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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 11 a.m., e.s.t.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. MATTHEW E. BAKER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.
Good morning, everyone.

Let us pray together. This prayer is actually a prayer for the new year. It was written by Billy Graham, arguably the world's best renowned evangelist, and I thought it was very appropriate for this morning's new year prayer.

Let us pray together:

"Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of your presence and your guidance as we face the future. We each have our hopes and expectations for the year..." and that which lies "...ahead of us – but you alone know what it holds for us, and only you can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into your hand, and to trust you and to seek your will for our lives during this coming year.

"In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of your unchanging love.

"In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to you for the stability and comfort we will need.

"In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in your sight, regardless of the cost.

"And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: 'Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.'

"We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank you for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of your love and concern for them.

"Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what you would have us to be. Your word reminds us, 'Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord....'

"As we look back over this past year, we thank you for your goodness to us – far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on your past goodness or forget all your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make you the foundation and center of our lives this year.

"And so, our Father, we thank you for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This" we "ask in the name of our lord and savior, who by his death and resurrection has given us hope." Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, January 14, 2015, will be postponed until printed.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

The Chair recognizes the majority whip. The whip has provided us that Representative WATSON from Bucks County, Representative MENTZER from Lancaster County, and Representative KILLION from Delaware County will be marked as absent.

And the minority whip has indicated that Representative BROWN from Philadelphia will be marked as absent. Vanessa Brown from Philadelphia will be marked as absent.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take the master roll call. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—198

Acosta	Evankovich	Klunk	Rapp
Adolph	Evans	Knowles	Ravenstahl
Baker	Everett	Kortz	Readshaw

Barbin	Fabrizio	Kotik	Reed
Barrar	Farina	Krieger	Reese
Benninghoff	Farry	Lawrence	Regan
Bishop	Fee	Lewis	Roae
Bizzarro	Flynn	Longietti	Roebuck
Bloom	Frankel	Mackenzie	Ross
Boback	Freeman	Maher	Rozzi
Boyle	Gabler	Mahoney	Sabatina
Bradford	Gainey	Major	Saccone
Briggs	Galloway	Maloney	Sainato
Brown, R.	Gergely	Markosek	Samuelson
Brownlee	Gibbons	Marshall	Sankey
Burns	Gillen	Marsico	Santarsiero
Caltagirone	Gillespie	Masser	Santora
Carroll	Gingrich	Matzie	Saylor
Causser	Godshall	McCarte	Schemel
Christiana	Goodman	McGinnis	Schlossberg
Cohen	Greiner	McNeill	Schreiber
Conklin	Grell	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Corbin	Grove	Metzgar	Simmons
Costa, D.	Hackett	Miccarelli	Sims
Costa, P.	Hahn	Millard	Snyder
Cox	Hanna	Miller, B.	Sonney
Cruz	Harhai	Miller, D.	Staats
Culver	Harhart	Milne	Stephens
Cutler	Harkins	Moul	Sturla
Daley, M.	Harper	Mullery	Tallman
Daley, P.	Harris, A.	Murt	Taylor
Davidson	Harris, J.	Mustio	Thomas
Davis	Heffley	Nesbit	Tobash
Dawkins	Helm	Neuman	Toepel
Day	Hennessey	O'Brien	Toohil
Dean	Hickernell	O'Neill	Topper
Deasy	Hill	Oberlander	Truitt
DeLissio	Irvin	Ortitay	Vereb
Delozier	James	Parker, C.	Vitali
DeLuca	Jozwiak	Parker, D.	Ward
Dermody	Kampf	Pashinski	Warner
Diamond	Kaufer	Payne	Waters
DiGirolamo	Kauffman	Peifer	Wentling
Donatucci	Kavulich	Petrarca	Wheatley
Driscoll	Keller, F.	Petri	Wheeland
Dunbar	Keller, M.K.	Pickett	Youngblood
Dush	Keller, W.	Pyle	Zimmerman
Ellis	Kim	Quigley	
Emrick	Kinsey	Quinn	Turzai,
English	Kirkland	Rader	Speaker

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Brown, V.	Killion	Mentzer	Watson
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The SPEAKER. With 198 members having voted on the master roll, a quorum is present.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the good lady from Susquehanna County.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce that Republicans will caucus tomorrow morning at 10:30. I would like to remind all Republican members that we will caucus Wednesday morning at 10:30. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room then. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, welcome, but we would ask everybody to please take their seats. We will shortly be proceeding outside for the inauguration.

The following members have not yet picked up their tickets for the inauguration. These members can do so now by coming to the desk to the left of the Speaker. Please proceed immediately: Representative Bryan Barbin, Representative Keith Gillespie, Representative Marcia Hahn, Representative Patrick Harkins, Representative Barry Jozwiak, Representative Thaddeus Kirkland, and Representative Jerry Knowles. Please proceed to the left of the Speaker's desk to pick up some tickets for the inauguration.

Right now we are going to give you instructions. So please, if you could, we are going to provide instructions with respect to our procession to the inaugural. I am going to read instructions that have been prepared for us. So please, if you could, I would like you to pay attention. Again, these are instructions with respect to proceeding to the inauguration. All members will please take their seats and please clear the aisles at this time. All members will please take their seats. All members, please take your seats. Please clear the aisles and take your seats. We would ask that you please take your seats. If you have any conversations, please head to the back.

The seating for House and Senate members is similar, not that we would remember it, but is similar to the inauguration of 4 years ago and is arranged by the incoming administration. We are encouraged that so many members would be here for the inauguration and would participate to show our respect for our equal branch of government.

At this time we are going to ask that members line up starting in the Post Office area. We are going to proceed to the East Wing starting from that point in the back of the chamber. House leaders, Republican and Democrat, will be at the front of the line, and any guests that are with the leaders, please stay with those leaders. Be sure to take your coats and tickets to the inauguration. The mace will lead the procession to the inaugural.

For your information, as Speaker I will return to the floor later this afternoon and adjourn the House until 11 tomorrow morning, and of course, tomorrow we will begin the important business of organizing the committees.

There will be no declaration of a recess at this time because the House is in session for the inaugural ceremony.

Again, the leaders of both parties will be seated in the front two rows of the inaugural, so that is why they must be in the front of the line, because they are going to go into a different set of seats at the Governor-elect, soon-to-be Governor's request.

At this time I would ask all members to please start to move towards the rear of the chamber so we can go over to the inauguration. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Speaker and the members of the House attended the inaugural ceremony for the Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor-elect of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.)

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes Representative Samuelson, and he moves that the House now adjourn until Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker. Thank you.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 1:20 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.