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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE CHIEF CLERK (DAVID L. REDDECLIFF) PRESIDING

CALL TO ORDER

The CHIEF CLERK. 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.

The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House.

The prayer will be offered by Representative Joanna McClinton. After the prayer we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance led by Representative Matt Gabler. This will be followed by our national anthem sung by Representative Eddie Day Pashinski.

Members and guests will please rise as able.

PRAYER

HON. JOANNA E. McCLINTON, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

This is the day the Lord has made. We are rejoicing and we are glad in it. Father, we thank You for this day You made, the first day of January in 2019. Our hearts are filled with gratitude as You have given us not only life but a new year and a new legislative session to do the work of our neighbors. You told us in Your Word whoever wants to be great should be the servant among you. You told us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. So it is our prayer that as we begin and commence a new season of leadership and servanthood, that You would touch each and every one of us; Lord, that You would be with our wonderful families and friends and neighbors who have come to the Capitol today, that You would be with us and speak to our hearts. Let us realize that we are only Your creation, relying on Your grace and Your mercy for our next breath and our next step and our next opportunity. Father, I pray, Lord, that as we humble ourselves before Your mighty hand, that You would exalt us in due time.

Lord, as we look across this Commonwealth, 12 million Pennsylvanians depending on us to do the work that they sent us here to do. So give us wisdom, guidance, inspiration so we can look on those who are suffering, those who are struggling to make it day to day, those whose communities are plagued with

violence. Whatever it is that is going on, give us the compassion so that we can respond to the needs and even get in front of them.

Father, we pray for our Governor who is in our midst, we pray for the Senate who is right across this chamber. We pray, Lord, that You would do a new work that we have never seen or experienced in the halls of this House. We pray, Father, for new things. You said forget the former things, do not dwell in the past, for behold I am doing a new thing. So, Lord, in this new year, in this new session, as You do new things, we thank You for Your grace that will keep us day to day.

All these things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The CHIEF CLERK. Before we begin the Pledge, I believe it is proper and fitting to recognize the person who will lead us. Although he needs no introduction to the returning members and our staff, for the incoming freshmen, our guests, and those watching on PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network), I am honored to recognize a true American hero. Serving the United States of America as a major in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, deployed to the Middle East for the past 12 months, he is back home to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth, especially those from Elk and Clearfield Counties who reelected him for a sixth term. We are extremely grateful for his service to our country and pleased to welcome him back. It is my distinct honor to introduce Representative Matt Gabler, who will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members and guests, friends and colleagues, with a renewed sense of appreciation for the blessings we all share as Americans and as residents of this great Commonwealth, I ask that we all join in unity as we say the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mr. PASHINSKI. I would like to invite everyone to join in singing our national anthem to demonstrate the love and respect we have for our flag, our country, and for all those that serve.

("The Star-Spangled Banner" was sung by members-elect and visitors.)

The CHIEF CLERK. Members and guests, be seated. The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Chief Clerk, the Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation at the PA Department of State, Mr. Michael Moser.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes Deputy Commissioner Moser.

Mr. MOSER. Mr. Chief Clerk, I have the honor to present the returns and statement of campaign expense compliance for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the election held November 6, 2018.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair extends the thanks of the House to Mr. Moser.

The clerk will proceed with the reading of the returns.

The following election returns were read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the returns of the General Election held November 6, 2018. The following, having received the highest number of votes in their respective districts, were duly elected Members of the House of Representatives in the General Assembly:

Name	District
Patrick J. Harkins	First
Bob Merski	Second
Ryan A. Bizzarro	Third
Curt Sonney	Fourth
Barry Jozwiak	Fifth
Brad Roae	Sixth
Mark Longietti	Seventh
Tedd Nesbit	Eighth
Chris Sainato	Ninth
Aaron Bernstine	Tenth
Brian Ellis	Eleventh
Daryl Metcalfe	Twelfth
John Lawrence	Thirteenth
Jim Marshall	Fourteenth
Joshua D. Kail	Fifteenth
Robert F. Matzie	Sixteenth
Parke Wentling	Seventeenth
Gene DiGirolamo	Eighteenth
Jake Wheatley	Nineteenth
Adam J. Ravenstahl	Twentieth
Sara Innamorato	Twenty-first
Peter Schweyer	Twenty-second
Dan B. Frankel	Twenty-third
Edward C. Gainey	Twenty-fourth
Brandon J. Markosek	Twenty-fifth
Tim Hennessey	Twenty-sixth
Dan Deasy	Twenty-seventh
Mike Turzai	Twenty-eighth
Meghan Schroeder	Twenty-ninth
Lori Mizgorski	Thirtieth
Perry Warren	Thirty-first
Anthony M. DeLuca	Thirty-second
Frank Dermody	Thirty-third

Summer Lee	Thirty-fourth
Austin Davis	Thirty-fifth
Harry Readshaw	Thirty-sixth
Mindy Fee	Thirty-seventh
Bill Kortz	Thirty-eighth
Mike Puskaric	Thirty-ninth
Natalie Mihalek	Fortieth
Brett R. Miller	Forty-first
Dan Miller	Forty-second
Keith J. Greiner	Forty-third
Valerie Gaydos	Forty-fourth
Anita Astorino Kulik	Forty-fifth
Jason Ortitay	Forty-sixth
Keith Gillespie	Forty-seventh
Tim O'Neal	Forty-eighth
Bud Cook	Forty-ninth
Pam Snyder	Fiftieth
Matthew Dowling	Fifty-first
Ryan Warner	Fifty-second
Steve Malagari	Fifty-third
Bob Brooks	Fifty-fourth
Joseph A. Petrarca	Fifty-fifth
George Dunbar	Fifty-sixth
Eric Nelson	Fifty-seventh
Justin Walsh	Fifty-eighth
Mike Reese	Fifty-ninth
Jeff Pyle	Sixtieth
Liz Hanbidge	Sixty-first
Jim Struzzi	Sixty-second
Donna Oberlander	Sixty-third
R. Lee James	Sixty-fourth
Kathy L. Rapp	Sixty-fifth
Cris Dush	Sixty-sixth
Martin T. Causer	Sixty-seventh
Clint Owlett	Sixty-eighth
Carl Walker Metzgar	Sixty-ninth
Matt Bradford	Seventieth
Jim Rigby	Seventy-first
Frank Burns	Seventy-second
Tommy Sankey	Seventy-third
Dan K. Williams	Seventy-fourth
Matt Gabler	Seventy-fifth
Stephanie Borowicz	Seventy-sixth
H. Scott Conklin	Seventy-seventh
Jesse Topper	Seventy-eighth
Lou Schmitt	Seventy-ninth
Jim Gregory	Eightieth
Rich Irvin	Eighty-first
John Hershey	Eighty-second
Jeff Wheeland	Eighty-third
Garth Everett	Eighty-fourth
Fred Keller	Eighty-fifth
Mark K. Keller	Eighty-sixth
Greg Rothman	Eighty-seventh
Sheryl M. Delozier	Eighty-eighth
Rob Kauffman	Eighty-ninth
Paul Schemel	Ninetieth
Dan Moul	Ninety-first
Dawn Keefer	Ninety-second
Mike Jones	Ninety-third
Stan Saylor	Ninety-fourth
Carol Hill-Evans	Ninety-fifth
Mike Sturla	Ninety-sixth
Steve Mentzer	Ninety-seventh
David S. Hickernell	Ninety-eighth
Dave Zimmerman	Ninety-ninth
Bryan D. Cutler	One hundredth
Frank Ryan	One hundred first

Russ Diamond One hundred second
 Patty Kim One hundred third
 Susan C. Helm One hundred fourth
 Andrew Lewis One hundred fifth
 Tom Mehaffie One hundred sixth
 Kurt A. Masser One hundred seventh
 Lynda J. Schlegel Culver One hundred eighth
 David Millard One hundred ninth
 Tina Pickett One hundred tenth
 Jonathan Fritz One hundred eleventh
 Kyle Mullins One hundred twelfth
 Marty Flynn One hundred thirteenth
 Sid Michaels Kavulich One hundred fourteenth
 Maureen E. Madden One hundred fifteenth
 Tarah Toohil One hundred sixteenth
 Karen Boback One hundred seventeenth
 Mike Carroll One hundred eighteenth
 Gerald J. Mullery One hundred nineteenth
 Aaron Kaufer One hundred twentieth
 Eddie Day Pashinski One hundred twenty-first
 Doyle Heffley One hundred twenty-second
 Neal P. Goodman One hundred twenty-third
 Jerry Knowles One hundred twenty-fourth
 Mike Tobash One hundred twenty-fifth
 Mark Rozzi One hundred twenty-sixth
 Tom Caltagirone One hundred twenty-seventh
 Mark M. Gillen One hundred twenty-eighth
 Jim Cox One hundred twenty-ninth
 David M. Maloney One hundred thirtieth
 Justin J. Simmons One hundred thirty-first
 Mike Schlossberg One hundred thirty-second
 Jeanne McNeill One hundred thirty-third
 Ryan E. Mackenzie One hundred thirty-fourth
 Steve Samuelson One hundred thirty-fifth
 Robert Freeman One hundred thirty-sixth
 Joe Emrick One hundred thirty-seventh
 Marcia Hahn One hundred thirty-eighth
 Mike Peifer One hundred thirty-ninth
 John T. Galloway One hundred fortieth
 Tina Davis One hundred forty-first
 Frank Farry One hundred forty-second
 Wendy Ullman One hundred forty-third
 Todd Polinchock One hundred forty-fourth
 Craig Staats One hundred forty-fifth
 Joe Ciresi One hundred forty-sixth
 Marcy Toepel One hundred forty-seventh
 Mary Jo Daley One hundred forty-eighth
 Tim Briggs One hundred forty-ninth
 Joe Webster One hundred fiftieth
 Todd Stephens One hundred fifty-first
 Thomas P. Murt One hundred fifty-second
 Ben Sanchez One hundred fifty-third
 Steve McCarter One hundred fifty-fourth
 Danielle Friel Otten One hundred fifty-fifth
 Carolyn Comitta One hundred fifty-sixth
 Melissa Shusterman One hundred fifty-seventh
 Christina Sappey One hundred fifty-eighth
 Brian Kirkland One hundred fifty-ninth
 Stephen Barrar One hundred sixtieth
 Leanne Krueger-Braneky One hundred sixty-first
 Dave Delloso One hundred sixty-second
 Mike Zabel One hundred sixty-third
 Margo L. Davidson One hundred sixty-fourth
 Jennifer O'Mara One hundred sixty-fifth
 Greg Vitali One hundred sixty-sixth
 Kristine Howard One hundred sixty-seventh
 Chris Quinn One hundred sixty-eighth
 Kate A. Klunk One hundred sixty-ninth

Martina White One hundred seventieth
 Kerry A. Benninghoff One hundred seventy-first
 Kevin J. Boyle One hundred seventy-second
 Mike Driscoll One hundred seventy-third
 Ed Neilson One hundred seventy-fourth
 MaryLouise Isaacson One hundred seventy-fifth
 Jack Rader One hundred seventy-sixth
 Joe Hohenstein One hundred seventy-seventh
 Wendi Thomas One hundred seventy-eighth
 Jason T. Dawkins One hundred seventy-ninth
 Angel Cruz One hundred eightieth
 Malcolm Kenyatta One hundred eighty-first
 Brian Sims One hundred eighty-second
 Zach Mako One hundred eighty-third
 Elizabeth Fiedler One hundred eighty-fourth
 Maria P. Donatucci One hundred eighty-fifth
 Jordan A. Harris One hundred eighty-sixth
 Gary Day One hundred eighty-seventh
 James R. Roebuck One hundred eighty-eighth
 Rosemary Brown One hundred eighty-ninth
 Vanessa L. Brown One hundred ninetieth
 Joanna E. McClinton One hundred ninety-first
 Morgan Cephas One hundred ninety-second
 Torren Ecker One hundred ninety-third
 Pamela DeLissio One hundred ninety-fourth
 Donna Bullock One hundred ninety-fifth
 Seth Grove One hundred ninety-sixth
 Danilo Burgos One hundred ninety-seventh
 Rosita C. Youngblood One hundred ninety-eighth
 Barbara Gleim One hundred ninety-ninth
 Chris Rabb Two hundredth
 Stephen Kinsey Two hundred first
 Jared Solomon Two hundred second
 Isabella Fitzgerald Two hundred third

Witness my hand and the seal of my
 office this thirty-first day of December, 2018.

(SEAL)

Robert Torres
 Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

CERTIFICATE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
 GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3252(b), I do hereby certify that all duly elected members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

Witness my hand and the seal of my office
 this thirty-first day of December, 2018.

(SEAL)

Robert Torres
 Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

The CHIEF CLERK. Believe it or not, we did test all of these mikes this morning.

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

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER

The CHIEF CLERK. A communication from Vanessa Lowery Brown, which the clerk will read.

The following communication was read:

December 11, 2018

The Honorable Michael C. Turzai
Speaker of the House
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
Room 139 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On November 30, 2018, the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County sentenced me. The Court's sentence concluded the current stage of the investigation and prosecution that stripped me of my privilege to serve in the General Assembly and caused me incalculable harm and reputational damage. The Court's finding that the investigation and prosecution carried overtones of racism and political animus is only the first step in the ultimate vindication of my God-given and constitutional right to be treated fairly and equally under the law.

Although my legal challenge to the conviction continues, I recognize that Article II, Section 7 of the Pennsylvania Constitution currently renders me ineligible to serve as a Member of the General Assembly. Even at this very moment, the Dauphin County District Attorney and his office continue in a course of conduct taken under color of law in violation of my rights under the 14th Amendment.

For the foregoing reasons, I do hereby immediately resign under protest as a duly elected Member and Member-elect of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Emboldened by the civil rights giants who have gone before me and with the love and support of my family and friends, I live to fight another day against injustice and racism.

Serving the residents of the 190th Legislative District will forever be my life's highest honor.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Lowery Brown

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

Mr. BENNINGHOFF. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

The majority party is proud to announce that all members are present. Thank you.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the Democrat whip, Mr. Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

The Democrats would like to list Representative HANBIDGE on leave for today from Montgomery County.

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

ROLL CALL

The CHIEF CLERK. The roll will now be taken, and the members will signify their presence by pressing the "aye" button. The members will proceed to vote.

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

PRESENT—200

Barrar	Farry	Lawrence	Ravenstahl
Benninghoff	Fee	Lee	Readshaw
Bernstine	Fiedler	Lewis	Reese
Bizzarro	Fitzgerald	Longietti	Rigby
Boback	Flynn	Mackenzie	Roae
Borowicz	Frankel	Madden	Roebuck
Boyle	Freeman	Mako	Rothman
Bradford	Fritz	Malagari	Rozzi
Briggs	Gabler	Maloney	Ryan
Brooks	Gainey	Markosek	Sainato
Brown	Galloway	Marshall	Samuelson
Bullock	Gaydos	Masser	Sanchez
Burgos	Gillen	Matzie	Sankey
Burns	Gillespie	McCarter	Sappey
Caltagirone	Gleim	McClinton	Saylor
Carroll	Goodman	McNeill	Schemel
Causer	Gregory	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Cephas	Greiner	Mentzer	Schmitt
Ciresi	Grove	Merski	Schroeder
Comitta	Hahn	Metcalfe	Schweyer
Conklin	Harkins	Metzgar	Shusterman
Cook	Harris	Mihalik	Simmons
Cox	Heffley	Millard	Sims
Cruz	Helm	Miller, B.	Snyder
Culver	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cutler	Hershey	Mizgorski	Sonney
Daley	Hickernell	Moul	Staats
Davidson	Hohenstein	Mullery	Stephens
Davis, A.	Howard	Mullins	Struzzi
Davis, T.	Innamorato	Murt	Sturla
Dawkins	Irvin	Neilson	Thomas
Day	Isaacson	Nelson	Tobash
Deasy	James	Nesbit	Toepel
DeLissio	Jones	O'Mara	Toohil
Delloso	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Topper
Delozier	Kail	Oberlander	Turzai
DeLuca	Kaufner	Ortitay	Ullman
Dermody	Kauffman	Otten	Vitali
Diamond	Keefer	Owlett	Walsh
DiGirolamo	Keller, F.	Pashinski	Warner
Donatucci	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Warren
Dowling	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Webster
Driscoll	Kim	Pickett	Wentling
Dunbar	Kinsey	Polinchock	Wheatley
Dush	Kirkland	Puskaric	Wheeland
Ecker	Klunk	Pyle	White
Ellis	Knowles	Quinn	Williams
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Youngblood
Evans	Krueger	Rader	Zabel
Everett	Kulik	Rapp	Zimmerman

ADDITIONS—0**NOT VOTING—0****EXCUSED—1**

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The CHIEF CLERK. Two hundred members having indicated their presence, a quorum is present.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MEMBERS-ELECT

The CHIEF CLERK. Members will rise, place your left hand on a Holy Book or the Constitution, raise your right hand, and remain standing at your desk during the administration of the oath to which each member will swear or affirm.

The oath of office will be administered by the Honorable D. Michael Fisher, senior judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

(Members-elect stood.)

JUDGE FISHER. Thank you very much, and as you continue to have your hand raised, just let me say what an honor it is for me to be here this afternoon.

Forty-four years ago today I was sworn in for the first time as a member of the State House of Representatives and was sworn in for the third time 40 years ago today. It is a special honor for me to return here to administer this oath of office to all of the members, the members who have been reelected and the 43 new members who are elected to their first term. I know firsthand what a special day this is, what an awesome responsibility it is for all of you to represent the people from your districts. And I am particularly pleased that not only is one of my former staffers when I served in the Senate, Valerie Gaydos, being sworn in for the first time, but also Natalie Mihalek is being sworn in for the first time as State Representative from the district that I once represented and which I continue to reside.

So with that, continue to have your left hands placed on the Bible or your Holy Book and raise your right hand: Do you solemnly swear that you will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that you will discharge the duties of your office with fidelity? If so, I would ask all of you to say loudly and collectively "I do."

(Members asserted oath.)

JUDGE FISHER. Congratulations, all.
The CHIEF CLERK. Please be seated.

RESOLUTION

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the lady from Lancaster County, Mrs. Fee.

Mrs. FEE. Mr. Chief Clerk, I have the honor of presenting a resolution for the election of Speaker.

And I would just like to wish all the members, their families, and friends, a blessed and happy new year. Thank you.

The CHIEF CLERK. Thank you.

The lady from Lancaster County, Mrs. Fee, presents a resolution, which the clerk will read.

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

In the House of Representatives
January 1, 2019

RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Article II, section 9 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the House do now proceed to the election of a Speaker.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPEAKER

The CHIEF CLERK. Nominations are now in order for the office of Speaker.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pike County, Mr. Peifer.

Mr. PEIFER. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

Mr. Chief Clerk, I, too, would like to welcome all our families and friends and guests who are gathered here today on this special day in this historic chamber.

We gather on this New Year's Day to celebrate the 203d legislative session and to take our oath of office. We are humbled and we are honored to be freely elected officials of this great Commonwealth. To our citizens we pledge to protect and obey the Constitution of this great Keystone State.

Governing this great Commonwealth is extremely challenging. There will be many important ideas, initiatives, and problem-solving debates in this chamber this session. While each and every one of us are our own leaders in our own right with different beliefs and priorities that represent the people who sent us here, we will not be able to effectively serve if we cannot come together and reach a consensus on the solutions we need to move us forward. We need a leader to help us do that, and that is why I rise today to nominate the gentleman from Allegheny County, the Honorable Michael C. Turzai, for Speaker of the House. He is a man of great knowledge and a natural born leader; a man who is proud of his family roots, who consistently strives to better his community and the people who live there. His service to both this House and his constituents is unwavering. His determination to work across the aisle to overcome obstacles and to achieve our common goals is inspiring, which is why I rise today to nominate the gentleman from Allegheny County, the Honorable Michael C. Turzai, Speaker of the House.

My fellow members, Mike is a great example of what a true leader looks like. He has his proven innate ability to communicate with members and his constituents. His sincerity is real. He amazes me with the overall knowledge of all of our members, our spouses, our parents, our friends, our children, and every inch of our district. After visiting the 139th House District, he cautiously but enthusiastically repeats the name Lake Wallenpaupack, even though he says it correctly.

I appreciate the close relationship he maintains with his beautiful wife, Lidia, and I appreciate the tough-love conversations he has with his wonderful sons, Andrew, Stephen, and Matthew. He truly has a gift. In fact, he consistently asks about my children and my family. My daughter, Corine, who is here, he always asks about college and her future plans. My sons, Wyatt and Eli, who are also here, he engages them. He disarms them by engaging them directly. He asks about school, their grades, their favorite classes. The conversation typically goes right to baseball and the quality of their curveballs. He truly has a gift.

Throughout Mike's career his messaging has been clear: We need to provide opportunity and we need to protect taxpayers. His number one goal, which is always included in any speech, any discussion that you have, is the importance of family-sustaining jobs in this Commonwealth for our people.

It is an honor for me to be a colleague and a friend. I am proud to nominate the Honorable Michael C. Turzai as our next Speaker of the House.

Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from Pike County, Mr. Peifer, places in nomination for office of Speaker the gentleman from Allegheny County, the Honorable Mike Turzai.

The Chair recognizes the lady from Allegheny County, Mrs. Kulik.

Mrs. KULIK. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

I want to begin by offering my very best wishes for a happy and healthy and prosperous new year.

Years ago I worked in the office of the district attorney of Allegheny County. At that time I had the occasion and pleasure of meeting two young men. Never did I imagine that I would one day be able to call them my colleagues as part of this institution. I am proud that the first gentleman is the leader for those of us who are Democrats. Two years ago I stood in this chamber as the only female Representative from Allegheny County and only one of two women from western Pennsylvania. I am proud to say now that there are seven of us from western Pennsylvania.

I am pleased that this year many more women have joined our ranks, and thanks to our leadership, I see more Democrats sitting in this House. But today I stand here not only as a Democrat but as a member of the House of Representatives, a House that I believe intends to work in a bipartisan fashion to achieve what is best for all concerned. It is only through a true spirit of bipartisanship, only as we turn away from being Democrats or Republicans or other political affiliations, that we can open our minds and look into our hearts to see what we working together can achieve.

I first met Representative Turzai at the district attorney's office. He impressed me as a very tough but very fair lawyer. In my dealings with him as Speaker of the House, I likewise have found him to be at times very tough, yet at many times very fair. I know that I will not always agree with the positions or actions taken by the Representative. However, I stand here today because I do believe that as Speaker he will be fair and reasonable and will take into consideration the viewpoints of all of us who sit here to represent our districts. I believe that as Speaker he will serve in the spirit of bipartisanship, in the spirit of mutual cooperation, and in the spirit of mutual respect.

I stand before you today as a Representative of the people of Pennsylvania to second the nomination of the good gentleman from Allegheny County. Thank you.

The CHIEF CLERK. The lady from Allegheny County, Mrs. Kulik, seconds the nomination of Mike Turzai for the office of Speaker.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Mr. Reese.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

I would first like to start by wishing all my colleagues and of course all of their guests who are here with us today a very happy and blessed new year.

It is an honor to stand with my colleagues in support of the nomination of my good friend, Representative Mike Turzai, to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives for this upcoming legislative session. As we enter the 203d legislative session, I can think of no better person to lead this chamber as we look to govern this great Commonwealth over the next 2 years. I have personally had the privilege of working with Mike on almost a daily basis over the last 10 years, and if I were to sum up his approach to working with others and to leading our chamber, I would say he does it with civility and with honesty.

I have come to learn, as many of you have, that sometimes the legislative process can be cumbersome. Often it is very frustrating. But Mike Turzai mitigates that frustration because he is honest enough to be forthright and transparent and because he is civil enough to validate points of view that are different from his own. In order to do this well, it requires a person to be both tough and understanding. Mike strikes that balance as well as anyone I have ever worked with. I firmly believe he does this because he is genuinely a good person who strives every single day of his life to make Pennsylvania a better place to work, live, and raise a family in.

Therefore, Mr. Chief Clerk, it is an honor to rise and second the nomination of my good friend, Mike Turzai, to serve his third term as Speaker of the House.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from Westmoreland County, Mr. Reese, seconds the nomination of Mike Turzai for the office of Speaker.

Are there any other nominations?

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

I will keep this short. Mr. Chief Clerk, I would like to nominate the gentleman from Allegheny County, the minority leader, Frank Dermody.

The CHIEF CLERK. Mr. Harris places in nomination for the office of Speaker the gentleman from Allegheny County, the Honorable Frank Dermody.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Bradford.

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

I stand also to second a nomination of a great Allegheny County Representative serving his 28th year in this great body. It is my privilege and honor to second the nomination of Frank Dermody, a man who will serve with honor and distinction. And while Democrats may lack votes today, we do not lack in a candidate who has the respect and admiration of all in this body, Democrat and Republican alike. With that, I nominate Frank Dermody. I second the nomination.

The CHIEF CLERK. Mr. Bradford seconds the nomination of Mr. Dermody.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Dawkins.

Mr. DAWKINS. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Before I actually close the nominations, I just want to take this time to welcome all the new members to the House and their families. It is a beautiful sight to see when we get all the actual arrangements on the tables. But I am here to do the business at hand, and that is to close the nomination for Speakership.

So thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

The CHIEF CLERK. Mr. Dawkins moves that the nominations be closed.

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

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CHIEF CLERK. The House will now proceed to elect the Speaker. Those voting for Mr. Turzai will vote in the affirmative; those voting for Mr. Dermody will vote in the negative. The votes will be tallied as follows: Every "aye" vote will be tallied as a vote for Mike Turzai; every "no" vote will be tallied as a vote for Mr. Dermody. Only those members in their seats will be permitted to vote.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

Mr. DERMODY. Mr. Chief Clerk?
The CHIEF CLERK. Just a moment.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—110

Barrar	Gillen	Maloney	Rigby
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Marshall	Roae
Bernstine	Gleim	Masser	Rothman
Boback	Gregory	Mehaffie	Ryan
Borowicz	Greiner	Mentzer	Sankey
Brooks	Grove	Metcalfe	Saylor
Brown	Hahn	Metzgar	Schemel
Causer	Heffley	Mihalik	Schmitt
Cook	Helm	Millard	Schroeder
Cox	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Simmons
Culver	Hershey	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cutler	Hickernell	Moul	Staats
Day	Irvin	Murt	Stephens
Delozier	James	Nelson	Struzzi
Diamond	Jones	Nesbit	Thomas
DiGirolo	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Tobash
Dowling	Kail	Oberlander	Toepel
Dunbar	Kaufer	Ortitay	Toohil
Dush	Kauffman	Owlett	Topper
Ecker	Keefer	Peifer	Walsh
Ellis	Keller, F.	Pickett	Warner
Emrick	Keller, M.K.	Polinchock	Wentling
Everett	Klunk	Puskaric	Wheeland
Farry	Knowles	Pyle	White
Fee	Lawrence	Quinn	Zimmerman
Fritz	Lewis	Rader	
Gabler	Mackenzie	Rapp	Turzai,
Gaydos	Mako	Reese	Speaker

NAYS—90

Bizzarro	Dermody	Krueger	Readshaw
Boyle	Donatucci	Kulik	Roebuck
Bradford	Driscoll	Lee	Rozzi
Briggs	Evans	Longietti	Sainato
Bullock	Fiedler	Madden	Samuelson
Burgos	Fitzgerald	Malagari	Sanchez
Burns	Flynn	Markosek	Sappey
Caltagirone	Frankel	Matzie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Freeman	McCarter	Schweyer
Cephas	Gainey	McClinton	Shusterman
Ciresi	Galloway	McNeill	Sims
Comitta	Goodman	Merski	Snyder
Conklin	Harkins	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cruz	Harris	Mullery	Sturla
Daley	Hohenstein	Mullins	Ullman
Davidson	Howard	Neilson	Vitali
Davis, A.	Innamorato	O'Mara	Warren

Davis, T.	Isaacson	Otten	Webster
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Wheatley
Deasy	Kim	Petrarca	Williams
DeLissio	Kinsey	Rabb	Youngblood
Delloso	Kirkland	Ravenstahl	Zabel
DeLuca	Kortz		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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The CHIEF CLERK. The Honorable Mike Turzai received 110 votes; the Honorable Frank Dermody received 90 votes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Dermody.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

Mr. Chief Clerk, I rise to congratulate the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Turzai, on his election as Speaker of the House, and I move that the record reflect a unanimous vote.

Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair declares a unanimous vote for Mr. Turzai.

Congratulations, Mr. Turzai.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT
SPEAKER-ELECT TO ROSTRUM**

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair appoints the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Cutler, and the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Dermody, to escort Speaker-elect Mike Turzai to the rostrum.

The committee to escort the Speaker-elect will proceed with the performance of its duties.

The Chair recognizes the chairman of the committee, Mr. Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

It is our privilege and honor to deliver Speaker-elect Michael C. Turzai.

The CHIEF CLERK. Thank you, Mr. Cutler.

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED
TO SPEAKER-ELECT TURZAI**

The CHIEF CLERK. The oath of office to the Speaker-elect will now be administered by the Honorable Joy Flowers Conti, senior judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Members and all guests, please rise as able for the oath of office.

JUDGE CONTI. What a privilege it is for me to be here today at the invitation of your new Speaker, Mike Turzai. He is my Representative. I have known him for years, his wonderful family – his wife, Lidia; his three sons. I am privileged to have my husband, Anthony Conti, and my youngest son, Greg Conti, with me today. This is a majestic room. How fortunate each one of the new members are and the members who have been reelected to their positions to serve in this august body. I was struck when I read in the program for today the words of Benjamin Franklin

where he concluded that being a member would enlarge my power of doing good. You all have the great privilege and responsibility to serve in this House and to do good.

And with that, I am going to welcome my friend to take the oath of office. Please place your hand on the Bible and raise – your left hand – and raise your right hand and take the following oath. Repeat after me: I – state your name – do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

(Speaker-elect Turzai asserted oath.)

JUDGE CONTI. Congratulations.

The CHIEF CLERK. Members and guests may be seated.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair now requests Dr. Lidia Turzai, the wife of the Speaker, to come to the podium for the purpose of presenting the gavel to Speaker Turzai.

Dr. TURZAI. Good afternoon.

It is my privilege to present the gavel to a person who displays the leadership and integrity that makes the House of Representatives an honorable institution. I know you will use it fairly and decently. Congratulations.

The SPEAKER. Thanks, honey.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

ADDRESS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. I am so humbled, so honored.

And at this time I would ask all of the members as we enter into this 203d session, if your spouses or your children or grandchildren or significant others, if they are about you right now, go and give them a hug because this is a great day for each and every one of you who has been elected by the citizens of your districts. And take your time to do so. I know everybody is waving and hugging. There are some in the gallery.

Okay. Everybody, if you will kindly take your seats at this time. It is a celebratory day. If everybody could please take your seats at this time. Thank you. If everybody could please take your seats. Thank you.

You know, it is interesting, we are here to serve the members of our respective districts and each of you is elected by those folks back in your communities. You also have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution of this great Commonwealth and of the United States. The obligations extend beyond those in our districts as well.

But first and foremost, given my years of service, I think I have learned a few things, I hope I have learned a few things, but the one thing I do know is this: You cannot fully and to the best of your ability, members, including the 43 new members, you cannot do your best for those back home and for those across the State if you do not have the love and support and friendship of your family. I have said this before and I say it again, in addition to being a reminder to myself, not just to you, this admonition, if you do not have the love and support of your family, if you do not keep them foremost in your mind, this job

is not worth having. This job is certainly worth having and certainly gives you the opportunity to do your very best to move Pennsylvania forward when you have that love and support and you keep them in mind. When they call you on the cell phone, pick it up. When they want to talk to you and ask you to get back for something, make your votes because you have to vote, you have a responsibility, but then get back home to see them in the districts. Always keep them at the forefront. It will also make you realize how important it is what you are doing for everybody in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because it is those families and communities that matter.

Now, we are a separate and equal branch of government, but we are so honored today, truly honored today to have some very important guests with us and we begin with and I am very gracious that he would be here with his lovely wife and our First Lady, Gov. Tom Wolf and First Lady Mrs. Frances Wolf, and if they will please stand for us. Thank you so much. Governor Wolf, congratulations on your reelection, sir. We look forward, all of us, all 203 of us, in working with you in this upcoming session, your second term as Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. What a great honor. And a great family you have too, Governor. We wish you nothing but the best with your daughters, their husbands, and a grandson, if I am not mistaken, right? So thank you to you and the First Lady. Thanks for being with us. We are so honored, really.

Some other dignitaries that are with us, some of whom are our alums, the alumni: Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, who served from York County, Gene DePasquale. General, thank you so much for being with us, General. Treasurer Joe Torsella. Joe, please rise, Mr. Treasurer. Thank you. Joe, I believe you are accompanied by your son today, right? Please stand, young man. Thanks for being with us. Thank you. Former Appropriations chair and now Congressman Dwight Evans. Where is our Congressman, Dwight Evans? Dwight. Great to see you, Dwight. Two former Speakers of the House. We are so honored to have them here. Former Speaker of the House Robert O'Donnell. Speaker O'Donnell. And former Speaker of the House Dennis O'Brien. Dennis. Representative O'Brien. Congressman-elect Dan Meuser is here. He served in Governor Corbett's administration as Secretary of Revenue. Congressman. Former Congresswoman Melissa Hart from Allegheny County and my constituent. Where is Congresswoman Hart? Over here. Allegheny County Chief Executive and good friend, Rich Fitzgerald. Rich, thank you, sir. Thank you for being with us. We are so appreciative that you would all be here.

We have some former members who were blessed to be here. How about this? Former chair and Representative Art Hershey is here to see his grandson sworn in from a different district. Chairman Art Hershey. Former Representative Bernie O'Neill is here; our good friend, Bernie O'Neill. Where is Bernie? Thank you, sir. Former Representative Joe Markosek, who is here to celebrate the swearing-in of his son, Brandon Markosek. Where is Joe? Representative Joseph Markosek. Representative Markosek was also a longtime chair of the Appropriations Committee. And former Representative Erin Molchany, who, I believe – there she is. Representative Molchany. And she works with Governor Wolf and Governor Wolf's team. We are so honored to have each and every one of you.

Each time is a special occasion. My good friend, Rob Kauffman, said, "Mike, I'm having all of my kids here. No matter how many times I've had the honor of being sworn in, it is always so special." And it is. It is special because we come here right

now with a clean slate, do we not? We have 2 years in front of us to look out at the horizon for the citizens of Pennsylvania and to do collectively what we think is best. That means we have to work with an executive branch, with our colleagues on the other side of the Capitol, and amongst each other. In doing the best job that we can, I am always open to your advice as to what we might do better, what I might do better here from the rostrum or as Speaker of the House.

I would also just give you a few items of just what I believe are some perceived wisdom from experiences. Members, get to know each other. Get to know where each and every one of your fellow members is from. Know them by the first name. Take the time to interact. On your committees, make sure you introduce yourself to all the members on the committees that serve with you and that you get to know both the majority chair and the minority chair. Study hard on the issues; prepare for them. Everybody should have the opportunity to be able to speak their perspective on the House floor. I would just say this: Those that are prepared and that know exactly where they want to be and are succinct and stick to the facts and stay away from personal or ad hominem attacks, those are the people that have the most effective – really, the most effective work here on the House floor. There is no doubt. There is opportunity to move forward and to find common ground.

We are blessed to have two outstanding leaders amongst two outstanding leadership teams, but I am certainly honored – and I know he will be speaking here shortly – to present Bryan Cutler, our new majority leader, from Lancaster County. Bryan Cutler, please rise. And to my competitor today, but to also a very gracious individual and someone whom I had the honor and blessing of serving in the Allegheny County district attorney's office with, to the minority leader, Frank Dermody; an outstanding individual as well.

Family-sustaining jobs, opportunities in education and in taking care of your families and contributing to your communities, these are the goals each and every one of us share. We may have different perspectives as to how to get to those objectives, but we will get there. And we are going to find a way, working together, to eliminate the scourge of things like opioids and drugs and instead to find meaning in your community and in your family and friends and being able to contribute and take care of your family and to be able to give back. Those are the objectives and goals for each and every one of us for the 12 million-plus citizens we have in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

There is not much more for me to say as Speaker except that I do have some folks that I need to thank. And with that, I will proceed with the program. But at this time I would like to begin my thanks with some individuals that helped make this a very, very special day, if I might.

The legislative swearing-in committee was started under my predecessor, Sam Smith, and Sheila Flickinger was the person that first took on that responsibility, and Dave Reddecliff as our Chief Clerk has done much with respect to that. And we had some chairs and they were both Republican and Democratic chairs that helped to make sure that we were not using taxpayer dollars for our festivities today, and amongst them include: Dave Kleppinger, who cannot be with us. He is at the Penn State game. We will get everybody there to watch that soon. Gene Barr, the president of the Chamber of Business and Industry for the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and our former Representative and colleague and my very, very good friend, Mike Gerber, who is with SF Investments. If those two individuals could please stand, we would certainly appreciate it. Where are they? There they are, right there. For the many folks that were able to participate in helping us with the legislative swearing-in committee, would you please rise. Thank you for being with us today. Please rise, all those who were involved with the legislative swearing-in committee. Thank you.

And to the staff, oh my goodness, to the new members, there are 43 of you, but we have a great staff and this begins with the staff up here; it is bipartisan, and the Bipartisan Management Committee, which consists of three in the majority, two in the minority, but for which you always have to have four votes so that the majority and minority have to come to agreement. We have so many individuals who helped, beginning with the Chief Clerk, Dave Reddecliff; with our good friend, Clancy Myer, who is the Parliamentarian for the Speaker and for the chamber; from my own staff, Karen Coates, the Chief of Staff to the Speaker, and Neal Leshner. And where is Sara Kennedy, who runs my district office and has had a significant role in today's program? Kelly Fedeli. Where is Kelly? She is an amazing individual. She is our chief of protocol. Thank you so much for all you do. I am just going to mention so many of these folks; they come from the print shop, the storeroom, House security, the Chief Clerk's Office, and their work, we are going to just applaud them all at the end, but if you are here and as I state your name, if you are here, please stand. If you are in other offices, I apologize. Brian Grove, Dave Sheffler, Mike Feltman, Paul Landis, Rob Guidas, Jay Franklin, Joe Marshall, Michelle Martin, Pat Stoops, Seamus Smith, Amy Albert, Dave Reddecliff, Ray Whittaker, Angela Candori, Tammy Neidlinger, Lori Hoffman, Luz Garcia, Penny Wolfe, Dave Spizzirri, Cuppy Shugars, Dave Arendt, Todd Snook, all those from the communications offices, if Nick Soccio from the Governor's Office is here, Heidi Mays, and everybody from the Speaker's Office, each and every one of you were so important, and Sandy Kusmierczyk, who laid out our program. Would you all please rise and get a round of applause for all your outstanding work on behalf of the members and their families.

To the Honorable Mike Fisher – served in the House of Representatives, then the Senate; was our Attorney General for 8 years; was a gubernatorial candidate for this great State, and now on the Third Circuit – Mike and his daughter, Michelle; his wife, Carol, great to have you here.

Judge Joy Flowers Conti of the Federal District Court in western Pennsylvania, to her husband, Tony, and to Greg, thank you so much for being here.

To those that were gracious enough to nominate me, my good friends – Mike Peifer, Anita Kulik, Mike Reese – thank you for your very gracious and humbling remarks. I will not forget the very important points that you made and admonitions for me as I proceed as Speaker.

To Mindy Fee and Jason Dawkins, thank you so much for taking on an important role with respect to today.

And to my wife, Dr. Lidia Turzai, and to my three boys, Andrew, Stephen, and Matthew; my sister, Becky; my brother, Terry; my mother-in-law, Lori, having the love and support of family like each and every one of you have, it means so much. Thank you, each of you, for being here today.

COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the Chief Clerk at this time. Chief.

The CHIEF CLERK. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor and certainly a personal privilege today to present to you this ceremonial gavel on this the convening of the 203d session of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Congratulations on being elected for the third time as Speaker of the House. I wish you the very best as you continue to lead this historic chamber.

The SPEAKER. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you, Dave.

I would also just like to thank the staff of the majority leader and the minority leader who did outstanding work with respect to this day as well, beginning with Jake Smeltz, Tony Aliano, and Mike Schwoyer, Paul Parsells, and their teams. If they could all please rise, too, from both leaders' offices. We are very, very appreciative of the great work that you did today. Thank you.

PLACING OF MACE

The SPEAKER. The oath of office having been taken by the members of the House and the Speaker, the Chair instructs the macebearer to now place the mace on the rostrum. The mace is the symbol of the authority of the House – that is collectively us – and when the mace is at the Speaker's right, at my right or any Speaker's right, the House is in session.

(Mace was placed on rostrum.)

PARLIAMENTARIAN APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. In compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth authorizing the Speaker to appoint a Parliamentarian, the Speaker appoints Clancy Myer as Parliamentarian of the House. Clancy, would you please tell me, which Speaker did you serve first under? K. Leroy Irvis. He first served under, from Allegheny County, if I might, first served as Parliamentarian beginning with the distinguished K. Leroy Irvis from Allegheny County. And, Clancy, how many years have you now served in this role? About 40 years. Could you please rise and give him a round of applause.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJORITY LEADERSHIP

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes my good friend and a leader of our caucus, the lady from Montgomery County, our caucus chair, Representative Marcy Toepel, for the purpose of making an announcement. And, Representative Toepel, Madam Chair, the floor is yours.

Mrs. TOEPEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As chair of the Republican Caucus, I have been instructed to announce, for the information of the members of the House and for the record, that the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Cutler, has been elected majority leader by the caucus, and that the gentleman from Centre and Mifflin Counties, Mr. Benninghoff, has been elected majority whip. Furthermore, the gentleman from Somerset and Westmoreland Counties, Mr. Reese, has been elected caucus secretary; the gentlelady from

Armstrong, Clarion, and Forest Counties, Ms. Oberlander, has been elected policy chairwoman; the gentleman from Columbia, Montour, and Northumberland Counties, Mr. Masser, has been elected caucus administrator; and the gentleman from York, Mr. Saylor, has been elected majority chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Would these members of our Republican, majority leadership team please rise so that we can give them a round of applause.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

The SPEAKER. The Speaker now recognizes the good lady from Philadelphia County, the Democratic Caucus chair, who gave our beautiful opening prayer today, Representative Joanna McClinton, for the purpose of making an announcement. Chair.

Ms. McCLINTON. Mr. Speaker, as chairwoman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been instructed to announce for the information of the members of the House and for the record that the gentleman from Allegheny County, your former competitor, Mr. Dermody, has been elected as the Democratic leader by the Democratic Caucus, and that the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Harris, has been elected as the Democratic whip. Furthermore, the gentlelady from Philadelphia County, Ms. Youngblood, has been elected caucus secretary; the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Sturla, has been elected policy chairman; the gentleman from Schuylkill County, Mr. Goodman, has been elected caucus administrator; and the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Bradford, has been elected Democratic chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

And would the members of the Democratic leadership team please stand for applause. Please all rise.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the good gentleman from Westmoreland County, Representative Mike Reese – thank you for your kind remarks earlier, Representative Reese – to introduce the freshman members of the Republican Caucus.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And congratulations, Mr. Speaker.

It is now my honor to introduce the new members of the Republican Caucus. I ask that the new members stand when I call their names and I would ask that the chamber hold its applause until I have completed all the introductions of the new Republican members.

From the 15th District representing Beaver and Washington Counties, Representative Josh Kail; from the 29th District representing a portion of Bucks County, Representative Meghan Schroeder; from the 30th District representing a portion of Allegheny County, Representative Lori Mizgorski; from the 39th District representing portions of Allegheny and Washington Counties, Representative Mike Puskaric; from the 40th District representing portions of Allegheny and Washington Counties, Representative Natalie Mihalek; from the 44th District representing a portion of Allegheny County, Representative Valerie Gaydos; from the 54th District representing portions of Allegheny and Washington Counties, Representative Bob

Brooks; from the 62d District representing a portion of Indiana County, Representative Jim Struzzi; from the 71st District representing portions of Cambria and Somerset Counties, Representative Jim Rigby; from the 76th District representing portions of Centre and Clinton Counties, Representative Stephanie Borowicz; from the 79th District representing a portion of Blair County, Representative Louis Schmitt; from the 80th District representing the other portion of Blair County, Representative Jim Gregory; from the 82d District representing portions of Franklin, Juniata, and Mifflin Counties, Representative John Hershey; from the 93d District representing a portion of York County, Representative Mike Jones; from the 105th District representing a portion of Dauphin County, Representative Andrew Lewis; from the 144th District representing a portion of Bucks County, Representative Todd Polinchock; from the 178th District representing a portion of Bucks County, Representative Wendi Thomas; from the 193d District representing portions of Adams and Cumberland Counties, Representative Torren Ecker; and finally, from the 199th District representing a portion of Cumberland County, Representative Barb Gleim.

Would the chamber please now join me in congratulating all the new Republican members.

The SPEAKER. The Speaker now recognizes the gentlelady from Philadelphia, Representative Rosita Youngblood, to introduce the freshman members of the Democratic Caucus. Representative Youngblood.

Ms. YOUNGBLOOD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

First of all, I would like to thank former Speaker Robert O'Donnell for attending each swearing-in session and I am always proud when he comes since it was his seat I took and he asked me to run for it.

Mr. Speaker, as I call the names of the members of the Democratic Caucus, will they please stand, and please hold all applause until I have completed the introduction of all members.

First, we have Robert Merski, 2d District; Sara Innamorato, 21st District; Brandon Markosek, 25th District; Summer Lee, 34th District; Steven Malagari, the 53d District; Dan Williams, the 74th District; Kyle Mullins, the 112th District; Wendy Ullman, the 143d District; Joseph Ciresi, the 146th District; Col. Joseph Webster, the 150th District; Ben Sanchez, the 151st District; Danielle Friel Otten, the 155th District; Melissa Shusterman, the 157th District; Christina Sappey, the 158th District; David Dellosa, the 162d District; Michael Zabel, the 163d District; Jennifer O'Mara, the 165th District; Kristine Howard, the 167th District; Mary Isaacson, the 175th District; Joseph Hohenstein, the 177th District; Malcolm Kenyatta, the 181st District; Elizabeth Fiedler, the 184th District; Danilo Burgos, the 197th District.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Youngblood.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. At this time the Speaker recognizes the majority leader, my good friend and colleague, Representative Bryan Cutler, of Lancaster County for remarks.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Governor Wolf, First Lady Wolf, friends, colleagues, both those here currently and the former who are joining us:

I want to welcome you to democracy's front porch. This is a great place for us to talk as friends and neighbors.

As we begin our journey together on this new legislative session, fittingly on New Year's Day, I think it is time that we take a moment to reflect as well as celebrate, because I think that we have a lot to celebrate. We begin a new year with the promise of advancement, prosperity, and change, and we begin the new session with the opportunity to make laws that will give everyone, regardless of their current position in life, an opportunity to experience earned success. But as we celebrate, I would also like to invite us to remember that the most important people today are not the ones here in this beautiful chamber; they are the people back home – the ones that we are called to represent and the ones that we cover in each of our legislative districts.

We are very unique. There are 203 legislative districts, and everything that we do, should be doing, and must be doing is for them. While some people believe that the most important work that we do here is the laws, it has been my experience that the most rewarding work is when we help those we represent. And I would like to share a brief story because I think it is absolutely fitting. Right after being elected to the position of whip 4 years ago, I had one of our local newspaper reporters in my office and she looked— I had several bills on the wall that I, thankfully, had signed by Governors of both parties in my tenure here in this legislature, and she said, "What is the most important thing that you've accomplished?" And without missing a beat, as I notably watched her as she looked around the room trying to decide which bill that I would pick, I said, "That's easy," and I picked up my cell phone and I showed her a picture. It is a picture of a young man named Noah. Noah I encountered very early on in my legislative career. You see, his family stopped at our local legislative booth that we had at our agricultural fair, the Solanco Fair. I invite everybody to come down to it. It is 3 days of great food, truthfully, that you probably should eat before you make the New Year's resolution because it is not all that healthy all the time. But his family stopped and they were in quite a quandary. You see, they shared that he was very young and that he had a brain tumor, and heartbroken, they explained not just the medical issues that they were having to overcome but the issues of insurance, because the issue that they were stuck with was the only place in the country that could treat him happened to not be here in the Commonwealth. So we got to work. We called the insurance company. We made the necessary contacts to fix this problem. And it is my honor to ask Noah, who is here in the well of the House this morning, or this afternoon, rather, to stand and be recognized for his bravery because he is my hero.

Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, that is truly what this job is all about – advocating, working on behalf of all of the individuals like that in our districts, our communities, our friends and our neighbors. And thankfully his parents stop and see me every year at the Solanco Fair on one of those three nights and we get our picture taken together, and I have a great collection of pictures on my phone. So I want to thank his family for always making time to update me on the progress as you guys all move forward. So he really is an inspiration, and I have a feeling that each and every one of you will find a similar circumstance in your service to the Commonwealth and your friends and neighbors. But Noah's story is also one of the reasons why I invite us to do more than just debate issues. We need to know each other, as the Speaker indicated earlier, learn one another's life stories in a personal and meaningful way.

Since the founding of our republic dating back to the very beginning, and I am sure that will carry on long after we are all gone, issues will always have to be managed and debated. But as we do this business and make the important choices, I think it is incredibly helpful to know and understand each other's perspectives. My story is individual, just like each of yours, and I think it will help you understand who I am now and how I approach things in terms of solving the problems that we have been asked to govern.

I am from Lancaster County. My family has been there for eight generations. We have lived in the same township since 1800. That was the first census that my family, who was originally Quaker, showed up in Drumore Township. The people of my county are unique, just like each and every one of yours. They enjoy a simple life. They promote compassion and self-sufficiency, and I believe that they are incredibly generous. We have a program in Lancaster County called the Extraordinary Give, and the Extraordinary Give raised \$10 million in 24 hours to benefit 500 local charities. And the generosity of our friends, families, neighbors, and businesspeople in our county constantly overwhelm me. In fact, it is the very reason that I am here serving in this House today, because as many of the returning members know, I get up on an annual basis and advocate regarding ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) research. And when you look at how I grew up, I grew up on a small farmette, the back part of what used to be my grandparents' dairy farm. Many people here in the chamber probably would call us poor, but others by a different measure might call us very rich because we had the blessings of a wonderful family and a wonderful community. My dad was a welder at Sperry New Holland, which now, I believe, is Case New Holland after several reorganizations, and my mother was a nurse who worked at the local family physician's office and promoted values that I carry to this day: work hard, be kind, say please and thank you, show respect, be thankful for the opportunity to serve, and honor yourself, others, and the Lord.

You see, the generosity of the county was poured upon me and my family when my mother became ill; followed by a short time period, about 10 months later, my father also became ill. And in what became a near statistical impossibility, both of my parents had Lou Gehrig's disease. And while no disease is particularly good, ALS is uniquely destructive. And our family absolutely answered the call. Our friends, our family, many of which who are here with me today, both here on the floor as well as downstairs in the office, showed their love and compassion as they stopped and they brought us meals, they met our physical needs, they met our spiritual needs, would heat our house at that time and even today with firewood, and much to my kids' disappointment, we cut several cords of firewood and stack it every year, and back then it was no different except that our neighbors showed up. And for those of you who burn firewood, you only need about three or four cords probably to get through a mild winter, maybe six to eight on a tough one. They split, stacked, and cut over 20 cords of firewood for our family in one afternoon. They showed up from all places. It was the Lion's Club, it was our church, it was our relatives, it was friends and neighbors. And in times like that, you really learn to set your priorities straight.

And I had a couple of very simple truths: We always had more food than we knew what to do with, and each and every one showed up with a note of encouragement on it. All of the firewood literally was stacked all around the house. But the one

immeasurable thing was how we were always surrounded by loving and caring people who understood a genuine Biblical truth – that it is not good for man to be alone, particularly in times of trouble. And that sense of community allowed my sister and me, who has also joined me here on the House floor with my beautiful niece, we still led, remarkably, a somewhat normal childhood. I was 15, she was 13 when our parents were diagnosed, and because of their generosity, the same generosity we see today in the Extraordinary Give, we were able to participate in sports, hold a job, while we also helped our friends and family care for our dying parents. And I think that that demonstrates that we all have a purpose in life. And think about all the things that we share: the blessings of liberty and freedom, being born here in this country and in this Commonwealth, we are all together in how we are influenced by our economy, our friends and our neighbors, and the success or failure of the next generation of learners tomorrow will depend on the actions that we take today, because we should never lose sight of what we were elected to do, and that is to be custodians of the representative democracy entrusted to us. We did not inherit it just from our forefathers; we are borrowing it from our children and grandchildren.

Our system of government, even with its challenges and as dysfunctional as it can be at times, remains a city on the hill for all who believe that people, through the institution of government, can manage their own affairs. To me, our part in discharging that responsibility is serious and deserves our best efforts. And before my father passed away, he gave me three important life lessons that have been getting a lot of play in the media as I do interviews because they are simple truths, and they are as follows: One, treat everyone with respect; two, never ask someone to do something that you yourself are not willing to do; and three, try to always leave things better than you found them. I cannot imagine better words of advice for us as we begin this legislative session.

And we should never forget that our General Assembly, the members gathered here, are truly an assembly of the people. We come from every geographic corner, every region – suburban, urban, and rural. We all have different and valuable life experiences that we should share, different educational levels and income levels, and we all have a unique and equally important perspective to offer this institution and, most importantly, each other. As we assemble over the next 2 years, I invite us to all live up to that high standard set in the Constitution that we swore an oath on earlier today, but also those same three simple promises that my father gave to me. And let us never forget that our reward comes with achieving that ideal, and that is this: we will have the confidence of the people.

Thank you so much for your willingness to serve, share your story, and be an active part of democracy, and each and every thing that our Constitution offers us. And I will leave you with a quote from the late President Bush whose service to our country inspired so many people. In his inaugural address he said: "Some see leadership as high drama, and the sound of trumpets calling, and sometimes it is that. But I see history as a book with many pages, and each day we fill a page with acts of hopefulness and meaning. The new breeze blows, a page turns, the story unfolds. And so today a" new "chapter begins, a small and stately story of unity, diversity, and generosity – shared, and written, together."

I hope that you share my excitement as we start this new chapter in Pennsylvania's history, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Leader Cutler, Bryan, to you, Jennifer, and your three children, congratulations on assuming the important role of majority leader and thank you for your outstanding remarks.

REMARKS BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Speaker at this time recognizes the Democratic leader, Representative Frank Dermody, of Allegheny County for remarks. Representative Dermody, Leader Dermody, please proceed.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker has done a great job recognizing all the special guests we have here today. I certainly do want to thank the Governor and Mrs. Wolf for being here today, joining us here today, and I certainly would be remiss and in big trouble if I did not recognize Jonathan Saidel, who, from Philadelphia, is sitting right here in front of me. So thank you, Mr. Speaker, and congratulations on your reelection as Speaker of the House. I look forward to working with you and your staff during this next year.

I also want to congratulate our new majority leader. As we begin the new session and it is New Year's Day, I would like to resolve with you to work together as much as possible to get things done. The great majority of us in this House would much prefer to work together and make some real progress than to disagree just for the sake of arguing and scoring political points. It will always be a challenge to keep that spirit of bipartisanship alive, but we should try.

To each of my colleagues, congratulations on your election to this House. We get a chance to work in this incredible room. I have been here for a while. I was sworn in on New Year's Day back in 1991, if you can believe that. Time flies. And this never wears off, so we are very fortunate and lucky to walk into this room every day and say we can get a chance and an opportunity to go to work here. And if New Year's Day does not make it a little – maybe it will make it a little harder, a little more difficult, but it does make it a little more special, I believe, this ceremony. We are beginning to work on day one. We have work to do, we have a State to run, and I hope we have an auspicious beginning.

We have already heard today, there are 43 new members here today. In the Democratic Caucus more than one-fourth of our members are beginning today, half of the Democratic members have served 5 years or less, and I think it is of special interest to all of us that 40 of the House Democrats who arrived here in the last 3 years are women. How about that? So to all of my colleagues, to the new faces and the old faces that have been around for a while, I join the Speaker and all the other leaders in saying welcome.

Part of the strength of this House is the mix between the experienced members with years of knowledge about the State and the issues that face us and newer members with fresh ideas and energy. Every new session brings vitality to this House, and this year it is especially so with so many new legislators, and I believe we will all be the better for it. To our family members and friends and guests who joined us today, welcome to this historic House. Each of us who serves in this House is deeply aware that our families serve with us. It is not often easy on our spouses, on our children. They share in our success, but they also make sacrifices so that we can do this job. I do not know that many people on the outside realize all the sacrifices that our

families do make so we can do this job. We would not be able to be here, we would not be able to stay here without their love and their support. Never forget to say thank you.

Each of you, Republican and Democrat, has a story to tell about why you decided to run for office, how you ran a tough campaign, and how you arrived here today. We all have that in common, and it should remind us we do not have to have two parties constantly at odds. We are two parts that together make up one House. We should strive to act as one House with one mission, and that mission is to serve the people of Pennsylvania. The events of recent months in Washington offer a very real lesson of what is at stake when government does not perform at its best. We see what can happen when ideological extremism gets in the way of common sense. I have gotten to know many of you over time, and I have a great deal of respect for anyone who steps up for and decides to make a career in public service. While we may disagree on matters of legislation and policy, we are united in our love of this State and concern for the people we represent. We share a wish to make Pennsylvania a better place. Because of those things we share in common, I continue to be hopeful about what all of us can do together.

Now, without getting too much in details of policy, I want to note the Democrats in this House have a plan for Pennsylvania if we want to advance. We want to see more investment in education, health care, protecting the environment, and fixing our transportation infrastructure. We believe in making smart investments that raise the standard of living for millions and contribute to the growth of businesses and other institutions that create jobs for working families. The members of this House, as the people's elected Representatives in Pennsylvania government, need to take on the real problems that Pennsylvania faces. We need to understand that working families, children, and seniors ought to be our priority.

To that end, let us make sure that workers' jobs and benefits are protected, children's schools are adequately supported, quality health care remains affordable and accessible for every Pennsylvanian. It is not easy work to do. We all must recognize the economic limitations and constraints that we face in this State and in this country for that matter. Our challenge is to find a way to balance the State's budget, as we are required to do, while keeping in mind and keeping in place the essential services to the people who need them the most. It is no easy work to be sure, but we must succeed in that work if Pennsylvania is to move forward.

Let us resolve – it is New Year's Day, by the way – to work together as one House to move Pennsylvania forward to a better place. Let us work together to improve the schools and universities our children attend. Let us work together to improve our environment, to protect the environmental treasures we have in Pennsylvania that the Lord has blessed us with. Let us work together to keep the safety net in place for the most vulnerable members of Pennsylvania's family and they are all our family, including thousands of our brothers and sisters struggling with drug dependency. Let us work together to preserve Pennsylvania's national leadership in health care, delivery, and research so that the people of our Commonwealth, in this State, can live longer and healthier with a great quality of life. Let us work together, as we have many times before, to make this State a better place to do business, put people to work with jobs that pay a living wage. And just in short, let us work together to do what is right for Pennsylvania.

The members of the Democratic Caucus are ready to do that. We look forward to working with all of our colleagues in the House and the Senate and our Governor to make that happen. We will all do better if we try to find common ground and common purpose. This is a very happy and festive occasion today, as it should be. Tomorrow we need to get to work.

Once again, I want to thank all the families and friends who have come here today to help, who have supported all of us and all of our members in their elections. God bless you. Thank you for being here. And to each of you who won elections, congratulations on your achievement.

Thank you all very much.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Leader Dermody, thank you for your gracious remarks and congratulations to you upon assuming the role of Democratic leader again for this session and my best to your lovely wife, Debra, and your two adult children. Thank you.

We are going to deviate just a little bit. I believe that the Senate committee is here.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. So at this time the Speaker appoints as a committee to notify the Senate that the House is organized, the lady from Northampton County, Representative Marcia Hahn; the gentleman from Bucks County, Representative Craig Staats; and the gentlelady from Allegheny County, Representative Sara Innamorato. If you could please proceed with the performance of your duties and if you will just come up. We are going to have you meet back in the area near my right-side entrance of the back of the House. Representatives Hahn, Innamorato, and Staats.

COMMITTEE ON PART OF SENATE RECOGNIZED

The SPEAKER. Our committee will be bringing in the committee from the Senate and they will be bringing them down the center aisle here.

And please proceed onto the House floor, the House committee and the Senate committee. You may please proceed to the House floor at this time, and just follow House security right here to the middle aisle. Our House committee should come down with the Senators. Representative Hahn – did they head over to the Senate? Okay. Good. Okay. So Representative Hahn, Representative Innamorato, and Representative Staats have gone over to the Senate, and we have now here from the Senate Senator Mensch, Senator Santarsiero, and our good friend, Senator Scavello. The two Republicans both served in the House and the Democrat served in the House.

So we have three colleagues who are now serving in the Senate that were all here and they have come over to make an announcement. I call upon the Sergeant at Arms.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, the chairman of the committee on the part of the Senate, Senator Robert Mensch.

Mr. MENSCH. Good afternoon, all.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for the recognition. Yes, we have three former members. It is fun to be back, and we are really pleased to be here.

We do have a message for you, Mr. Speaker, and that is, to the members of the House of Representatives, we are a committee from the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is convened and organized in regular session and ready to proceed with business. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Senator Mensch, Senator Santarsiero, Senator Scavello, welcome to the House. We are so honored. Thank you for bringing that message from the Senate, and we are just so glad you would be here. Please take the time to say hello to your former colleagues, and we wish each and every one of you and all of your colleagues in the Senate the very best. We are looking forward to working with you this year.

Mr. MENSCH. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sirs.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. Now, our next committee is not going to have to walk very far, but they will come right down here to the front and then they are going to come over and greet the Governor and the First Lady.

I would at this time say that we are appointing a committee to wait upon the Governor and notify him the House is organized. Governor, remember that is a legal term. The lady from Cumberland County, Representative Sheryl Delozier, if you will come to the middle aisle; the good gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Jason Ortitay, please come to the middle aisle first and stand by the microphone first, if you can, and then I will have you greet the Governor shortly; and the good gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Malcolm Kenyatta, if you will come down to the middle aisle. They will all stand right near the microphone first, and then as a group you will go over. Sheryl, if they will give you room to cut through, that would be great. Thank you.

So, everybody, I welcome Representative Sheryl Delozier of Cumberland County, Representative Jason Ortitay of Allegheny County, and Representative Kenyatta of Philadelphia County. And, Representative Delozier, we will call you to the mike at this time and then we will have you go over to meet the Governor and First Lady. Thank you.

Ms. DELOZIER. Governor, we have been appointed as a committee to the House to inform you that the House of Representatives is organized and is ready to receive any communication that you may be pleased to make.

The SPEAKER. And please proceed over to the Governor and First Lady. Thank you so much, Representatives.

Members, we are going to proceed with some business. We are going to get to the House rules. Those of you that wish, you may stay on the floor, but those families and friends and guests that wish to step off the floor at this time, please feel free. We will resume with our business in just about 5 minutes. I do need all the members to please stay on the House floor. I do need all the members to please stay on the House floor. Thank you so much to the families and guests.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR. STEPHENS

The SPEAKER. Representative Todd Stephens, you are recognized, my friend. Representative Stephens.

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to wish my son a happy seventh birthday.

The SPEAKER. Whoa.

Mr. STEPHENS. This is the second time on swearing-in day we celebrated his birthday.

The SPEAKER. Happy birthday, buddy. Happy birthday. Thank you so much for being with us, and thank you, Dad.

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. All right. Members, please take your seats.

All guests, we are going to ask you to please step off the House floor at this time. We need members and staff on the floor. Sergeants at Arms and the team, if you could ask all guests to please step off the floor at this time. We do need members in their seats and we need staff in place to proceed.

We have a few other items in front of us. The Sergeants at Arms will please clear the floor for the guests at this time. We really need members to take their seats and our staff members. Thank you. If you could all take your seats.

We are going to proceed to resolutions regarding the rules. Guests are going to have to step off the House floor at this time. The gallery is open, however. All guests can go to the gallery. The gallery is on the fourth floor, and there are seats available in the gallery for any guests. So anybody who wants a seat can go up to the gallery. That is open to the public.

All right. All members, please take your seats. All guests, the gallery is open. We will also have, after we are done with rules and I think before our joint session, we will be doing our benediction. Representative Aaron Kaufer of Luzerne County will be offering our benediction.

And at this time I am going to ask the Sergeants at Arms to close the doors of the House. We are going to begin work on some important housekeeping matters.

Members, please take your seats. All members, please come to the floor. All staff, please come to the floor. Guests are invited to go into the gallery. For all of our new 43 members, please come to the floor and take your seats and we will get you to your families and friends very shortly. All members, please report to the floor, and any new members, please come onto the House floor. You may not know but we are going to take a few votes.

RESOLUTIONS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative Bryan Cutler, who offers the following resolution, which the clerk will read.

The following resolution was read:

House Resolution No. 4

A RESOLUTION

Providing for the adoption of a temporary rule relating to the consideration of a resolution providing for the Rules of the House of Representatives.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Representative Cutler, sir, you may proceed.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the members are in possession, as well as the Speaker, of HR 4. This would be a resolution by which we would adopt a temporary rule so that we could immediately vote straight up or down on HR 1, which is the agreed-to rules product that we worked through with all members on our side of the aisle as well as the Democrat leadership, and I would be happy to go into that process if anybody has any questions. But the effort really is to set the foundation of rules so that we can get the committees up and operational, and to the extent that there needs to be any further discussions regarding rules beyond what we are presenting today, I am happy to have those.

The SPEAKER. So— I am sorry. Representative Samuelson, my apologies.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to speak against Resolution 4. It is a one-sentence resolution. You can read it. It says that when we consider the House rules, this resolution is an unamendable resolution. So it is our very first vote on legislation of the 2019-2020 session, and we are being asked to say that the 203 members of this House are not allowed to amend the House rules. That is very undemocratic.

We had a wonderful ceremony that we just concluded. We had wonderful remarks by our leaders. I know the Speaker said that we are starting with a clean slate, that we are open to advice as to what we can do better. The leader said that we are sitting on democracy's front porch, and the minority leader said that we want to keep the spirit of bipartisanship alive. But we have a number of proposals that have been in draft form, in amendment form, ready to go today. We have 10 proposals for how we could make the rules better. We realize that that would have to be a majority vote of the House of Representatives to approve any one of these 10 proposed changes, but if you vote "yes" on Resolution 4 and shut down all debate before it even starts, you are saying we are not interested in any changes to the House rules.

Now, think about this: If you look on your computer right now, you cannot find Resolution 1. That is the proposed House rules. You cannot find Resolution 4. Resolution 4 is in writing. It is sitting on your desk right now. Resolution 1, the proposed rules, here we are at 2 in the afternoon. We do not even have the official copy of Resolution 1. So we are talking about not allowing amendments on a document that does not yet exist. Yes, we have a draft amendment that we were handed 3 1/2 hours ago. My goodness, we had 3 1/2 hours to read a 66-page document as we were being sworn in, as we were listening to the official opening-day speeches. That is not enough time. This is a terrible process to try to jam this through on swearing-in day, and it is an even worse process to say that we are not interested in any amendments. We are going to vote for something that says you are not allowed to amend the House rules? I urge a "no" vote. I ask all of my colleagues to vote "no." I ask the 43 members who were sworn in for the first time to vote "no." We should have this debate. We should be allowed to discuss proposed amendments to the House rules.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Samuelson.
Representative Robert Freeman.

Mr. FREEMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have a lot of respect for the gentleman who has assumed the office of majority leader. We served together on the House Local Government Committee. He is a very able member and I am sure will prove to be a very able leader as well. But on this resolution we disagree and I disagree strongly.

As the gentleman, Mr. Samuelson, pointed out, this resolution if adopted by the House will prohibit any amendments to the resolution that will then be brought up setting our House rules.

Our House rules are one of the most important documents that we put in place at the beginning of the session. It frames how we operate, it determines how much or how little a rank-and-file member can weigh in on an issue, offer amendments, participate in the process. We, as a body, should be having a full debate about that. We, as a body, should be able to vote on amendments as the ones Mr. Samuelson referred to, that could improve the process, make it more open, more transparent, and ensure that we have an opportunity to make legislation flow better than in past sessions. But if we adopt Resolution 4 today, that will be shut down.

Each and every member of this House has experienced a very unique opportunity. We, unlike most of the citizens of this Commonwealth, have been elected as Representatives of a deliberative body, a deliberative body. I call upon you to hold on to your ability to be deliberative. Vote HR 4 down. Do not abdicate your responsibility as an elected Representative to shape this process and this institution. Vote "no."

The SPEAKER. Does any other member wish to speak on HR 4?

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—109

Barrar	Gillen	Maloney	Roae
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Marshall	Rothman
Bernstine	Gleim	Masser	Ryan
Boback	Gregory	Mehaffie	Sankey
Borowicz	Greiner	Mentzer	Saylor
Brooks	Grove	Metcalfe	Schemel
Brown	Hahn	Metzgar	Schmitt
Causar	Heffley	Mihalik	Schroeder
Cook	Helm	Millard	Simmons
Cox	Hennessey	Mizgorski	Sonney
Culver	Hershey	Moul	Staats
Cutler	Hickernell	Murt	Stephens
Day	Irvin	Nelson	Struzzi
Delozier	James	Nesbit	Thomas
Diamond	Jones	O'Neal	Tobash
DiGirolamo	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Toepel
Dowling	Kail	Ortitay	Toohil
Dunbar	Kaufer	Owlett	Topper
Dush	Kauffman	Peifer	Walsh
Ecker	Keefer	Pickett	Warner
Ellis	Keller, F.	Polinchock	Wentling
Emrick	Keller, M.K.	Puskaric	Wheeland
Everett	Klunk	Pyle	White
Farry	Knowles	Quinn	Zimmerman
Fee	Lawrence	Rader	
Fritz	Lewis	Rapp	Turzai,
Gabler	Mackenzie	Reese	Speaker
Gaydos	Mako	Rigby	

NAYS—91

Bizzarro	Dermody	Krueger	Readshaw
Boyle	Donatucci	Kulik	Roebuck
Bradford	Driscoll	Lee	Rozzi
Briggs	Evans	Longietti	Sainato
Bullock	Fiedler	Madden	Samuelson
Burgos	Fitzgerald	Malagari	Sanchez
Burns	Flynn	Markosek	Sappey
Caltagirone	Frankel	Matzie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Freeman	McCarter	Schweyer
Cephas	Gainey	McClinton	Shusterman
Ciresi	Galloway	McNeill	Sims
Comitta	Goodman	Merski	Snyder
Conklin	Harkins	Miller, B.	Solomon
Cruz	Harris	Miller, D.	Sturla
Daley	Hohenstein	Mullery	Ullman
Davidson	Howard	Mullins	Vitali
Davis, A.	Innamorato	Neilson	Warren
Davis, T.	Isaacson	O'Mara	Webster
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Otten	Wheatley
Deasy	Kim	Pashinski	Williams
DeLissio	Kinsey	Petrarca	Youngblood
Delloso	Kirkland	Rabb	Zabel
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The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, Representative Bryan Cutler, who offers the following resolution, which the clerk will read.

The following resolution was read:

House Resolution No. 1

A RESOLUTION

Adopting permanent rules for the House of Representatives, further providing for members' and employees' expenses, for order of business, for general appropriation bill and non-preferred bills, for consideration of bills, for third consideration and final passage bills, for bills amended by the Senate, for House and concurrent resolutions, for standing committees and subcommittees, for organization of standing committees and subcommittees and for powers and duties of standing committees and subcommittees; providing for Government Oversight Committee; further providing for status of members indicted or convicted of a crime, for members required to be present and vote, for financial interests in gaming entities, for suspending and changing rules, for Ethical Conduct Rules definitions and for conduct; providing for professional conduct; and further providing for Committee on Ethics.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. At this time the Speaker calls upon the majority leader with respect to another resolution and it is HR 1. I call upon the majority leader.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, HR 1, really the foundation of that is the rules by which we operated last session. But to the gentleman's point – both gentlemen I have immense respect for, and I appreciate the healthy debate that we can have regarding the rules – the truth is and I will share what we went through on our side and we went through a systematic approach in developing the rules by which I asked our legal counsel to assemble every version of every rule change that had been offered in the prior session or even, quite frankly, discussed by members, and we immediately began discussing that at the leadership level, then through the regional caucus level, the chairmen level, we had a series of phone calls, we worked with our Democratic counterparts, and ultimately, this is the agreed-to product that we wish to start the rules – the rules with which we wish to start the session.

So to the extent that the prior gentleman had brought up that the rules were unamendable, he is partially correct, they are only unamendable on this vote, but in theory we always operate under temporary rules. As the returning members will know, we can alter, change, suspend, or make temporary rules at the will of the body with 102 votes. So this is the starting point. I would urge the members to vote "yes" since I think it is a very workable product and we will work towards what the gentleman requested, which is a more efficient legislative process. Thank you.

MOTION TO POSTPONE

The SPEAKER. Representative Samuelson, sir, you may proceed.

Mr. SAMUELSON. I rise to make a motion.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir; you may present your motion, sir.

Mr. SAMUELSON. And then I will have an opportunity to speak?

The SPEAKER. Yes. You will be able to speak on the motion, yes.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Okay. My motion is to postpone consideration of HR 1 until Tuesday, January 15, which is our very next day here in the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. Yes, sir.

The motion is to postpone a vote on Resolution 1 until January 15, which is our next in-session date, our in-session date. It is also the date of the inauguration of the Governor.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER. And, Representative Samuelson, on that you may speak, sir.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to postpone because we are being asked to vote on HR 1. We just got it about 4 minutes ago, for the record. It is not on the computers today. It is a printed copy. We did get a draft version of this 3 1/2 hours ago, but the actual language we will be voting on, we got 4 minutes ago. So we are being asked to vote on, it actually turned out to be 64 pages of House rules today.

We have proposed amendments that are out there for consideration. I believe that we should take up the House rules on our very next legislative session day, and that way amendments could be considered, amendments could be debated, we could have a deliberative process in terms of adopting our House rules. Remember that these House rules govern our

process for the next 2 years. I have been in office for several terms, and my experience is that the only day we talk about rules is the first day of the session. So by that calendar, the very next time this will come up is January 5 of 2021. That is 2 years away. So I know there is a statement that we are going to be able to talk about some changes, but my past experience is we are not allowed to talk about it until swearing-in day and that is another 2 years. So let us wait only 2 weeks. It is our very next day back. Let us postpone Resolution 1, and let us take it up on the 15th of January.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Samuelson.

Does anybody else wish to speak on HR 1— It is the motion to postpone, and then I will call on the leader last.

And at this time I call upon the majority leader, Representative Bryan Cutler, on the motion.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the members to oppose the motion to postpone. As I mentioned previously, this was an agreed-to and worked-on-together product, and in the interest of getting it established, I would urge the members to support the resolution as drafted and oppose the motion as offered.

Furthermore, I would urge the gentleman who had questions about the rules process going forward, I would urge you to judge me on my prior legislative experience and working in a bipartisan manner as opposed to what has happened previously in this chamber. It is my intention to continue carrying on the duties of this job in the same manner at which I worked on other legislation with many of the members on your side of the aisle.

So I appreciate the gentleman's concern, but in the interest of getting the committees established so that we can actually begin considering bills, which I believe the citizens of the Commonwealth ultimately want us to do, this is the best, most efficient method to do it.

So I urge the members to oppose the motion to postpone.

The SPEAKER. Members, if you oppose the motion, you will be voting "no," and if you are in favor of the motion, you will be voting "yes." So the green button is "yes"; the red button is "no" on the motion.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the motion?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—90

Bizzarro	Dermody	Krueger	Readshaw
Boyle	Donatucci	Kulik	Roebuck
Bradford	Driscoll	Lee	Rozzi
Briggs	Evans	Longietti	Sainato
Bullock	Fiedler	Madden	Samuelson
Burgos	Fitzgerald	Malagari	Sanchez
Burns	Flynn	Markosek	Sappety
Caltagirone	Frankel	Matzie	Schlossberg
Carroll	Freeman	McCarter	Schweyer
Cephas	Gainey	McClinton	Shusterman
Ciresi	Galloway	McNeill	Sims
Comitta	Goodman	Merski	Snyder
Conklin	Harkins	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cruz	Harris	Mullery	Sturla
Daley	Hohenstein	Mullins	Ullman
Davidson	Howard	Neilson	Vitali
Davis, A.	Innamorato	O'Mara	Warren
Davis, T.	Isaacson	Otten	Webster

Dawkins	Kenyatta	Pashinski	Wheatley
Deasy	Kim	Petrarca	Williams
DeLissio	Kinsey	Rabb	Youngblood
Delloso	Kirkland	Ravenstahl	Zabel
DeLuca	Kortz		

NAYS—110

Barrar	Gillen	Maloney	Rigby
Benninghoff	Gillespie	Marshall	Roae
Bernstine	Gleim	Masser	Rothman
Boback	Gregory	Mehaffie	Ryan
Borowicz	Greiner	Mentzer	Sankey
Brooks	Grove	Metcalfe	Saylor
Brown	Hahn	Metzgar	Schemel
Causer	Heffley	Mihalik	Schmitt
Cook	Helm	Millard	Schroeder
Cox	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Simmons
Culver	Hershey	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cutler	Hickernell	Moul	Staats
Day	Irvin	Murt	Stephens
Delozier	James	Nelson	Struzzi
Diamond	Jones	Nesbit	Thomas
DiGirolamo	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Tobash
Dowling	Kail	Oberlander	Toepel
Dunbar	Kaufar	Ortitay	Toohil
Dush	Kauffman	Owlett	Topper
Ecker	Keefer	Peifer	Walsh
Ellis	Keller, F.	Pickett	Warner
Emrick	Keller, M.K.	Polinchock	Wentling
Everett	Klunk	Puskaric	Wheeland
Farry	Knowles	Pyle	White
Fee	Lawrence	Quinn	Zimmerman
Fritz	Lewis	Rader	
Gabler	Mackenzie	Rapp	Turzai,
Gaydos	Mako	Reese	Speaker

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

Hanbidge

Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

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

The SPEAKER. Does anybody wish to speak on HR 1? Representative Gene DiGirolamo, on HR 1.

Mr. DIGIROLAMO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I realize that today we are not going to have the opportunity to amend this resolution. I thought a reasonable idea and proposal would have been to form a special committee, bipartisan committee, made up of Democrats and Republicans, to study our rules and come back with recommendations. I intend in the next few days to introduce a resolution that would do just that.

This committee would be made up of 12 Democrats and 12 Republicans. To make a recommendation would require a three-quarter vote, meaning 18 members would have to vote in favor of a recommendation. The committee would then bring back a report to the House in a timely manner, 60 or 90 days, and then we would take up those recommendations here in the House. I think that is a reasonable and fair proposal. Again, I intend to

introduce a resolution in a few days and I would hope that the Rules Committee at some time in the future would consider the resolution.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Does anybody else wish to speak on HR 1? Leader, do you wish to speak again on HR 1? Yes, sir.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I realize this is only anecdotal but I do think it is important. My first term was certainly much longer than all of yours will hopefully be today. That was the year where we were at a split of 102-101 and we had a surprise Speaker candidate that was offered. And then we proceeded to move into the adoption of temporary rules. The reason I share that story is because by having rules and a commission that were put forth that day, while I think there were many good things that came forth, one, I do not think that we should artificially limit the ideas that could be considered ultimately by the Rules Committee by virtue of a three-quarters vote, but two, and I think this was most important and goes back to the question of efficiency in actually considering legislation, we operated for months without actual rules and the temporary rules were repeatedly extended.

Again, I think it is best to get down to the agreed-to product thus far, continue discussions in what I believe is the proper vehicle, which is the Rules Committee. So I urge the members' support for this and appreciate further discussions with the gentleman.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—142

Barrar	Fee	Lawrence	Readshaw
Benninghoff	Flynn	Lewis	Reese
Bernstine	Fritz	Mackenzie	Rigby
Bizzarro	Gabler	Mako	Roae
Boback	Galloway	Maloney	Rothman
Borowicz	Gaydos	Marshall	Rozzi
Boyle	Gillen	Masser	Ryan
Bradford	Gillespie	Matzie	Sankey
Briggs	Gleim	McClinton	Saylor
Brooks	Goodman	McNeill	Schemel
Brown	Gregory	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Bullock	Greiner	Mentzer	Schroeder
Causer	Grove	Metcalfe	Simmons
Cephas	Hahn	Metzgar	Snyder
Cook	Harris	Mihalik	Solomon
Cox	Heffley	Millard	Sonney
Cruz	Helm	Miller, B.	Staats
Culver	Hennessey	Mizgorski	Stephens
Cutler	Hershey	Moul	Struzzi
Davis, T.	Hickernell	Murt	Sturla
Dawkins	Irvin	Nelson	Thomas
Day	James	Nesbit	Tobash
Deasy	Jones	O'Neal	Toepel
Delozier	Jozwiak	Oberlander	Toohil
Dermody	Kail	Ortitay	Topper
Diamond	Kaufar	Owlett	Walsh
DiGirolamo	Kauffman	Pashinski	Warner
Donatucci	Keefer	Peifer	Wentling
Dowling	Keller, F.	Pickett	Wheatley
Dunbar	Keller, M.K.	Polinchock	Wheeland

Dush	Kim	Puskaric	White
Ecker	Kirkland	Pyle	Youngblood
Ellis	Klunk	Quinn	Zimmerman
Emrick	Knowles	Rader	
Everett	Kortz	Rapp	Turzai,
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Speaker

NAYS—58

Burgos	Fiedler	Madden	Sainato
Burns	Fitzgerald	Malagari	Samuelson
Caltagirone	Frankel	Markosek	Sanchez
Carroll	Freeman	McCarter	Sappey
Ciresi	Gainey	Merski	Schlossberg
Comitta	Harkins	Miller, D.	Schweyer
Conklin	Hohenstein	Mullery	Shusterman
Daley	Howard	Mullins	Sims
Davidson	Innamorato	Neilson	Ullman
Davis, A.	Isaacson	O'Mara	Vitali
DeLissio	Kenyatta	Otten	Warren
Dellosa	Kinsey	Petrarca	Webster
DeLuca	Krueger	Rabb	Williams
Driscoll	Lee	Roebuck	Zabel
Evans	Longiatti		

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—1

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

BENEDICTION

The SPEAKER. Okay. Members, we are going to have a joint session here shortly, but we are going to close this part of our work today. So we are going to have a benediction. And I am going to have to ask the Sergeants at Arms to close the doors of the House, so if anybody needs to step off, we are going to have the benediction and then we will just have a short at ease.

But the benediction today will be offered by our friend and our colleague, Representative Aaron Kaufer, of Luzerne County. Members and guests, I would ask you to please rise as able.

Mr. KAUFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have two quick prayers, and I emphasize quick, that I would like to share today and truly appreciate the honor to be up here to share them.

First a prayer for the government:

He who grants salvation to kings and dominion to rulers, whose kingdom is a kingdom spanning all eternities; who places a road in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, may He bless, safeguard, preserve, help, exalt, make great, extol, and raise high the Governor and the men and women of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The King who reigns over kings, in His mercy, may He sustain them and protect them from every trouble, woe, and injury; may He rescue them; may He put into their hearts the wisdom, inspiration, and courage to lead. So may it be His will, and now let us respond. Amen.

The most holy prayer in Judaism is the Shema, a prayer focused on unity. In the days that we will share in this chamber, let us remember that we are one seeking to solve problems

together. Though we may not always agree, let us remember that we are duly elected to serve and represent our districts. Though we may not see eye-to-eye, we still strive to make our Commonwealth and our nation a better place. Those who know the words, please feel free to join me:

(Prayer sung in Hebrew.)

Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one, and let us say, Amen.

The SPEAKER. Representative Kaufer, thank you for that very meaningful prayer today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, you are reminded to report to the Chief Clerk's Office sometime today or tomorrow to sign the oath book. This is for posterity and is actually for the legacy with respect to this chamber as we enter into the 203d legislative session.

Members, we will be going into joint session in approximately 15 minutes with the Senate. That will not be a long session, but we do have some items to do with the Senate in that joint period. We are going to stand at ease for 15 minutes, and I would ask you to please come back to the floor in 15 minutes for a joint session with the Senate.

All members, please report to the House floor. Guests, I am going to need you to just step to the rear or up in the gallery. The Senate is coming over to the House. Our joint session usually takes about 5 to 10 minutes, and then we will complete the festivities for today. All members, please report to the House floor. The Senate will be joining us in just a few moments.

SENATE MESSAGE**JOINT SESSION**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate,
January 1, 2019

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session on Tuesday, January 1, 2019, in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of witnessing the opening, counting and computing of the official returns of the election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, in the several counties of the Commonwealth and to elect a Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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

On the question,

Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?

Resolution was concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

RESOLUTION**APPOINTMENT OF TELLER**

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

In the House of Representatives
January 1, 2019

RESOLVED, That the lady from Philadelphia, Ms. White, be appointed Teller on the part of the House of Representatives to open and compute the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor in a joint session of the Senate and House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, I would like to remind you that, obviously, both the majority and the minority will be reorganizing memberships in their committees and the official date for reorganization will be January 16. We are in session on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, and we will be meeting on the House floor. That day is the inauguration of the Governor, Governor Wolf. All members, we are going to be meeting here to process over to the inaugural ceremonies together on January 15, 2019. So we will meet here.

Now, under our rules we are to meet at 1 p.m., but the inauguration starts before that, so we are going to have to take a vote to meet at 11 a.m. We are going to have to take a vote to meet at 11 a.m. on January 15, because for us to be on time for the Governor's inauguration, we are going to need to meet here at 11 and we will all process over to the inauguration together as a body.

So, all members, January 15, we are going to meet here at 11 a.m. We will do a formal vote here shortly, but just to make sure everybody knows.

MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 15

The SPEAKER. So at this time, actually, the Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that when the House convenes on January 15, 2019, which is a Tuesday, that we are going to convene at 11 a.m. instead of 1 p.m. on that day. Remember, it is a Tuesday, January 15.

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

The SPEAKER. The House will convene on Tuesday January 15, 2019, at 11 a.m., right here in the chamber, and we will process over together to the inauguration for the Governor.

Sergeant at Arms, is the Senate present?
The Senate is here.

Members, please take your seats. Our colleagues from the Senate are here. I am going to need each and every member to take his or her respective seat. Please, members, take your seats.

All members, please report to the House floor. I am going to have to ask all members to please take their seats. Members, we are going to bring the Senate in now at this time.

ARRIVAL OF SENATE

The SPEAKER. The Senate is now entering the hall of the House. Members and guests, please rise. All members and guests, please rise as able. The Senate is coming into the well of the House.

The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House. Please proceed.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, the Senate is now present in the hall of the House.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Michelle. Thank you very much. All members of the Senate, please take your seats in the well of the House. The Lieutenant Governor, Michael Stack, is requested to come up to the rostrum, and the President pro tem of the Senate, Joseph Scarnati, is also asked to please come up to the rostrum.

All members of the Senate, please come on down into the well of the House. Members of the House, please take your seats. Senator Scarnati is invited to the rostrum, the Senate President pro tem, as, obviously, is the Lieutenant Governor.

The Chair requests the Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Mike Stack, to preside over the proceedings of the joint session of the General Assembly.

Members of the House and Senate will be seated, and I now turn it over to the Lieutenant Governor.

**JOINT SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY****THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(MIKE STACK) PRESIDING****ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED**

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Happy new year, everybody.

This joint session of the General Assembly will please come to order.

This being the day and time agreed upon by a concurrent resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the opening and computing of the official returns of the election for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor held Tuesday, November 6, 2018, in the several counties of this Commonwealth, the returns will now be read.

The teller on the part of the Senate is the Senator from Lebanon County. Folks, this is the great Senator, Citizen Mike – I am doing my best for you, Mike – Senator Mike Folmer, and the teller on the part of the House of Representatives is the Representative from Philadelphia County, my State Representative from Northeast Philly, Representative Martina White.

The tellers will please come to the desk assigned to them by the Chief Clerk of the House and proceed in the performance of their duties.

The following election returns were read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the General Election held November 6, 2018, for the office of Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein it was disclosed that:

Mr. Thomas W. Wolf, Democratic Party, received 2,895,652 votes,
 Mr. Scott R. Wagner, Republican Party, received 2,039,882 votes,
 Mr. Paul Glover, Green Party, received 27,792 votes,
 Mr. Kenneth V. Krawchuk, Libertarian Party, received 49,229 votes,
 Write-in Votes, 2,706 (scattered),

as the same have been certified to and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the sixty-seven County Boards of Elections.

Witness my hand and the seal of my office this thirty-first day of December, 2018.

(SEAL)

Robert Torres
 Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the General Election held November 6, 2018, for the office of Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein it was disclosed that:

Mr. John K. Fetterman, Democratic Party, received 2,895,652 votes,
 Mr. Jeffrey A. Bartos, Republican Party, received 2,039,882 votes,
 Ms. Jocolyn Bowser-Bostick, Green Party, received 27,792 votes,
 Ms. Kathleen S. Smith, Libertarian Party, received 49,229 votes,
 Write-in Votes, 2,706 (scattered),

as the same have been certified to and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the sixty-seven County Boards of Elections.

Witness my hand and the seal of my office this thirty-first day of December, 2018.

(SEAL)

Robert Torres
 Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

CERTIFICATE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3252(b), I do hereby certify that Thomas W. Wolf, Governor, and John K. Fetterman, Lieutenant Governor, have filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

Witness my hand and the seal of my office this thirty-first day of December, 2018.

(SEAL)

Robert Torres
 Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

TELLERS' REPORT

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair recognizes the teller on the part of the Senate, the Senator from Lebanon County, Senator Mike Folmer.

Mr. FOLMER. Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and members of the General Assembly, the tellers agree in their count and submit their report of the votes cast for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

Scott Wagner and Jeff Bartos, Republicans, received 2,039,882 votes.

Tom Wolf and John Fetterman, Democrats, received 2,895,652 votes.

Paul Glover and Jocolyn Bowser-Bostick, Green Party, received 27,792 votes.

Kenneth Krawchuk and Kathleen Smith, Libertarian Party, received 49,229 votes.

There were 2,706 scattered write-in votes.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Tom Wolf and John Fetterman, having received the highest number of votes, are duly elected Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years from the third Tuesday of January 2019.

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

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FILED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Everything is signed. The certificates of election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor have been signed by the officers and tellers on the part of the Senate and the House of Representatives and will be filed.

The following signed certificates of election were filed:

The General Assembly of Pennsylvania
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

January 1, 2019

We, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do certify that the President of the Senate did, on the first day of January, A.D., two thousand nineteen, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol, open the returns of the election for Governor of this Commonwealth, and publish the same in the presence of both houses of the General Assembly, conforming to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of said Commonwealth, and upon counting the votes by a Teller appointed on the part of each house, it appeared that The Honorable Tom Wolf had the highest number of votes; where upon The Honorable Tom Wolf was declared to have been duly elected Governor of this Commonwealth.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year written above.

(SEAL) Michael J. Stack
President of the Senate

(SEAL) Mike Turzai
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Mike Folmer
Teller on the part of the Senate

Martina White
Teller on the part of the House of Representatives

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The General Assembly of Pennsylvania
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

January 1, 2019

We, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do certify that the President of the Senate did, on the first day of January, A.D., two thousand nineteen, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol, open the returns of the election for Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, and publish the same in the presence of both houses of the General Assembly, conforming to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of said Commonwealth, and upon counting the votes by a Teller appointed on the part of each house, it appeared that The Honorable John Fetterman had the highest number of votes; where upon The Honorable John Fetterman was declared to have been duly elected Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year written above.

(SEAL) Mike Stack
President of the Senate

(SEAL) Mike Turzai
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Mike Folmer
Teller on the part of the Senate

Martina White
Teller on the part of the House of Representatives

NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The General Assembly will now proceed to the election of Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Folks, nominations are now in order.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, it is my pleasure to nominate Vince DeLiberato, Jr., to serve as the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Founded in 1909, the Legislative Reference Bureau is one of the oldest joint legislative agencies here in Harrisburg. This bipartisan, bicameral agency has the daunting responsibility for drafting every bill, resolution, and amendment and tracking all proposed legislation.

Vince and his employees are no stranger to long days and even longer nights, particularly when we are in session here in the legislature. They perform their difficult job very professionally and with great attention to detail. We are grateful for the outstanding work that they do for the General Assembly and on behalf of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Mr. President, I would like to nominate, again, Vince DeLiberato, Jr., to head the LRB and to wish him the very best in this position. Thank you.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The gentleman from Lancaster County, Representative Cutler, places in nomination for the office of Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau Vincent DeLiberato, Jr., of Dauphin County.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Erie, Senator Laughlin.

Mr. LAUGHLIN. Thank you, Mr. President.

I rise today and I am proud to second the nomination of Vince DeLiberato, Jr., as Director of LRB. Vince plays and will continue to play a vital role in the operations of the Senate, and our members are honored to work with him, and I proudly second the nomination. Thank you.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair thanks my friend from Erie.

Are there any further nominations?

Seeing none and hearing none, the Chair declares the nominations are closed.

The candidate for the office of Director of Legislative Reference Bureau is Vince DeLiberato of Dauphin County. Those in favor of Vince DeLiberato for the office of Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau will say "aye"; those opposed, "no." The "ayes" have it. Vince DeLiberato is declared unanimously elected Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

COMMITTEE TO ESCORT DIRECTOR-ELECT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Vince, you do not get off that easy. The gentleman from Lancaster County, Representative Cutler, and the gentleman from Erie County, Senator Laughlin, will escort Vince DeLiberato to the front of the rostrum for the purpose of taking the oath of office.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

The SPEAKER. Vincent C. DeLiberato, please place your left hand on your Bible and raise your right hand, sir, and repeat after me: I – state your name – do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

(Mr. DeLiberato asserted oath.)

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, Vince.
Thank you so much for your outstanding service. Thank you.
The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Congratulations, Vince.

JOINT SESSION ADJOURNED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair now asks the members of the House and visitors to please remain seated while the members of the Senate leave the hall of the House, once again, with great fanfare and with warm regards from our friends and colleagues from the House.

The members of the Senate will please return immediately to the Senate chamber so that we can conclude our Senate session upon adjournment of this meeting.

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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. Thank you to our Senate colleagues.

MOTION TO PRINT PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT SESSION

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the proceedings of the joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives held this 1st day of January 2019 be printed in full in this day's Legislative Journal.

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

SENATE MESSAGE

RECESS RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate,
January 1, 2019

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

On the question,
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?
Resolution was concurred in.
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the House be adjourned now until Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

Members, we will be meeting to go over together to the Governor's inauguration at that date and time. Thank you very much.

Congratulations to each and every one of you on this really outstanding day.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 3:16 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.