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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)
PRESIDING**

CALL TO ORDER

The SPEAKER. This being the day and the 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.

PRAYER

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

Will you join me in a prayer of thanksgiving to the God whose character is love and whose promises are true.

We thank You, Lord, this day and every day for this great country and Commonwealth, where we have the choice to walk in Your way and the ability to choose the government that will direct and serve us. Thank You for each public servant here assembled.

We ask for Your special anointing on Jeanne, as she begins service for others. Bless her daughters, Kathleen, Shannon, and Heather, and her granddaughter, MacKenzie, and all the family and friends that have supported her in Dan's final illness.

Bless all who walk in Your ways of virtue and protect all that risk life and limb to protect this nation. And all of God's children say, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Wednesday, December 13, 2017, will be postponed until printed.

JOURNALS APPROVED

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

Wednesday, June 7, 2017;
Thursday, June 8, 2017; and
Monday, June 12, 2017.

I wish to all my colleagues, their family and friends, a happy new year, as we embark upon 2018.

COMMUNICATION FROM SUPREME COURT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the report on the Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

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

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. To the left of the rostrum, we welcome a guest of Representative Kinsey, Shanee Bryant. Shanee, will you please stand. Thank you for being with us today. Thank you.

To the left of the rostrum, we welcome Nick Songster and Derek Rockey. Derek is actually the student body president at Liberty University, and these good individuals are guests of Representative Rothman. Please stand. Thank you so much for being with us today.

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 630 By Representatives SNYDER, PHILLIPS-HILL, BIZZARRO, DAVIS, DRISCOLL, MILLARD, READSHAW, RAPP, SCHWEYER, GROVE, IRVIN and PEIFER

A Resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to favorably consider the joint petition filed by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and the Department of Community and Economic Development and to increase access to high-speed Internet service in underserved areas of Pennsylvania.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, December 19, 2017.

No. 631 By Representatives FABRIZIO, RAVENSTAHL, HARKINS, SCHLOSSBERG, THOMAS, MILLARD, CONKLIN, KIRKLAND, RYAN, BIZZARRO, SCHWEYER, P. COSTA, FLYNN, ROZZI, PASHINSKI, KINSEY, DAVIS, MULLERY, KORTZ, SONNEY, ENGLISH, RABB, DALEY, DeLISSIO and DeLUCA

A Resolution urging the Pennsylvania Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee to expand procedures for addressing conflicts of interest and to update guidance related to social media relationships.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, December 21, 2017.

No. 636 By Representatives CRUZ, VAZQUEZ, DONATUCCI, SCHWEYER, GODSHALL, CALTAGIRONE, THOMAS, KINSEY, V. BROWN, J. HARRIS and D. COSTA

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to recognize and act upon the results of the June 11, 2017, Puerto Rican plebiscite.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, December 29, 2017.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 1757 By Representatives DEAN, DRISCOLL, DONATUCCI, RABB, ROTHMAN, FRANKEL, HILL-EVANS, O'BRIEN, READSHAW, ROZZI, SCHLOSSBERG, McNEILL, DAVIS, CALTAGIRONE, DERMODY, MURT, BOBACK, ROEBUCK, THOMAS, SIMS, SCHWEYER, McCLINTON and BRIGGS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, providing for policy for alcohol and drug use amnesty at certain institutions of higher education.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, December 22, 2017.

No. 1970 By Representatives WALSH, ENGLISH, DOWLING, IRVIN, DUNBAR, CALTAGIRONE, WARNER, DeLUCA, REESE, KEEFER and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of May 15, 1874 (P.L.186, No.120), entitled "An act declaring what offices are incompatible," further providing for offices of member of Congress and State Legislature.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, December 19, 2017.

No. 1972 By Representatives GROVE, KAUFFMAN, WATSON, COX, B. MILLER, JOZWIAK, WHEELAND, PHILLIPS-HILL and KEEFER

An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in administration of act, further providing for the Unemployment Compensation Board of Review.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, December 19, 2017.

No. 1973 By Representatives ENGLISH, MILLARD, RAVENSTAHL, ORTITAY, READSHAW, CORBIN, D. COSTA, WARD, WATSON, NEILSON, DeLUCA and DEASY

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages and for predisposition evaluation.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, December 19, 2017.

No. 1974 By Representatives ENGLISH, BAKER, STEPHENS, MILLARD, CALTAGIRONE, BARBIN, SCHWEYER and LAWRENCE

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, in crime victims, further providing for rights.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, December 19, 2017.

No. 1975 By Representatives ENGLISH, SCHLOSSBERG, PICKETT, MILLARD, WARNER, WARD and DeLUCA

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, further providing for advertising.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, December 19, 2017.

No. 1976 By Representative ENGLISH

An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in primary and election expenses, providing for personal loans to candidate's political committee by candidate.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, December 19, 2017.

No. 1977 By Representatives MICCARELLI, DONATUCCI, WATSON, GODSHALL, DELOZIER, DAY, BRIGGS, MOUL and HAHN

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in taxicabs and limousines in first class cities, further providing for budget and assessments.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, December 19, 2017.

No. 1978 By Representatives GROVE, SOLOMON, VAZQUEZ, DRISCOLL, JAMES, THOMAS, DAVIS, SCHLOSSBERG, CONKLIN, HILL-EVANS, WATSON, CRUZ, PASHINSKI and PHILLIPS-HILL

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in certification of teachers, providing for a cultural awareness continuing professional development course.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, December 19, 2017.

No. 1979 By Representatives SCHEMEL, MCGINNIS, WARD, GODSHALL, HENNESSEY, ENGLISH, KAMPF, BRIGGS, WARREN and RYAN

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for twenty year limitation.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, December 21, 2017.

No. 1980 By Representatives SACCONI, GODSHALL, MALONEY, MILLARD, ZIMMERMAN and GILLEN

An Act amending the act of January 24, 1966 (1965 P.L.1535, No.537), known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for permits.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, December 21, 2017.

No. 1982 By Representatives GAINNEY, THOMAS, PASHINSKI, READSHAW, KIRKLAND, SCHWEYER, DEAN and MACKENZIE

An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in damages by action at law, further providing for recovery; in liability and compensation, further providing for schedule of compensation, repealing provisions relating to computation of benefits and providing for computation of benefits; in procedure, further providing for compromise and release, for collective bargaining agreement and for workers' compensation insurance; in additional coverages, further providing for irrebuttable presumption; in Self-Insurance Guaranty Fund, further providing for definitions and for prefund account; and, in Uninsured Employers Guaranty Fund, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on LABOR AND INDUSTRY, December 21, 2017.

No. 1983 By Representatives WHITE, PICKETT, RYAN, WARD, BOYLE, ROTHMAN, BARRAR, KAUFER, READSHAW and MILLARD

An Act amending the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966, in general provisions relating to facilities, admissions and commitments, providing for community homes for individuals with an intellectual disability.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, December 21, 2017.

No. 1984 By Representatives SANTORA, DEAN, READSHAW, CHARLTON, STEPHENS, BOBACK, EVERETT, SNYDER, BERNSTINE, ROTHMAN, WARREN, HILL-EVANS, D. COSTA, WATSON, M. QUINN and NELSON

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, providing for opioid abuse program.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, December 21, 2017.

No. 1985 By Representatives KINSEY, DONATUCCI, YOUNGBLOOD, WARREN, McCLINTON, VAZQUEZ, SCHWEYER, McCARTER, DALEY and THOMAS

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for prohibited conduct during public demonstrations.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, December 21, 2017.

No. 1986 By Representatives SANTORA, HENNESSEY, PASHINSKI, KNOWLES, LONGIETTI, COX, DONATUCCI, DAVIS, CHARLTON, BARRAR, JOZWIAK, DiGIROLAMO, MILLARD, CALTAGIRONE, MARSICO, SCHWEYER, BRADFORD, WATSON and GILLEN

An Act designating a portion of Garrett Road in Delaware County as the Deputy Chief Michael Morgan Memorial Highway.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, December 21, 2017.

No. 1987 By Representatives BARBIN, SAINATO, READSHAW, JAMES, KIRKLAND, THOMAS, CALTAGIRONE and ROTHMAN

An Act amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, providing for dispensing of fentanyl.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, December 22, 2017.

No. 1989 By Representatives CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, DONATUCCI, SIMS, BOBACK, THOMAS, RABB and CALTAGIRONE

An Act amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in food protection, further providing for misbranding of food.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, December 29, 2017.

No. 1990 By Representatives HARPER, DALEY, KAMPF, JAMES and FREEMAN

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for definitions, for chief assessor, for notices, appeals and certification of values, for special provisions relating to countywide revisions of assessments, for board of assessment appeals and board of assessment revision, for regulations of board and for auxiliary appeal boards and alternates; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, December 29, 2017.

No. 1991 By Representatives HARPER, DALEY, KAMPF, JAMES and FREEMAN

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in consolidated county assessment, further providing for abstracts of building and demolition permits to be forwarded to the county assessment office.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
December 29, 2017.

No. 1999 By Representatives ORTITAY, COX, DeLUCA, DIAMOND, GREINER, GROVE, KAUFFMAN, KEEFER, STEPHENS and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in research and development tax credit, further providing for carryover, carryback, refund and assignment of credit; in entertainment production tax credit, further providing for carryover, carryback and assignment of credit and for carryover, carryback and assignment of tax credit; in resource enhancement and protection tax credit, further providing for Resource Enhancement and Protection Tax Credit Program; in historic preservation incentive tax credit, further providing for carryover, carryback and assignment of credit; in coal refuse energy and reclamation tax credit, further providing for sale or assignment; in waterfront development tax credit, further providing for tax credit; in Innovate in PA tax credit, further providing for sale, carryover and carryback; in manufacturing and investment tax credit, further providing for sale or assignment; in neighborhood assistance tax credit, further providing for tax credit; in keystone special development zone program, further providing for Keystone Special Development Zone Tax Credit; and, in keystone innovation zones, further providing for keystone innovation zone tax credits.

Referred to Committee on FINANCE, January 2, 2018.

No. 2010 By Representatives O'BRIEN, WATSON, CALTAGIRONE, MILLARD, BARBIN, BRADFORD, DONATUCCI, DRISCOLL, HILL-EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG and SOLOMON

An Act amending Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of construction, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS,
December 21, 2017.

SENATE BILL FOR CONCURRENCE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following bill for concurrence:

SB 892, PN 1259

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
December 19, 2017.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The SPEAKER. We have a report from the Speaker that we are appointing Representative Jeff Pyle, of Armstrong, Butler, and Indiana Counties, as the majority chair of the House Gaming Oversight Committee. He will be so appointed.

The following committee appointment was submitted:

In the House of Representatives
January 2, 2018

I hereby appoint Representative Jeff Pyle, Armstrong, Butler and Indiana Counties, as Majority Chairman of the House Gaming Oversight Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Turzai
Speaker of the House

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER

The SPEAKER. The clerk will read for us the following resignation letters from two of our members. One is dated December 22. That is from Representative Scott Petri. We will start with that.

The following communication was read:

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

December 22, 2017

Rep. Michael Turzai
Speaker of the House
Room 139
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2028

Dear Mr. Speaker,

Representing the constituents of the 178th Legislative District has been an honor and a privilege of a lifetime. I have enjoyed every minute of my over fifteen years of service.

During my tenure, I am very proud of the accomplishments we made as a body collectively. I am also proud of personal accomplishments, many of which I see every day while traveling throughout my district – including finding the location for the Washington Crossing National Cemetery and ensuring that Washington Crossing Historic Park remains viable and preserved. I am particularly proud of my work for children in strengthening the child abuse laws and hopefully soon in modernizing our adoption laws.

It is now time for someone else to shape the policies of the Commonwealth and set forth their vision for the 178th Legislative District. I respectfully submit my resignation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, effective January 1, 2018.

Sincerely,
Rep. Scott A. Petri
178th Legislative District

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER

The SPEAKER. Then we also have one from Representative Brandon Neuman.

The following communication was read:

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

Mr. Speaker:

This resignation letter is to inform you that my last day of service to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives is December 31, 2017. It has been an absolute honor to represent the 48th District.

Respectfully,
Brandon Neuman

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, and to the public at large, we do have two new vacancies to our chamber. Representative Neuman, as many of you know, is to be – if not already – but is to be sworn in as a common pleas judge in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Representative Scott Petri has also resigned. He is running the Philadelphia Parking Authority. He will be the executive director of the Philadelphia Parking Authority. Both outstanding legislators and both will be missed. But we do have those two vacancies now in our body.

FILMING PERMISSION

The SPEAKER. Steve Esack, of the Morning Call, has requested to be on the House floor. Steve will be taking still photos and he will be videotaping with audio. He is allowed on the House floor for our swearing-in.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBER

The SPEAKER. We are now swearing in our Representative-elect, Representative-elect McNeill.

I would ask everybody to please take your seats. This is a special order of business, the swearing-in of Representative-elect Jeanne McNeill of the 133d Legislative District.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House, and the Sergeant at Arms will come down here to our microphone with the Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, Robert Torres.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Robert Torres, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The SPEAKER. Thank you very much.

The Chair recognizes Robert Torres, our Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, and he will provide us information with respect to the returns. Thank you, sir. Please proceed.

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege and honor of presenting the returns and the certification of campaign expense compliance for the special election held December 5, 2017, in the 133d Legislative District.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The following election returns were read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the Special Election for Representative in the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held in the one hundred and thirty-third Legislative District, as the same have been certified to and filed with my office by the Lehigh County Board of Elections. Jeanne McNeill, having received the highest number of votes in the Special Election, and having complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to Primary and Election Expenses, was duly elected a Representative in the General Assembly.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at the city of Harrisburg, this twenty-ninth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.

Robert Torres
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICIAL

RETURNS

SPECIAL ELECTION
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
133rd Legislative District
December 5, 2017

DEMOCRATIC

VOTES

Jeanne McNeill
3163 N Front St.
Whitehall, PA 18052

2,302

REPUBLICAN

VOTES

David E. Molony
101 Bridge Street
Catasauqua, PA 18032

992

LIBERTARIAN

VOTES

Samantha X. Dorney
1632 Hillcrest Ave
Bethlehem, PA 18015

120

CERTIFICATE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3252(b), I do hereby certify that the candidate who was elected Representative in the General Assembly from the 133rd District in the Special Election held December 5, 2017, Jeanne McNeill, has filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth this twenty-ninth day of December, 2017.

Robert Torres
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker requests that the member-elect come forward to the well of the House for the purpose of taking the oath of office.

As you can see, she is bringing her Bible, and if she would like any family member or members – it can be more than one – to stand beside her and hold the Bible during the administration of the oath, that is completely appropriate.

The oath of office required by Article VI, section 3, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania will now be administered by our special guest, the Honorable Kevin M. Dougherty, Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Sir, we are so honored to have you here today.

JUSTICE DOUGHERTY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, McNeill family, for permitting me to have this honor and privilege to swear you in. It is bittersweet, but it is worth every moment.

Would you please raise your right hand and repeat after me: I, Jeanne McNeill, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that I will discharge my duties with fidelity.

(Member asserted oath.)

JUSTICE DOUGHERTY. Congratulations, Madam.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, Representative McNeill.

I am sure Dan is looking down with great pride on you and your family members, and on behalf of the members of the House of Representatives, it is my pleasure, as Speaker, to welcome Representative Jeanne McNeill to this distinctive body.

You now have the honor of being part of one of the first, if not the first, legislative bodies in the United States, in America itself. It did not become the United States until 100 years after the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We in fact celebrated the 335th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Assembly, now the General Assembly, and prior to that the Provincial Assembly, and we are so honored that you are now part of this august body, and we wish you great success as you represent the good people of the 133d Legislative District in the Lehigh Valley.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. I now have the distinct honor and pleasure of welcoming to the hall of the House some of Representative McNeill's special guests – would you please stand as you are introduced – her daughter, Kathleen; her granddaughter, MacKenzie; and her sister, Karen Downing.

I know that there are many other good friends and family members here. All of you can please stand and be recognized in front of our membership. Please stand, all the family members and friends.

REMARKS BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. Representative McNeill, I will have more to say, but at this time it is only appropriate that the floor leadership, from both sides of the aisle, is given the opportunity to speak. Your floor leader, the minority leader, Representative Frank Dermody, will be speaking first, and, Frank, happy new year and thank you for being here to give these remarks.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and happy new year to you, and, Justice Dougherty, also, thank you for being here today.

Mr. Speaker, and welcome to the family and friends, obviously, of our newest member and this is a very happy occasion in the House, but as has already been mentioned, it is also a very bittersweet one. Jeanne McNeill has taken the oath of office and has become the newest member of our ranks, but all of us, and none more so than Jeanne, are aware of the loss we suffered when her husband, Dan, passed away unexpectedly a few months ago.

Dan McNeill was a great friend to all of us and he was a committed lawmaker. Mr. Speaker, Dan never forgot that he was a public servant and he was always mindful of the people he represented. He understood that helping others is a part of a legislator's duty and he made it his mission to do whatever he could for his constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I will always have a special place in my heart for Dan McNeill and anybody who knew him knew he was one of a kind. But as I said, this is a happy day for all of us, because Jeanne McNeill has taken her seat in the House and she is going to create a legacy of her own. Once again, the 133d District has an elected advocate in State government, a person they chose and sent here to be their voice.

Jeanne, I join all our colleagues and all of us who are not here, welcome to our House. Thank you.

Whether it is your first day or it is your – in my case, this is the 26th, getting to be 27th; it has been a while – the magic of this place, the beauty of this place, just never wears off. Magic

is probably the wrong word, but the beauty never wears off. It is a spectacular building and where we do the people's business and it is a great place to go to work every day and I am sure you are going to enjoy it.

I want to welcome your family and friends. You are very important people to Jeanne. You supported her in one of the worst times of her life. Then you helped her to succeed Dan, and with today's ceremony, I hope you are all savoring a very precious new memory. Each of you shares in Jeanne's victory, but, family and friends, your job is not done. In the months ahead, you will have many chances to let Jeanne know how she is doing. The support and encouragement you provide will be crucial. Every one of us who serves here in this House has important people back home who make it possible for us to do this job. With your friendship and support, you will make the frequent absences and unusual demands of this round-the-clock job bearable.

To Representative McNeill, you know as well as anyone how tough this job can be. You will not be on the winning side of all the votes, but with your hard work, you will help move this Pennsylvania forward and you will feel a sense of accomplishment. Get to know your colleagues and pay close attention to those with whom you might think you do not have a thing in common, have the least in common, because you will discover that we all have things in common.

It is a testament to Jeanne that she was selected to run in the special election last month and the voters chose to send her as their new Representative. In addition to supporting the work of her husband, she has built a career in special education. Jeanne's knowledge and experience in this crucial field is going to be a great addition to our deliberations about education issues in this House.

I also note today that with Jeanne's arrival, one in every four members of the House Democratic Caucus is a woman. Leaders like Jeanne McNeill will make this House stronger and better.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to welcome our newest colleague in this House, Jeanne McNeill. She joins us in the middle of a session and at the start of a new year, where we have many, many important issues before us. Jeanne, myself, the rest of all your colleagues, not the ones that are just here today, but I think all of us want nothing more than to see you succeed, and I assure you and promise you that we will work together with you to make sure you do succeed.

Congratulations and good luck. I know you are going to be a special contributor to our collective effort to move Pennsylvania forward.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Representative McNeill, you were elected to serve the 133d Legislative District on December 5, 2017. It is only fitting that you should be sworn in right at the beginning of 2018 so that you can hit the ground running, representing those good folks in the 133d Legislative District, as your husband did prior.

Although born and raised in Bethlehem, she has lived in the 133d District for over 27 years, and during that time she and her husband, the late Honorable State Representative Daniel McNeill, raised two daughters, Kathleen and Shannon. You have always been a champion of those in need. For the past

14 years, you have been employed by the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 as a skills trainer, teaching job skills, independent living opportunities to young adults with disabilities, and before becoming a skills trainer, you were employed by Parkland High School in the college resource room, assisting students with the difficult selection of where to further their field of study or career and journey.

Community service has always been a top priority for you, from organizing donations for fire victims and fundraising events for cancer patients to hosting Thanksgiving dinners for those in need and serving spaghetti dinners at your church. You have always been there for friends and strangers alike, and we know that you are going to bring your passion, dedication, and willingness to serve those constituents in your legislative district in this new role.

We understand you will continue to work on behalf of families and that you will make sure that each and every person gets the opportunity to be the best he or she can be. As you know, we, many of us, here have been committed to address the opioid crisis. We have in fact passed eight pieces of legislation that have made it into law in this chamber. There is more work to be done, and we know that was one of your important discussion points as you got elected.

We wish you the best back in Whitehall Township and your time with your daughters and granddaughter and friends, but we know that you are going to go about doing the good work of the people of Pennsylvania in this new position, and welcome to the House of Representatives. Thank you.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The SPEAKER. The clerk will at this time read the supplemental report of the Committee on Committees, because they will be addressing some of the work that the good Representative will be doing.

The following report was read:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

In the House of Representatives,
January 2, 2018

Resolved that,

Representative McNeill, Lehigh County, is elected a member of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.

Representative McNeill, Lehigh County, is elected a member of the Game and Fish Committee.

Representative McNeill, Lehigh County, is elected a member of the Labor and Industry Committee.

Representative McNeill, Lehigh County, is elected a member of the Local Government Committee.

Representative Neilson, Philadelphia County, is elected a member of the Labor and Industry Committee.

Representative Barbin, Cambria County, is elected a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Dan Deasy
Chairman
Committee on Committees

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

The SPEAKER. All those committee assignments will now be formalized.

As you can tell by the committees you are on, you are going to be very busy and I am sure you welcome it.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. To the left of the rostrum, we welcome John Izzard, Jr., from Philadelphia. Will you please stand. John Izzard, thank you. This is a guest of Representative Vasquez, and Representative Vasquez will be speaking momentarily to formally introduce you to everybody, but we thank you for being here today.

At this time this concludes our ceremony in which the oath has been given to Representative McNeill, so, guests and family members, you will be able to depart the House floor at this time. We just have a few other items of business before we finish, but, please, Representative McNeill and family members and guests, I think you are headed to a reception, and we hope that you have a very joyous day today. Thank you.

Members, we have some other business to do, but to the members and family of Representative McNeill, it is perfectly appropriate to continue to be on the House floor and to talk to the members. We are just going to move forward with certain business.

Representative Vasquez will be recognized under unanimous consent.

Representative Vazquez, why do you not come up here, come up on the rostrum area with us.

Then I know Representative Samuelson has a guest with us today too, which I am going to introduce next.

STATEMENT BY MR. VAZQUEZ

The SPEAKER. Representative Vazquez, you may proceed.
Mr. VAZQUEZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today I want to honor my friend, Mr. John Izzard. Not only is he a good friend of mine, but he is also my third through seventh grade teacher, and after 70 years of service, he retired from the Philadelphia School District in 2004. He attained his master's degree from Pennsylvania State University. He is the founder and committee chairperson of John Izzard Athleticism, Service and Achievement Award, which presents awards to two rowing juniors, a male and female, who embody the title of athleticism. Mr. Izzard is a true embodiment of a Renaissance man as well as an athlete.

Join me in congratulating Mr. Izzard for his commitment to teaching, lifelong love of learning, adventurism, and sportsmanship.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Vazquez.

GUEST INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson has a guest here. It is Mia Senick. Mia, would you please stand. She is a student at Liberty High School in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Mia, it is great to have you here today. Thanks for joining us.

We are going to have John Izzard up here with Representative Vazquez for a photo, if you will please join us.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The SPEAKER. Then Representative Lawrence, I understand you have some remarks for the record.

Representative John Lawrence is recognized for some remarks for the record.

Mr. LAWRENCE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Happy new year. I have some remarks I would like to submit for the record. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I recently had the opportunity to attend the Eagle Court of Honor for Kyle Wiesenberg, a resident of my district. He is a part of Boy Scout Troop 191 in Avondale, and I was able to recognize his achievement in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. At the Court of Honor, his grandmother read an essay about patriotism that Kyle wrote when he was only 11 years old. He won a local writing award for the essay.

Mr. Speaker, I was so moved by Kyle's essay that I asked for a copy of it so that I could submit it for the record here in the Pennsylvania House. I told Kyle and his family that his essay should be read in front of a joint session of the United States Congress.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to share this.

"Does Patriotism Still Matter?"

"By Kyle Wiesenberg

"When you ask me does patriotism still matter, I feel like chuckling and saying, 'Of course it does!' I think Americans should never have to ask this question. Patriotism is what makes us Americans!

"If patriotism does not matter, then why do the schools of America say the Pledge of Allegiance every day? The American Flag is the symbol of our patriotism. If patriotism doesn't matter, then why is the flag flying in front of millions of buildings in our country, on baseball fields, and on the millions of scout shirts in America?

"The Boy Scouts of America are a perfect example of our country's continued patriotism, with millions of boys learning about our country and its patriotism every day. We go on camping trips to historical places like Gettysburg, the United States Naval Academy, and Valley Forge. I have learned a lot about patriotism through the Boy Scouts of America and think it is a good program for boys. If patriotism does not matter, then why are millions of soldiers fighting for our country's safety? I think patriotism still matters to them! If patriotism doesn't matter, we would not have any peace or stability, and every single

American would be breaking the laws we have, yet our country has one of the most accomplished histories in the world because of patriotism! Sure, maybe we are in some rough times with the war on terrorism and the economy, but we have gone through the Great Depression and World War 2 and our country made it through, practically held together by patriotism!

"I pray that one day when I am a father and have my own family, my children will never be asked this question, because patriotism will be so ingrained in our everyday lives that no one will ever have to wonder if we care about our country!"

CALENDAR

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1846, PN 2588**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 22, 2005 (P.L.474, No.94), known as the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act, further providing for definitions and for notification of breach; providing for notification; further providing for notice exemption; and further providing for civil relief.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1846 be removed from the active calendar placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1846 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1847, PN 2567**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L.1463, No.163), known as the Credit Reporting Agency Act, further providing for definitions and for fees; providing for credit monitoring and consumer reports; and prohibiting the waiver of rights; and further providing for civil relief.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1847 be removed from the active calendar placed on the tabled calendar.

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

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 1847 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

RESOLUTION

Mr. REED called up **HR 83, PN 433**, entitled:

A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study vote-recording systems for the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

RESOLUTION TABLED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 83 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

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

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HR 83 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

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

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. Representative Brad Roae moves that the House be adjourned until Monday, January 22, 2018, 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 12:32 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.