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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. BRYAN BARBIN, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Will you join me in bowing your heads to the creator of the universe.

Dear Lord, as we come to the end of this 200th session of Your Holy Experiment, bless all of the assembled that are ending their service this day. Remember them for their part in stewarding freedom for the benefit of others.

Help us, Lord, to remember Your servant, Moses, and Your command in Deuteronomy 31:12, to read the law at the end of every 7 years. "Assemble the people...so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this law."

Help us, Lord, to remember Your servant, William Penn, who opened this Assembly on July 11, 1681, with the words, "...you shall be governed by laws of your own making and live...free...."

As we reorganize this General Assembly, shine Your light on us so that our hearts may be pure and righteous in Your sight.

Lord, help us to remember the qualities that You find most honorable – sacrifice for others. Protect all those who protect this country, and grant peace to all of their families that grieve or mourn.

And all of God's children said, 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 Monday, November 14, 2016, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, all Journals not now in print will be approved.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, at this time I want to show great respect to one of our retiring members, Representative Ted Harhai.

Representative Harhai, sir, what was the first year that you served? Special election 1998 and served up to and through here 2016.

Representative Harhai, as you know, is a good friend to many of us in this chamber, and it is my honor to wish him Godspeed.

Ted served the 58th District of Westmoreland County for 18 years. He is the Democratic chair of the Game and Fisheries Committee, and by profession this good man, smart man, was an investment banker who previously worked in the financial markets in New York City and in Chicago. Prior to becoming State Representative, he held public offices in the city of Monessen, Westmoreland County. The Monongahela Valley that many of us know actually straddles three counties, but Representative Harhai represents Westmoreland County, a portion of that region of the State, and was councilman in 1996 and 1997 and as mayor from 1998 until 2002, and he continues to reside in Monessen. A great friend to his region, to the citizens of Pennsylvania, and certainly to his colleagues in the House of Representatives.

Thank you for your service, Representative Harhai, and God bless.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will stand in recess until the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

Members, the majority whip requests leaves of absence for Chris ROSS of Chester County, Eli EVANKOVICH of Westmoreland County, John MAHER of Allegheny County, Jason ORTITAY of Allegheny County, and Scott PETRI of Bucks County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

The minority whip requests leaves of absence for Leslie ACOSTA, Philadelphia County; Tonyelle Cook-ARTIS of Philadelphia County; and Angel CRUZ of Philadelphia County, each of them for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. We will proceed to vote on the master roll.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Hal ENGLISH has requested to be placed on leave of absence. Without objection, that will be granted.

Representative Mark COHEN has requested to be placed on leave of absence. Without objection, that will be granted.

Representative Pete DALEY has requested to be placed on leave of absence. Without objection, that will be granted.

Representative Marguerite QUINN has requested to be placed on leave of absence. Without objection, that will be granted.

Representative Tina DAVIS has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

Representative Lynwood SAVAGE has requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, that will be granted.

Representative SANTARSIERO has requested to be placed on leave of absence. Without objection, that will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL CONTINUED

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—187

Adolph	Fee	Lawrence	Readshaw
Baker	Flynn	Lewis	Reed
Barbin	Frankel	Longiotti	Reese
Barrar	Freeman	Mackenzie	Regan
Benninghoff	Gabler	Mahoney	Roae
Bizzarro	Gainey	Major	Roebuck
Bloom	Galloway	Maloney	Rothman
Boback	Gergely	Markosek	Rozzi
Boyle	Gibbons	Marshall	Saccone
Bradford	Gillen	Marsico	Sainato
Briggs	Gillespie	Masser	Samuelson
Brown, R.	Gingrich	Matzie	Sankey
Brown, V.	Godshall	McCarter	Santora
Bullock	Goodman	McClinton	Saylor
Burns	Greiner	McGinnis	Schemel
Caltagirone	Grove	McNeill	Schlossberg
Carroll	Hahn	Mentzer	Schreiber
Causar	Hanna	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Christiana	Harhai	Metzgar	Simmons

Conklin	Harhart	Miccarelli	Sims
Corbin	Harkins	Millard	Snyder
Costa, D.	Harper	Miller, B.	Sonney
Costa, P.	Harris, A.	Miller, D.	Staats
Cox	Harris, J.	Milne	Stephens
Culver	Heffley	Moul	Sturla
Cutler	Helm	Mullery	Tallman
Daley, M.	Hennessey	Murt	Taylor
Davidson	Hickernell	Mustio	Thomas
Dawkins	Hill	Neilson	Tobash
Day	Irvin	Nelson	Toepel
Dean	James	Nesbit	Toohil
Deasy	Jozwiak	Neuman	Topper
DeLissio	Kampf	O'Brien	Truitt
DeLozier	Kaufman	O'Neill	Vereb
DeLuca	Kauffman	Oberlander	Vitali
Dermody	Kavulich	Parker, D.	Ward
Diamond	Keller, F.	Pashinski	Warner
DiGirolamo	Keller, M.K.	Payne	Watson
Donatucci	Keller, W.	Peifer	Wentling
Driscoll	Kim	Petrarca	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kinsey	Pickett	Wheeland
Dush	Kirkland	Pyle	White
Ellis	Klunk	Quigley	Youngblood
Emrick	Knowles	Quinn, C.	Zimmerman
Everett	Kortz	Rader	
Fabrizio	Kotik	Rapp	Turzai,
Farina	Krueger	Ravenstahl	Speaker
Farry			

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—15

Acosta	Daley, P.	Maher	Ross
Artis	Davis	Ortitay	Santarsiero
Cohen	English	Petri	Savage
Cruz	Evankovich	Quinn, M.	

LEAVES ADDED—2

Quigley	Warner
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LEAVES CANCELED—1

Daley, P.

The SPEAKER. One hundred and eighty-seven members having voted on the master roll, a quorum is present.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Representative Rosemary Brown's daughter, Reagan, is here today. Reagan, would you please stand. It is so great to have you here, dear.

I would ask all members to please take their seats.

We have two members that are going to be giving their final remarks today.

Representative Mike Vereb is recognized.

Mr. VEREB. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir; you may proceed.

Mr. VEREB. Is this an appropriate time for me to deliver the second half of my farewell speech, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. It depends on if we have any more surprise visitors.

At this time Representative Jaret Gibbons.

I would ask all members to please come in from the anterooms and to take their seats. All members, if you could please come in from the anterooms and take your seats. Members and staff, please take your seats.

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. GIBBONS

The SPEAKER. Representative Jaret Gibbons has served the 10th Legislative District of Beaver, Butler, and Lawrence Counties for 10 years. He was elected in 2006 as one of our youngest legislators at the age of 26. He has served as the Democratic chair of the House Tourism and Recreational Development Committee, secretary of the Professional Licensure Committee, and cochair of the House Gas and Oil Caucus. Jaret is a licensed attorney and a member of both Pennsylvania and Beaver County bar associations.

He lives in Franklin Township with his wife, Jennifer; their daughter, Annabella; and sons, Preston and Jack, and they are expecting their fourth child in April.

This really very gracious young man is now going to be addressing this august body.

Representative Gibbons.

Mr. GIBBONS. Thank you all.

It has been an honor to be here with you for the last 10 years. It is something that, honestly, for me was not exactly expected.

And some of you probably do not know the story of how I ended up here, and it was kind of on a bit of a whim that I ended up deciding to run. Back in 2005 some of you were here and remember the whole pay raise situation that happened. It created a lot of turmoil back then, and I was going into my third year of law school at the time down at the University of Pittsburgh. Now, I would go home periodically. My mother is a hairdresser, and I was in her shop getting my haircut, and somebody said, "Oh, Jaret, you should run for office. You should run for State Representative. You might be able to win." So I am out looking for law jobs for after I graduate the next year. I go to a family wedding a month later. Somebody comes up to me, "Hey, you should think about doing this." You know, I am like, "I'll think about it," whatever; kind of brushed it off. And then eventually I got a job offer to go work for the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) as a tax counsel. I was like, it sounds like it would be a fun job, but you know what? It is leaving my area, hometown, and going down to DC. I do not know; it would be great to stay closer to home. So it was actually New Year's Eve. I was out with some friends down in Pittsburgh, get back to my apartment I was staying in down there when I was going to school with my roommate. We are sitting out and finishing a bottle of champagne late that night, and I said, "Do you know what? I think I'm going to run for the legislature." And he says, "Hey, that's a great idea. You should do it." So the next day I go home and I tell my family, "Hey, I'm going to run," and they are like, "Okay; great. Let's do it." And, you know, it was just one of those things. And I will be honest, when that election came around and that primary, I was probably the last person that thought I was going to win. You know, as Brian Ellis knows from the debate that we did that year over in Butler, it did not go all that fantastically. I will be the first one to admit that, you know, like many of us when we come into this job, I probably did not know a whole lot about it

when I started, but, you know, like most of us, I learned quickly what the job entailed, the work that it takes, and was happy to go ahead and do that. So I won that vote – I won that election by 27 votes in that primary. So again, I was probably more surprised than anyone, but it was a great opportunity and then to go forward and win in November and then come up here.

And I still remember my first day up here. Well, the first time I came up here for swearing-in in 2007 – and a lot of you guys remember that day – there was a lot of turmoil back and forth. We had just gotten in the majority of 102 and then who was going to be the Speaker and this and that. And I remember sitting over here on the floor with Sean Ramaley and Neal Goodman, and someone came in and said, "Okay, Denny O'Brien. Okay, O'Brien is going to be the Speaker," and my first thought was, Mike O'Brien? The guy that just came in with me? I was like, I had no idea who Denny O'Brien was, but we ended up having that vote and, you know, Denny became Speaker.

But it has been quite an interesting experience from that first-day craziness to now. You know, it has been a lot of good times and a lot of good stories, a lot of fun, a lot of hard work, but I have appreciated every minute of it, and I have appreciated the chance to work with all of you.

Talking about that first election, I came in with one of the largest classes in the history of the legislature. We had 50 new members come into the House that year – 27 new Democrats in our caucus, 23 on the Republican side. You know, it was a great group that we came in with, and now we are down from 27 now to, after this year, it will be down to 8.

I want to recognize the guys that I came in with that are still here: Mike Carroll, Scott Conklin, Bill Kortz, Eddie Pashinski, Pat Harkins, Mark Longietti, Mike O'Brien, John Galloway, and of course Tim Mahoney, who I know will be leaving with me this year. You guys, it was great getting to know you coming in together. We had some good times. We made a lot of big changes here I think in the last 10 years, and I think a lot of that started with our group. So I hope you will continue and keep that up.

When I got up here, I got assigned to my first office and I got in with my neighbor, Chris Sainato, and Chris was, you know, a big help to me learning the ropes for what is going on up here. Those 2 years I spent with him were very, very helpful for me. You know, Chris has been a good friend. I have enjoyed spending time with him over the years and in so many capacities, our trip out to NCSL (National Conference of State Legislatures) last year. Chris has taught me a lot about how to get things done for my constituents and how to get things done here in Harrisburg. So, Chris, I thank you for the time.

And then I moved on and Chris moved on and got a chairmanship and moved out. I got Matt Bradford next, and Matt taught me a lot about the southeastern part of Pennsylvania, a world that I knew nothing about, and how different it was from us in western Pennsylvania. And I enjoyed the time I spent with Matt there, until I moved up to where I am at now in my office and sharing with Mike Carroll. Mike has been there with me for the last 2 years, and I appreciate the times we have spent up there talking and getting to know one another.

As I said, we have had some interesting times over the years, but one of the things for me has always been, I think all of you know, that bipartisanship has been something that has been very important to me. I worked with a lot of my Republican

colleagues, spent a lot of time working on issues across the aisle.

I certainly want to thank Donna Oberlander, my cochair from the Gas and Oil Caucus, for the last 4 years. Donna, we did a lot of good work there I think educating members on the issues related to that industry, which is very important for our State and especially western Pennsylvania. So I want to thank you, and good luck continuing that on. I know you will do a great job, and we will find you another cochair to help you out with that, and I appreciate the work you have done there.

I want to thank some of the folks. We have put on— At budget time, of course, Ellis is up here, who is always a little crazy. And so at times we need to kick back and relax a little bit, I know, and so the events we have done in the evenings with our get-togethers over by the apartment I stayed in, it has been very fun. We have had some good times. You know, I will never forget Jeff Pyle's parking the first year. Jeff is an excellent parallel parker. But I think we had a lot of fun, and I think that is the important thing, because we cannot just be here working. We also have to get to know each other personally. I feel like that has been the best part of this job, getting to know all of you or most of you on a personal level.

We got to do a few interesting trips. I learned about a lot of stuff. One of my favorite trips was going out for the Coal Caucus tours down in Greene County, seeing what goes on there, such an important industry, and going with a lot of my colleagues who are part of that Coal Caucus. We learned a lot of stuff, but we also had an enjoyable time. I remember the first year we went down and did that tour, and we had a lot of fun. We saw a lot of good things. I know Jim Christiana saw a great fountain he really enjoyed. So, you know, it was a lot of good times that we had learning about that industry, learning about so many industries across the State.

Let us see, a few other people I want to point out, some of our other members. As I said, Neal Goodman. Neal and I spent a lot of time working our way down the aisle here in the third row. Eventually he moved his way up, but Neal was always a good friend to me, taking good care of me. He called me— Well, Sean Ramaley was his original legal counsel, and then after Sean left, he moved me in to be his next legal counsel sitting next to him, and I appreciate the stuff that Neal and I talked about when we sat here on the floor for all those years together.

Let us see, I want to make sure I am touching on everything I want to hit on. A few members who are no longer here but I do want to thank for a few things. The former leader, DeWeese. Bill gave me a great opportunity in my first term, at the end of my first term to go overseas through an organization called the American Council of Young Political Leaders, and for those younger members who are here, it is an organization I would suggest you look into. I had an opportunity to go for 2 weeks and do an exchange trip to Japan, and I know some of our other colleagues went to other locations, South Africa and a variety of different locations. I learned a whole lot about what goes on in other countries that year, particularly in Japan, and I want to certainly thank Bill for giving me that opportunity. He was actually an alumnus of that group. So for any of you younger members, if you have not looked into this group, it is something to look into. I think it is a great learning opportunity.

But one thing it did take me away from that year was our leadership elections that all of you just went through today. I know for my friend and our former Democratic leader, Todd

Eachus, that was a little frustrating because Todd was running for leader that year, and I want to thank Todd. He was my roommate living up here for a number of years, and I really enjoyed the time with him.

Jim Wansacz, Tony Payton, who came in with me, we were the young guys the year we started, 26 years old, of course me just out of law school, Tony coming in, and we really connected because being two young guys coming in here at a time— This place has gotten a lot younger over the years, but in 2006 it was a lot older, a lot older of a group that was still here. And so being the young guys, we kind of stuck together a little bit, and I appreciated that.

Let us see, one or two more things. I want to thank the crowd from No Dinner Tuesday. It was not that we did not eat dinner. It was just that we did not make plans where we were going to eat dinner in advance. It was a nice group of us that got together and had good times talking, talking about the work we were doing. I think I got more work done sometimes there than even during the day up here. So I want to thank that crew, except for Senator Killion, who was part of that group. He was the one who, even though it was No Dinner Tuesday, would usually still plan to go out to get dinner with somebody else, but he only stopped by to see us.

I want to thank— Let us see. Well, getting down to the last couple things. I want to say, Garth Everett, Garth, you were the best partner I ever had. You were a good friend. We went out and did what we did. We had a lot of fun. You will always be one of my favorite partners. We never lost. So, Garth, I look forward to hoping to get a chance to continue that partnership down the road, hopefully.

And then I want to get down to the last two people, and I think this goes to show I have mentioned bipartisanship. My two best friends in this body, we will start on the Republican side, Brian Ellis. Brian, as many do not know, was my one-time arch nemesis, and not intentionally. It was a little bit of a snafu with a staff member who accidentally, unknown to me, went out and did some work for his opponent in a primary election that I did not even know about until weeks later, and it made us arch nemeses for a short time. But thankfully we got over that and he became one of my best friends. Brian, I think of all the great times we spent together, and I look forward, hopefully, whether it is up here or back in Butler County, you know, we will continue to do that.

One fun story, it just goes to show the level of working together, I remember – and for those of you from the west, you know how long that drive across the turnpike is – one day I am driving back and I get a call from Brian. His electrical system went out in his car. He knew I was on the way home at the same time, and he called me and said— I was just coming up behind him, so he ended up following me for about 100 miles with no lights, no speedometer, nothing. We got him home safely, but this is what we do. This is that friendship, that bipartisanship, you know, getting to work with one another. So, Brian, I just want to thank you. You were always a great friend.

And then of course you cannot talk about Gibby without Gergs. Now, my good friend, really my big brother up here, Marc Gergely, and that is Gergely, not Gerber. Marc, I do not know what I can say besides thank you. Marc has really helped me from the beginning. That first year up here with him, Todd Eachus, Jim Wansacz, they really kind of took me under their wings, and of course Professor Sturla over here as well is part of that group, and we spent a lot of time together. Marc was also

for the last 8 years my roommate, and so whether it was early morning coffee or late at night sitting around talking about the events of the day as we are drinking our glass of water before bed and he would doze off on me sitting on the chair as I would ramble on like I am now, but he was always there for me, someone to talk to. He was out for my wedding in 2008. He has been there through much of what has gone on in my life, and I know regardless of what happens, we are going to be friends forever. Like I said, he is my brother's age; I am his younger brother's age. So we had that instant connection, kind of the big brother, little brother right there. So, Marc, thanks for everything. What I will miss probably more than anything is hanging out with you and Brian and the group here.

And then I guess I cannot forget my staff both back at home and up here. With me here, Susan Finger, who is my legislative assistant for the last 10 years. Thank you, Susan, for everything that you did helping me. She was like a mother to me up here, really took care of me in so many ways. And Danielle Bowers, who just came on with me this year when I took over the chairmanship for the Tourism Committee. Danielle, we did not get to work together too long, but I do appreciate the work you did helping me to keep that committee going. So I want to thank both of you.

And then my staff back home: Kevin Bowser, Laure Cioffi, Dennis Pietrandrea, Francis Todorich, Frank Sniezek. You know, I was lucky enough that we did not have very much turnover. My two other former staff members, Chet Orelli and Megan Rummel, left after 2008 to move on to other jobs. I see Chet's Aunt Mindy up here, who has since joined us, but other than the two of them leaving, for the last 10 years I have pretty much had a pretty stable staff. They were hardworking people, and I knew I could be up here doing the work I needed to because they were back home taking care of the things that needed done back there. I cannot thank them enough for everything they have done.

So with that, I guess the one message I want to leave for everybody is, I know I did my best to maintain the bipartisanship. So many of you do that as well. Please continue to try to do that. Unfortunately, politics has become so divisive out there, and we saw it in the elections this year. Do not let that continue to grow or permeate into this building.

Now, I have appreciated working with Leader Reed and getting issues done. He helped me to get the Daniel's Law bill for my district this year, for my constituent; Chairman Adolph, working with him both at the PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency) Board and here; and certainly my leadership over here – Mike Hanna, Frank Dermody, Joe Markosek. You guys were great to work with. I hope you all continue to work together well to get things done for us here in Pennsylvania, continue to work in a bipartisan way. I hope that will continue. I certainly will be rooting for all of you to get good things done for us here in Pennsylvania.

And with that said, I am done, other than to say thank you and God bless, and I look forward to seeing you all again.

The SPEAKER. Representative Gibbons and I are from the same part of the State, and this thoughtful and young legislator, who has served since 2006, will have many productive and wonderful years ahead of him, particularly with his lovely wife and young family. Jaret, many members on both sides of the aisle have appreciated the opportunity to work with you, and I must tell you that I am sure that your constituents in the

10th Legislative District for which you have served, many of them will have fond memories.

I wish you the best. Please come up and see us anytime that you wish. Thank you, Representative Gibbons.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MR. PARKER

The SPEAKER. Representative David Parker. David was elected to represent Monroe County's 115th Legislative District in 2014. He has served on the Children and Youth, Commerce, Tourism and Recreational Development, and Gaming Oversight Committees.

He is the co-owner of Cramer's Home Building Centers in Monroe County, and this is a company that was started by his great-grandfather nearly 100 years ago.

Dave lives in Stroud Township with his wife and five daughters, and this good gentleman will now have the opportunity to present his final remarks to this august body.

Representative Parker.

Mr. PARKER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, when I first ran for this office, I was a strong advocate for term limits. I failed to convey to my constituents that I meant three terms, not one. Should I ever decide to run again, I will consult Representative Justin Simmons to find out how best to message that. It is supposed to be funny, but anyway.

Well, this was a tough election, and now you know a big reason why I am an advocate for redistricting reform. Two years ago we shocked many in Harrisburg when we won this seat, and on Tuesday many people in Monroe County were shocked that we lost, but I always knew it would be a tough seat. And at one point I thought the only way I would win reelection was to become a Democrat. When I saw all those steps that you had to climb, I decided I could not do it. I get winded just getting up here. Of course, back then I did not know about the ice cream. A couple weeks ago Representative McClinton gave me a Nutty Buddy, and I learned about the ice cream. I did not realize she had laced it with "Don't Vote for Parker" serum. But seriously, we only get ice cream once a year as Republicans when Stan Saylor is kind enough to get some for us. If we wanted to have it all the time, it would make Dave Millard's head spin. We would have to buy a freezer, figure out the kilowatt hours per member, and divvy up the price, the cost of that ice cream.

But since we are talking about food, I do want to thank my snack providers in the House. Paul Costa, thank you for the Good & Plenty; of course Chairman Payne, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and anything Hershey; and Donna Oberlander's Swedish Fish I discovered recently. They have been great. But when I cannot leave my seat, I always have Lynda Culver, and I can just turn around and she provides it; Kurt Masser occasionally with some beef jerky. But I want to say to Spizz, I have eaten more graham crackers in the last 2 years than I have in my whole entire life. So thank you for always being there and having what I need. Whether it is a Tylenol, if it is a needle and thread to sew a button on, you are just always there for us, and I thank you so much. And, Lynn, thanks for making me look good.

I need to thank my office staff for making me look even better, Juanita, my Harrisburg secretary, whom I share with Jack Rader. Since Jack does not do anything, she does a lot of work for me. That is not even written down, Jack. It just came out and I apologize, but thanks for walking over with me. No, she has a lot of patience because she had to work with me, but she kept me moving in the right direction.

And everyone who worked in my district office – and I do not have this many employees. It is just many moved on to bigger and better things – but Sarah, Rebecca, Bonny, Richard, Kirsten, Eileen, Linda, and Linda. I so appreciate all the work that you have done to help the people of the 115th District. There was nothing more gratifying on Tuesday than the voters that would come up to me and just tell me, "Thank you for what your office did for me," and sharing their stories because you solved their problems. One thing I am really going to miss are those times when you are on the street or in the mall or just at an event and somebody comes up to give you a hug, a handshake, or shed tears to thank your office for all the work that you did and express their gratitude. So my wonderful staff is the reason for that, and thank you to all of you for what you have done for the people of the 115th District.

I need to quickly thank Charlie. I think you are here, but, Charlie, thanks for all the good writing and keeping our message out there on what we are doing on school funding and all the things we have been working on.

This past weekend one of my constituents won an award, the African-American leadership award, in the Lehigh Valley, and so Michael Perry, I had to get a citation to him, but it was Thursday and I was going to mail it down to the event, but of course, it was Veterans Day Friday. So I knew his husband, Skip. So I called up Skip. He is a good supporter. I said, "Hey, Skip. I've got to get this citation to you. Are you home tonight?" So I took it on over and we sat down, and Skip was upset I lost. He was a good supporter and we chatted. I had to let him know I am looking for a job, and of course he gave me some good leads and has followed up with those as well. But Michael came in then, and I said to Michael, congratulations on this award. He shared his regrets for my loss as well, but then he told me a story. The first thing he did was compliment my poll worker. He said what a great poll worker I had at the poll Tuesday morning. Of course, it was my uncle. He did a great job for me. But then he shared a story that really meant a lot. He and Skip were at an event, a party, a couple weeks prior, and there was a woman there who was just going on about what a horrible person David Parker was and letting everybody know. And then Skip went up to her and he said, "You know, David Parker is a good man," and then she continued. But he said, "Have you ever met him? Have you ever talked to him," and there was silence. So I just want to encourage all of you, there has been a lot of going back and forth during the campaigns and you might have preconceived notions about people, but I think just remember that. Have you ever met the person? Have you ever talked to them? That is so important for everybody watching. Get out and talk to people and really find out what they are like.

I ran for this seat to fix school funding, reduce school property taxes and eliminate them, and improve the climate for creating jobs in Monroe County and all of Pennsylvania. I could not be prouder of what we accomplished on school funding. While I was here, there was an opportunity to vote pro-life and I did, and I would do it again. If that is why I lost, I will take that loss any day.

But the last few weeks have been a real learning experience for my family, and I want to thank my wife, Amanda, and all my daughters – Ashley, Maria, Lia, Gigi, and Izzy – for all your love and support during this time. You put up with so much, and I could not have done this job without you. I also want to thank my parents, who obviously raised me this way, and I appreciate that but appreciate your support through the campaign and working polls and all the friends and supporters of the 115th District and beyond. All of northeastern PA now knows that David Parker is an extreme Republican to the right of Daryl Metcalfe. Now, Chairman Metcalfe, that is meant as a compliment. But I wrote a little note here because I had another idea. Chairman, I wanted to thank you for having that informational meeting on the redistricting bill. That was very helpful, and I just thank you very much, Chairman Metcalfe.

The publicity of the campaign led to many conversations with pro-choice women concerned about my pro-life stance, but as we talked, I was surprised how many support a first-trimester limit and have no issue with the 5-month limit. So to Kathy and the rest of the Pro-Life Caucus, I believe there is room for common ground on legislation and I believe you might consider reintroducing it, but I think we should have a hearing. The public discourse might just help the cause. I hope the caucus will also consider endorsing HB 1176, accommodating pregnant women in the workplace, which I was pleased to work on with Sheryl Delozier, and HB 1100, sanitary conditions for nursing mothers in the workplace, in the next session. Representative Mary Jo Daley, it was great working with you, Nora Winkelman, and Ashley Grimm on drafting that language and trying to accommodate everybody, the business community and the advocacy groups. And, Chairman Gingrich, thank you so much for having a hearing on the bills and getting us so close to a vote. I know we got very close. We just could not get that vote.

The first time I was called to the rostrum, I felt like I was being called to the principal's office. Apparently I had broken an unwritten rule, according to Representative Heffley, that states that a man is not supposed to talk about breastfeeding. See, I was interrogating Representative Tina Davis on that very subject when the Speaker asked me to come up front, and Tina – I wish she were here – please let her know my apologies. I apologized to her before, but I never would have interrogated her if I knew then what I know now. And we still would have gotten rid of that doctor's note, and I am so glad we did on the jury duty exemption for breastfeeding.

But the next time I was called to the rostrum it was for breaking another unwritten rule for amending a bill that is not supposed to be amended. Now, I was called up here, and the Speaker said something like, "Billy doesn't want any amendments on this bill." I said, "Billy asked for amendments to this bill and he even gave a deadline." The Speaker said, "Billy didn't really mean that. He wants no amendments." So I just said, "I guess I'll be pulling my amendments."

But I want to thank Duane Searle and all the folks up at LRB (Legislative Reference Bureau). You did so much work for me drafting long, complicated amendments only to have me pull them and never getting an up-or-down vote.

Chairman Adolph, thanks for your support and help in pushing the new BEF (basic education funding) formula; your staff, Dave Donley and particularly Jeff Miller, for getting me so much information and helping draft that legislation for school funding and using the new formula.

And Jeff Miller is a fellow Messiah College grad, and I thought it would just be interesting to note that I got my political start at Messiah College. I ran in a special election for the Student Senate my senior year, and when I got to the Senate, the president of the Senate was Chad Weaver. So it was interesting to work with Chad again. It is interesting to note, too, that Nate Davidson is also a graduate of Messiah. And probably the sweetest person in the chamber is also a graduate of Messiah, Lynette Perkins. So we have a lot of Messiah folks working here in the House of Representatives, helping people and effecting change in Pennsylvania. So thank you, Messiah College, for putting out such people and giving me an education.

Chairman Saylor, I want to thank you for holding a hearing on my bill, HB 2111, to help drive more funding to the underfunded schools. What a special day that was when we brought together three of the underfunded school districts – Reading, Erie, and East Stroudsburg – to push for quicker implementation of the formula. It has been a privilege to work with so many people all over the Commonwealth on this issue and different groups, including Chairman Adolph, Chairman Caltagirone, Chairman Sturla, Kelly Lewis, Jay Badams, and Kevin McCorry from WHYY. His reporting and his stories on the issue of school funding have been so helpful in getting that message out. For those who continue here, please do not forget the other recommendations of the Basic Education Funding Commission and keep pushing to incentivize school district consolidation and other cost savings and add factors to the formula for truancy, transiency, and, Representative Sturla, crossing guards. That will help my districts as well. Rep. Russ Diamond, I appreciate your recognizing the importance of this, and I hope you will continue the fight for quicker implementation of the new formula on all BEF funding and work with members on both sides of the aisle to get that done.

Rosemary and Jack and Mario – he is not here, but I know he will hear about it – thank you for all your support over this term. You know, there are times you forget something at home, but it is nice if Rosemary is still back there and my wife can drop it off and she can bring it down. But it has been great to work with you. I will not miss you because I know I am going to see you all the time in the district.

Barry, Judy, Craig, Jamie, Jeff, and all the members and the staff of Irvis fourth floor, I have enjoyed the work, the camaraderie, and the sky lounge.

Tom Murt, I will miss those times when you walked by my office at 10 o'clock at night and I am doing e-mails and just yell, "Dave," and scare me out of my seat, but it was always nice to speak with you on those late evenings and thanks for all the advice you have given.

Members of the 4 o'clock Caucus, the Bunker Caucus, the Kate and Kristen Caucus, and really everybody, thanks for your hospitality in welcoming me to your social groups or whatever they may be but just to sit down and talk.

I have a couple regrets, and one is that I never got the chance to vote on school property tax elimination. You may get to do that next session. And the other is that I never got to play in the softball game to help stop hunger. Now, Representative Pyle gave me the nickname of "The Cobra" after the great Pittsburgh Pirate Dave Parker, and I was hoping to play on the Yins team as The Cobra. So if you ever consider using free agents for this

game, I would be glad to step in for Rick Saccone as No. 39 and The Cobra. I am not going to guarantee I will hit any home runs.

But, Mr. Speaker, before I go, I would like to present you with something. Many times when you called me up here, as I said, I felt like I was going to the principal's office. But when I was a kid, the principal had a paddle in his office, which was a good deterrent, so I thought you could use one. Now, this was made in Monroe County, and I thought maybe James could wear it on his belt, and then if you want an amendment taken off, you know, you just send out a messenger to tell them to look at James and he can, you know, show them the paddle and then it will just disappear. There are some messages on here too.

The SPEAKER. Should I read them?

Mr. PARKER. Well, you can.

The SPEAKER. I will just read them to myself.

Mr. PARKER. Well, I will read them out loud. So it just says, "Made in Monroe County," "education funding," "more BEF formula," "less hold harmless," "LSA distribution," "more Monroe County," "less contiguous counties," "school property tax elimination," and "redistricting reform." So if you get votes on all those in the coming session, that will be wonderful and how very helpful for my county.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for all your help and support during my term, and thank you to all the leaders on both sides of the aisle and everyone. Everyone here is so helpful. And to all you new members, never be afraid to ask anybody anything. They are all helpful and want you to succeed.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Parker, thank you very much for that kind gift. I went to Catholic grade school, so I saw a few of those.

And I just want to tell you that we wish you and your wife and your five daughters nothing but the best.

As I had indicated in my communication with you, hold your head high. You are an exceptionally innovative, thoughtful legislator. You were a leader on many issues here and you will continue to be a leader in your community no matter what roles you continue to pursue in your very young life. And I must tell you that you have the respect and friendship of many of the members here. Please stay in touch. Thank you very, very much.

(Commemorative gavel was presented.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. Representative Pete Daley is on the floor and should be placed back on the master roll.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. BULLOCK called up **HR 976, PN 3781**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of September 2016 as "Senior Center Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. HARPER called up **HR 1115, PN 4151**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 19, 2016, as "American Made Matters Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Representative Tom QUIGLEY and Representative Ryan WARNER have requested to be placed on leave. Without objection, those requests for leave will be granted.

**CONSIDERATION OF
RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35
CONTINUED**

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—186

Adolph	Farina	Kotik	Ravenstahl
Baker	Farry	Krueger	Readshaw
Barbin	Fee	Lawrence	Reed
Barrar	Flynn	Lewis	Reese
Benninghoff	Frankel	Longiotti	Regan
Bizzarro	Freeman	Mackenzie	Roae
Bloom	Gabler	Mahoney	Roebuck
Boback	Gainey	Major	Rothman
Boyle	Galloway	Maloney	Rozzi
Bradford	Gergely	Markosek	Saccone
Briggs	Gibbons	Marshall	Sainato
Brown, R.	Gillen	Marsico	Samuelson
Brown, V.	Gillespie	Masser	Sankey
Bullock	Gingrich	Matzie	Santora
Burns	Godshall	McCarte	Saylor
Caltagirone	Goodman	McClinton	Schemel
Carroll	Greiner	McGinnis	Schlossberg
Causar	Grove	McNeill	Schreiber
Christiana	Hahn	Mentzer	Schweyer
Conklin	Hanna	Metcalfe	Simmons
Corbin	Harhai	Metzgar	Sims
Costa, D.	Harhart	Miccarelli	Snyder
Costa, P.	Harkins	Millard	Sonney
Cox	Harper	Miller, B.	Staats
Culver	Harris, A.	Miller, D.	Stephens
Cutler	Harris, J.	Milne	Sturla
Daley, M.	Heffley	Moul	Tallman
Daley, P.	Helm	Mullery	Taylor
Davidson	Hennessey	Murt	Thomas
Dawkins	Hickernell	Mustio	Tobash
Day	Hill	Neilson	Toepel
Dean	Irvin	Nelson	Toohil
Deasy	James	Nesbit	Topper
DeLissio	Jozwiak	Neuman	Truitt
Delozier	Kampf	O'Brien	Vereb
DeLuca	Kaufe	O'Neill	Vitali
Dermody	Kauffman	Oberlander	Ward
Diamond	Kavulich	Parker, D.	Watson
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Pashinski	Wentling
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Payne	Wheatley
Driscoll	Keller, W.	Peifer	Wheeland
Dunbar	Kim	Petrarca	White

Dush	Kinsey	Pickett	Youngblood
Ellis	Kirkland	Pyle	Zimmerman
Emrick	Klunk	Quinn, C.	
Everett	Knowles	Rader	Turzai, Speaker
Fabrizio	Kortz	Rapp	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—16

Acosta	Davis	Ortitay	Ross
Artis	English	Petri	Santarsiero
Cohen	Evankovich	Quigley	Savage
Cruz	Maher	Quinn, M.	Warner

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

STATEMENT BY MS. HARPER

The SPEAKER. I think Representative Harper wishes to be recognized on HR 1115.

Ms. HARPER. Just briefly, Mr. Speaker.

You know, I do not know about you, but I have been amazed at how millions of individual decisions can change elections in ways people did not see coming. Guess what, millions of individual buying decisions can change our economy as well.

I want to thank you for your unanimous vote in support of American Made Matters, because Saturday is American Made Matters Day in Pennsylvania and throughout the United States. Making stuff here matters. Buying the stuff that is made here matters. It will help strengthen our local and national economies, allow for good family-sustaining jobs, and will ensure that more Americans get those jobs and help us create strong communities.

But Pennsylvania made matters also, and I am indebted to the Bollman Hat Company, which has the oldest hat factory in America right here in Pennsylvania in Adamstown, for suggesting this idea to me. And I just want to remind you all that on Saturday and every day please buy American made because American made matters to all of us. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

We have two more resolutions. I also have a speaker on unanimous consent, and then the leader and myself have some final remarks.

UNCONTESTED SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. ARTIS called up **HR 1116, PN 4152**, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Harold B. Hairston, the first African-American Fire Commissioner of Philadelphia, and expressing condolences on his passing.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—185

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

McClinton

EXCUSED—16

Acosta	Davis	Ortitay	Ross
Artis	English	Petri	Santarsiero
Cohen	Evankovich	Quigley	Savage
Cruz	Maher	Quinn, M.	Warner

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

CALENDAR

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. SAVAGE called up **HR 1113, PN 4146**, entitled:

A Resolution congratulating the students and faculty of Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia for attaining the title of Grand Champion among the Pennsylvania competitors in the 2016 RecycleMania competition.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—186

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

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—16

Acosta	Davis	Ortitay	Ross
Artis	English	Petri	Santarsiero
Cohen	Evankovich	Quigley	Savage
Cruz	Maher	Quinn, M.	Warner

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

STATEMENT BY MR. NEUMAN

The SPEAKER. At this time Representative Brandon Neuman is recognized on unanimous consent.

Mr. NEUMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members, I would ask you to please take your seats. The good gentleman has asked for just a few minutes to make remarks on a recent tragedy. I would ask the members to please take their seats.

Mr. NEUMAN. Unfortunately, this is the second time I have had to stand at this microphone to talk about a line-of-duty death. Last Thursday, when we were still in the hangover of the election, in the early morning there was a domestic violence call, where it was a known house where there was an habitual offender for domestic violence. We believe a neighbor called and – just bear with me – Canonsburg's police department answered that call. Scott Bashioum was the first police officer on the scene.

The perpetrator, the habitual domestic violence person – I will not mention his name – was in an upper window and just started shooting. He killed Officer Scott Bashioum, who was also an Air Force veteran, and shot injuring Officer Jimmy, and the third officer came, Officer Cross, who pulled Scott Bashioum out under fire, pulled Officer Jimmy out. And Officer Scott Bashioum was shot in the side and passed away.

Another victim was the woman that was being held by the perpetrator, Dalia Sabae, who was murdered and she was 6 months pregnant.

So as we close this session, know that domestic violence is unacceptable, and Officer Bashioum will never be forgotten by Canonsburg. His funeral is tomorrow.

And we need to know that our law enforcement are out there to protect us, and no matter what the call is, they will go, and no matter how high the duty is, they will do it, and they wear the uniform and protect Canonsburg. This is their first line-of-duty death, and Scott Bashioum is a hero. Scott Bashioum is someone that everyone looked up to and he was trying to protect Ms. Sabae, who was a victim of domestic violence.

As we roll into the next session, I hope that we can do something. This is the second murder in a matter of months from somebody that had a PFA (protection from abuse) against them in Washington County. I hope that we can do something to help these victims and do something to make sure that our officers are not put in this position to go to a house where a coward is lying in wait to shoot an officer.

This has been tragic for Canonsburg. We will get through it. We will never forget Officer Bashioum and the heroes, and we cannot forget Officer Cross, who watched his fellow officer die. There are going to be scars left throughout Washington County and throughout this Commonwealth. I ask for your prayers for

the victims, their families, and hopefully we can move some things forward to make sure that our law enforcement are better protected and the victims of domestic violence are better protected. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Members, the good gentleman has not had the opportunity to actually secure a resolution, given that we are at the end of the session.

I would ask everybody to please rise for a moment of silence for the fallen officer and for the victims in this particular incident in Canonsburg in Washington County.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of Officer Scott Leslie Bashioum.)

The SPEAKER. Thank you, members. You may take your seats.

STATEMENT BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. At this time I am calling upon Majority leader Dave Reed on unanimous consent.

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

As we conclude this legislative session, I just want to take the time to acknowledge those amongst us who are going to be retiring from this chamber, to thank them for their service to their districts, to this body, and to the State of Pennsylvania as a whole.

I also want to thank the members in general for your indulgence in me to be your majority leader over the last 2 years, my first 2 years in this particular position. It has certainly been a challenging 2 years, but we have made it through those 2 years together.

And each term on swearing-in day and on the last day of session I am always reminded of the historic nature of both this body and this chamber as we sit on this floor and we look at the beautiful surroundings among us, and I think of those who came before us, those who serve with us today, and those who will come after us, and I always hope and pray that our time together has been found worthy of the historic charge that we are to keep. Over the last 2 years we have confronted many, many difficult issues and it has been a bit of a roller coaster, but I would like to think that we made a difference for the people of this State and we did that together.

So I want to thank you and congratulate you on the ending of a 2-year session. There are many challenges ahead for those of us who will be returning to work with the Senate and the administration and the people of this great State, but we will do so together.

So I want to wish you all a very, very happy Thanksgiving, happy holidays, and a very happy end to this legislative session, and we will see many of you again in January.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, as we conclude this session, this '15-'16 session, I wish the best to each of you and to your family members and friends. Please be safe.

We have had much constructive legislation passed and given to the Governor and have moved Pennsylvania forward. We

look forward to serving with many of you again and the new members in the upcoming '17-'18 session.

For those that will be returning, we will see you here on January 3 of 2017 for swearing-in day.

May Godspeed be with each and every one of you. Thank you.

VOTE CORRECTION

The SPEAKER. Representative Joanna McClinton wishes to be recognized on unanimous consent.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like the record to be corrected on HR 1115. I was not recorded as voting, but I was trying to vote in the affirmative.

The SPEAKER. You will be so marked. Thank you, Representative.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you.

Happy holidays.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Members, Representative Pete Daley moves that this House be adjourned until Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 1 p.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker. That will be a nonvoting session day, Tuesday, November 22, 2016, at 1 p.m.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 4:28 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.

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(The House did not convene on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, pursuant to the adjournment motion.)

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After the adjournment of the House, the following documents were received and are herewith made a part of the House Journal:

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR

VETO OF HOUSE BILL

The Speaker laid before the House a communication in writing from the office of His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, advising that the following House bill had been vetoed by the Governor:

HB 1538, PN 4125.

Said bill having been returned with the following message:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the Governor
Harrisburg

November 21, 2016

TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 1538, Printer's Number 4125.

Government works best when trust and openness exists between citizens and their government. I cannot agree to sign this bill, because it will enshrine into law a policy to withhold important information from the public.

The legislation as drafted would prevent the disclosure of a police officer's name in a situation where an officer takes the life of an unarmed person. These situations in particular – when law enforcement uses deadly force – demand utmost transparency, otherwise a harmful mistrust will grow between police officers and the communities they protect and serve. Transparency and accountability are required of all public employees, but this bill ignores the reality that a police officer is a public employee.

This bill's provisions will supersede any conflicting local police department policies, even though local police departments are better equipped to decide what information is appropriate to release to the public. Finally, this legislation would allow for the prosecution of anyone who violates the ban on releasing the name of a police officer who uses deadly force. This criminalization of what should be a routine release of public information is not in the public interest.

I am deeply concerned for the safety of the Commonwealth's police officers, but this legislation does not necessarily provide greater protection to law enforcement while it seriously inhibits public access to information.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 1538, Printer's Number 4125.

Sincerely,
Tom Wolf
Governor

COMMUNICATION FROM INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE

The Speaker acknowledged receipt of the Independent Fiscal Office's report, "Economic and Budget Outlook: Fiscal Years 2016-17 to 2021-22."

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

REPORT SUBMITTED

The Speaker acknowledged receipt of the final report of the Select Subcommittee on Technical Education and Career Readiness pursuant to HR 102.

(Copy of report is on file with the Chief Clerk.)

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The session of the General Assembly expired on November 30, 2016, in accordance with Article II, section 2, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.