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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 1 p.m., e.d.t.

**THE SPEAKER (JOHN M. PERZEL)**

**PRESIDING**

#### PRAYER

REV. JULIANN V. WHIPPLE, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

God of all nations, we bow before You this afternoon on this special session day with our minds filled with distractions galore. Before we forget You, we pause to remember it is You who are the creator and we the created, You who are the mighty and we who are weak, You who are deathless and we who are mortal. Thank You, gracious God, for allowing us to come before You in this manner.

This afternoon as Matthew Good readies to take his oath, may he truly remember what it means to take an oath. Remind all of us gathered here this afternoon that when we take an oath, we have appealed to You to keep us faithful to the truth, that when we raise voices and swear a vow before You and others, we are bound to follow through on our obligations. In the beginning, it seems so easy, so right, but why is it that we often lose our way? The values we swore to uphold, we have forgotten; the promises we have made, we have broken. We have sworn allegiance to You, our spouses, our country, this Commonwealth, and daily we have fallen. Give us the courage to get back up and start again being brave in peril, constant in tribulation, and loyal and loving to one another.

Help each person assembled here to focus on the things that would bring about the greatest good for all. Give us all the fortitude to be sincere and to do the right thing, and give us divine common sense and a selflessness that shall make us think of service and not of gain.

May every day that we awake start with the same nervous flutter in our stomachs that we felt when we first took an oath. May we rise with joy and fear at the opportunities that will come before us, and may we always have the wisdom and diligence to seek You and a faithfulness to embrace You.

Grant us now Your guidance and direct our thoughts, that when the day's work is over, we may merit Your "well done." Glory be to You, O God, now and forever. 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 Saturday, July 19, 2003, will be postponed until printed.

### JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. However, the following Journals are in print and, without objection, will be approved:

Tuesday, April 29;  
Wednesday, April 30;  
Monday, May 5;  
Tuesday, May 6; and  
Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

### HOUSE BILLS

#### INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**No. 1891** By Representatives VANCE, MICOZZIE, NICKOL, D. EVANS, ADOLPH, BARRAR, BASTIAN, BELFANTI, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CURRY, DALLY, DeLUCA, EACHUS, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, FLEAGLE, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GORDNER, HALUSKA, HARPER, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, JAMES, KENNEY, KIRKLAND, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MANDERINO, MANN, MARSICO, MCGILL, McILHATTAN, McNAUGHTON, MUNDY, NAILOR, OLIVER, PHILLIPS, PRESTON, ROONEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SEMMEL, SHANER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STEIL, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, WATERS, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

An Act amending the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921, providing for basic health benefit plans.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, August 4, 2003.

**No. 1892** By Representatives VANCE, MICOZZIE, ROSS, DeLUCA, ADOLPH, BARRAR, BASTIAN, BELFANTI, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CLYMER, CRAHALLA, CREIGHTON, CURRY, DALLY, EACHUS, D. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, FLEAGLE, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GORDNER, HALUSKA, HARPER, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, JAMES, KENNEY, LAUGHLIN, LEDERER, MANDERINO, MANN, MARSICO, MCGILL, McILHATTAN, McNAUGHTON, MUNDY, NAILOR,

NICKOL, OLIVER, PHILLIPS, PRESTON, ROONEY, RUBLEY, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SEMMEL, SHANER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STEIL, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, WATERS, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD and YUDICHAK

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**No. 1893** By Representatives MELIO, ADOLPH, ARMSTRONG, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BISHOP, COHEN, DALEY, DeWEESE, GEORGE, HERSHEY, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, MANDERINO, McGEEHAN, PAYNE, SCRIMENTI, SOLOBAY, J. TAYLOR, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WOJNAROSKI, BENNINGHOFF, CASORIO, DAILEY, DeLUCA, FABRIZIO, HENNESSEY, HESS, KOTIK, LEDERER, MANN, O'NEILL, SATHER, SHANER, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, WANSACZ, WHEATLEY and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act prohibiting the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions from collecting and using Social Security numbers under certain circumstances; and providing for enforcement by the Attorney General.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, August 4, 2003.

**No. 1894** By Representatives GABIG, FEESE, GEIST, LAUGHLIN, CREIGHTON, BARRAR, WASHINGTON, HERSHEY, ARMSTRONG, DeLUCA and MELIO

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for power and duties of institution presidents.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, August 4, 2003.

**No. 1895** By Representatives FLICK, ROHRER, R. MILLER, T. STEVENSON, CRAHALLA, DENLINGER, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, LEH, PETRI, REICHLEY, RUBLEY, E. Z. TAYLOR, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD and HARPER

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, further providing for leaves of absence for professional development.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, August 4, 2003.

**No. 1896** By Representative ROONEY

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, further providing for filing fees for nomination petitions.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, August 4, 2003.

**No. 1897** By Representatives ROONEY, LEDERER, KOTIK, SATHER, NAILOR, MANN, SOLOBAY, GRUCELA, WATSON, GOODMAN, CORRIGAN, COLEMAN, B. SMITH, SHANER, SURRA, HORSEY, WANSACZ, HARHAI, PALLONE, MELIO and HARPER

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for sentence of total confinement.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, August 4, 2003.

**No. 1898** By Representatives RAYMOND, BUNT, CAPPELLI, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, HARRIS, HERMAN, MARSICO, NAILOR, PETRI, ROSS, RUBLEY, SCHRODER, T. STEVENSON, WEBER, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD, CRAHALLA, S. MILLER, HARHAI, HANNA, McGEEHAN, TURZAI, DeLUCA, CIVERA, SCRIMENTI, WASHINGTON, ALLEN, THOMAS, MELIO and HUTCHINSON

An Act amending the act of June 9, 1936 (Sp.Sess., P.L.13, No.4), entitled, as reenacted and amended, "An act imposing an emergency State tax on liquor, as herein defined, sold by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing for the collection and payment of such tax; and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board," further providing for the rate of taxation.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, August 4, 2003.

**No. 1899** By Representatives SAYLOR, HESS, B. SMITH, SATHER, BALDWIN, R. STEVENSON, FABRIZIO, GRUCELA, BARRAR, BASTIAN, BEBKO-JONES, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BROWNE, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, COY, CRUZ, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLESPIE, GOODMAN, HARRIS, HASAY, HERMAN, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KELLER, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, MANN, McILHATTAN, S. MILLER, NAILOR, PAYNE, PETRARCA, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROBERTS, RUBLEY, SCAVELLO, SCHRODER, SHANER, SOLOBAY, STERN, TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, WALKO, WEBER, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, DeLUCA, COSTA, CIVERA and MELIO

An Act excluding veterans' disability payments as income for certain purposes.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, August 4, 2003.

**No. 1900** By Representatives BIRMELIN, BELFANTI, BALDWIN, BUXTON, CAPPELLI, CREIGHTON, DENLINGER, FAIRCHILD, FICHTER, FORCIER, HERSHEY, LEH, LEWIS, METCALFE, R. MILLER, S. MILLER, PAYNE, PICKETT, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, TIGUE, WATSON and WILT

An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for retainage in certain contracts.

Referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, August 4, 2003.

**No. 1901** By Representatives BEBKO-JONES, CRUZ, HORSEY, KIRKLAND, THOMAS, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act suspending the imposition of a portion of the State tax on liquid fuels and fuels; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, August 4, 2003.

**No. 1902** By Representatives BEBKO-JONES, DeWEESE, KIRKLAND, JAMES, CAPPELLI, HORSEY, HARHAI, GOODMAN, GEIST, FABRIZIO, MANN, PALLONE, SCRIMENTI, THOMAS, WOJNAROSKI and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of June 23, 1931 (P.L.932, No.317), known as The Third Class City Code, further providing for building inspectors, housing inspectors, property maintenance inspectors, fire prevention inspectors, electrical inspectors and plumbing inspectors.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, August 4, 2003.

**No. 1903** By Representatives BEBKO-JONES, FLICK, GRUCELA, HARHAI, JAMES, LAUGHLIN, PETRARCA, STABACK, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, WASHINGTON and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of August 31, 1971 (P.L.398, No.96), known as the County Pension Law, further providing for the definition of "superannuation retirement age" and for special early retirement.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, August 4, 2003.

The SPEAKER. Matthew, we did not forget why you are here, but there are a number of housekeeping chores we have to accomplish before we get into your swearing in. So just forgive us for about 5 more minutes.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges a report from the Joint State Government Commission entitled "Administrative Shortages in Pennsylvania's Public School Districts."

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

#### COMMUNICATION FROM SPORTS AND EXHIBITION AUTHORITY

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges, as required by Act 63 of 2001, that the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County submits its MBE/WBE program report for the calendar year 2002.

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM GOVERNOR

#### APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS

The Speaker laid before the House communications in writing from the office of His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, advising that the following House bills had been approved and signed by the Governor:

**HB 8, HB 745, and HB 782.**

#### SENATE MESSAGE

##### HOUSE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN BY SENATE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives to **SB 201, PN 1079; SB 442, PN 1044; and SB 521, PN 1108.**

#### SENATE MESSAGE

##### AMENDED HOUSE BILL RETURNED FOR CONCURRENCE AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, returned **HB 276, PN 2326**, with information that the Senate has passed the same with amendment in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested.

#### RULES SUSPENDED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.  
Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, I move that rule 30 be suspended so immediately HB 564, PN 2474, and SB 8, PN 1111, go immediately to the calendar.

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

#### SENATE MESSAGE

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**SENATE MESSAGE**

**AMENDED SENATE BILL RETURNED FOR CONCURRENCE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in the amendments made by the House of Representatives by amending said amendments to **SB 8, PN 1111**.

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

**BILLS SIGNED BY SPEAKER**

Bills numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the titles were publicly read as follows:

**SB 201, PN 1079**

An Act designating Interstate 78 in Lehigh and Northampton Counties from the Berks County Line to the Delaware River as the Walter J. Dealtrey Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 837 in Allegheny County as Charles R. McDevitt Highway; and designating Exit 23 on Interstate 79 in Washington County, known as Marianna-Prosperity Exit, as the Farrell Jackson Exit.

**SB 442, PN 1044**

An Act amending the act of May 16, 1923 (P.L.207, No.153), referred to as the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law, amending definitions; further providing for municipal claims and liens, for judicial sales, for recovery of judgment and sale free from claims, for assignment of claims and for notice requirements; and making a repeal.

**SB 506, PN 1049**

An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey certain tracts of land situate in Cecil Township, Washington County.

**SB 521, PN 1108**

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for assessment and commitment of certain sexually violent persons.

Whereupon, the Speaker, in the presence of the House, signed the same.

**GUEST INTRODUCED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair would like to welcome to the hall of the House Her Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Catherine Baker Knoll. Would the guest please rise.

It is obvious, Catherine, you have a lot more fans than we do.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER**

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the House will now take up as a special order of business the swearing in of Representative-elect Matthew Good. The Chair hears no objections.

**ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED**

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

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, Secretary Cortes.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Secretary Cortes.

Mr. CORTES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is my distinct honor to present the returns of the special election held on July 22, 2003, in the 3d Legislative District.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks Secretary Cortes.

The clerk will read the return.

The following election returns were read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND 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 Special Election for Representative in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the Third Legislative District, as the same has been certified to and filed with my office by the Erie County Board of Elections. Matthew W. Good, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Representative in the General Assembly.

(SEAL) IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this fourth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand three and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

Pedro A. Cortés  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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SPECIAL ELECTION  
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
3RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT  
ERIE COUNTY  
JULY 22, 2003

OFFICIAL RESULTS

	VOTE TOTALS
Democratic – Brian P. McGrath	4,331
Republican – Matthew W. Good	11,592
Green – Larry Sawdy	353

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 Department of State  
 Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation  
 August 4, 2003

## CERTIFICATE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

### COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 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 the candidate who was elected Representative in the General Assembly from the 3rd District in the Special Election held July 22, 2003, Matthew W. Good, has 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."

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth this fourth day of August, 2003.

Pedro A. Cortés  
 Secretary of the Commonwealth

## COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT MEMBER-ELECT

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints the majority leader, the Honorable Samuel H. Smith, and Representative Jeff Coy to escort Representative-elect Good to the well of the hall of the House for the purpose of taking the oath. The committee will proceed with its duties.

## OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

The SPEAKER. The oath of office required by Article VI, section 3, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be administered by the Honorable Palmer Dolbin, judge, Court of Common Pleas, Schuylkill County.

JUDGE DOLBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is a pleasure, it is an honor, a privilege to be here today, and I thank the members of the House for waiving the Constitutional separation of powers that enabled me to be here, but I understand that that waiver is for a very limited purpose and for a very short duration, and so I think we better get started before they kick me out.

Mr. Good, will you please raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, repeat after me.

I, Matthew W. Good, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

(Member asserted oath.)

JUDGE DOLBIN. Congratulations.  
 Mr. GOOD. Thank you.

## REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. I had to ask the Parliamentarian whether I am allowed to say that I am very happy that we are 109, which was the mandate we were given at the election of the year 2000, but this is the first time we have actually been there.

I would like to welcome Susan Boyes, the wife of Karl, who is here with us. Yes, I see her there. It is your day, Matthew, but Karl and I spent an awful lot of dinners out here in Harrisburg together, and a lot of those nights were nights that he could not get home to see his family. So I did not want to miss the opportunity of welcoming you back, Susan.

Today the General Assembly and all of Pennsylvania welcomes the gentleman from Erie, Matthew Good, our newest member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Mr. Good worked hard and diligently against great odds and much money, and he prevailed.

Representative Good stands here today because he had a message, a message based on reality, not false hopes or dreams. He had a message people understood.

Mr. Good, you are here today with friends, your family, and supporters in the hall of the House of Representatives. A few moments ago you officially became a member of this body, joining the 202 other members of this House who have the honor and the privilege – and it is indeed a privilege – to serve the communities that they live in.

You are joining us at a very interesting time. Normally, a new member being sworn in in August would have to wait until the spring to cast a vote on the State's final spending plan, but you may be casting that vote as one of the first votes that you cast here on such a plan, and I hope it is as soon as it possibly can happen.

Mr. Good, you have been elected, and assuming you enjoy the role of your new job, you will be running for reelection next year. You will be running because every seat in this House is up every 2 years, not every 4 or every 6 years.

In a sense, you received your mandate on July 22, since some could argue just being victorious is a mandate delivered by the voters. All of us, every member of the House, was given a mandate by their own community to follow their platform, whether that be a mandate for change or simply to look out for the community that sent them here to the General Assembly.

As a member of the House of Representatives, you are the closest link to the citizens of your district. Your communities, your neighborhoods all have the link to State government through you. You are whom they will come to with their complaints; it will be you they come to with their problems; and when they have issues at the local level, it will be you that they will seek out.

It is the people, the citizens of the State, that come to the members of the General Assembly, the House of Representatives. It may not be these great big organizations that you hear of or associations or unions or business groups, but citizens in your district.

You see, your mandate is from the citizens of Pennsylvania, the residents of your community. Your endorsements and votes were from the people, the people who make this a great State, the people that make this the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

So I say this for the record, for posterity, and for today: The real mandate for the elections of 2002 is for Republicans

and Democrats to work together for a better Pennsylvania to be able to move forward.

We all have the same agenda – create a positive and better business climate, create better jobs, strengthen our schools, and ensure the best quality of life in all of our communities. Anyone who thinks we are just fine and do not need to do anything about these issues should depart from public service immediately.

The point is that we all share a vision for a great Pennsylvania, all of us have seen and been given a mandate by our residents of our communities, and all of us have our own thoughts and our own ideas. The solutions cannot be dictated but must be reached working together.

Simply put, there is only one great Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania filled with as much promise as when William Penn arrived here over 300 years ago.

Matthew Good of Erie County, you worked extraordinarily hard to get here, and today is the day you officially join the deliberations facing this government.

I would like to welcome and say congratulations, and really you deserve to be here, Matthew. Congratulations.

### REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. The majority leader, Representative Sam Smith, is recognized for remarks. Representative Smith.

Mr. S. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, would like to echo your welcome to the family and friends of Matthew Good and especially to Mrs. Boyes. We certainly appreciate all of you making the trip here to support and share in Matthew's celebratory day.

Representative Good, today I have the distinct pleasure and honor of being one of the first to welcome you to the hall of the House.

As with everything in life, the position you now hold and the duty you now carry is something that will be indeed what you make of it, and I am sure you are already aware of that through the tremendous campaign you carried out to earn your House seat.

For nearly 7 years, as many of us may know, for nearly 7 years Matthew Good served side by side with State Representative Karl Boyes. Alongside Karl, Matthew helped to make the life a little bit better for the people of the 3d District. Matthew, for 7 years you prepared yourself under Karl's leadership for the journey you begin today.

For those who did not follow Representative Good's campaign for the 3d legislative House seat, let me share a few of the thoughts about the rollercoaster ride that this young man endured during that campaign.

There were many qualified candidates for this race, and the Erie County Republicans had a hard choice to make, or so it would seem. But Erie knew what we in Harrisburg did not yet know – there was only one man who would carry on Karl's legacy in a way the people of the 3d District deserved, and that man was Matthew Good.

The Harrisburg naysayers said Matthew did not have a chance of defeating a well-known township supervisor nominated as his opponent. They said he was too young, too inexperienced, not yet ready for the job. Well, Harrisburg did not yet know Matthew Good.

Matthew had spent his years working with Karl to create jobs by keeping taxes under control. Working from dawn to dusk, Matthew took that message to the doors of the more than 7,000 families in the 3d District. At every door he listened as much as he spoke. He looked at every person at each of these doors as if that were the person, that were the vote, that would put him over the top. Day and night, door after door, he talked about job creation and creating a better life for the people he wished to serve, and soon that campaign took on a life of its own.

There are many stories. Individuals would come up to him on the street, stop their cars in the middle of the road, stop volunteers at the convenience store and ask how they could help. They knew Matthew was a man who worked for Karl, but now they saw him as a man they wanted as their next State Representative.

As the campaign wore on, he forged ahead with his message of lower taxes and jobs for the families of his district. This young man's hard work and determination to carry on Karl's legacy had taken Erie by storm, and it primed the pump for a major political upset. With a special election record turnout of 40 percent and with more than 71 percent of that vote going to Matthew Good, the people of Erie made their voices heard loud and clear – Harrisburg, meet Matthew Good.

My colleagues, our friend, Karl, is gone but not forgotten. I know he will always be remembered by all of us.

I believe, too, that Matthew shares a similar work ethic to that of Karl. Matthew knows and understands the cares and concerns of the people of the 3d District, and I believe Karl would be very proud of the voters' decision to elect Matthew Good.

The people of Erie have elected a strong, smart, vibrant Republican leader who will stand against unnecessary tax increases and work to bring jobs and a better quality of life to the people he represents.

Matthew, you have worked very hard for this day, and we welcome you to the House of Representatives. On behalf of the Republican Caucus, I offer my sincere congratulations and my best wishes for many years of great service to the people of Pennsylvania and the people of the 3d District. God bless you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Matthew, just for your information, I was also 28 years of age when I was first elected to the General Assembly, and so you are here young enough to ultimately be able to maybe make it to becoming Speaker, and that was what? 10 years ago?

### REMARKS BY MR. COY

The SPEAKER. So with that, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Franklin, Mr. Coy.

Mr. COY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Congratulations, Representative Good.

On behalf of the Democratic Caucus, the minority leader would normally be here today, and I simply want to say that my words will probably not match his, but you will probably be able to understand more of them. You will hear more about that in the future.

A special word to my good friend, Susan Boyes, who is here today. Our memories are equally fond of Karl and his service

here, and we are glad you are here today, because it is important that it serves as a good continuation.

Mr. Speaker, your math is a little funny there in the number of years, but I arrived here 22 years ago, Representative Good, and I was about 22 pounds lighter, also, but that is something you have to guard against in this job also, as you will hopefully not find out as much as I did, but these things happen.

Today is a special day, and for obvious reasons, as I speak on behalf of the Democratic Caucus, I do not care to focus on campaigns but rather on some other things, because it is important that you are here; it is important that we acknowledge it is a very special day.

I think the Speaker said at one of the recent swearings in on a special occasion like this that you should be happy about the fact that you have been able to bring all these folks with you today. It will be the last time that happens. You will be limited to two or four seats in the future. So today is a real special day for you to have this many people here.

We do welcome you to the House of Representatives, and on behalf of the Democratic Caucus, we welcome you in our continued debate under the leadership of Governor Rendell to lower property taxes in Pennsylvania and to increase educational opportunities in Pennsylvania and to continue to attract and retain businesses in Pennsylvania. We have joined together as caucuses in this session already to achieve some of these goals, and we look forward to your participation in that in the future.

Let me turn a few thoughts, as I am sure Mr. DeWeese would under these circumstances, to history and to point out to all of your friends who are here, but indeed to my colleagues who sometimes take this beautiful chamber for granted, but to call the attention of your guests from Erie and other places and to you and to all of us some of the historical references that we find in this chamber and indeed in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. They are illustrated best by the painting before us, which is called The Apotheosis, and The Apotheosis is a painted description of famous Pennsylvanians in our history. Let me just cite a few of them, many of whom were members of this House of Representatives, this House of Representatives, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, being the longest serving, the longest continual serving elected body in North America.

One of the folks pictured in the portrait above is William Penn, who founded Pennsylvania and who was Governor and presided over the first House of Representatives; Speaker Benjamin Franklin, who was a career politician of 60 years, signed the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, was also a member of the House of Representatives; Representative Robert Morris, a financier of the Revolution and a member not only of the State House of Representatives but of the Congress of the United States; Majority Leader Thaddeus Stevens, the rather small, diminutive man with the child at his side, from Adams County, a member of the House for 8 years and floor leader before going on to Lancaster to be elected to the Congress of the United States; Thomas Paine, the writer of great articles during the Revolution, was the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives – I am not sure whether Mr. Mazia is a direct descendant or not – Dr. Benjamin Rush, also pictured, is well known for establishing the first free medical clinic at the Pennsylvania Hospital, was a member of the State House of

Representatives and of the Congress; David Rittenhouse, a member of this House of Representatives in 1776, was a scientist and a mathematician colleague of Benjamin Franklin's; John Peter Muhlenberg, the "Fighting Parson" from Montgomery County, served in the State House of Representatives and in the United States Senate; John Dickinson, a member of this House of Representatives and signer of the Constitution; and Gen. "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Chester County general in the Revolution and a frontier fighter in northwest Pennsylvania, a member of the House of Representatives.

I say this because everything we do in here is enshrouded in history, and you are now part of the history. You will now have your opportunity to join famous names and famous faces in making history, but most importantly, we will be making decisions together for the good of the people of Pennsylvania, which is what these gentlemen and former colleagues did in the past.

So I welcome you and I welcome you in the spirit of bipartisanship and in the hopes that your service will be good for the people of Erie County.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

## GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes Representative Good for the purpose of introducing his family and his guests. Representative Good.

Mr. GOOD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to briefly introduce some of my family members who have traveled from Erie, DuBois, and family and friends from Florida as well. But I would like to introduce my parents, Virginia and William Good, from DuBois, Pennsylvania; my sister and her family, Julie Hassan, Mike Hassan, my brother-in-law, and my niece and nephew, Megan and Michael, also from DuBois. Also, I just want to recognize the many supporters that traveled in from Erie on the bus. Now you know the trip that I will be making back and forth, probably on a weekly basis.

So thank you, everyone, for being here, and thank you, both to the majority leader and Mr. Coy, for the warm welcome here today. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. The clerk will now read the supplemental report of the Committee on Committees.

The following report was read:

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### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

#### COMMERCE

Representative Thomas Stevenson resigns from the House Standing Committee on Commerce. Representative Matthew Good is appointed to fill the vacancy on the House Standing Committee on Commerce.

Representative Adam Harris is appointed as Secretary of the House Standing Committee on Commerce.

#### GAME & FISHERIES

Representative Jeff Coleman resigns from the House Standing Committee on Game & Fisheries. Representative Matthew Good is appointed to fill the vacancy on the House Standing Committee on Game & Fisheries.

#### INSURANCE

Representative John Pippy resigns from the House Standing Committee on Insurance. Representative Tina Pickett is appointed to fill the vacancy on the House Standing Committee on Insurance.

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Representative John Taylor resigns from the House Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs. Representative Matthew Good is appointed to fill the vacancy on the House Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs.

#### LABOR RELATIONS

Representative Tina Pickett resigns from the House Standing Committee on Labor Relations. Representative Matthew Good is appointed to fill the vacancy on the House Standing Committee on Labor Relations.

#### PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Representative Robert Allen resigns from the House Standing Committee on Professional Licensure. Representative Thomas Stevenson is appointed to fill the vacancy on the House Standing Committee on Professional Licensure.

#### STATE GOVERNMENT

Representative David Hickernell is appointed as Secretary of the House Standing Committee on State Government.

These changes take effect immediately.

Respectfully submitted,  
George C. Hasay, Chairman  
Committee on Committees

On the question,  
Will the House adopt the resolution?  
Resolution was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

#### **BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 564, PN 2474**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, requiring school districts to reopen their 2003-2004 budgets; imposing limitations on certain unreserved fund balances; further providing for auxiliary services; deleting provisions relating to professional teacher assessment; further providing for cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional children in approved private schools and for actual cost of tuition and maintenance of certain exceptional children in the four chartered schools for education of deaf and blind children; providing for the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program; further providing for Education Support Services Program, for education empowerment districts, for school improvement grants and for mandate waiver program; further providing for community college financial programs and reimbursements; nonmandated capital and for effective date of

regulations relating to community colleges; further defining "educational improvement organization" and "scholarship organization"; further providing for educational improvement tax credits, for limitations on educational improvement tax credits, for payments on account of pupils enrolled in vocational curriculums and for small district assistance; providing for basic education funding for 2002-2003 school year; further providing for payments to intermediate units, for special education payments to school districts and for Commonwealth reimbursements for charter schools and cyber charter schools and for powers and duties of the State Board of Education; abrogating regulations; and making appropriations, repeals and an editorial change.

On the question,  
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Smith, who requests that the vote be in the negative.

On the question recurring,  
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. Those voting to concur will say "aye"; those voting to nonconcur will say "no."

The Speaker having determined that less than the majority required by the Constitution voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendments were not concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

#### **BILL ON CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to House amendments to **SB 8, PN 1111**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance and for requirements for driving under influence offenders; imposing penalties for violation of ignition interlock system provisions; and further providing for occupational limited license and for driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance.

On the question,  
Will the House concur in Senate amendments to House amendments?

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Smith, who requests the vote be in the negative.

On the question recurring,  
Will the House concur in Senate amendments to House amendments?

The SPEAKER. Those voting to concur will say "aye"; those voting to nonconcur will vote "no."

The Speaker having determined that less than the majority required by the Constitution voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendments to House amendments were not concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.



The SPEAKER. Those two procedures were done so that conference committees could be set up for the Governor's education bill and for the DUI (driving under the influence) bill, so both of them can go into conference committee and be worked on for the next coming weeks.

Are there any other announcements?

### **RECESS**

The SPEAKER. This House stands in recess until the call of the Chair.

### **AFTER RECESS**

The time of recess having expired, the House was called to order.

### **THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (PATRICIA H. VANCE) PRESIDING**

### **CALENDAR**

#### **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, any bills and resolutions on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Fichter.

Mr. FICHTER. Madam Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, August 5, 2003, at 11 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 10:59 a.m., e.d.t., Tuesday, August 5, 2003, the House adjourned.