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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 12 m., e.s.t.

THE CHIEF CLERK (ANTHONY FRANK BARBUSH) PRESIDING

CALL TO ORDER

The CHIEF CLERK. This being the day and hour appointed by Article II, section 4, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania for the meeting of the General Assembly, the House of Representatives will now come to order.

The Sergeants at Arms will please close the doors of the House.

The prayer will be offered by Rev. Joseph R. McCaffrey, Saints John and Paul Roman Catholic Parish, Franklin Park, PA. Immediately after the prayer, we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members and all guests will please rise.

PRAYER

REV. JOSEPH R. McCAFFREY, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Out of respect for the faith of every person gathered here, I would ask that we have a moment of silence so that we can each pray to God in our own heart. Then I will attempt to offer a prayer that I hope everyone will feel comfortable saying "amen" to.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness but aware that we gather in Your holy name. Come to us and remain with us. Enlighten our hearts. Give to those who take up the charge of public office this day light and strength, to know Your will, to make it their own, and to live it in their lives. Guide them by Your wisdom. Support them by Your power. For You are God, holy and true.

You desire justice for all. Enable them to uphold the rights of others. Do not allow them to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor. Unite them to Yourself in the bond of love, and keep them faithful to all that is true. As they gather in Your name, may they temper justice with love so that all of their decisions may be pleasing to You and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants. For You live and reign, one God forever and ever. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members-elect and visitors.)

The CHIEF CLERK. The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House. Members and guests may be seated.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Chief Clerk, the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Shannon Royer.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes Mr. Royer.

Mr. ROYER. I have the honor to present the returns and statement of campaign expense compliance for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the election held November 4, 2014.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair extends the thanks of the House to Mr. Royer.

The clerk will proceed with the reading of the returns.

The following election returns were read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the General Election held November 4, 2014. The following, having received the highest number of votes in their respective districts, were duly elected Members of the House of Representatives in the General Assembly:

Name	District
Patrick J. Harkins	First
Florindo J. Fabrizio	Second
Ryan A. Bizzarro	Third
Curtis G. Sonney	Fourth
Barry J. Jozwiak	Fifth
Bradley T. Roae	Sixth
Mark A. Longietti	Seventh
Tedd C. Nesbit	Eighth
Christopher Sainato	Ninth

Jaret A. Gibbons	Tenth	H. Scott Conklin	Seventy-seventh
Brian L. Ellis	Eleventh	Jesse W. Topper	Seventy-eighth
Daryl D. Metcalfe	Twelfth	John D. McGinnis	Seventy-ninth
John Adda Lawrence	Thirteenth	Judith F. Ward	Eightieth
James E. Marshall	Fourteenth	Richard Irvin	Eighty-first
James J. Christiana III	Fifteenth	Christopher Adam Harris	Eighty-second
Robert F. Matzie	Sixteenth	Jeff C. Wheeland	Eighty-third
Parke H. Wentling	Seventeenth	Garth David Everett	Eighty-fourth
Gene DiGirolamo	Eighteenth	Frederick B. Keller	Eighty-fifth
Jake Wheatley, Jr.	Nineteenth	Mark K. Keller	Eighty-sixth
Adam J. Ravenstahl	Twentieth	Glen R. Grell	Eighty-seventh
Dominic James Costa	Twenty-first	Sheryl M. Delozier	Eighty-eighth
Peter G. Schweyer	Twenty-second	Robert W. Kauffman	Eighty-ninth
Dan B. Frankel	Twenty-third	Paul Schemel	Ninetieth
Edward C. Gainey	Twenty-fourth	Daniel P. Moul	Ninety-first
Joseph F. Markosek	Twenty-fifth	Michael R. Regan	Ninety-second
Timothy F. Hennessey	Twenty-sixth	Kristin Lee Phillips-Hill	Ninety-third
Daniel J. Deasy, Jr.	Twenty-seventh	Stanley E. Saylor	Ninety-fourth
Michael C. Turzai	Twenty-eighth	Kevin Joseph Schreiber	Ninety-fifth
Bernard T. O'Neill	Twenty-ninth	P. Michael Sturla	Ninety-sixth
Harold A. English	Thirtieth	Steven Curtis Mentzer	Ninety-seventh
Steven Santarsiero	Thirty-first	David S. Hickernell	Ninety-eighth
Anthony M. DeLuca	Thirty-second	David H. Zimmerman	Ninety-ninth
Francis J. Dermody	Thirty-third	Bryan D. Cutler	One hundredth
Paul Costa	Thirty-fourth	Mauree A. Gingrich	One hundred first
Marc J. Gergely	Thirty-fifth	Russell H. Diamond	One hundred second
Harry A. Readshaw III	Thirty-sixth	Patty H. Kim	One hundred third
Melinda S. Fee	Thirty-seventh	Susan C. Helm	One hundred fourth
William C. Kortz II	Thirty-eighth	Ronald S. Marsico	One hundred fifth
Richard Saccone	Thirty-ninth	John D. Payne	One hundred sixth
John A. Maher	Fortieth	Kurt A. Masser	One hundred seventh
Brett R. Miller	Forty-first	Lynda J. Schlegel Culver	One hundred eighth
Daniel L. Miller	Forty-second	David R. Millard	One hundred ninth
Keith J. Greiner	Forty-third	Tina Pickett	One hundred tenth
Thomas Mark Mustio	Forty-fourth	Sandra J. Major	One hundred eleventh
Nickolas M .Kotik	Forty-fifth	Frank A. Farina	One hundred twelfth
Jason A. Ortitay	Forty-sixth	Martin B. Flynn II	One hundred thirteenth
Keith J. Gillespie	Forty-seventh	Michael G. Kavulich	One hundred fourteenth
Brandon P. Neuman	Forty-eighth	David C. Parker	One hundred fifteenth
Peter John Daley	Forty-ninth	Tarah C. Toohil	One hundred sixteenth
Pam Snyder	Fiftieth	Karen Boback	One hundred seventeenth
Timothy S. Mahoney	Fifty-first	Michael B. Carroll	One hundred eighteenth
Ryan Warner	Fifty-second	Gerald J. Mullery	One hundred nineteenth
Robert W. Godshall	Fifty-third	Aaron Kaufer	One hundred twentieth
Eli Evankovich	Fifty-fourth	Edwin Pashinski	One hundred twenty-first
Joseph A. Petrarca	Fifty-fifth	Doyle M. Heffley	One hundred twenty-second
George S. Dunbar	Fifty-sixth	Neal P. Goodman	One hundred twenty-third
Timothy A. Krieger	Fifty-seventh	Jerome P. Knowles	One hundred twenty-fourth
R. Ted Harhai	Fifty-eighth	Michael G. Tobash	One hundred twenty-fifth
Michael P. Reese	Fifty-ninth	Mark L. Rozzi	One hundred twenty-sixth
Jeffrey P. Pyle	Sixtieth	Thomas R. Caltagirone	One hundred twenty-seventh
Catherine M. Harper	Sixty-first	Mark M. Gillen	One hundred twenty-eighth
David L. Reed	Sixty-second	James A. Cox, Jr.	One hundred twenty-ninth
Donna R. Oberlander	Sixty-third	David M. Maloney, Sr.	One hundred thirtieth
Robert Lee James	Sixty-fourth	Justin J. Simmons	One hundred thirty-first
Kathy L. Rapp	Sixty-fifth	Michael Schlossberg	One hundred thirty-second
Cris Dush	Sixty-sixth	Daniel T. McNeill	One hundred thirty-third
Martin T. Causer	Sixty-seventh	Ryan E. Mackenzie	One hundred thirty-fourth
Matthew E. Baker	Sixty-eighth	Stephen P. Samuelson	One hundred thirty-fifth
Carl Walker Metzgar	Sixty-ninth	Robert Freeman	One hundred thirty-sixth
Matthew D. Bradford	Seventieth	Joseph T. Emrick	One hundred thirty-seventh
Bryan E. Barbin	Seventy-first	Marcia M. Hahn	One hundred thirty-eighth
Frank J. Burns	Seventy-second	Michael T. Peifer	One hundred thirty-ninth
Thomas R. Sankey III	Seventy-third	John T. Galloway	One hundred fortieth
Harry Lewis, Jr.	Seventy-fourth	Tina Marie Davis	One hundred forty-first
Matthew M. Gabler	Seventy-fifth	Frank A. Farry	One hundred forty-second
Michael Kelly Hanna, Sr.	Seventy-sixth	Marguerite Corr Quinn	One hundred forty-third

Katharine M. Watson	One hundred forty-fourth
Craig T. Staats	One hundred forty-fifth
Thomas J. Quigley	One hundred forty-sixth
Marcy Toepel	One hundred forty-seventh
Mary Jo Daley	One hundred forty-eighth
Timothy P. Briggs	One hundred forty-ninth
Michael A. Vereb	One hundred fiftieth
W. Todd Stephens	One hundred fifty-first
Thomas P. Murt	One hundred fifty-second
Madeleine Dean Cunnane	One hundred fifty-third
Steve C. McCarter	One hundred fifty-fourth
Rebecca P. Corbin	One hundred fifty-fifth
Daniel George Truitt, Sr.	One hundred fifty-sixth
Warren E. Kampf	One hundred fifty-seventh
Chris Ross	One hundred fifty-eighth
Thaddeus Kirkland	One hundred fifty-ninth
Stephen E. Barrar	One hundred sixtieth
Joseph T. Hackett, Sr.	One hundred sixty-first
Nicholas Anthony Miccarelli	One hundred sixty-second
James Santora	One hundred sixty-third
Margo Davidson	One hundred sixty-fourth
William Francis Adolph, Jr.	One hundred sixty-fifth
Gregory S. Vitali	One hundred sixty-sixth
Duane D. Milne	One hundred sixty-seventh
Thomas H. Killion	One hundred sixty-eighth
Kate Anne Klunk	One hundred sixty-ninth
Brendan F. Boyle	One hundred seventieth
Kerry Albert Benninghoff	One hundred seventy-first
Kevin J. Boyle	One hundred seventy-second
Michael J. Driscoll	One hundred seventy-third
John P. Sabatina, Jr.	One hundred seventy-fourth
Michael H. O'Brien	One hundred seventy-fifth
Jack B. Rader, Jr.	One hundred seventy-sixth
John J. Taylor	One hundred seventy-seventh
Scott A. Petri	One hundred seventy-eighth
Jason Dawkins	One hundred seventy-ninth
Angel L. Cruz	One hundred eightieth
W. Curtis Thomas	One hundred eighty-first
Brian Kendall Sims	One hundred eighty-second
Juliann L. Harhart	One hundred eighty-third
William F. Keller	One hundred eighty-fourth
Maria P. Donatucci	One hundred eighty-fifth
Jordan A. Harris	One hundred eighty-sixth
Gary Day	One hundred eighty-seventh
James R. Roebuck	One hundred eighty-eighth
Rosemary Brown	One hundred eighty-ninth
Vanessa L. Brown	One hundred ninetieth
Ronald Granville Waters	One hundred ninety-first
Louise E. Bishop	One hundred ninety-second
Will F. Tallman	One hundred ninety-third
Pamela A. DeLissio	One hundred ninety-fourth
Michelle F. Brownlee	One hundred ninety-fifth
Seth M. Grove	One hundred ninety-sixth
Leslie Acosta	One hundred ninety-seventh
Rosita C. Youngblood	One hundred ninety-eighth
Stephen L. Bloom	One hundred ninety-ninth
Cherelle L. Parker	Two hundredth
Stephen Kinsey	Two hundred first
Mark B. Cohen	Two hundred second
Dwight Evans	Two hundred third

Witness my hand and the seal of my office this
thirty-first day of December, 2014.

(SEAL)

Carol Aichele
Secretary of the Commonwealth

CERTIFICATE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3252(b), I do hereby certify that all duly elected members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

Witness my hand and the seal of my office this
thirty-first day of December, 2014.

(SEAL)

Carol Aichele
Secretary of the Commonwealth

The CHIEF CLERK. The election returns for all candidates for membership in the House of Representatives will be printed in the Journal of the House.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER

The CHIEF CLERK. A communication from the Honorable Brendan Boyle, which the clerk will read.

The following communication was read:

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

December 29, 2014

House of Representatives
Office of the Parliamentarian
Room 133 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

To Whom it May Concern:

I am formally resigning as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. My official last day as a member will be effective as of January 2nd, 2015. Please contact me if you require any further clarification concerning this matter, thank you.

Sincerely,
Brendan F. Boyle
State Representative of the 170th Pennsylvania District

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The CHIEF CLERK. Are there requests for leaves of absence? The Chair recognizes the Republican whip, Mr. Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

We have the gentleman from Beaver County, Representative CHRISTIANA, and the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative MUSTIO.

The CHIEF CLERK. Without objection, the leaves of absence are granted.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, the Democratic whip, Mr. Hanna.

Mr. HANNA. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

We have the gentleman from Erie County, Representative BIZZARRO; the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative BOYLE; and the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative SIMS.

Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

The CHIEF CLERK. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

ROLL CALL

The CHIEF CLERK. The roll call will now be taken, and the members will signify their presence by pressing the "aye" button. The members will proceed to vote.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Chief Clerk?

The CHIEF CLERK. For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Hanna, rise?

Mr. HANNA. To request temporary leave for the gentelady from Philadelphia County who is currently stuck on the turnpike, Representative Vanessa BROWN.

The CHIEF CLERK. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

ROLL CALL CONTINUED

The roll was recorded, and the following members-elect were present:

PRESENT—196

Acosta	Everett	Klunk	Rader
Adolph	Fabrizio	Knowles	Rapp
Baker	Farina	Kortz	Ravenstahl
Barbin	Farry	Kotik	Readshaw
Barrar	Fee	Krieger	Reed
Benninghoff	Flynn	Lawrence	Reese
Bishop	Frankel	Lewis	Regan
Bloom	Freeman	Longietti	Roae
Boback	Gabler	Mackenzie	Roebuck
Bradford	Gainey	Maher	Ross
Briggs	Galloway	Mahoney	Rozzi
Brown, R.	Gergely	Major	Sabatina
Brownlee	Gibbons	Maloney	Saccone
Burns	Gillen	Markosek	Sainato
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Marshall	Samuelson
Carroll	Gingrich	Marsico	Sankey
Causser	Godshall	Masser	Santarsiero
Cohen	Goodman	Matzie	Santora
Conklin	Greiner	McCarter	Saylor
Corbin	Grell	McGinnis	Schemel
Costa, D.	Grove	McNeill	Schlossberg
Costa, P.	Hackett	Mentzer	Schreiber
Cox	Hahn	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Cruz	Hanna	Metzgar	Simmons
Culver	Harhai	Miccarelli	Snyder

Cutler	Harhart	Millard	Sonney
Daley, M.	Harkins	Miller, B.	Staats
Daley, P.	Harper	Miller, D.	Stephens
Davidson	Harris, A.	Milne	Sturla
Davis	Harris, J.	Moul	Tallman
Dawkins	Heffley	Mullery	Taylor
Day	Helm	Murt	Thomas
Dean	Hennessey	Nesbit	Tobash
Deasy	Hickernell	Neuman	Toepel
DeLissio	Hill	O'Brien	Toohil
Delozier	Irvin	O'Neill	Topper
DeLuca	James	Oberlander	Truitt
Dermody	Jozwiak	Ortitay	Turzai
Diamond	Kampf	Parker, C.	Vereb
DiGirolamo	Kaufman	Parker, D.	Vitali
Donatucci	Kauffman	Pashinski	Ward
Driscoll	Kavulich	Payne	Warner
Dunbar	Keller, F.	Peifer	Waters
Dush	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
Ellis	Keller, W.	Petri	Wentling
Emrick	Killion	Pickett	Wheatley
English	Kim	Pyle	Wheeland
Evankovich	Kinsey	Quigley	Youngblood
Evans	Kirkland	Quinn	Zimmerman

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Bizzarro	Brown, V.	Mustio	Sims
Boyle	Christiana		

LEAVES CANCELED—1

Brown, V.

The CHIEF CLERK. One hundred and ninety-six members having indicated their presence, a quorum is present.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MEMBERS-ELECT

The CHIEF CLERK. A Bible has been placed on the desk for each member, for those who swear by the Bible.

Members will rise, place your left hand on the Bible, raise your right hand, and remain standing at your desk during the administration of the oath to which each member will swear or affirm.

The oath of office will be administered by the Honorable Judith Olson, judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

(Members-elect stood.)

JUDGE OLSON. Ladies and gentlemen, why do you not drop your hands for one second.

Mr. Speaker, Speaker-designate Turzai, Representative Reed, Representative Dermody, Representative Cutler, Representative Hanna, Governor Corbett, Governor-elect Wolf, distinguished guests, and family and friends:

It is a true honor to be here today on such a wonderful and happy occasion. This is a great day for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I am very privileged to have been asked by Speaker-designate Turzai to administer the oath of office to the members of the House. Thank you, sir.

I wish to congratulate the ladies and gentlemen of the House of Representatives on their election, and I wish you Godspeed as you begin the important work of representing the citizens of our fine Commonwealth.

I also want to congratulate the family and friends of the newly elected Representatives. I am certain that you will always remember this day with pride and joy.

Ladies and gentlemen of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, may the words of this solemn oath remind you of the important responsibilities that you are assuming and may you be committed to carrying out these responsibilities with integrity, dignity, and courage.

I would now ask that you place your left hand on the Bible and raise your right hand: Do you solemnly swear that you will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that you will discharge the duties of your office with fidelity? If so, say "I do."

(Members asserted oath.)

JUDGE OLSON. Congratulations.
The CHIEF CLERK. The members may be seated.

RESOLUTION

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

Mr. Chief Clerk, this morning I stand to present the resolution for the election of a Speaker of this House of Representatives.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Taylor, presents a resolution, which the clerk will read.

Mr. TAYLOR offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted:

In the House of Representatives
January 6, 2015

RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Article II, section 9 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the House do now proceed to the election of a Speaker.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPEAKER

The CHIEF CLERK. Nominations are now in order for the office of Speaker.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Clearfield County, Mr. Gabler.

Mr. GABLER. Thank you very much, Mr. Chief Clerk.

Today it is my distinct honor to stand before you to nominate a talented leader, an exemplary public servant, a dedicated family man, a true role model, and my friend and mentor for the oldest statewide constitutional office in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Dating back to 1682, occupants of this distinguished office have included: Thomas Mifflin, who went

on to become our first Governor; Frederick Muhlenberg, who went on to become the very first Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and of course Benjamin Franklin, one of our great nation's most famous Founding Fathers.

Today we have the opportunity to elect a new successor to this distinguished office, and it is my pleasure to nominate a man who is most certainly up to the task. I am pleased today to nominate a man who I have every confidence will faithfully execute the duties of this office with dignity, respect, and integrity. Today I nominate Representative Mike Turzai for the office of Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Mike was elected to this body in 2001 by the residents of the 28th Legislative District in northern Allegheny County. As a State Representative, he has been an effective advocate for the core values he brings to State government: fiscal responsibility, economic competitiveness, and professional integrity. He is recognized because of his talents as a true statesman. He is a principled leader who has shown his ability to work with colleagues, citizens, and stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to achieve important results.

Above all, Mike always maintains his focus on what is truly important and why he is so passionate about the significant work we do in these historic halls. As a committed husband and father, Mike is always quick to point out that the work we do is for the future of our families and our communities. Anyone who has ever worked with Mike knows how much he loves his family: his wife, Lidia, and his three sons, Andrew, Stephen, and Matthew.

Anyone who has ever seen the frequency that Mike makes the 7- or 8-hour round trip home in the middle of an intense session week in order to see his wife and kids understands what is important to Mike Turzai.

Mike's commitment to his family shows the degree to which he keeps his priorities in the right place. As a legislator, Mike often reminds those he is working with about the importance of passing a better and stronger Pennsylvania on to future generations. I know that is what motivates him every single day. When Mike talks about priorities, he does not just talk the talk; he walks the walk in showing what real public service is all about.

The office of the Speaker of the House is not a partisan office. It is the office that will be filled by a vote of all 203 members of this body. It is the Speaker who is charged with defending the rights and due process, not only of the members of this House but also the rights of all of the nearly 13 million Pennsylvanians whom these members represent.

We all know that the process of legislating can be messy. That dynamic is inevitable when people with different backgrounds and interests gather to arrive at collective decisions, and it is what makes this form of public service so challenging.

In making this nomination, I know that I am nominating a man of integrity and dignity, whose tenure as Speaker will be marked by fairness and respect for all Pennsylvanians. I want to thank my colleagues for the opportunity to stand before you today, and I would like to ask for your support for Mike Turzai as the next Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chief Clerk.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from Clearfield County, Mr. Gabler, places in nomination for the office of Speaker the gentleman from Allegheny County, the Honorable Mike Turzai.

The Chair recognizes the lady from Philadelphia, Mrs. Parker.

Mrs. PARKER. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

I, too, would like to welcome all of the guests assembled here today for this very grand occasion. I say welcome back to our seasoned colleagues, while sending a hearty congratulations to the new members of this body, who for the first time have been given the honor to serve in this branch of government by their respective constituencies in our great Commonwealth. I also note that while today is rightfully celebratory in nature, as it should be, it is and will forever be a day to remember. It is also the day when we, members of this body, reckon with the fact that our recent campaigns and elections are over, or at least put on pause, and now the really hard work of governing begins.

With this in mind, I was reminded of this fact by my 2-year-old son, Langston, who has magically come upon the grand discovery of his ABCs. Now, for those of you who have young children in this highly technical Internet age, you know that unlike earlier decades there are now tons and tons of tunes and melodies that go along with singing the ABCs. And it has been through patience with the repetition of alphabet songs that I have noticed that no matter how many times you change the tune, the letters stay the same. And I firmly believe that those first three letters in particular can serve us well with governance in this body by symbolically remembering the importance of our legislative ABCs as: a) building meaningful and productive alliances, in a b) bipartisan manner, in efforts to reach much-needed c) compromise to advance the public policies and budgetary decisions that we will make, ultimately impacting the lives of the 12.5 million Pennsylvanians we serve.

So it is with these legislative ABCs in mind, Mr. Chief Clerk, that I stand before you in a bipartisan manner to second the nomination for the gentleman from the 28th District, Mike Turzai, for the office of Speaker, where his service will be forever etched into the history of our Commonwealth amongst grand leaders like: Benjamin Franklin, Matt Ryan, K. Leroy Irvis, Keith McCall, and Sam Smith, just to name a few.

On a personal note, Mr. Chief Clerk, I also must state for the record that I could not stand in a bipartisan manner to second this nomination if I personally had not had experiences working on the other side of the aisle with the gentleman, Mike Turzai. I will tell you that our grandmothers told us that we had two ears and one mouth for a reason and we should use them in proportion. And when you are a leader, you very much need to have the ability to listen.

Every time I have knocked on the door of Mike Turzai, he has never once not answered. Now, I am not telling you all that I have always liked the answers that I received when he opened the door, but when I knocked on that door, he has always answered. And it was our former, immediate past Speaker, Sam Smith, who in his acceptance remarks during our last session took us on a brief stroll through the history of our nation during the 1800s, when we were welcoming in our grand democracy, and it was really in its infancy during the years of President Abraham Lincoln. And so he encouraged me to read Doris Kearns Goodwin's the "Team of Rivals." He also encouraged me to read Caro's "Master of the Senate" that chronicles the life and times of President Lyndon Baines Johnson. And when I looked at the lives of those legislative and executive leaders, there was one thing that they had in common. They knew the

importance of the legislative ABCs. They made sure that they formed alliances, in a bipartisan manner, to reach much-needed compromise on important issues.

So today, Mr. Speaker, for this reason I am proud to stand and second the nomination of my friend, Mike Turzai, and also because he understands the importance of having wonderful estrogen surrounding him in the likes of his beautiful wife and senior legislative aide, Karen.

So, Mr. Chief Clerk, I am proud to second that nomination. Thank you.

The CHIEF CLERK. The lady from Philadelphia, Mrs. Parker, seconds the nomination of the Honorable Mike Turzai for the office of Speaker.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from York County, Mr. Regan.

Mr. REGAN. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk. Also, thank you, Representative Parker, for being such an easy act to follow.

First let me say it is my great honor to be before you to speak on behalf of my friend, Mike Turzai. Two years ago, when I was a new member coming to the House of Representatives from a long career in Federal law enforcement, I had already experienced leadership on many different levels, and I was very interested in gauging just how effectively this body was being led. Right away I was impressed.

Someone once said, "A great leader's courage to fulfill a vision comes from passion, not position." On my very first day, during the leadership election process, Mike was elected to his second term as the majority leader. During his acceptance speech, Mike choked up several times as he very humbly and eloquently spoke of responsibility.

His passion was on full display that day, and it was obvious to me that he was acutely aware of the enormity of his charge. In my experience, true leaders not only display passion but also fairness and energy and the ability to move effectively toward a common goal with vigor and focus. Mike Turzai has displayed all those things to me over the past 2 years, and I truly believe that the many successes that we as a body have achieved are a direct reflection of Mike's ability to lead.

But we are not finished. Now more than ever, it is important that we continue to move Pennsylvania forward. We need a Speaker who is strong, a Speaker who is resolute, a Speaker who recognizes the common good and strives to achieve it. I truly believe in my heart that Mike Turzai is that man, and I am profoundly honored today to join with my colleagues in his nomination for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chief Clerk.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from York County, Mr. Regan, seconds the nomination of the Honorable Mike Turzai for the office of Speaker.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington County, Mr. Daley.

Mr. DALEY. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

With a deep sense of history, I arise today. As a son of Italian immigrants, our families believed, and many of your families believed that they come to America, they come here, to the land of opportunity and freedom, both religious and political freedom, to a place where we can earn a better living, where the streets are paved with gold. And, Mr. Speaker, Mike Turzai is the son of immigrants, like many of us.

From western Pennsylvania and all of Pennsylvania, this great State was built upon the Italians, Hungarians, Slovaks, Russians, Blacks, everybody working together for the common good. Mike Turzai's history embodies that of the western Pennsylvania region, where some of us come from and call our home. He is the grandson of Irish and Hungarian immigrants who came to the United States. His paternal grandfather was a grocer who learned his skill in Eastern Hungary of the highest Magyar tradition. His maternal grandfather was an upholsterer who learned his skills in Ireland before he came to the United States and fought for that great expeditionary force that we had that fought in World War I, the Great War.

Mike's parents, both first-generation immigrants like many of us here, carried the tradition of hardworking family, community and spirit, and faith and values, and this is what they taught Mike.

Mike's dad was a teacher and a coach. His mom was a housewife, and after she raised her children, she moved on to work for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mike's wife, whom he found his life partner, Dr. Lidia Comini-Turzai, like I, is first-generation Italian. Her mother was born in Italy.

We look at Mike on this side of the aisle, that is the Democrat side of the aisle – well, part of the Democrat side of the aisle now. I asked Mike if we could raise the size of the letters of the Democrats to make us seem proportionate with the Republicans. He said he will work on that for Democrats. But we view Mike as a gladiator. But we are all gladiators here fighting for what we believe and representing our districts. But before that, he graduated from Notre Dame. He went to Duke Law School. He worked in the district attorney's office as a prosecutor and in private practice, and he has worked in many communities.

Ladies and gentlemen, guests, colleagues, all the honored individuals sitting at the dais and to the right of the dais, in the truest sense and deep commitment of a spirit of bipartisanship, because we are entering a new phase in Pennsylvania, knowing full well that when we leave here as legislators, we leave for the common good for the Commonwealth.

Mr. Chief Clerk, I move that the nominations now be closed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from Washington County, Mr. Daley, moves that nominations now be closed.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

The CHIEF CLERK. Those in favor of the gentleman from Allegheny, the Honorable Mike Turzai, for the office of Speaker of the House will say "aye"; those opposed, "no." The "ayes" have it, and the Honorable Mike Turzai is unanimously elected Speaker of the House.

Congratulations, Mr. Turzai.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT SPEAKER-ELECT TO ROSTRUM

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair appoints the gentleman from Indiana County, Mr. Reed, and the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Dermody, to escort Speaker-elect Mike Turzai to the rostrum.

The committee to escort the Speaker-elect will proceed with the performance of its duties.

The Chair recognizes the chairman of the committee, Mr. Reed.

Mr. REED. Mr. Chief Clerk, members of this body, it is my great honor to present to you our Speaker-elect, my friend, Representative Mike Turzai.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO SPEAKER-ELECT TURZAI

The CHIEF CLERK. The oath of office to the Speaker-elect will now be administered by the Honorable D. Michael Fisher, judge, Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Members and all guests will please rise for the oath and remain standing for the prayer.

JUDGE FISHER. Ladies and gentlemen, this is a great honor for me. For those of you who are being sworn in for the first time today, it was 40 years ago that I was sworn in for my first of three terms to the State House of Representatives. And it is a particular honor for me to be here to swear in as the newest Speaker in Pennsylvania's long history, a gentleman whom I first got to know actually through his family many years ago when his father was one of my teachers, but got to know better when we practiced law together at the Houston Harbaugh, beginning about 25 years ago, and it was during that period of time that I think Speaker-elect Turzai picked up a little bit of the political bug from me. So at least I had some partial responsibility for getting him into this role today, a very prestigious position, and an honor that in 12 years Mike Turzai has risen to the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives.

And with that, I would ask Speaker-elect Turzai, please place your left hand on the Bible and raise your right hand and repeat after me: I, Mike Turzai, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office of Speaker of the House with fidelity.

(Speaker-elect Turzai asserted oath.)

JUDGE FISHER. Congratulations, Mr. Speaker.

PRAYER

The CHIEF CLERK. A prayer for the members and their families will be offered by Pastor Mel Masengale, Indiana Summit Church, Indiana, PA.

PASTOR MASENGALE. Let us pray together:

Heavenly Father, we love You, and we are so thankful for the opportunity we have to come here and assemble together. And, Lord, this is a day of new beginnings. It is a new year, and we are believing for new things this year. We are believing for the very best. Lord, not just as a legislative body, but, Lord, we are believing the best for the homes of each Representative in this place today.

God, I thank You that just like Solomon asked for wisdom from You, divine wisdom to lead the people of Israel, I pray today for divine wisdom for the Representatives of this House, to not just govern well, not just lead the people of Pennsylvania

well, but, Lord, to lead their homes well. I pray for health. I pray for physical, emotional health. I pray for relational health in the homes of each Representative here in this House today. I pray that their families would be shielded from some of the criticisms that they are inevitably going to receive. God, I pray that they would be shielded from the dark side of what politics can be at times.

And I pray that as they experience that health in their homes, that relational health, it would spill over into this House, Lord. I pray as You bless the homes, Lord, this House would be blessed as well. So, Lord, I pray for Speaker Turzai, that You would bless him and his home, bless his wife and his sons. And I pray likewise this House and the families of this House would be blessed. And I pray, Father, that it would be for Your glory.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

The CHIEF CLERK. The members and guests may be seated.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair requests the former Speaker of the House, the Honorable Sam Smith, to take the Chair for the purpose of presenting the gavel to Speaker Mike Turzai.

Mr. SMITH. Good afternoon, everyone.

You know, you have this great desire to strike the gavel, but no, that is not my responsibility today. It is with no regrets and with great joy that I have this honor to present the gavel to Speaker Turzai.

I will say one thing. I have probably said it before. Some view this gavel as possessing great power, and in many ways it does, but I think it is incumbent upon us – and at this moment I speak to you, my friend, Mike – that while there is power with this gavel, the more important thing is the responsibility that goes with it. And as I present this gavel to you, I ask you to be mindful of that responsibility and let it supersede the power that may be vested in this gavel.

God bless you, and may you serve well.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

ADDRESS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. First lesson.

You never know where a journey will take you. But in beginning, let me say just a few thank-yous.

To my predecessor, mentor, good friend; a man I once said on the House floor is a man of tough love sometimes, which you need in these roles – Sam Smith, thank you. I hope to serve as honorably and with as much dignity and leadership and integrity as you did.

To Mike Fisher, Third Circuit Federal judge, former Attorney General, former State Senator, former House member, and a great friend, thank you for swearing me in. And to your wife, Carol, all the best. To Judge Judy Olson on the Superior Court, whom I first had the opportunity to meet as a lector in our church, thank you for swearing in these outstanding men and women. To Father and to Reverend, thank you for your gracious prayers. We will be needing them as we move forward. I will have some more thank-yous, certainly, but I also in particular want to thank the outstanding remarks and motions –

outstanding from my perspective – of John Taylor, Matthew Gabler, Cherelle Parker, Mike Regan, Pete Daley; from both sides of the aisle, you are great friends and great leaders in this Commonwealth. Your kind words meant so much to me.

I will shortly make mention of important recognitions, but I just want to state a few words of introduction. You, my colleagues, have graciously bestowed upon me the honor to serve as the Speaker of this august body. It is with great humility and gratitude to each of you that I accept this gavel to preside over this chamber.

Today is a great celebration for each of you as leaders and public servants in this great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. To you, congratulations. It is a truly significant day in each of your own personal journeys. And to your families and friends, welcome, and thank you for joining us on this momentous occasion. To all here and watching, it is our joy to have you with us as we open the 199th legislative session for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Governor Corbett, thank you so much for being here. We appreciate your leadership at the helm of the Commonwealth. Governor-elect Tom Wolf, thank you, sir. We look forward to working with you over the next 4 years. Justice Debra Todd and Justice Correale Stevens from one of our separate and equal branches, thank you for being here today. Auditor General Gene DePasquale, a former member of this august body; Attorney General Kathleen Kane; Treasurer Robert McCord, thank you for joining us. I see former Speaker Robert O'Donnell. Thank you, sir, for being here with us, along with our other former Speaker Sam Smith. And a good friend to many of us, former United States Senator Rick Santorum – thank you, sir. County executive from Allegheny County, my home county, Rich Fitzgerald; Mayor William Peduto of the city of Pittsburgh, thank you so much for joining us here today. I have many of my colleagues, past colleagues here. I am afraid that I would miss some of you, but I want you to know you are always part of this great family. Former Lieutenant Governor William Scranton, my very good friend, who has been chair of the swearing-in commission for this 199th legislative session – Bill, thank you so much. And Fred Anton – whom many of us know on both sides of the aisle, who includes amongst his best friends Governor Rendell and former United States Senator Arlen Specter – Fred Anton, the vice chair of our swearing-in commission and president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association. I will at a later point be talking about my family. They are so important a part of this great day.

Today is the day that celebrates the continuing democratic experience in this Commonwealth and in our country. As you know, William Penn received his charter in 1681, some 334 years ago. Although Penn's authority over the colony was officially subject only to that of the King, through his quote, unquote, "frame of government," he implemented a democratic system with full freedom of religion. He founded Pennsylvania to escape persecution because of his religion. He instituted fair trials, elected representatives of the people in power and a separation of powers, ideas that would later form the basis of the American Constitution.

This Pennsylvania House, the Provincial Assembly, started in 1682, is the predecessor of the General Assembly in which each of us participates as a member. The Provincial Assembly first met at Upland, near Chester, on December 4 of 1682, just 40 days after William Penn arrived in the colony. After 3 years the Assembly insisted upon greater autonomy from colonial

authorities – sounds like the group I know – including the right to initiate legislation, and that became the foundation upon which representative government was built in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

How about this? The first Speaker of the Provincial Assembly was Dr. Thomas Wynne, a physician, a minister, a barber, and a lawyer. He was one busy gentleman. With the adoption of the Pennsylvania Constitution in 1790, the Assembly was restructured as the House of Representatives. That first Speaker was William Bingham of Philadelphia. This body, my fellow members, in which you serve, in which I serve, predates the United States Constitution by over 100 years. It is a body that has served continuously, as noted, since 1682, but not only that, Pennsylvania is where the American democracy was forged. The Declaration of Independence was ratified in Philadelphia on July 4 of 1776, and signed there on August 2, 1776. The Articles of Confederation, drafted by a great Pennsylvanian, John Dickinson, were drafted on November 15, 1777, in York, Pennsylvania, and ratified there on March 1, 1781. I am sure the Governor-elect was well aware of that.

The United States Constitution was drafted and ratified under George Washington's leadership at the Constitutional Convention, again in Philadelphia, on June 21 of 1787. And let us not forget what Abraham Lincoln knew. He knew that with slavery, and when the Southern States seceded, that this noble experiment in democracy could crumble, and he led the Union in an important endeavor. When that great experiment of democracy was tested, the Battle of Gettysburg took place from July 1 - July 3 of 1863, giving the Union an important victory. And President Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address on Pennsylvania soil on November 19 of 1863 – Governor Corbett's wife served so admirably with respect to that great battlefield at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg – 4 1/2 months after that victory.

You members here, you cannot, I cannot, take lightly the great history of democracy of which we are a part. We serve, as mentioned, close to 13 million citizens. Pennsylvania is the sixth most populous State in the nation. It has 18 congressional seats and 20 electoral votes. It is a place of great diversity.

I have been blessed to travel in all 67 counties and to visit with members all across this State in their home communities. It is by far the favorite part of this position that I am looking forward to and that I have had as being a leader in this body.

I repeat that history to you and to myself because I do not want you to think that I do not know the gravity of the responsibilities that come with this position – one amongst equals, by the way – but in addition the gravitas that comes with the position, and I will conduct myself accordingly. I want you also to know that I respect each and every one of you, because you get elected, just as I do, by 65,000 members and have to report back to those constituents, your friends, as I do to the 28th District. But we also have obligations to the citizens of the Commonwealth as a whole. I invite you to travel across this State and meet with your colleagues from both sides of the aisle and to learn about their communities.

I want to tell you a little bit about my family. Chairman Pete Daley provided you with a background, but I want – if they could stand again: my wife, Lidia, and my three boys, one more time – to tell you just a little bit about them, because just like I want to know about each and every one of you, I think it is

important for the citizens of Pennsylvania to know about the Speaker and his family because they keep us grounded.

Lidia is a successful professional in and of herself, but I must say, she is a great team partner with respect to public service. She is a pediatrician in our community, offices up in Wexford in my district, but also in Pittsburgh, the city of Pittsburgh. And she is a great wife and a loving mother. I am so proud to have her here today with me.

Andrew is a sophomore at North Allegheny High School, plays baseball, basketball, and football, doing great at the grades, puts me in my place most every day. I think that comes with age 16. He is starting to learn how to drive a car. I told Lidia, "Oh my goodness," but I have to tell you, he is a great young man.

Stephen is at Vincentian Academy up my way, and he plays soccer and baseball. He keeps reminding me he made high honor roll. We told him, "Stephen, we know you took a year off, get back into gear," and he did. Exceptionally proud of him. You know, he is the middle kid, tussles with his mom a lot. I tell him, "Steve, oh my goodness, could you just give it a rest here and there?" He said, "Dad, that's the message I've been giving to you for quite some time." My good friend, Chairman John Taylor, I think gave me a similar message once.

Our youngest, age 12, sixth grade, North Allegheny, Marshall Middle School, Matthew. He participates in everything. We laugh about it all the time. Really into football this year, baseball, swimming, good student, lots of friends. He has got all the humor in the family. I asked him to give me a few jokes, he said, "Dad, you'll just, you're going to get them wrong, so let's just stick to the serious part." Thank you, each of you.

I am so blessed to also have my brother and sister, Becky and Terry, here, and my mother-in-law and father-in-law, Joe and Lori Comini – all great friends, and they help us drive kids around. We are very, very appreciative.

Real briefly, just a few things about this chamber. To my good friends on the Democratic side, I want you to know that I served for many years in the minority, and here is what I learned, particularly when Sam and I worked with Speaker Keith McCall. If you delve into your facts, identify problems, and have good solutions, you can – I am telling you, as you have, I think many of you, over the last 4 years – continue to have a significant impact. One hundred and nineteen did not get elected; 203 did. And I am well aware of that. Each of you serves 65,000 members, and we recognize that each and every member has to be a part of the discussion and the movement of legislation in this body. I find that the committee process – as it has over the last 4 years, particularly with some of the outstanding chairs on both sides of the aisle that we have – that much of the important detailed work with good policy items happens on the committees, and we do not use the amending process much on the House floor when we put those bills up for a vote.

I had an opportunity to be a part of items in the minority, but you have to be proactive about it, there is no doubt, not only in terms of the work, but in terms of developing the relationships as well. Many of you have them. For those of you that are new, continue to foster them. To my friends from my party and my caucus, whom I have had the distinct honor and pleasure to lead over the last 4 years, we have done very good things. We have been fiscal stewards with our teammates. We have worked on

making sure there are good family-sustaining jobs in this Commonwealth. We have, with our colleagues, brought back integrity, but we have much more to do. We can continue to move important policy items together.

I think that principles do matter, and sometimes there is not an area to compromise. With that said, there is still much common ground. My dad was a lifelong Democrat. My mom was a lifelong Republican. I say this often, so I apologize, but I come from a mixed marriage. My parents often voted similarly, and they never missed voting. They were good citizens, responsible citizens.

In moving forward, I want to cite a book. I know it is not Pennsylvania history, but the main character, Atticus Finch, in "To Kill a Mockingbird," in real life, the father, modeled after the father of Harper Lee, was not only an attorney but a legislator in the State of Mississippi. And standing in a person's shoes is one of the first things that the main character, Atticus Finch, focuses on. And one of his early quotes to Scout, his daughter – Harper Lee – "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his" or her "point of view – until you climb into his" or her "skin and walk around in it." I have sometimes forgotten that. In this position, I am telling you, I will never forget it.

I would also tell you that I think amongst a wide variety of great characteristics to have, courage is amongst the most important. Sometimes you have to climb to new places and to forge new trails. I think if you can explain it to those folks back home about where you are taking them, you can make such a significant difference.

I have to – on just this note – make mention of fiscal stewardship. Folks, in the end, amongst the legislation that we pass, the one thing we constitutionally have to do is pass a budget. In passing a budget on time the last 4 years, I think that was important to get us back in that direction under the Governor's stewardship, because there needs to be a level of predictability and certainty for the citizens of Pennsylvania that rely on these expenditures. But when I talk to new members in our caucus, the first thing I focus on is on the revenue side in this regard. The money that we are budgeting or prioritizing is folks' hard-earned dollars. The personal income tax brings in over \$12 billion annually, and the sales tax almost \$9 1/2 billion annually, not to mention corporate taxes, taxes on energy, inheritance taxes, cigarette taxes, and other revenues. We must prioritize how we spend folks' hard-earned dollars. We must get more out of less, and we have to always be mindful that it is coming from other people, our citizens. There are great places where we provide as a result of it: education, those with intellectual disabilities, the aged. We always must maintain that balance as we move forward.

In New York, interestingly, there was a comment on former Governor Nelson Rockefeller, who was a Republican, and the columnist actually was complimenting the Democrat who followed, Hugh Carey. And the quote in the column said, "New York's best postwar governor, Hugh Carey, rescued the state and its largest city from the credit crisis that was a legacy of..." the Republican Governor's "quadrupling spending in his 14 years." It is important that we keep Pennsylvania on sound fiscal footing for the citizens today and tomorrow.

We would not be able to do this job successfully without great staff. I have been so blessed. I have many great staff members, but there are a few, with your respect, that I must thank personally: Sara Kennedy, like my family; Krystjan Callahan, also like my family; Ralph LaDonne; Karen Coates, our new Chief of Staff for the Speaker's Office; Dave Reddecliff, amongst others. Thank you for your friendship and for your service. All of the staff members on both sides of the aisle I find are people of great integrity and much dedication.

In conclusion, I am a fan of baseball, and there was a quote by a great pitcher that said, "Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is."

As we approach the 199th Legislative Session, each and every day is an opportunity to reach some successes together. We are going to have some failures; it is the legislative process. We will put them behind us and we will come back the next day and shake hands and figure out a way to get positive things done.

God bless to each and every one of you. Thank you for your patience.

PLACING OF MACE

The SPEAKER. The oath of office having been taken by the members of the House and the Speaker, the Chair instructs the Sergeant at Arms to now place the mace on the rostrum. The mace is the symbol of authority of the House. When the mace is at the Speaker's right, the House is in session.

(Mace was placed on rostrum.)

PARLIAMENTARIAN APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. In compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth authorizing the Speaker to appoint a Parliamentarian, the Speaker appoints Clancy Myer as Parliamentarian of the House. Clancy.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJORITY LEADERSHIP

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the good lady from Susquehanna County, Ms. Major, for the purpose of making an announcement.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As chair of the Republican Caucus, I have been asked to announce, for the information of the members of the House and for the record, that the gentleman from Indiana County, Mr. Reed, has been elected majority leader by the caucus, and that the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Cutler, has been elected majority whip. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, the gentlelady from Armstrong and Clarion Counties, Ms. Oberlander, has been elected caucus secretary; the gentleman from Centre and Mifflin Counties, Mr. Benninghoff, has been elected policy chairman; the gentleman from Butler, Mr. Ellis, has been elected caucus administrator; and the gentleman from Delaware, Mr. Adolph, has been elected majority chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the good gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Frankel, for the purpose of making an announcement.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me add my personal congratulations on your election as our Speaker.

As chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I am pleased to announce, for the information of the members of the House and for the record, that the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Dermody, has been elected Democratic leader by the Democratic Caucus, and the gentleman from Clinton County, Mr. Hanna, has been elected Democratic whip. Furthermore, the gentlelady from Philadelphia County, Ms. Youngblood, has been elected caucus secretary; the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Sturla, has been elected policy chairman; the gentleman from Schuylkill County, Mr. Goodman, has been elected caucus administrator; and the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Markosek, has been elected Democratic chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the good lady from Armstrong County, Ms. Oberlander, to introduce the freshman members of the Republican Caucus.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My sincere congratulations to you as well.

It is my pleasure to introduce the new members of the Republican Caucus. As I call the names of the new members, I ask that they please stand, and I ask that you hold your applause until all of the introductions have been made.

First, Representative Barry Jozwiak, 5th District; Tedd Nesbit, 8th District; Parke Wentling, 17th District; Brett Miller, 41st District; Jason Ortity, 46th District; Ryan Warner, 52d District; Cris Dush, 66th District; Harry Lewis, 74th District; Judy Ward, 80th District; Rich Irvin, 81st District; Jeff C. Wheeland, 83d District; Paul Schemel, 90th District; Kristin Lee Phillips-Hill, 93d District; Dave Zimmerman, 99th District; Russ Diamond, 102d District; David Parker, 115th District; Aaron Kaufer, 120th District; Craig Staats, 145th District; Tom Quigley, the two-time Representative from the 146th District; James Santora, 163d District; Kate Anne Klunk, 169th District; and Jack Rader, 176th District.

Congratulations.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the good lady from Philadelphia County, Ms. Youngblood, to introduce the freshman members of the Democratic Caucus.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I call the names of the new members of the Democratic Caucus, will they please stand. Hold any applause until I have completed the introduction of all members.

Pete Schweyer, 22d District; Michael Driscoll, 173d District; Jason Dawkins, 179th District; and Leslie Acosta, 198th District – I am sorry, 197th District. It is right next to mine.

Congratulations to all of the new members that have joined our caucus, and I think we are going to have a very exciting year this year. I would like to congratulate, I see my former,

former Speaker – and I took his seat – Bob O'Donnell is here with his wife, Donna.

Thank you again.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. I have the honor at this time, as Speaker, to recognize the Republican leader, Mr. Reed, but I would have just a few moments, if you will bear with me, to say something about this good man.

Myself and former Speaker Smith were blessed to be at Dave and Heather's wedding. I was blessed to be in the wedding. Pennsylvania, I must tell you, will benefit much by having this good, strong, young family man, Mr. Reed, as leader for the Republican Caucus.

It is my honor to introduce him for remarks to the General Assembly.

Mr. REED. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and congratulations to you and to your family for obtaining the Speakership of this august body. You have worked very hard throughout your 12 years in the General Assembly. You have dedicated your time and your effort to helping the people of Pennsylvania, and I congratulate you and look forward to working with you over the next 2 years.

I also congratulate the members of this historic body, particularly the freshman members, who come to the halls of this chamber for the first time. I welcome you, your friends, your family members, and your supporters as we join today to embark upon the journey of the next 2 years together.

Before I became a State legislator at a fairly young age, I was a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, and as a graduate student, I took a number of courses from a professor named Dr. John Mulhern. And during one of the courses, Dr. Mulhern described the two very unique perspectives folks engage in a political process in the 21st century in modern American politics. The two perspectives he described, first was that of the political scientist. Now, he did not use the term "political scientist" in the academic sense. He used the term "political scientist" very broadly to describe any individual or any organization that sought to analyze and debate the issues of the day, that felt the need or the desire to pontificate on how our communities, our government, our nation, and our world, for that matter, could be or should be. The second perspective he described was that of the political actor. The political actor's definition was fairly similar to that of the political scientist. They were folks who analyzed and debated the issues of the day, who pontificated on how our communities, our government, our nation, and our world could be or should be. But at the end of the definition of the "political actor," he added this: "The political actor also has the responsibility to not just discuss how things could be or how things should be but actually determine and make decisions on how things would be." You have the responsibility to actually get things done. Today, particularly our freshman members move from the arena of a political scientist to the arena of a political actor, and with that transition comes a much greater responsibility in the political process in the 21st century.

It is a responsibility probably best described by former President Teddy Roosevelt in a quote that has since been deemed "The Man in the Arena." It came from a speech entitled "Citizenship in a Republic" delivered in Paris, France, on the

23d of April, 1910. The quote goes as follows: "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst..." knows what it is like to fail, but "...at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

My fellow colleagues, today you are the men and women in the arena. You are tasked with the great responsibility to lead this Commonwealth. The easy part of the electoral process is now over. And make no mistake, far too many folks in today's political world believe getting elected is the hard part, that becoming one of 203 representing 13 million is the most difficult part of the journey. You will soon find that is actually the easy part of the journey before you. Celebrating one night in November with your friends and family members is a wonderful moment, but in the end, it is just a moment. You now have a much far greater responsibility. You have a responsibility to govern and a responsibility to make decisions. You have a great opportunity, a grand opportunity to lead this Commonwealth, and you have that opportunity because 65,000 people in each of your communities put their faith and their trust in you. They put their faith and their trust in you to make decisions, to make difficult decisions, to make decisions that may not be politically popular on any given day but are the right thing to do for the future of this Commonwealth. And they put that trust in you to make those decisions not as Republicans, not as Democrats, not as folks representing a big city or a small town or suburban Pennsylvania, but to actually work together with the colleagues who surround you, to gather collective wisdom, and to have the courage to act as one with our colleagues in the Senate and the Governor to actually move our communities and our State forward.

And as we debate the issues of the day – and there will be no shortage of issues for us to debate, whether it be job creation, balancing budgets, pension reform, what is and what is not a core function of government, or even regional or territorial issues important to each of us – we must do so with a great amount of understanding, with an ample amount of humility, and a great deal of respect towards each perspective each member takes, whether it is our own or not. Many of the goals we share are the same. Each and every one of us wants more people working in Pennsylvania. We all want each person to have access to top quality health care at an affordable price, and we all want to lift folks out of poverty into a life of self-sustainability. Our goals are the same; sometimes we differ on our visions to achieve those goals. And as we debate those different visions, we must make sure we do so with dignity and respect, and in the end, we must allow common sense to be our guide to public policymaking.

So today as we celebrate the beginning of this journey together, as we look ahead to the decisions we must make, my only wish, my only hope, and my only prayer for each of us is

that we be worthy, that we be worthy of the trust our communities have bestowed upon us, that we be worthy of this grand opportunity we have to lead, and that we be worthy and forever be mindful of the place each and every one of us now has in the history books of Pennsylvania.

May God watch over this body, and may He continue to bless our families, our friends, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and this great State.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. In recognizing the Democratic leader, Mr. Dermody, for remarks, I would just like to make a few comments. I have had the honor and the privilege to work with Leader Dermody over the last 4 years. He is always a man of his word and a person of great integrity and dedication.

We are both from Allegheny County, and we both served in the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office as prosecutors, now many years ago. And I have to say, Frank was senior to me and was one of the most, really amongst us who were younger assistant district attorneys, Frank was one of the most outstanding prosecutors, and many of us went to watch him in trial. He brings those skills, as he has for many years, to this great General Assembly, and with that, I recognize Mr. Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, thank you for those very kind words.

And I must say also that you have attracted a crowd of stars here today that I think I have to acknowledge some of them. I mean, Governor Corbett, Governor-elect Wolf, Attorney General Kane, Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, Treasurer McCord, Speaker O'Donnell, Speaker Smith, and many others, thank you for coming and being part of this today.

We have one very special, I think, person I have got to recognize. Our good friend, whom I served with – and, Bob, you did, too, and many others – Ralph Acosta, who gets to be here today to see his daughter, Leslie, being sworn in.

And, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate you on ascending to the Speaker's chair, and as Mike has said, we have been friends for years. You may not think that all the time, but we have been friends for years. I mean, we do not see eye to eye on everything, but really, we have worked together for years, and in many areas we have worked alongside each other respectfully for years, and, Mr. Speaker, I am looking forward to continuing that relationship over the next 2 years. Thank you. We will make sure that we do that.

And I want to congratulate the new Republican leader, Dave Reed. As the majority leader facing the challenges Pennsylvania faces, your job will be difficult, but I want to tell you that I sincerely want to work with you as Democratic leader and do what both of us, and do what both of us, I know, and the caucuses want to do, and that is to lead Pennsylvania and move Pennsylvania forward.

I also want to take this moment to acknowledge our incoming Governor, Tom Wolf. The Governor-elect brings a wealth of experience and success in both the private sector and public service, but I am not sure he or any Governor ever faced challenges like those he will face as the chief executive of Pennsylvania. Governor-elect, I personally pledge my efforts

and those of the Democratic Caucus to work with you every way we can to make sure we meet those challenges. We want to once again make Pennsylvania an economic, educational, and environmental leader in the nation.

And finally, to each of my colleagues here today, both Republicans and Democrats, those of you who are returning and to our new members: congratulations and welcome. I am sure the new members sitting in this beautiful chamber today already have the sense of what an honor this job is, but it is also a tremendous responsibility that each of us has accepted. That will be confirmed as we begin in earnest to address the issues facing Pennsylvania. From personal experience, my advice is this: Rely on your family and friends, many of whom, obviously, are here today for your support. They will keep you grounded and they will keep you on track. And thank them often, because when you are here serving, wherever they are, they, too, will be making the sacrifices to help you do your job.

My daughter, Cara, is here today, and I believe this is the first time she has been at a swearing-in since my first one, and that was 24 years ago. It is getting to be a while. And I must say, over the years, you know, I have received those phone calls, "Dad, can you help me out here? Could you take me there?" And I have oftentimes had to say, "Cara, I am sorry, but I am in Harrisburg." This job is not easy. It is hard on our families. Our families make sacrifices that make sure we can do this job. Now, do not get me wrong. Cara turned out okay. She turned out just fine; however, never, never, ever – please – forget to say thank you, because they absolutely bear the brunt of our work and the hard work we do when we are away from home.

Now, the vast majority of your time here for your service as a State Representative will be fulfilling, interesting, satisfying, and engaging, but there will be times when you go home with that old phrase playing in your head that "no good deed goes unpunished." And this job can be frustrating, no doubt, but remember, we serve a demanding taskmaster, the people of Pennsylvania, and they have a right to be demanding. They are looking to us to work as hard and as long as we must to help create a better Pennsylvania, one where their fortunes, their families, and their lives can grow and prosper. Above all, that is the most important work we will do here, and if we fail in that, we have not done our jobs.

There are 203 of us in this chamber working for 12.8 million people. Each of us comes from a unique community and with unique issues and perspectives. Each of us has our own story to tell about how we arrived at the decision to run for public office. Now, all of us are here for the same purpose: to represent our communities and our constituents in the very best way we can. But while we are helping our individual constituents and communities, we cannot lose sight of the fact that we are one Pennsylvania, and as Pennsylvanians we share common goals and common dreams. The former Speaker of the United States House, Tip O'Neill, once wrote, "...every family deserves the opportunity to earn an income, own a home, educate their children, and afford medical care." He called that the American dream, and I believe it is the dream of all Pennsylvanians. So that is why Pennsylvania must commit itself to providing a quality basic education for every single child in the Commonwealth, no matter what their address, their background, or their family circumstance. That is why Pennsylvania must strengthen its higher education system to prepare our young people to realize their full potential, and all our residents as they

reach for the greatest possibilities. That is why Pennsylvania must create a climate where we lead – not trail – the nation in job growth, and develop our economy in ways that benefit everyone, not just a select few. And that is why Pennsylvania must protect its workers, ensuring that all who provide a good day's work receive a full day's pay so they and their families do not just stay out of poverty, but participate in and strengthen our economy. That is why Pennsylvania must ensure that women who do the same work as men earn the same wage and the same opportunities to support and sustain their families, and that is why Pennsylvania must protect its natural resources and guarantee that as we develop those resources, which we all share, we do so in a way that benefits us all. And that is why we must begin the official difficult but necessary work of bringing our budget back into balance, so we can fix the problems we face and once again make the investments we need.

We all understand, this legislative session we are facing a structural budget of around \$2 billion, and for the past 2 months Governor-elect Tom Wolf has been as honest and straightforward with the people of Pennsylvania as he can. We have a lot of work to do, and it will not be easy. Despite this, our new Governor has also made it clear he believes we can make real progress and has committed himself to working with the legislature. I agree with the Governor-elect; yes, it is going to be difficult, but it is by no means all gloom and doom. I believe we have reached a point where all of us understand and acknowledge the problem, and when there is honest recognition of a problem and an honest commitment to address the problem, there is also the potential for innovative thinking and exciting creative solutions.

So personally, I am looking forward to this legislative session and the challenges that await us. Governing during these difficult times gives us the chance, and each and every one of us a chance, to make a real, positive mark on our communities and the people who live in them. One thing is for sure, however: We cannot wait any longer, we cannot talk any longer, and we cannot be dishonest with ourselves any longer. The strategy the last 4 years did not work. Simply cutting taxes for some while leaving the rest to fend for themselves and make up the difference has gotten us nowhere.

When we put aside partisan division and work together, some great things can happen. We have shown that. Pennsylvania's transportation future is now much more secure because of the success we had working together to pass Act 89 and provide long-term funding solutions. Pennsylvania's children are safer because of the success we had working together to increase protection for them from abuse and other dangers. These are positive things that happened last session because Democrats and Republicans worked together to recognize common needs and find common solutions. This is really what the people of Pennsylvania expect us to do. If we work together, we will move Pennsylvania forward to a better tomorrow and a more secure future.

Now, Mario Cuomo passed away last week, and as I was reading about him, I came across a quote that came from his first inauguration speech. It came at the end of his speech, and he said, I "...pray that we all see New York for the family that it is." And I can tell you that I pray, we all should pray that we all see Pennsylvania for the family it is, and if we work together, as the people of Pennsylvania expect us to, we will help and provide for our family.

So with that, once again, congratulations to each and every one of you. This is a great day for you and your families. I look forward to working with you these next 2 years. God bless you, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION

Mr. REED called up HR 1, PN 1, entitled:

A Resolution adopting permanent rules for the House of Representatives; making an editorial change to the third consideration and final passage bills rule; and further providing for order of business, for introduction and printing of bills, for standing committees and subcommittees, for powers and duties of standing committees and subcommittees and for ethical conduct rules definitions and conduct.

On the question, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On the resolution, the Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. REED. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask the members to cast an affirmative vote in support of HR 1, adopting the rules for the House for the upcoming legislative session.

The SPEAKER. On the resolution, the Chair recognizes the minority leader.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I also urge the members to vote in support of HR 1.

On the question recurring, Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Also, I just want to announce that Representative Vanessa Brown is present, and her name will be added to the master roll.

CONSIDERATION OF HR 1 CONTINUED

On the question recurring, Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Table with 4 columns of names: Acosta, Adolph, Baker, Barbin, Barrar, Benninghoff, Bishop, Bloom, Boback, Bradford, Briggs, Everett, Fabrizio, Farina, Farry, Fee, Flynn, Frankel, Freeman, Gabler, Gainey, Galloway, Knowles, Kortz, Kotik, Krieger, Lawrence, Lewis, Longietti, Mackenzie, Maher, Mahoney, Major, Ravenstahl, Readshaw, Reed, Reese, Regan, Roae, Roebuck, Ross, Rozzi, Sabatina, Saccone

Table with 4 columns of names: Brown, R., Brown, V., Brownlee, Burns, Caltagirone, Carroll, Causer, Cohen, Conklin, Corbin, Costa, D., Costa, P., Cox, Cruz, Culver, Cutler, Daley, M., Daley, P., Davidson, Davis, Dawkins, Day, Dean, Deasy, DeLissio, Delozier, DeLuca, Dermody, Diamond, DiGirolamo, Donatucci, Driscoll, Dunbar, Dush, Ellis, Emrick, English, Evankovich, Evans, Gergely, Gibbons, Gillen, Gillespie, Gingrich, Godshall, Goodman, Greiner, Grell, Grove, Hackett, Hahn, Hanna, Harhai, Harhart, Harkins, Harper, Harris, A., Harris, J., Heffley, Helm, Hennessey, Hickernell, Hill, Irvin, James, Jozwiak, Kampf, Kaufner, Kauffman, Kavulich, Keller, F., Keller, M.K., Keller, W., Killion, Kim, Kinsey, Kirkland, Klunk, Maloney, Markosek, Marshall, Marsico, Masser, Matzie, McCarter, McGinnis, McNeill, Mentzer, Metcalfe, Metzgar, Miccarelli, Millard, Miller, B., Miller, D., Milne, Moul, Mullery, Murt, Nesbit, Neuman, O'Brien, O'Neill, Oberlander, Ortitay, Parker, C., Parker, D., Pashinski, Payne, Peifer, Petrarca, Petri, Pickett, Pyle, Quigley, Quinn, Rader, Rapp, Sainato, Samuelson, Sankey, Santarsiero, Santora, Saylor, Schemel, Schlossberg, Schreiber, Schweyer, Simmons, Snyder, Sonney, Staats, Stephens, Sturla, Tallman, Taylor, Thomas, Tobash, Toepel, Toohil, Topper, Truitt, Vereb, Vitali, Ward, Warner, Waters, Watson, Wentling, Wheatley, Wheeland, Youngblood, Zimmerman, Turzai, Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Table with 4 columns of names: Bizzarro, Boyle, Christiana, Mustio, Sims

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as a committee to notify the Senate that the House is organized, the good lady from Lehigh County, Mrs. Harhart; the good gentleman from Schuylkill County, Mr. Tobash; and the good lady from Philadelphia County, Ms. Acosta.

The committee will now proceed in the performance of its duties. Thank you.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. Furthermore, the Speaker appoints as a committee to wait upon the Governor and notify him that the House is organized, the good lady from Montgomery County, Mrs. Toepel; the good gentleman from Westmoreland County,

Mr. Krieger; the good gentleman from Lehigh County, Mr. Schweyer.

This committee will now proceed with the performance of its duties. Thank you.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The following members have been selected to serve on the Committee on Committees: The good gentleman, Representative Robert Godshall of Montgomery County, will be the chair. Others include Representative Bill Adolph; Representative Bryan Cutler; Representative Brian Ellis; Representative Sandy Major; Representative Mark Mustio; Representative John Payne; Representative Tina Pickett; Majority Leader Dave Reed; Representative Mike Reese; Representative Mike Carroll, who will be the Democratic chair; Representative Mark Longietti; Representative Pam Snyder; Representative Tina Davis; Representative Stephen Kinsey; and the Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members are further reminded to report to the Chief Clerk's Office sometime today or tomorrow to sign the oath book.

Thank you, everybody.

The House will be at ease for some minutes while we await the arrival of the Senate. The Senate did delay its starting time today. At this point in time, I would ask the guests in the well of the House, if you would like, you may leave your seats. Right here in the well, you are going to have to move because this is where the Senate will come. Other guests may stay or leave at this time. Members do need to stay. Other guests not in the well may stay. If you would like to attend a reception at this time, now is the time to do it. Thank you.

The House will come to order.

COMMITTEE ON PART OF SENATE RECOGNIZED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, the chairman of the committee on behalf of the Senate, Senator Hutchinson.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes, with great honor, former House member and my very close friend, the chairman of the Senate committee, Senator Scott Hutchinson.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, members of the House of Representatives, we are a committee from the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is convened and organized in regular session and ready to proceed with business.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, you are joined today by Senator Baker and Senator Leach. Is that correct? Welcome to the well of the House.

Members of the House of Representatives, please report to the chamber. In approximately 5 minutes we will begin the joint session with our colleagues from the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS-ELECT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker, for the record, would like to state that Representatives Vanessa Brown and Mark Cohen were administered the oath of office on the House floor by Judge Judy Olson this date. This event occurred while the House was at ease.

The House will be at ease, but we ask all members to please report to the floor. We will shortly be convening our joint session with our colleagues from the Senate. Thank you.

The Speaker calls the House to order. The Speaker calls the House to order. We ask all members to please take their seats.

SENATE MESSAGE

JOINT SESSION

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate,
January 6, 2015

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of witnessing the opening, counting and computing the official returns of the election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, in the several counties of the Commonwealth and to elect a Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

Resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

RESOLUTION

APPOINTMENT OF TELLER

Mr. REED offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted:

In the House of Representatives
January 6, 2015

RESOLVED, That the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Adolph, be appointed Teller on the part of the House of Representatives to open and compute the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

The SPEAKER. Again, members, please take your seats. The Senate will be arriving momentarily. Thank you, members.

The House will come to order. The members will please take their seats. The Senate is here, and we will be beginning the joint session.

Please, members, take your seats. The Senate is about to enter the chamber.

ARRIVAL OF SENATE

The SPEAKER. The Senate is now entering the hall of the House. All members and guests please rise as the Senate enters the House.

The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, the Senate is now present in the hall of the House.

The SPEAKER. The Chair requests the Honorable James Cawley, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to preside over the proceedings of the joint session of the General Assembly.

The President pro tem of the Senate, the Honorable Joe Scarnati, is invited to be seated on the rostrum.

The members of the House and Senate will please be seated. Thank you.

JOINT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (JIM CAWLEY) PRESIDING

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. This joint session will come to order. Senators and Representatives will please take their seats. Can we have order in the chamber, please. See, the way this works is, the sooner everybody sits down, the sooner we can get through this and get on with the rest of the day. This joint session of the General Assembly will please come to order.

This being the day and time agreed upon by a concurrent resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the opening and computing of official results of the election for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, in the several counties of this Commonwealth, the returns will now be opened and read.

The teller on the part of the Senate is the Senator from Cumberland County, Senator Pat Vance. The teller on the part of the House of Representatives is the Representative from Delaware County, Representative William F. Adolph, Jr.

The tellers will please come to the desks assigned to them by the Chief Clerk of the House and proceed in the performance of their duties.

The following election returns were read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the General Election held November 4, 2014, for the office of Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein it was disclosed that:

Mr. Thomas W. Corbett, Jr., Republican Party, received 1,575,511 votes,
Mr. Thomas W. Wolf, Democratic Party, received 1,920,355 votes,
Write-in Votes, 5,757 (scattered),

as the same have been certified to and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the sixty-seven County Boards of Elections.

Witness my hand and the seal of my office this
thirty-first day of December, 2014.

(SEAL)

Carol Aichele
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the General Election held November 4, 2014, for the office of Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein it was disclosed that:

Mr. Jim Cawley, Republican Party, received 1,575,511 votes,
Mr. Michael J. Stack III, Democratic Party, received 1,920,355 votes,
Write-in Votes, 5,757 (scattered),

as the same have been certified to and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the sixty-seven County Boards of Elections.

Witness my hand and the seal of my office
this thirty-first day of December, 2014.

(SEAL)

Carol Aichele
Secretary of the Commonwealth

CERTIFICATE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3252(b), I do hereby certify that Thomas W. Wolf, Governor, and Michael J. Stack III, Lieutenant Governor, have filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

Witness my hand and the seal of my office this thirty-first day of December, 2014.

(SEAL)

Carol Aichele
Secretary of the Commonwealth

TELLERS' REPORT

Mrs. VANCE. Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and members of the General Assembly, the tellers agree in their count and submit their report on the votes cast for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

Tom Corbett and Jim Cawley,
Republicans, received 1,575,511 votes.

Tom Wolf and Mike Stack, Democrats,
received 1,920,355 votes.

There were 5,757 scattered write-in votes.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Tom Wolf and Mike Stack, having received the highest number of votes, are duly elected the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years from the third Tuesday of January 2015.

The General Assembly will now be at ease for several moments while we sign the certificates of election.

We are at ease.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FILED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The certificates of election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor have been signed by the officers and tellers on the part of the Senate and House of Representatives and will be filed.

The following signed certificates of election were filed:

The General Assembly of Pennsylvania
State Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

January 6, 2015

We, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do certify that the President of the Senate did, on the sixth day of January, A.D., two thousand fifteen, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol, open the returns of the election for Governor of this Commonwealth, and publish the same in the presence of both houses of the General Assembly, conforming to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of said Commonwealth, and upon counting the votes by a Teller appointed on the part of each house, it appeared that The Honorable Thomas W. Wolf had the highest number of votes; where

upon The Honorable Thomas W. Wolf was declared to have been duly elected Governor of this Commonwealth.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year written above.

(SEAL) Jim Cawley
President of the Senate

(SEAL) Mike Turzai
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Pat Vance
Teller on the part of the Senate

William F. Adolph, Jr.
Teller on the part of the House of Representatives

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The General Assembly of Pennsylvania
State Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

January 6, 2015

We, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do certify that the President of the Senate did, on the sixth day of January, A.D., two thousand fifteen, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol, open the returns of the election for Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, and publish the same in the presence of both houses of the General Assembly, conforming to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of said Commonwealth, and upon counting the votes by a Teller appointed on the part of each house, it appeared that The Honorable Michael J. Stack had the highest number of votes; where upon The Honorable Michael J. Stack was declared to have been duly elected Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year written above.

(SEAL) Jim Cawley
President of the Senate

(SEAL) Mike Turzai
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Pat Vance
Teller on the part of the Senate

William F. Adolph, Jr.
Teller on the part of the House of Representatives

NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The General Assembly will now proceed to the election of the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Nominations are now in order.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana County, Representative Reed.

Mr. REED. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

I am honored to nominate Vincent C. DeLiberato, Esq., to serve the General Assembly as Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

The bureau is a bicameral, nonpartisan legislative service agency, which was established in 1909 to serve both members and staff as well as the executive branch. The agency helps prepare requested legislative bills and resolutions for introduction into the legislature. Its staff, led by Vince, advises members and committees. Those who have been here know the Legislative Reference Bureau is often given tasks by members of the House and Senate, which can only be described as impossible or difficult at best. Yet under Vince's guidance, they have done well and done timely. We appreciate the work and the staff of the LRB and understand the quality of their leader.

Vince was born in Philadelphia. He graduated from St. Joseph's University, followed by Villanova School of Law. He served our nation as a Staff Sergeant in the Army Reserve and as an attorney for the Legislative Reference Bureau. He has been serving our Commonwealth since 1975. I call that dedication with a dose of unparalleled institutional knowledge.

During his time Vincent has earned a reputation for attention to detail, dedication to the institution and the members of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. He has earned the respect of those who have worked with him.

Mr. President, it is my honor to nominate Vincent C. DeLiberato, Esq., to serve the General Assembly as the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman from Indiana County, Representative Reed, places in nomination for the office of Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau Vincent DeLiberato, Jr., of Dauphin County.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Centre County, Senator Corman.

Mr. CORMAN. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, I am proud to second the nomination of Vince DeLiberato, Jr., as Director of LRB. Vince plays a vital role in the operations of the Senate, and our members are honored to work with him.

I proudly second the nomination.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Are there any further nominations? Are there any further nominations, third and final call. Seeing none, the Chair declares the nominations closed.

The candidate for the office of Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau is Vincent DeLiberato of Dauphin County. Those in favor of Vincent DeLiberato for the office of Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau will please signify by saying "aye"; those opposed, "nay." The "ayes" have it. Vincent DeLiberato is declared unanimously elected Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

COMMITTEE TO ESCORT DIRECTOR-ELECT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The gentleman from Indiana County, Representative Reed, and the gentleman from Centre County, Senator Corman, will escort Vincent DeLiberato to the front of the rostrum for the purpose of taking the oath of office.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Please rise for the administration of the oath of office by the Honorable D. Michael Fisher, judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third District. Judge Fisher.

JUDGE FISHER. Mr. DeLiberato, would you place your left hand on the Bible and raise your right hand and repeat after me: I, Vince DeLiberato, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

(Mr. DeLiberato asserted oath.)

JUDGE FISHER. Congratulations.

JOINT SESSION ADJOURNED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. At this time the Chair asks the members of the House and visitors to please remain seated for just a moment while the members of the Senate leave the hall of the House.

The members of the Senate will please reassemble immediately in the Senate chamber upon the adjournment of this meeting.

The business for which this joint session has been assembled having been transacted, the session is now adjourned.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. Members, the House will be in order for just a last piece.

MOTION TO PRINT PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT SESSION

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the proceedings of the joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives held this 6th day of January 2015 be printed in full in this day's Legislative Journal.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

SENATE MESSAGE

RECESS RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate,
January 6, 2015

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses the week of January 14, 2015, it reconvene on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

On the question,
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?
Resolution was concurred in.
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

RULE 15 SUSPENDED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Reed, who moves that rule 15 be suspended so that when the House convenes on January 14 of 2015, it will convene at noon instead of 1 p.m.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. We will be back on a nonvoting session day on January 14, 2015. Some members who were not able to be present today will be sworn in at that time, on January 14, 2015, at 12 noon. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Moved by the majority leader that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 12 noon, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 3:01 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.