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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)
PRESIDING**

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED

The SPEAKER. Today is a joyous day, as the Governor of the Commonwealth will be sworn into office. We, members of the legislative branch, a separate and equal branch, will be there to celebrate with him and the First Lady. To Governor Wolf, we extend, as a body, our collective congratulations and look forward to working with him in this upcoming session.

It is true it is a joyous day, and I am sorry that at this time I just need to segue for just a sadder moment before we return to the celebration of today.

As many of you are aware, the Chief of Staff to the Speaker and my good friend, my great friend, Karen Coates, is currently at Hershey Medical Center in very serious condition. She is a friend to each and every member of the body. For those of you, the 43 new members, once she recovers, you will have the opportunity to get to know her as well – smart; savvy; classy; principled; friendly; strategic; a role model to many, a friend to many, both sides of the aisle. So many of you have been so gracious in asking about her to myself and to our staff and to her family.

To her daughter, Caleigh; son, Trey; sister, Andrea; her mom; to Bob: Please know our hearts and minds are with you. We are praying for you and for Karen each and every day.

I would ask everybody, if you would, please, rise for a slight moment of silence before we proceed with our prayer and pray for her to just get better and to come back, for her family first and then for her outstanding service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence was observed.)

The SPEAKER. Thank you. You may be seated.

I do also want to thank the Governor, personally, who called us; the Auditor General; the Attorney General. Everyone knows Karen and they have had a great working relationship and friendship with her.

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. At this time I am honored to call upon Representative Bill Kortz, of Allegheny County, to do our prayer for today.

HON. WILLIAM C. KORTZ II, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today as we recite the Lord's Prayer, please keep our dear friend, Karen Coates, in our thoughts and our prayers today.

Please bow your heads and join with me in saying: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, January 1, 2019, will be postponed until printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, just some housekeeping. We will, of course, be starting session tomorrow at 11 a.m. promptly. Please keep in mind we will be swearing in Representative-elect Liz Hanbidge and we will be doing that first. That will be our first item of business after opening up the body. So I would ask everybody to please promptly be here at 11 in your seats for that swearing-in.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. At this time the majority whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff, requests leaves of absence for the following members: Representative Kurt MASSER of Northumberland County for the day, Representative Todd STEPHENS of Montgomery County for the day, Representative Garth EVERETT of Lycoming County for the day, Representative Stephen BARRAR of Delaware County for the day, and Representative Brian ELLIS of Butler County for the day. Without objection, those will be granted.

The minority whip, Representative Jordan Harris, does not have any requests for leaves of absence.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. We are going to proceed to vote on the master roll. Members, please vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—196

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

Dush	Klunk	Quinn	Youngblood
Ecker	Knowles	Rabb	Zabel
Emrick	Kortz	Rader	Zimmerman
Evans	Krueger	Rapp	
Farry	Kulik	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Fee	Lawrence	Readshaw	Speaker
Fiedler	Lee		

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Barrar	Everett	Masser	Stephens
Ellis			

The SPEAKER. One hundred and ninety-six members having voted on the master roll call, a quorum is present.

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 15, 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 Monday, January 28, 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 Monday, January 28, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Members, at this time we are going to proceed to line up to get over to the inauguration, and the inaugural procession will be led by myself, as Speaker, and the majority leader, Representative Bryan Cutler, of Lancaster County, and the minority leader, Representative Frank Dermody, of Allegheny County. You will follow us down to the East Wing. The three of us, however, are going to have to veer off to be able to head in the procession for the Governor. But we are going to line up at the back of the chamber, and as I indicated, the House

leaders, all House leaders, Republican and Democrat, will be at the front of the line, beginning with myself; Representative Cutler, the majority leader; and Representative Dermody, the minority leader, plus the other members of both leadership teams should be at the front of the line. Myself and both leaders will veer off in room 60, while the rest will go to get their seats in the inaugural stands.

We will be returning to adjourn after the inauguration. We will have a formal adjournment, but there will be no other business other than the adjournment. That will be it. The adjournment will be the last business for today. You certainly may come back to the House floor for the adjournment, and I would recommend that you do, but we will not be doing any other business today. We will be back in timely at 11 a.m. tomorrow, and we will proceed with the swearing-in shortly after 11.

There will be no declaration of a recess at this time because the House is in session for the inaugural ceremony.

If you have not picked up your tickets, please see Margaret Doebler in the rear of the House. Margaret is right there in the back, everybody. Margaret Doebler is right in the back, works for the Parliamentarian, and please get your tickets from her.

I would recommend that each and every member attend the inauguration. The Governor was gracious enough to be at our swearing-in, and I think that it is only fitting that each and every member be at his inauguration today and we wish him nothing but the best.

Members, please start to move towards the rear with the leaders in the front. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Speaker and the members of the House attended the inaugural ceremony for the Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor-elect of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.)

The SPEAKER. The House will come to order.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Representative Jim Marshall is recognized and he moves that the House be adjourned until Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 12:52 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.