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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 close the doors of the House.

The prayer will be offered by Rev. George Davis, Evangelical Free Church of Hershey. Immediately after the prayer, we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members and all guests will please rise.

PRAYER

REV. GEORGE DAVIS, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Would you join me in prayer.

Gracious God, the book of Proverbs invites us to see life as a journey. Furthermore, it calls on us to live this journey wisely in dependence on You. So today as we begin a new year and a new session, I pray for wisdom for all of those who work here.

Frankly, we live in a time when many people are cynical about government and skeptical of those who serve. In fact, there are those in our Commonwealth who believe that the best work this Assembly can do is to stay out of session. Therefore, first of all, I pray that the men and women who serve here would develop a wisdom that flows out of the integrity of character. The author of Proverbs says, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life...." With this writer, may we understand that our effectiveness in life, work, and service needs to be the result of who we are internally. So may our consistency of character be shaped by Your truth.

Furthermore, I pray for the wisdom of discernment. There are various challenges and opportunities facing this legislative session. Give the members of this body wisdom to listen, to learn, and to work through issues carefully. Protect them from self-deception and self-centeredness so that they can truly serve those they represent. Grant them discernment in their work.

Finally, I pray for the wisdom of balance. We gather today not simply as those elected to serve but also as husbands, wives,

fathers and mothers, and people with responsibilities in various spheres of influence. Give us the wisdom to manage our time and resources well so that we do not neglect our area of responsibility for the sake of other areas.

So, God, as this Assembly resumes its work, may this be a place characterized by wisdom.

In introducing his book, the writer of Proverbs says that as we depend on You, our lives will produce work that is right, that is just, and that is fair. Today I pray that those words of Scripture might be descriptive of the work of this Assembly. May we be dependent on You and Your wisdom so that when this session comes to an end, we can look back and say that our work has been right, just, and fair.

We pray these things in Your name. 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, David Burgess, Deputy Secretary, Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes Mr. Burgess.

Mr. BURGESS. On behalf of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 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 on November 6, 2012.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair extends the thanks of the House to the gentleman.

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 returns of the General Election held November 6, 2012. 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	Dave Reed	Sixty-second
Flo Fabrizio	Second	Donna Oberlander	Sixty-third
Ryan A. Bizzarro	Third	R. Lee James	Sixty-fourth
Curt Sonney	Fourth	Kathy L. Rapp	Sixty-fifth
Greg Lucas	Fifth	Sam Smith	Sixty-sixth
Brad Roae	Sixth	Martin T. Causer	Sixty-seventh
Mark Longiotti	Seventh	Matthew E. Baker	Sixty-eighth
Dick Stevenson	Eighth	Carl W. Metzgar	Sixty-ninth
Christopher Sainato	Ninth	Matthew D. Bradford	Seventieth
Jaret A. Gibbons	Tenth	Bryan E. Barbin	Seventy-first
Brian L. Ellis	Eleventh	Frank J. Burns	Seventy-second
Daryl Metcalfe	Twelfth	Gary Haluska	Seventy-third
John Lawrence	Thirteenth	Thomas R. Sankey III	Seventy-fourth
Jim Marshall	Fourteenth	Matt Gabler	Seventy-fifth
James J. Christiana	Fifteenth	Mike Hanna	Seventy-sixth
Robert F. Matzie	Sixteenth	H. Scott Conklin	Seventy-seventh
Michele Brooks	Seventeenth	Dick L. Hess	Seventy-eighth
Gene D. DiGirolamo	Eighteenth	John D. McGinnis	Seventy-ninth
Jake Wheatley	Nineteenth	Jerry Allen Stern	Eightieth
Adam J. Ravenstahl	Twentieth	Michael E. Fleck	Eighty-first
Dom Costa	Twenty-first	C. Adam Harris	Eighty-second
Erin C. Molchany	Twenty-second	Rick Mirabito	Eighty-third
Dan B. Frankel	Twenty-third	Garth D. Everett	Eighty-fourth
Ed Gainey	Twenty-fourth	Fred Keller	Eighty-fifth
Joseph Markosek	Twenty-fifth	Mark K. Keller	Eighty-sixth
Tim Hennessey	Twenty-sixth	Glen R. Grell	Eighty-seventh
Daniel J. Deasy, Jr.	Twenty-seventh	Sheryl McVitty Delozier	Eighty-eighth
Mike Turzai	Twenty-eighth	Rob Kauffman	Eighty-ninth
Bernie O'Neill	Twenty-ninth	Todd A. Rock	Ninetieth
Hal English	Thirtieth	Dan P. Moul	Ninety-first
Steven J. Santarsiero	Thirty-first	Mike Regan	Ninety-second
Anthony M. DeLuca	Thirty-second	Ron Miller	Ninety-third
Frank Dermody	Thirty-third	Stanley E. Saylor	Ninety-fourth
Paul Costa	Thirty-fourth	Eugene A. DePasquale	Ninety-fifth
Marc J. Gergely	Thirty-fifth	Mike Sturla	Ninety-sixth
Harry Readshaw	Thirty-sixth	Steven C. Mentzer	Ninety-seventh
Mindy Fee	Thirty-seventh	David S. Hickernell	Ninety-eighth
Bill Kortz	Thirty-eighth	Gordon R. Denlinger	Ninety-ninth
Rick Saccone	Thirty-ninth	Bryan D. Cutler	One hundredth
John Maher	Fortieth	Mauree Gingrich	One hundred first
Ryan P. Aument	Forty-first	RoseMarie Swanger	One hundred second
Matt Smith	Forty-second	Patty H. Kim	One hundred third
Keith J. Greiner	Forty-third	Susan C. Sue Helm	One hundred fourth
Mark Mustio	Forty-fourth	Ron Marsico	One hundred fifth
Nick M. Kotik	Forty-fifth	John D. Payne	One hundred sixth
Jesse J. White	Forty-sixth	Kurt A. Masser	One hundred seventh
Keith Gillespie	Forty-seventh	Lynda J. Schlegel-Culver	One hundred eighth
Brandon P. Neuman	Forty-eighth	David R. Millard	One hundred ninth
Peter J. Daley II	Forty-ninth	Tina L. Pickett	One hundred tenth
Pam Snyder	Fiftieth	Sandra J. Major	One hundred eleventh
Tim Mahoney	Fifty-first	Kevin M. Haggerty	One hundred twelfth
Deberah Kula	Fifty-second	Marty Flynn	One hundred thirteenth
Robert W. Godshall	Fifty-third	Sid Michaels Kavulich	One hundred fourteenth
Eli Evankovich	Fifty-fourth	Frank Farina	One hundred fifteenth
Joseph A. Petrarca	Fifty-fifth	Tarah Toohil	One hundred sixteenth
George S. Dunbar	Fifty-sixth	Karen Boback	One hundred seventeenth
Tim Krieger	Fifty-seventh	Mike Carroll	One hundred eighteenth
R. Ted Harhai	Fifty-eighth	Gerald J. Mullery	One hundred nineteenth
Mike Reese	Fifty-ninth	Phyllis Mundy	One hundred twentieth
Jeff Paul Pyle	Sixtieth	Eddie Day Pashinski	One hundred twenty-first
Kate M. Harper	Sixty-first	Doyle M. Heffley	One hundred twenty-second
		Neal P. Goodman	One hundred twenty-third
		Jerry Knowles	One hundred twenty-fourth
		Mike G. Tobash	One hundred twenty-fifth
		Mark Rozzi	One hundred twenty-sixth
		Thomas R. Caltagirone	One hundred twenty-seventh
		Mark M. Gillen	One hundred twenty-eighth

Jim Cox One hundred twenty-ninth
 David M. Maloney One hundred thirtieth
 Justin J. Simmons One hundred thirty-first
 Mike Schlossberg One hundred thirty-second
 Daniel McNeill One hundred thirty-third
 Ryan E. Mackenzie One hundred thirty-fourth
 Steve Samuelson One hundred thirty-fifth
 Robert Freeman One hundred thirty-sixth
 Joe Emrick One hundred thirty-seventh
 Marcia M. Hahn One hundred thirty-eighth
 Michael T. Peifer One hundred thirty-ninth
 John T. Galloway One hundred fortieth
 Tina Davis One hundred forty-first
 Frank A. Farry One hundred forty-second
 Marguerite Quinn One hundred forty-third
 Katharine M. Watson One hundred forty-fourth
 Paul I. Clymer One hundred forty-fifth
 Mark Painter One hundred forty-sixth
 Marcy L. Toepel One hundred forty-seventh
 Mary Jo Daley One hundred forty-eighth
 Tim Briggs One hundred forty-ninth
 Mike A. Vereb One hundred fiftieth
 Todd Stephens One hundred fifty-first
 Thomas P. Murt One hundred fifty-second
 Madeleine Dean One hundred fifty-third
 Steve McCarter One hundred fifty-fourth
 Becky Corbin One hundred fifty-fifth
 Dan Truitt 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
 Joe Hackett One hundred sixty-first
 Nick Miccarelli One hundred sixty-second
 Nicholas A. Micozzie One hundred sixty-third
 Margo L. Davidson One hundred sixty-fourth
 William F. Adolph, Jr. One hundred sixty-fifth
 Greg Vitali One hundred sixty-sixth
 Duane D. Milne One hundred sixty-seventh
 Thomas H. Killion One hundred sixty-eighth
 Ed Neilson One hundred sixty-ninth
 Brendan F. Boyle One hundred seventieth
 Kerry A. Benninghoff One hundred seventy-first
 Kevin J. Boyle One hundred seventy-second
 Michael Patrick McGeehan One hundred seventy-third
 John P. Sabatina, Jr. One hundred seventy-fourth
 Michael H. O'Brien One hundred seventy-fifth
 Mario M. Scavello One hundred seventy-sixth
 John J. Taylor One hundred seventy-seventh
 Scott A. Petri One hundred seventy-eighth
 James W. Clay, Jr. One hundred seventy-ninth
 Angel L. Cruz One hundred eightieth
 W. Curtis Thomas One hundred eighty-first
 Brian K. Sims One hundred eighty-second
 Julie 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 W. Day One hundred eighty-seventh
 James R. Roebuck One hundred eighty-eighth
 Rosemary M. Brown One hundred eighty-ninth
 Vanessa L. Brown One hundred ninetieth
 Ronald G. Waters One hundred ninety-first
 Louise 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

J.P. Miranda One hundred ninety-seventh
 Rosita C. Youngblood One hundred ninety-eighth
 Stephen Bloom One hundred ninety-ninth
 Cherelle Lesley 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
twenty-seventh day of December, 2012.

(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 first day of January, 2013.

(SEAL)

Carol Aichele
 Secretary of the Commonwealth

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

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER

The CHIEF CLERK. A communication from the Honorable Matt Smith, which the clerk will read.

The following communication was read:

Mr. Speaker,

On December 1, 2012, I will begin my term as State Senator in the 37th Senate District. This email is to officially notify you and the House that at the time of the commencement of my term as a state Senator, at 12:00 a.m. December 1, I will resign my seat in the state House.

It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the people of the 42nd Legislative District in the state House.

Thank you and best wishes as you continue to execute your duties as Speaker of the House.

All the best,
 Rep. Matt Smith

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Chief Clerk, just Frank FARRY.

The CHIEF CLERK. Without objection, the leave of absence is granted.

The Chair recognizes the Democratic whip, Mr. Hanna.

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Chief Clerk, the Democrats have no request for leave.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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.

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

PRESENT—201

Adolph	Emrick	Kinsey	Petrarca
Aument	English	Kirkland	Petri
Baker	Evankovich	Knowles	Pickett
Barbin	Evans	Kortz	Pyle
Barrar	Everett	Kotik	Quinn
Benninghoff	Fabrizio	Krieger	Rapp
Bishop	Farina	Kula	Ravenstahl
Bizzarro	Fee	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bloom	Fleck	Longiotti	Reed
Boback	Flynn	Lucas	Reese
Boyle, B.	Frankel	Mackenzie	Regan
Boyle, K.	Freeman	Maher	Roea
Bradford	Gabler	Mahoney	Rock
Briggs	Gainey	Major	Roebuck
Brooks	Galloway	Maloney	Ross
Brown, R.	Gergely	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Marshall	Sabatina
Brownlee	Gillen	Marsico	Saccone
Burns	Gillespie	Masser	Sainato
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Matzie	Samuelson
Carroll	Godshall	McCarter	Sankey
Causar	Goodman	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Christiana	Greiner	McGinnis	Saylor
Clay	Grell	McNeill	Scavello
Clymer	Grove	Mentzer	Schlossberg
Cohen	Hackett	Metcalfe	Simmons
Conklin	Haggerty	Metzgar	Sims
Corbin	Hahn	Miccarelli	Smith
Costa, D.	Haluska	Micozzie	Snyder
Costa, P.	Hanna	Millard	Sonney
Cox	Harhai	Miller	Stephens
Cruz	Harhart	Milne	Stern
Culver	Harkins	Mirabito	Stevenson
Cutler	Harper	Miranda	Sturla
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Molchany	Swanger
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Moul	Tallman
Davidson	Heffley	Mullery	Taylor
Davis	Helm	Mundy	Thomas
Day	Hennessey	Murt	Tobash
Dean	Hess	Mustio	Toepel
Deasy	Hickernell	Neilson	Toohil
DeLissio	James	Neuman	Truitt
Delozier	Kampf	O'Brien	Turzai
DeLuca	Kauffman	O'Neill	Vereb
Denlinger	Kavulich	Oberlander	Vitali
DePasquale	Keller, F.	Painter	Waters
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Parker	Watson

DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Pashinski	Wheatley
Donatucci	Killion	Payne	White
Dunbar	Kim	Peifer	Youngblood
Ellis			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Farry

The CHIEF CLERK. Two hundred and one 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 of each member, for those who swear by the Bible.

Members will rise, place your left hand on the Bible, raise your right hand, 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 Craig A. Dally, judge, Northampton County Court of Common Pleas, and a member of this House from 1997 to 2010.

(Members-elect stood.)

JUDGE DALLY. Thank you.

Speaker-designate Smith, Majority Leader Turzai, Minority Leader Dermody, fellow members or former members, and members-elect, former colleagues:

I would like to thank you for this honor bestowed upon me today to administer the oath to all of you.

And I would also like to recognize the family and friends of the members that are here this afternoon, because this is a very special day for you as well.

And my only other comment is to the spouses, significant others, and children of the new members. When I was a member of this House, my wife would often lament that she spent half her life looking for me and the other half – I forgot; I am sorry – she spent half her life looking for me and the other half waiting for me. So I pray that each of you will earn the patience of Job, because you will need it.

If the members could please 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, answer "I do."

(Members asserted oath.)

JUDGE DALLY. Congratulations.

The CHIEF CLERK. The members may be seated.

RESOLUTION**ELECTION OF SPEAKER**

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Northumberland County, Mr. Masser.

The gentleman from Northumberland County, Mr. Masser, presents a resolution, which the clerk will read.

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

In the House of Representatives
January 1, 2013

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 Butler County, Mr. Ellis.

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

Honorable Judge Eakin, Honorable Judge Dally – I love saying that – Honorable Minority Leader Dermody, Majority Leader Turzai, newly sworn-in members of the General Assembly:

It is my distinct privilege today to rise to nominate a new Speaker of the House of Representatives and continue a tradition that started in the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly 340-plus years ago.

Mr. Chief Clerk, this is my fifth term, and each day that I got sworn in has been special. When I came in, I know that the day was amazing, and I came in with colleagues Pyle, Grell, Keller, Kauffman, Sonney, and Rapp. When we came in, we were ready to take on the world, and in some ways I think we did. But today I reach out to the new members and welcome you.

And when you look around the chamber today, it is, quite honestly, one of the most beautiful buildings in the world and today this room is probably the most beautiful room in the United States. But soon these flowers will be replaced with laptops and papers and notes and letters from constituents and we will be busy debating many topics this year that we are going to face, and it is going to be a tough time because we have to tackle issues such as transportation, pension reform, short-term borrowing, liquor privatization – issues that are really going to try the patience of everybody in this chamber.

But I ask the freshmen, the newly sworn-in freshmen, to remember this day and remember the importance of the vote that we are about to make. It is the very first vote you can make. Mr. Chief Clerk, we have to nominate a Speaker to run our body for the next 2 years.

Two years ago I had the opportunity to stand and nominate my good friend, Sam Smith, from Punxsutawney. At the time I talked about kindness and patience and all the things that I believe that a Speaker needed to have, and I believe over the last 2 years we have seen those demonstrated from his office and from his leadership at the podium.

And, Mr. Chief Clerk, he asked me to keep my remarks short today. In fact, he actually suggested to me that I am allowed to just submit them for the record, but then he went on to say, "No; just keep it short, Ellis," and I said, "That I can do, Mr. Speaker."

Mr. Chief Clerk, over the last 2 years, many people have asked, how did Sam Smith become Speaker of the House? I always have the same simple answer: I made him Speaker of the House. But in all seriousness, I suggested that the chamber needed somebody who understood not just where he was from but all of Pennsylvania.

Sam has made his mark on Pennsylvania and in this chamber by knowing every region and respecting it, and when the debate happens, he understands that, parties aside, regions of Pennsylvania are important too, and I think that when we look back and we say, why did we elect him 2 years ago, it was because of those reasons, and I think he showed over the last 2 years that he was the right man for the job then and he is the right man for the job again today.

You know, Sam came to Harrisburg with a simple goal. He wanted to serve the constituents of the 66th District like his father did. And I will tell you what, the folks back in the western part of the State are very proud of Sam Smith, as I am too. Sam is a good friend of mine and he is a good friend of almost every single person in this chamber, and I think we would be hard pressed to find someone who enjoys his job and respects the institution more than he does.

For the last 8 years I have had the honor of watching him lead us, lead our caucus, and I have watched members one by one come up to him and ask him for advice and also members from the other side of the aisle, and it is amazing what you can learn from him. And over the years I have had many discussions, probably too many discussions with Sam for his liking, but he has always led me and led this chamber with respect and kindness and with honesty.

Mr. Chief Clerk, 2 months ago the citizens of Pennsylvania elected 202 new Representatives to represent them. Shortly after that, the Democratic Caucus elected their leadership team and the Republican majority elected our leadership team. I would say that both teams are ready for the battles that ensue, but today we pick the person who, above all, will lead the House of Representatives through the next 2 years.

Mr. Chief Clerk, it is with the greatest privilege and the highest honor that I rise today to place into nomination the name of the Honorable Samuel H. Smith for Speaker of the House of Representatives. Thank you very much.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from Butler County, Mr. Ellis, places in nomination for the office of Speaker the gentleman from Jefferson County, the Honorable Samuel H. Smith.

The Chair recognizes the lady from Northampton County, Ms. Hahn.

Ms. HAHN. My fellow members of the House and distinguished guests, I rise to second the nomination of State Representative Samuel H. Smith for Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for the 2013-2014 legislative session.

Those of you who know me know I rarely get up to speak, and when I do, it concerns something I feel very strongly about. So when I say those four infamous words, "I will be brief," please know that I will be brief.

In returning Representative Smith to this rostrum, we would be continuing the period of honesty and integrity that not only marked his first term with the Speaker's gavel but has been a hallmark of his years of service to his constituents in the 66th Legislative District.

Representative Smith earned the respect of members on both sides of the aisle before assuming his current role and has done nothing to tarnish that in treating both Republican and Democrat members with fairness and courtesy during floor debate.

In his inaugural term as Speaker, he has further displayed the leadership qualities exhibited while leading our caucus, in guiding this House through difficult issues. He has been lenient when he felt it was called for during discussion and firm in keeping things from getting off track. A solid leader, a good listener, and an effective agent for bipartisanship in the General Assembly.

Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I ask that we move forward and again appoint Representative Samuel H. Smith as Speaker of the House for the next legislative session. Thank you.

The CHIEF CLERK. The lady from Northampton County, Ms. Hahn, seconds the nomination of Samuel H. Smith for the office of Speaker.

The Chair recognizes the lady from Northumberland County, Ms. Culver.

Ms. CULVER. I also rise to second the nomination for Samuel Smith as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Two years ago I stood on this very floor for my very first swearing-in ceremony, and on that day our Speaker, Sam Smith, gave out a little advice. He said, the advice I give is, "...do not read your own news releases...and be mindful of why you wanted to be here and why the voters elected you.... We are not a body of just Republicans and Democrats; we are a reflection of the 12 1/2 million Pennsylvanians...." I knew then that this was a Speaker that was still in touch with his own constituents and knew the importance of each of us doing the same for the betterment of this Commonwealth, for the greater good.

Sam has served the House for 24 years now and will start his 13th term. It does not take one long to learn that he is a student of government, politics, and the process as a whole. Little did he know that this education would begin around the age of 13 when he began to answer telephone calls from constituents for his father and one day he would grow up to represent that same district.

Clearly Sam's earliest experiences would serve him well. You will find the following on his Web site: "The hallmark of Sam's 24 years of public service have been his dedication to working hard..." for "...his constituents, listening to people's viewpoints and putting himself in their shoes and treating others with honesty and integrity." I find this quote to be a very accurate summation of the kind of Representative we know Sam Smith to be.

He says he has an open-door policy, and anyone who decided to put this to the test has found it to be true. My first few weeks in office I took Sam up on his offer and went to his office with concerns about a piece of his legislation. We had a lengthy but good conversation on the merits of both sides of the bill. A little over a year later, that very same bill came up before one of my committees, and I can tell you that you can disagree with Representative Smith. He harbors no ill will or anger. He

does not tell you what to do and he enjoys watching the process. So I was not completely surprised to see him sitting in front of me at that same committee meeting. At first I thought he was there to support me because he knew it was difficult for me to vote "no" on his legislation, and then I thought, well, maybe not. But to this day I can honestly tell you I will never forget the feelings his presence evoked in me that day.

The Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives is the oldest elected office in the Commonwealth, and in 1682 the first session of the House was presided over by William Penn, who is now pictured behind the rostrum in the Apotheosis of Pennsylvania along with Ben Franklin, Maj. Gen. George Meade, and many other notable figures in Pennsylvania's history.

The mace to the right of the Speaker is a symbol of authority, peace, order, and respect for the law. I believe that Representative Sam Smith has the confidence to stand up there with all of the other distinguished men, and he is a great example of everything the mace represents.

Sam has displayed great patience with all of us on this floor. Whether or not we deserved it, he has allowed us the freedom to discuss, and although sometimes spirited, the opinions, beliefs, and merits of legislation and has given us the opportunity to represent our constituents to the best of our ability.

John Quincy Adams once said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." I believe Sam Smith is that kind of leader and together we will be able to move forward and face the upcoming challenges with him as our Speaker.

I proudly second the nomination for Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Samuel H. Smith. Thank you.

The CHIEF CLERK. The lady from Northumberland County, Ms. Culver, seconds the nomination of Samuel H. Smith for the office of Speaker.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Bucks County, Mr. Petri.

Mr. PETRI. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

I rise to move that the nominations for Speaker of the House of Representatives for this session be closed at this time.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from Bucks County, Mr. Petri, moves that the 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 Jefferson County, Samuel H. Smith, for the office of Speaker of the House will say "aye"; those opposed, "no." The "ayes" have it, and Samuel H. Smith is unanimously elected Speaker of the House.

Congratulations, Mr. Smith.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT SPEAKER-ELECT TO ROSTRUM

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair appoints the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Turzai, and the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Dermody, to escort Speaker-elect Samuel H. Smith 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. Turzai.

Mr. TURZAI. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

To our colleagues, our family members, and friends, I present to you for the 197th session our Speaker of the House, Representative Samuel Smith.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO SPEAKER-ELECT SMITH

The CHIEF CLERK. The oath of office to the Speaker-elect will now be administered by the Honorable Craig A. Dally.

JUDGE DALLY. Place your left hand on the Bible and raise your right hand and repeat after me: I, Samuel H. Smith, 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.

(Speaker-elect Smith asserted oath.)

JUDGE DALLY. Congratulations.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair requests the Honorable Mario Civera to take the Chair for the purpose of presenting the gavel to Speaker Smith.

Mr. CIVERA. Mr. Speaker; the majority leader, Mr. Turzai; Mr. Dermody, minority leader; members of the General Assembly; ladies and gentlemen:

It gives me a distinct pleasure today to present the gavel to Sam Smith, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the 197th legislative session. But before I do that, I need to say just a brief couple of remarks.

Sam and I go back many, many years. As most of you know, I served 30 years in the Pennsylvania House and retired in 2010. But I had an opportunity to work with a gentleman that really believes in what the people of Pennsylvania need and really believes what the understanding of this great chamber does for the citizens of Pennsylvania. This gentleman, not a doubt, is a true leader, and when you look up the definition of "leader," Sam Smith's name will come to your mind.

As this session begins, there are a lot of major tasks that will be taken, and you could not have a better person to lead you into those different circumstances than Speaker Smith.

It was such a great honor when I was asked to present this gavel to my friend. And, Sam, and to your wife, Donna, and to this session, I present you this gavel for the 197th session, my friend, Sam Smith.

THE SPEAKER (SAMUEL H. SMITH) PRESIDING

ADDRESS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. I just wanted to see if it still worked.

Happy new year, everyone. Welcome to swearing-in day 2013.

I first want to thank the members for honoring me by electing me as Speaker again. It is a great honor, and I am humbled to serve in this Chair again.

I said to a couple of the guys coming in, I am glad to be up here. The BS was getting a little thick down on the floor there listening to all those kind remarks, and I thank the members for them, in seriousness. I do appreciate it, but it is humbling.

I just wanted to introduce a couple of guests that are with us today. First, who was just up at the podium, my wife, Donna Bruder-Smith – please rise – and welcome my wife to the hall of the House. She does not believe anything that was said either about me.

There are a couple other people that I want to thank that are with us today, the legislative swearing-in day committee, which some of you may be aware of was a committee we had formed 2 years ago, kind of like an inaugural committee, to help defray and pay for some of the costs of the celebratory side of swearing-in day, and two of the three individuals are with us today: John McNally and Sil Lutkewitte. Please rise. Thank you for your service. Gov. George Leader is the third member, but he was unable to be with us today, but I do want to acknowledge and thank and appreciate his credibility and the good name that he has helped bring to this small committee that we had formed.

I want to thank Judge Dally for being here today to swear us in. He kind of got double duty. I am not sure what happened to Justice Eakin, but hopefully he is okay. But, Judge, very nice of you to be here and thank you for taking on the double duties today.

I also want to recognize a couple other former members that are with us today: current Philadelphia city councilman and former Speaker Dennis O'Brien. Denny, please rise. Welcome back to the hall of the House. And of course you are aware of Mario Civera from Delaware County, also a county councilman in Delaware County. Thank you again, Mario, for being here.

Two years ago, on this occasion, I spoke about the fact that we are one body made up of many parts. From rank and file to floor leaders, from freshmen to chairmen, from research staff to pages, we all have our respective roles to play, each one equally important to the success of the entire body.

Today I want to talk a little bit about the words, the words we use and the meaning of those words that we use. Over the past few weeks, I was reading a book that a good friend gave me a while ago, and I happened to pick it up a month or so ago. It is like 736 pages, so I am never reading the entire book. I had to skim through parts of it, but this book is entitled "Liberty and Freedom," and it was written by a man named David Hackett

Fischer, and in great part the book is about the subtle but different meanings these words, "freedom," "liberty," have. They are emotionally charged yet common words that we use often, and the book is really about those subtle differences and how they have differed through the years.

For instance, in the 1700s in Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley, liberty was embodied in the nature of the Golden Rule, derived from the inner light given by God to all people. To the Quakers, liberty was a reciprocal liberty and it was symbolized by the Liberty Bell that was made to ring out so that all people could hear it ring.

Not that far away in New York City, always the melting pot of cultural diversity, liberty was more pluralist. Liberty was the autonomy of the different groups that made up New York and the freedom to belong to one.

In New England the Puritan culture of Calvinism and predestination dictated that liberty was a town-born heritage bestowed on those who God had chosen.

In the British backwoods country of western New York, western Pennsylvania, western Virginia, freedom was based on natural law and survival of the fittest. Liberty was personal and it spawned the battle flags with the coiled rattlesnake and the motto "Don't tread on me."

In Virginia liberty was that of rank and privilege. Here the Cavaliers believed that liberty was about being free from the tyranny of toil and freedom was not being subject to another's will.

My wife and I recently went to see the movie "Lincoln." For all of you, I would recommend it. You will enjoy it on multiple levels, if you have not seen it. I found it to be a sobering movie about the legislative process surrounding the passage of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and it exposed these conflicting views of what liberty and freedom meant and that had been held for 100 years by our Founding Fathers through to these current leaders in the 1860s.

For Americans of African descent, liberty and freedom meant freedom from bondage. The motto was "Death or Liberty." That was not too far from the beliefs held in ancient Rome, where freedom was an acquired civil right as opposed to a birthright and liberty meant a degree of separation or independence. In northern Europe in that same era, freedom was being united to a family or tribe.

The engraving on the ceiling at the back of the hall of the House quotes from the book of John in the Holy Bible. It is a little hard to see from different angles, but if you check it out as you leave, the gist of it is, "...Know The Truth, And The Truth Shall Set You Free," and even with that well-known phrase, when King James translated the Bible, he used the word "free." Yet in the prior versions, in Latin and Greek the words were "eleuterros" and "liber," which meant "a release from the bondage of sin."

During his life of studying democracy in governments, Alexis de Tocqueville wrote that liberty and freedom are "habits of the heart." He called them customs, beliefs, traditions, and folkways of a free people.

Today you can bet, 200 years after the founding of this nation, immigrants who are coming to this country today have a differing view of what the meaning of liberty and freedom are, different from the views of our Founding Fathers and probably different than some of our views that we may maintain today.

Working towards a compromise of ideas and words, customs and beliefs, traditions and folkways, the Quakers of the Delaware Valley, the Puritans of New England, the Cavaliers of Virginia, the pluralists of New York forged a Constitution that works for us today.

Now, as we begin this new session, collectively we will deliberate on the issues of the day and we will strive to build a better Pennsylvania. Our words are the bricks and mortar of what we build. Our success will not be measured by the name on the bill, it is not measured by Republican or Democrat labels, and our success should not be measured by the number of laws enacted. To be sure, however, our success will be measured, when time and history judge us, by the quality and meaning of our words, and when words like "liberty" and "freedom," emotional and central to our actions as they are, when they have such subtle yet different meanings, our real challenge is understanding the words we use and what they mean.

Today may we each commit, as our great but imperfect forefathers did, to build a better Pennsylvania.

God bless you all and happy new year. Thank you.

PLACING OF MACE

The SPEAKER. The oath of office having been taken by the members of the House and the Speaker elected, 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.

Welcome back, Jimmy.

(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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJORITY LEADERSHIP

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

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and let me offer my sincere congratulations to you on having been elected Speaker and say that I do look forward to working with you in this 197th session.

Mr. Speaker, as chairwoman of the Republican Caucus, it is my distinct pleasure to announce, for the information of the members of the House, our guests who are here with us today, and for the record, that the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Mike Turzai, has been elected majority leader by the caucus, and that the gentleman from York County, Mr. Stan Saylor, has been elected majority whip. Furthermore, the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Mike Vereb, has been elected caucus secretary; the gentleman from Indiana

County, Mr. Dave Reed, has been elected policy chairman; and the gentleman from Mercer County, Mr. Dick Stevenson, has been elected caucus administrator. Furthermore, the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Bill Adolph, has been elected majority chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

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

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and let me add my sincere congratulations on your election to the Speakership today.

Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been asked 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 minority leader by the Democratic Caucus, and that the gentleman from Clinton County, Mr. Hanna, has been elected minority whip. Furthermore, the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Waters, has been elected as caucus secretary; the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Sturla, has been elected as 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 minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman and congratulates each of the newly elected members of leadership of the respective caucuses and wishes you well in this coming term.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Vereb, to introduce the freshman members of the Republican Caucus.

Mr. VEREB. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for recognizing me for this great honor, Mr. Speaker.

As I call the names of the new members of the Republican Caucus, will they please stand. We ask you to please hold any applause until I have completed the introduction of all members.

Representative Becky Corbin of the 155th District, some will say Schroderville, it is actually Chester County; Representative Hal English, 30th District, Allegheny County; Representative Mindy Fee, 37th District, Lancaster County; Representative Keith Greiner, 43d District, Lancaster County; Representative Lee James, 64th District, Butler and Venango Counties; Representative Greg Lucas, 5th District, Crawford and Erie Counties; Representative John McGinnis, 79th District and fellow alum of Bishop Kenrick High School years before me, Blair County; Representative Steve Mentzer, 97th District, Lancaster County; Representative Mike Regan, 92d District, Cumberland and York Counties; Representative Tommy Sankey, 74th District, Clearfield County.

Mr. Speaker, the Republican class of 2013-14.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Waters, to introduce the freshman members of the Democratic Caucus.

Mr. WATERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor all of my colleagues today. I would like to welcome all the family and friends who have joined us as we mark the beginning of Pennsylvania's 197th legislative session. I would like to extend my congratulations to all of my colleagues, particularly the freshman class, and it is a proud distinction today to introduce the new members of the Democratic Caucus.

I ask that each new member rise as their name is called and that they remain standing until all 19 new members have been announced. Members will be announced alphabetically, followed by their legislative district they will represent. I also ask that we hold our applause until all names have been announced.

Representative Ryan Bizzarro, please stand; Representative James Clay of the 179th Legislative District; Representative Mary Jo Daley of the 148th Legislative District; Representative Frank Farina of the 115th Legislative District; Representative Kevin Haggerty of the 112th Legislative District; Representative Marty Flynn of the 113th Legislative District; Representative Ed Gainey of the 24th Legislative District; Representative Jordan Harris of the 186th Legislative District; Representative Patty Kim of the 103d Legislative District; Representative Stephen Kinsey of the 201st Legislative District; Representative Steve McCarter of the 154th Legislative District; Representative Daniel McNeill of the 133d Legislative District; Representative Erin Molchany of the 22d Legislative District; Representative Mark Painter of the 146th Legislative District; Representative Mike Schlossberg of the 132d Legislative District; Representative Brian Sims of the 182d Legislative District; Representative Pam Snyder of the 50th Legislative District; Representative Mark Rozzi of the 126th Legislative District; Representative J.P. Miranda of the 197th Legislative District.

Please join me as we welcome all of the freshman class of the Democratic Caucus.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

We would like to welcome all of the new members. This is indeed a special day and hope that you thoroughly enjoy it. I think you will find this job is one that you get out of it what you put in it. You put your heart into it and you will get that kind of return.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. Now I will recognize the respective floor leaders for remarks as we begin this session.

With that, I recognize the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Turzai.

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

Colleagues, family members, friends, staff, and the citizens of Pennsylvania:

Welcome again to the people's House of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the House of Representatives.

For me, a grandson of immigrants, to be able to stand before you on this swearing-in day is quite an honor, and I am sure it is quite an honor for each and every member of the House of

Representatives to be sworn in and to be a part of this illustrious body as we move into the 197th session.

If you will permit me, at the start, the people that I love to see every single day, and whenever I think of the public reputation aspect of this position, that I always have in front of me are my lovely wife, Lidia – Lidia, if you could stand – and my three boys, Andrew, Stephen, and Matthew – if you could three stand. Thank you for being here today, and I know that for each of your families, it is the same heartfelt experience and it is just a loving opportunity to get together with each other today.

I want to tell you a little bit about this body. I think too much in the press sometimes is so critical, and really, it is an august body, it remains an august body, and it is even better than it has been for the good work of many folks over the last sessions.

The Pennsylvania House first met as the Provincial Assembly on December 4 of 1682 at Upland, near Chester, 40 days after the founder of this colony, William Penn, arrived. The ratification of the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1790 created the Pennsylvania House of Representatives as we know it today, 1790. At that time it did create the Senate.

Some of your predecessors include Speaker Benjamin Franklin; Representative James Buchanan, who went on to become the 15th President of the United States; and Representative Thaddeus Stevens, who happened to be one of the founders of our party, an early leader of that party and a significant influence, if not the significant influence, along with the President during the Reconstruction period following the Civil War with not just the 13th Amendment, as portrayed in the "Lincoln" movie, but also the 14th and 15th Amendments.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives has been a benchmark of representative democracy since before the founding of our nation. In fact, it was our body, the General Assembly, that hosted the Second Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention when it was located in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. Each and every one of you, each of the new freshman members, you are now part of that great experiment. I ask you to take this responsibility, this privilege seriously and with all the cherish that you can put into it.

We also want it to be a position of great joy, because the opportunity to govern and to make a difference is in front of each and every one of you, Republican and Democrat. Each and every one of you can be part of governing, because here in Harrisburg, despite differences – and there are policy differences; that is how democracy works – the fact of the matter is, unlike I think sometimes in the national Capitol, we actually get quite a bit done on a bipartisan basis and did so last session quite often. I say that to you because we have a great opportunity in front of us, and it has both a personal note and I think a larger historical note.

On a personal note, "To Kill a Mockingbird," by Harper Lee, there is a quote where the dad, Atticus Finch, is talking to his son and he says to him, and it has always hit me, do not make judgment until you step into another person's shoes. I think when each and every one of us takes the time to step into another person's shoes, we can understand their perspective and try to get to a consensus all across Pennsylvania. It takes work, it allows for the airing of differences, but solutions can be reached that make a difference and that the people of Pennsylvania are expecting.

I also, just as we start this particular session, want to quote the 40th President of the United States in his inaugural address, Ronald Reagan. Again, keep in mind, Ron Reagan himself was

a Democrat before becoming a Republican and always reached out to people on both sides of the aisle. His line at that inaugural that I most think is telling for us is, "So, with all the creative energy at our command, let us begin an era of...renewal. Let us renew our determination, our courage, and our strength. And let us renew our faith and our hope.

"We have every right to dream heroic dreams. Those who say that we are in a time when there are no heroes," they "just don't know where to look." In this room there are an awful lot of heroes.

And I would invite each and every one of you, a book that I read and cherished as a young boy was "Profiles in Courage," put together by then Senator and later President John F. Kennedy. The stories in that are of elected officials who made tough, courageous decisions, not to stop things, but to move things forward. His book was replete with those stories. I invite each and every one of you to take the opportunity to reread it. It is a short read and it is very telling.

Now, I want to talk just briefly, a little bit about the past and then talk as we move towards the future. I think this body, Republicans and Democrats alike, passed significant legislation in a bipartisan manner; things, issues, controversies that had taken years and we moved them forward with bipartisan support: changing the Building Code in April of 2011 with a 129-to-68 vote. We are reforming unemployment compensation in a bipartisan manner, 129 to 67, in June of 2012; tort reform; lawsuit abuse reform, 116 to 83 in June of 2011; the good man from Montgomery County and the past member from Allegheny County, both chairs of our Consumer Affairs Committee, with respect to infrastructure upgrades, 194 to nothing in February of 2012; the tax reforms including the single sales and the educational improvement tax credit, 140 to 56; the public-private partnerships, 117 to 79, in changing how we are going to fund infrastructure; LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) reform, unanimous; PennWATCH (Pennsylvania Web Accountability, Transparency and Contract Hub), where every expenditure for every body and every agency is available, unanimous; the good lady from Bucks County in making sure that there were teen driver safety improvements, 188 to 6, in September of 2011; and the Megan's Law reforms, 196 to nothing; or the reaction to the Gosnell controversy, 151 to 44; the wiretap updates, led by the good gentleman and his colleague from Dauphin County and Berks County, 191 to nothing. Those were issues that we talked about for years that nobody would actually tackle and they became law, and our last budget was a bipartisan effort as well.

And I think that there are going to be plenty of opportunities for so many of you, because each and every one of you is a leader. Each and every one of you got elected by the people in your area to come and represent them and to take into account all of the citizens of Pennsylvania. And like the movie "Lincoln," we have to work together to make momentous things happen, and you can be part of it.

There is an opportunity also in moving forward where I think, in working with the good gentleman from Allegheny County, a man whom I knew well before the legislature – prosecutors together, played softball together, know him as an individual before knowing him in the world of politics – we have, I do not think it is often touted, made changes with the Speaker and the other leaders with respect to the administration of this particular body.

A lot of people talk in the news media about per diems. We together made changes, and from this '11-'12 session to the '09-'10 session, over \$1.76 million was saved with respect to the reforms that we instituted with respect to that to make it more like the private sector.

And in addition, everybody here and all of our staff now contribute to health insurance, everyone, and all of these savings, which should be done, because that is what folks outside of here are doing, are saving over \$3 1/2 million just this year and over the next 3 years, almost \$10 million. As for our caucus, by the end of next month, no member will be leasing a vehicle at the State's expense.

In addition, this body – I know it did not pass the other chamber – but this body passed in a bipartisan manner a constitutional amendment to reduce the size of the House and the Senate with 140 bipartisan votes, and I believe, with consensus, we will take that up again.

This is a body that has not been just about talk. It is a body collectively that has worked very hard to move Pennsylvania forward and to improve the lives of the citizens of Pennsylvania. We can even reach higher heights this session with an element of respect and with an element of decorum.

It is interesting when you watch TV in Congress. You know, they are never really on the floor. They come, they make their speeches before the camera, and they leave. If you watch our body across the hall of the Senate, oftentimes it is just scripted. This truly is the People's House. We are all here, we actually address the issues, but the element of respect that each of us has for each other, and not to abuse the floor opportunity but to actually state a perspective, but at the same time to ultimately get to vote, because the vote that each and every one of you has, that you were given the privilege for, is the ultimate expression of your position that you take back home to your constituents. It is the ability to vote.

I like to tell our new freshman members three important items as they start, and I want the citizens of Pennsylvania to understand that we think this as well. Each and every one of us understands that we are leaders back home and that our reputation back home to our family and friends matters.

Second, we are fiscal stewards of your hard-earned money. We recognize that when we take in revenue, when we tax folks, we are taking it through individuals – through the personal income tax, through the sales tax, through business taxes, through inheritance tax – and that you have given us the responsibility to determine how we should appropriately spend your hard-earned dollars. We have to prioritize and we have to do best.

And third, even the Governor and no citizen has the right to introduce or vote upon a bill; only you do. You members are the only folks, along with the members of the Senate, who have the ability to introduce and vote upon a bill. I tell everybody— And I know good persons like my friends, Congressman Scott Perry or Representative Nick Miccarelli, who had to serve our country abroad, I get that. I understand the absences, and when there are those deaths in families, we all understand that. That happens in real life. But to have the privilege to vote in committee or on the floor is something that none of us ever should take lightly.

I think there are great opportunities in front of us. There are real issues that we have to address. We have a \$41 billion deficit with respect to pensions across the State. We have a

system with respect to dispensing liquor that has been outdated and is out of touch with the citizens in other States and are experiences of our own citizens. We in fact have to make sure that we improve public education and stand with them to make it better and to make sure that school boards have their resources, while at the same time making sure that we focus on the kid that every person has the right opportunity to get as far as they can.

Those are just some of the big issues that are in front of us. There are many more. You know them as well as I do. In fact, some of you know them better than I do because you made yourselves experts. In working together like we did on redistricting – the leader and I, both final votes, voted together because we compromised and worked things out – there is great opportunity, and I have gotten around much of the State, but as leader, I am more than welcome to come and visit each and every one of you as best I can in your region of the State, because it is a State made up of great cities, great towns, great rural communities, and great suburbs, and those citizens deserve us working together.

God bless you and thanks very much for having me speak.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

REMARKS BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, the Democrat leader, Mr. Dermody, for remarks.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, before I begin, I also would like to acknowledge Judge Dally. We had the opportunity to serve together, and I appreciate your help here today. I believe Speaker O'Brien is also here with us today. So, Denny, I wanted to say hello to you also.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say congratulations, congratulations on your reelection. I look forward to working with you and your staff in this new session.

And congratulations to the majority leader, and as we begin this new session on New Year's Day, I would like to resolve with you that we can work together as much as we possibly can for the good of the Commonwealth this next session.

And to each of my colleagues here today, congratulations on your election. You deserve it.

This is my 12th swearing-in ceremony, and like my very first one, we are here on New Year's Day. Now, in some respects that makes it a little more difficult and it takes for some extra preparation, but I think it makes it more special. We begin our work, our day, on day 1 of the new year, and I am sure it will be an auspicious beginning for all of us.

And to our family members, friends, and guests who have joined us here today, welcome to this historic House of Representatives. And you know, this is a perfect time when we have our family and friends with us here today to say thank you, thank you for all the hardships that you have endured. For each of us who serve in this House, our families also serve with us, and we all know it is not easy. They share in our success, but they also must make sacrifices because of the job that we hold. It may not be well understood by outside observers, but it is something that each of us faces every day. None of us would be here or could continue to serve here without the love and support of our families. So thank you all very much.

The members of this House come from different places and different backgrounds. Each of you, Republican and Democrat, has a story to tell about how you made a decision to run for office, won a tough campaign, and arrived here today, but the majority and minority do not have to be two parties constantly at odds. We are two parts together and we make up one House. Even today Speaker Smith was sitting right here with some Democrats, and as I look over there, I see other Republicans sitting with some Democrats. We are trying to do something about that, but it shows us clearly we meet and conduct the people's business collectively before the eyes and the ears of the people of Pennsylvania.

We will do well to remember that we are one House with one mission, to best serve the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and I think the events of this week in Washington offer a very real lesson of what is at stake when government does not perform at its best. We see what can happen when ideological extremism gets in the way of common sense.

I have gotten to know many of you over time, and I have a great deal of respect for anyone who steps forward in the spirit of public service. While we may disagree on matters of legislation and policy, we are united in our love of this State and concern for the people we represent. We share a goal to make Pennsylvania a better place.

Part of the strength of our House is the mix between experienced members with years of knowledge about the State and the issues that we face and the newer members who bring fresh ideas and energy. Every new session brings new vitality to this House, and this year, with 29 new members, 19 of the members of the Democratic Caucus, this House will be a better place because of all this new energy and drive. We are looking forward to the opportunity to work with each and every one of you.

Now, without getting too far into the details of policy, I will note and I think any casual observer will note that the Democrats in this House disagreed with many decisions that were made in Pennsylvania over the last 2 years. We would have liked to have seen more investment in education, transportation, health care, the environment. We believe in making smart investments that raise the standard of living for all Pennsylvanians and contribute to the growth of businesses and other institutions that create jobs for working families. The members of this House, as elected Representatives and leaders in Pennsylvania government, need to take on the real problems that Pennsylvanians face. We need to understand that our workers, our families, and our children are our top priority. Let us make sure that workers' jobs are protected, children's schools are adequately staffed, and quality health care remains available, affordable, and accessible to all Pennsylvanians. We know this is not easy. We all recognize the economic reality confronting our State and our nation. Our challenge is to find ways to balance the State budget, as we are required to do, while keeping in place essential services to the people who need those services. It is no easy task, to be sure, but we must succeed in this work if Pennsylvania is to move forward.

So on New Year's Day we should resolve as one House to move Pennsylvania forward to a better place. Let us work together to improve our schools and universities that our children attend. Reducing support for education is not a sound strategy for future success. Let us work together to protect the environmental treasures that Pennsylvania is blessed with – our

ivers, our forests, mountains, and rich agricultural areas. Let us work together to preserve Pennsylvania's national leadership and health-care delivery and research so that the people of our State can live longer and healthier lives. Let us work together, as we have many times before, to make this State a better place to do business and to put people in jobs, to work in jobs that pay family-sustaining wages, and let us work together to keep the safety net in place for the most vulnerable Pennsylvanians.

The members of the Democratic Caucus stand ready to do this job. We look forward to working with all of our colleagues in the House and Senate to achieve these goals. The challenges facing our State are real ones and will not be solved by political infighting or partisan ideological approaches. We will all do better if we try to find common ground and common purpose. The problems facing our Commonwealth are as serious as they have ever been, and the people of Pennsylvania need us to be at our best. Today is a very happy and festive occasion, as it should be, but there are serious things that we have to do in the upcoming months, and our work begins today.

To the Democratic Caucus, I just want to say thank you. It is truly an honor and very humbling to be your leader. I promise you, I will do my best.

And to everyone here today and to the people of Pennsylvania, I wish you all a happy new year and I wish you the best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2013.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

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 the part of the Senate, Senator Gordner.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Gordner.

Mr. GORDNER. Mr. Speaker, members of the House of Representatives, we, Senator Vance and Senator Smith, are here as members of the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has convened and organized in regular session and is ready to proceed with business.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman and the committee from the Senate, noting that they only send former House members over this way.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. TURZAI called up **HR 1, PN 1**, entitled:

A Resolution adopting permanent rules for the House of Representatives; making an editorial change to the nonpreferred appropriations rule; and further providing for the Committee on Rules.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Turzai.

Mr. TURZAI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would ask the members to please vote in favor of HR 1. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. On the question, the Speaker recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also urge support of HR 1. Thank you.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Adolph	Emrick	Kinsey	Petrarca
Aument	English	Kirkland	Petri
Baker	Evankovich	Knowles	Pickett
Barbin	Evans	Kortz	Pyle
Barrar	Everett	Kotik	Quinn
Benninghoff	Fabrizio	Krieger	Rapp
Bishop	Farina	Kula	Ravenstahl
Bizzarro	Fee	Lawrence	Readshaw
Bloom	Fleck	Longietti	Reed
Boback	Flynn	Lucas	Reese
Boyle, B.	Frankel	Mackenzie	Regan
Boyle, K.	Freeman	Maher	Roae
Bradford	Gabler	Mahoney	Rock
Briggs	Gainey	Major	Roebuck
Brooks	Galloway	Maloney	Ross
Brown, R.	Gergely	Markosek	Rozzi
Brown, V.	Gibbons	Marshall	Sabatina
Brownlee	Gillen	Marsico	Saccone
Burns	Gillespie	Masser	Sainato
Caltagirone	Gingrich	Matzie	Samuelson
Carroll	Godshall	McCarter	Sankey
Causar	Goodman	McGeehan	Santarsiero
Christiana	Greiner	McGinnis	Saylor
Clay	Grell	McNeill	Scavello
Clymer	Grove	Mentzer	Schlossberg
Cohen	Hackett	Metcalfe	Simmons
Conklin	Haggerty	Metzgar	Sims
Corbin	Hahn	Miccarelli	Smith
Costa, D.	Haluska	Micozzie	Snyder
Costa, P.	Hanna	Millard	Sonney
Cox	Harhai	Miller	Stephens
Cruz	Harhart	Milne	Stern
Culver	Harkins	Mirabito	Stevenson
Cutler	Harper	Miranda	Sturla
Daley, M.	Harris, A.	Molchany	Swanger
Daley, P.	Harris, J.	Moul	Tallman
Davidson	Heffley	Mullery	Taylor
Davis	Helm	Mundy	Thomas
Day	Hennessey	Murt	Tobash
Dean	Hess	Mustio	Toepel
Deasy	Hickernell	Neilson	Toohil
DeLissio	James	Neuman	Truitt
Delozier	Kampf	O'Brien	Turzai
DeLuca	Kauffman	O'Neill	Veréb
Denlinger	Kavulich	Oberlander	Vitali
DePasquale	Keller, F.	Painter	Waters
Dermody	Keller, M.K.	Parker	Watson
DiGirolamo	Keller, W.	Pashinski	Wheatley
Donatucci	Killion	Payne	White
Dunbar	Kim	Peifer	Youngblood
Ellis			

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Farry

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker appoints as a committee to notify the Senate that the House is organized, the gentleman from Somerset County, Mr. Metzgar; the gentleman from York County, Mr. Regan; and the gentleman from Erie County, Mr. Harkins.

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker appoints as a committee to wait upon the Governor and notify him the House is organized, the lady from Northampton County, Mrs. Harhart; the gentleman from Lehigh County, Mr. Mackenzie; the lady from Philadelphia County, Ms. Brownlee.

The committee will now proceed with the performance of its duties.

STATEMENT BY MR. STEPHENS

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Stephens, rise?

Mr. STEPHENS. Under unanimous consent, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. STEPHENS. Mr. Speaker, I know we are all here to celebrate with our families, and I just wanted to wish my 1-year-old a happy birthday here on New Year's Day and swearing-in day.

Thank you very much for the Speaker's indulgence.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MS. QUINN

The SPEAKER. For what reason does the lady from Bucks County, Ms. Quinn, rise?

Ms. QUINN. Under unanimous consent, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The lady may proceed.

Ms. QUINN. I want to start by congratulating you and the leaders in this room, and also, I wanted to congratulate and thank my husband. Tomorrow marks our 25th wedding anniversary.

To all of those in here who are family members and spouses, thank you very much for your support. It is so important in this job.

I love you, John.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady.

STATEMENT BY MS. MUNDY

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the lady from Luzerne County, Ms. Mundy, rise?

Ms. MUNDY. Unanimous consent, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The lady may proceed.

Ms. MUNDY. I would just like to acknowledge the presence of my Congressman-elect, Matthew Cartwright, on the House floor today. Mr. Cartwright, would you rise, please.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker thanks the lady.

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Speaker would just like to take a moment and thank the staff from the CORE of the House of Representatives, the Chief Clerk's folks, and especially some of the staff that worked for me to help put things together today. It is a lot of work and it is over, typically, a holiday day. So we thank you all for your dedication and commitment to this institution. It is very much appreciated.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The following members have been selected to serve on the Committee on Committees: Representative Nick Micozzie, chairman; Representative John Payne; Representative Mike Turzai; Representative Bill Adolph; Representative Sandy Major; Representative Stan Saylor; Representative Tina Pickett; Representative Richard Stevenson; Representative Jeff Pyle; Representative Bernie O'Neill; Representative Marc Gergely, Democratic chairman; Representative Mark Longietti; Representative Tina Davis; Representative Stephen Kinsey; Representative Harry Readshaw; and the Speaker.

We are preparing to go into a joint session with the Senate, so we are going to have a little bit of a break. Unfortunately, I have to ask those of you in the well to vacate your seats. That may be good news or bad news. If you were looking to get out of here, you have to go. The rest of our guests are welcome to leave now if they want, or if they want to stick around, they are more than welcome to stay seated along the side aisles and in the rear.

The House will be at ease for a few moments.

The House will come to order.

The members and guests will 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 1, 2013

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session on Tuesday, January 1, 2013 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 Attorney General, Auditor General, and State Treasurer, held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, in the several counties of the Commonwealth.

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

In the House of Representatives
January 1, 2013

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 Attorney General, Auditor General, and Treasurer in a joint session of the Senate and House.

The SPEAKER. The House will please come to order.

I appreciate if the members would take their seats. In particular, we need to clear this center aisle. We are waiting for the Senate to come over for the joint session.

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 1, 2013

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 22, 2013, 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 Monday, January 14, 2013, 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, 2013, it reconvene on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 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.

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

The members will please take their seats. The members will please take their seats. The members will please take their seats. Kindly clear the aisle. The members will please take their seats. The House will come to order. The House will please come to order.

ARRIVAL OF SENATE

The SPEAKER. The Senate is now entering the hall of the House. Members and all guests will please rise.

The Speaker recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, the Senate has entered the hall of the House.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker requests that the Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Jim Cawley, preside over the proceedings of the joint session of the General Assembly.

Members of the House and Senate will please be seated.

The House will please come to order. The members of the House, the Senate, and guests will please be seated. The members will please take their seats. The members will please take their seats.

I would like to welcome and recognize the Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Jim Cawley, and present him with the gavel to preside over this next section of the joint session.

Lieutenant Governor, welcome to the House.

JOINT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (JIM CAWLEY) PRESIDING

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 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 and the laws of the Commonwealth for the opening and computing of official election returns for the election of Treasurer, Auditor General, and Attorney General held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, in 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 Blair County, Senator John H. Eichelberger, Jr. 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 to 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 6, 2012, for the office of State Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein it was disclosed that:

Ms. Diana Irely Vaughan, Republican, received 2,405,654 votes,
Mr. Robert McCord, Democratic, received 2,872,344 votes,
Ms. Patricia M. Fryman, Libertarian, received 190,406 votes,
Write-in Votes, 1,880 (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.

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of my office this
twenty-seventh day of December, 2012.

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 6, 2012, for the office of Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein it was disclosed that:

Mr. David J. Freed, Republican, received 2,313,506 votes,
Ms. Kathleen G. Kane, Democratic, received 3,125,557 votes,
Ms. Marakay J. Rogers, Libertarian, received 128,140 votes,
Write-in Votes, 1,458 (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.

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of my office this twenty-seventh day of December, 2012.

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 6, 2012, for the office of Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein it was disclosed that:

Mr. John Maher, Republican, received 2,548,767 votes,
Honorable Eugene A. DePasquale, Democratic, received 2,729,565 votes,
Ms. Betsy Summers, Libertarian, received 210,876 votes,
Write-in Votes, 1,604 (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.

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of my office this twenty-seventh day of December, 2012.

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 Kathleen G. Kane, Attorney General, Eugene A. DePasquale, Auditor General, and Robert McCord, State Treasurer, 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."

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of my office this twenty-seventh day of December, 2012.

Carol Aichele
Secretary of the Commonwealth

TELLERS' REPORT

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair recognizes the teller on the part of the Senate, the gentleman from Blair County, Senator Eichelberger.

Mr. EICHELBERGER. Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and members of the General Assembly, the tellers agree in their count and submit their report of the votes cast for the offices of State Treasurer, Auditor General, and Attorney General.

FOR STATE TREASURER:

Robert M. McCord, Democrat, received 2,872,344 votes
Diana Irey Vaughan, Republican, received 2,405,654 votes
Patricia M. Fryman, Libertarian, received 190,406 votes
Scattered write-in votes: 1,880

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL:

Eugene A. DePasquale, Democrat, received 2,729,565 votes
John Maher, Republican, received 2,548,767 votes
Betsy Summers, Libertarian, received 210,876 votes
Scattered write-in votes: 1,604

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Kathleen G. Kane, Democrat, received 3,125,557 votes
David J. Freed, Republican, received 2,313,506 votes
Marakay J. Rogers, Libertarian, received 128,140 votes
Scattered write-in votes: 1,458

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Robert McCord, having received the highest number of votes, is duly elected State Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years from the third Tuesday of January 2013.

Eugene DePasquale, having received the highest number of votes, is duly elected Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years from the third Tuesday of January 2013.

Kathleen Kane, having received the highest number of votes, is duly elected Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years from the third Tuesday of January 2013.

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

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FILED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair wishes to announce that the certificates of election for Treasurer, Auditor General, and Attorney General have been signed by the officers and tellers on the part of the Senate and the 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 1, 2013

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 first day of January, A.D., two thousand thirteen, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol, open the returns of the election for Auditor General 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 Eugene DePasquale had the highest number of votes; where upon The Honorable Eugene DePasquale was declared to have been duly elected Auditor General 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) Sam Smith
Speaker of the House of Representatives

John H. Eichelberger, Jr.
Teller on the part of the Senate

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

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Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

January 1, 2013

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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) Sam Smith
Speaker of the House of Representatives

John H. Eichelberger, Jr.
Teller on the part of the Senate

William F. Adolph, Jr.
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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) Sam Smith
Speaker of the House of Representatives

John H. Eichelberger, Jr.
Teller on the part of the Senate

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

JOINT SESSION ADJOURNED

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

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

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

**THE SPEAKER (SAMUEL H. SMITH)
PRESIDING**

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

MOTION TO PRINT PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT SESSION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the proceedings of the joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives held this 1st day of January 2013 be printed in full in the day's Legislative Journal.

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

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. PETRI submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the names of 12 students in the Council Rock School District who recently participated in an essay contest on "Fire Safety in the Home."

Mr. Speaker, the contest was sponsored by the Society of Chartered property and Casualty Underwriters and was cosponsored by the school district.

Whereas, Fire Safety in the home is an important subject for the entire family to discuss and practice. The knowledge of understanding what to do in case of a fire can help save a life or prevent serious injury from occurring.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the names of the outstanding students: Tyler Derby, Taylor Smith, Kamryn Purpura, James Williams, Faith Hack, Brooke May, Erin young, Taylor Kredo, Melissa Wagner, Matt Menditto, Connor and Carli Dickel, and Sarah Porter.

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Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the names of Jack Kelly and Matthew Reilly, who have recently been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation.

Whereas, Jack Kelly and Matthew Reilly have earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of these young men. They are members of Troop 99.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the names of Jack Kelly and Matthew Reilly.

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Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Nicholas Adam Carter, who has recently been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation.

Whereas, Nicholas Adam Carter earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. Nicholas is a member of Troop 147.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Nicholas Adam Carter.

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Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Kevin Kauermann, who has recently been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation.

Whereas, Kevin Kauermann earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of this young man. Kevin is a member of Troop 280.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Kevin Kauermann.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Seeing no further business before the House, the Speaker recognizes the lady, Mrs. Corbin, from Chester County, who moves that this House do adjourn until Monday, January 14, 2013, at 1 p.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 2:09 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.