohio families;
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33 BE IT RESOLVED, that OFT calls on its members to mobilize the community and
34 ourselves to save the middle class; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that OFT opposes any bill that devalues the middle
37 class and any bill that destroys collective bargaining laws.