

**House of Representatives  
Daily Session Update  
January 7, 2003**

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Organization of the 187<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the House of  
Representatives**

**As appointed by Article 2, Section 4, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania for the meeting of the General Assembly the House of Representatives came to order at 12 noon.**

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth Kenneth Rapp presented the election returns for all candidates for membership in the House of Representatives.

The Oath of Office was administered by the Honorable Chris R. Wogan, Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia.

In Accordance with the Provisions of Article 2 Section 9, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the house proceeded to elect a Speaker. Speaker Matthew J. Ryan was re-elected unanimously.

The oath of office was then administered to the Speaker-Elect by the Honorable Patricia H. Jenkins, Judge Delaware County Court of Common Pleas and wife of the Speaker-elect.

The Mace was placed on the Rostrum indicating that the House is in Session.

The Speaker appointed Clancy Myer as Parliamentarian of the House.

Representative Brett Feese, Chairman of the Republican Caucus announced that Representative John Perzel was elected Majority Leader, Representative Sam Smith, Majority Whip, Representative E.Z. Taylor Caucus Secretary, Representative Roy Cornell Policy Chairman, Representative Merle Phillips Caucus Administrator and Representative David Argall Chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Representative Mark Cohen, Chairman of the Democratic Caucus announced that Representative H. William DeWeese was elected Democratic Leader, Representative Mike Veon Democratic Whip, Representative Jeff Coy Caucus Secretary, Representative Stephen Stetler Policy Chairman, Representative Fred Belardi, Caucus Administrator and Representative Dwight Evans Chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

A Committee to escort the Governor consisting of Representative Peter Zug, Representative Melissa Murphy-Weber and Representative Jake Wheatley escorted the Governor to the Chamber for remarks.

The Joint Session of the House of Representatives opened with the reading of the election returns for the Governor and Lt. Governor.

A Resolution was offered honoring Carl Mease, retiring director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. **Adopted Voice Vote.**

Representative Mark McNaughton nominated Robert W. Zeck, Jr. as the new Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. **Adopted Voice Vote.**

A Committee consisting of Representative Daley , Representative Baldwin and Representative Fabrizio was appointed to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives is organized.

A Committee of Inauguration was appointed with the following members:

Representative John Perzel  
Representative Brett Feese  
Representative Sam Smith  
Representative David Argall  
Representative Merle Phillips  
Representative Roy Cornell  
Representative John Fichter  
Representative Robert Flick  
Representative Jerry Stern  
Representative Curt Schroder  
Representative H. William DeWeese  
Representative Michael Veon  
Representative Mark Cohen  
Representative Jeff Coy  
Representative Mark Cohen  
Representative Stephen Stetler  
Representative Fred Belardi  
Representative Dwight Evans  
Representative T. J. Rooney  
Representative Michael McGeehan  
Representative Matthew J. Ryan

Representative John Perzel offered **House Resolution 2**  
**Motion to Postpone (Vitali)**

**87-107**

## **Adoption of HR 2**

**109-84**

Representative John Perzel offered **House Resolution 1** which would adopt the permanent Rules of the House of Representatives.

<b>Suspension of Rules A2 (Vitali)</b>	<b>80-109 Failed</b>
<b>Suspension of Rules A4 (Vitali)</b>	<b>83-108 Failed</b>
<b>Suspension of Rules A5 (Vitali)</b>	<b>84-109 Failed</b>
<b>Final Passage</b>	<b>107-83</b>
<b>Suspension of Rules for convening at 11:00 instead of 1:00 p.m. on January 21, 2003</b>	<b>Adopted Voice Vote</b>

## **Communications Received**

The following members were selected to serve on the **Committee on Committees**

George C. Hasay, Chairman  
Bob Allen  
Matt Baker  
Bob Flick  
Jeff Habay  
George Kenney  
Ron Marsico  
Ron Raymond  
Paul Semmel  
Katie True  
H. William DeWeese  
Mike Veon  
Robert Freeman  
Kevin Blaum  
Bud George  
Matthew J. Ryan

## **From the Governor**

To the Honorable, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

If it meets with the approval of the General Assembly, I would like to address the Members in Joint Session on Tuesday, January 2, 2003, at a time

convenient to the General Assembly upon the completion of your swearing in activities.

Mark S. Schweiker  
Governor

**From the Senate**

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

In the Senate  
January 7, 2003

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Join Session on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of witnessing the opening, counting and computing the official returns of the election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, held on Tuesday, November 5, 2002, in the several counties of the Commonwealth; to hear an address by his Excellency, Mark S. Schweiker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; 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.

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

In the Senate  
January 7, 2003

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President Pro Tempore of the Senate be and is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of sixteen Senators to act in conjunction with a committee of twenty Members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker, to make necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor-elect to wait upon His Excellency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the inaugural ceremonies take place at twelve o'clock noon on the third Tuesday of January, the twenty-first instant, 2003 on the Rear Plaza of the Main Capitol Building.

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

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

In the Senate  
January 7, 2003

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week, it reconvene on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week, it reconvene on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 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.

**Adopted Voice Vote.**

**This is not an official record of the day's legislative activity.**

**House of Representatives**

**Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.**

**Will reconvene on January 21, 2003**

**At 11:00 a.m.**

**Unless sooner recalled by the Chair**