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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. KAREN BOBACK, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Glorious God, as we gather here today, inspire us to do what is good in Your eyes. Bless our thoughts that we will think in terms of truth and justice. Bless our hearts with kindness and mercy in all that we do. Bless our motives that they will always reflect gentleness and fairness. Bless our words that they will incite camaraderie, consensus, and trust in one another. And, dear God, bless our friend and colleague, Karen Coates. Heal her; give her strength and total recovery. In Your name we humbly pray and say, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Boback.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Tuesday, January 15, 2019, will be postponed until printed.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. At this time we are going to look at the requests for leaves of absence. Thank you, Lori.

The majority whip, Representative Kerry Benninghoff of Centre County, requests leaves of absence for the following members: Representative Kurt MASSER of Northumberland County for the day, Representative Garth EVERETT of Lycoming County for the day, Representative Brian ELLIS of Butler County for the day, Representative Gene DIGIROLAMO

of Bucks County for the day, Representative David ZIMMERMAN of Lancaster County for the day, and Representative Stephen BARRAR of Delaware County for the day.

The minority whip, Representative Jordan Harris of Philadelphia County, says that there are no requests for leaves of absence.

We are going to hold off taking the master roll until after the swearing-in so that Representative-elect Liz Hanbidge can be on the record for the master roll. So we are going to wait until after swearing-in to take the master roll.

I would ask Representative-elect Hanbidge to please come up to the front. Mr. Corey will be meeting you right now and Mr. Mann.

All members, please be seated. We are going to be closing the doors of the House for the swearing-in of Representative-elect Liz Hanbidge of the 61st Legislative District.

All members, please take your seats. I am going to have the Sergeants at Arms close the doors of the House. All members should be on the floor.

I would recommend that all members please be on the floor. The Sergeants at Arms is closing the doors of the House. I am asking all members to please be on the floor and to take your seats.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SWEARING-IN OF MEMBER-ELECT

The SPEAKER. All members need to take their seats, and we are going to begin the swearing-in of Representative-elect Liz Hanbidge of the 61st Legislative District. Please take your seats.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MEMBER-ELECT

The SPEAKER. The oath of office required by Article VI, section 3, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania will now be administered by a good friend of this chamber, Federal Chief United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Susan E. Schwab. Judge Schwab worked for the House until 2012. She worked for Leader Eachus and Leader Dermody. She then went on to this prestigious post, and we are very honored that she would take the time today to swear in the Representative-elect.

I am going to turn it over right now to Judge Susan Schwab. Please give her a warm welcome. Thank you.

JUDGE SCHWAB. Thank you, Speaker Turzai.

I just want to say what a pleasure it is to be back here. It feels like coming home. And while being a judge is wonderful, it does not replace the years of service I had here and how much joy I had working – not so much joy all the time though, right, Frank? – but how much professional satisfaction I had working with all of you. So I thank you very much for inviting me back.

(Member-elect stood.)

JUDGE SCHWAB. Congratulations to you. How wonderful it is to be part of your swearing-in on this special day for you.

Ms. HANBIDGE. Thank you, Judge. I appreciate it.

JUDGE SCHWAB. You are welcome.

So let us get right to it.

Representative-elect, can you place your left hand on the United States Constitution and the Pennsylvania Constitution and raise your right hand 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.

(Member asserted oath.)

JUDGE SCHWAB. Congratulations. Ms. HANBIDGE. Thank you, Judge.

The SPEAKER. Representative Hanbidge, is that your dad? Ms. HANBIDGE. Yes.

The SPEAKER. Hey, everybody, this is the Representative's father. If we could give him a warm welcome as well. Mr. Hanbidge, thank you.

REMARKS BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER. Leader Dermody is recognized for some remarks.

Sir, you may proceed.

Mr. DERMODY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I also would like to thank Judge Schwab. It is great to see you again, and thank you for helping us today.

And, Liz, I just wanted to say congratulations and welcome. I know it is a great day for all of us, and I know that the people who elected you from Montgomery County are going to benefit greatly from your knowledge, your intelligence, and your enthusiasm. So enjoy the day with your friends and family and congratulations again.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. At this time we are going to take the master roll. So members will proceed to vote on the master roll.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT-195

Benninghoff	Flynn	Lewis	Reese
Bernstine	Frankel	Longietti	Rigby
Bizzarro	Freeman	Mackenzie	Roae
Boback	Fritz	Madden	Roebuck
Borowicz	Gabler	Mako	Rothman
Boyle	Gainey	Malagari	Rozzi
Bradford	Galloway	Maloney	Ryan
Briggs	Gaydos	Markosek	Sainato
Brooks	Gillen	Marshall	Samuelson
Brown	Gillespie	Matzie	Sanchez
Bullock	Gleim	McCarter	Sankey
Burgos	Goodman	McClinton	Sappey
Burns	Gregory	McNeill	Saylor
Caltagirone	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schemel
Carroll	Grove	Mentzer	Schlossberg
Causer	Hahn	Merski	Schmitt
Cephas	Hanbidge	Metcalfe	Schroeder
Ciresi	Harkins	Metzgar	Schweyer
Comitta	Harris	Mihalek	Shusterman
Conklin	Heffley	Millard	Simmons
Cook	Helm	Miller, B.	Sims
Cox	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Snyder
Cruz	Hershey	Mizgorski	Solomon
Culver	Hickernell	Moul	Sonney
Cutler	Hohenstein	Mullery	Staats
Daley	Howard	Mullins	Stephens
Davidson	Innamorato	Murt	Struzzi
Davis, A.	Irvin	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, A. Davis, T.	Isaacson	Nelson	Thomas
Davis, 1. Dawkins	James	Nesbit	Tobash
Day	Jones	O'Mara	Toepel
Day	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Toohil
DeLissio	Kail	Oberlander	
Delloso	Kaufer		Topper Ullman
Delozier	Kauffman	Ortitay	
	Keefer	Otten Owlett	Vitali Walsh
DeLuca	Keller, F.	Pashinski	Warner
Dermody Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Warren
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Donatucci	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Webster
Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wentling
Driscoll	Kinsey	Polinchock	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kirkland	Puskaric	Wheeland
Dush	Klunk	Pyle	White
Ecker	Knowles	Quinn	Williams
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Youngblood
Evans	Krueger	Rader	Zabel
Farry	Kulik	Rapp	m :
Fee	Lawrence	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
Fiedler	Lee	Readshaw	Speaker
Fitzgerald			

ADDITIONS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Barrar Ellis Masser Zimmerman DiGirolamo Everett

The SPEAKER. There are 195 members on the House floor. We have a quorum.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located to the left of the rostrum, we welcome Rosemary Hensel and Betty Rae Snyder. They are the guests of Representative McNeill. Will you please stand. Please stand. Thank you so much for being with us today.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. RYAN called up HR 7, PN 3, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and extending condolences on the passing of President George Herbert Walker Bush, 41st President of the United States.

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Mr. READSHAW called up HR 8, PN 4, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of January 2019 as "Radon Action Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. THOMAS called up HR 22, PN 7, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of January 2019 as "National Human Trafficking Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. ISAACSON called up HR 26, PN 8, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing January 17, 2019, as the birthday of Benjamin Franklin.

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Mr. MACKENZIE called up HR 27, PN 9, entitled:

A Resolution designating January 23, 2019, as "Maternal Health Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania to recognize all the women who die from complications of pregnancy or childbirth.

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Mr. BARRAR called up HR 30, PN 11, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of January 20 through 26, 2019, as "Nurse Anesthetists Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. GAINEY called up HR 31, PN 12, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and recognizing the week of January 20 through 26, 2019, as "Martin Luther King, Jr., Week of Remembrance" in Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER. Okay. So we are going to open the doors of the House, please. Open the doors of the House. On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolutions?

The following roll call was recorded:

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Burns	Gregory	McNeill	Saylor
Caltagirone	Greiner	Mehaffie	Schemel
Carroll	Grove	Mentzer	Schlossberg
Causer	Hahn	Merski	Schmitt
Cephas	Hanbidge	Metcalfe	Schroeder
Ciresi	Harkins	Metzgar	Schweyer
Comitta	Harris	Mihalek	Shusterman
Conklin	Heffley	Millard	Simmons
Cook	Helm	Miller, B.	Sims
Cox	Hennessey	Miller, D.	Snyder
Cruz	Hershey	Mizgorski	Solomon
Culver	Hickernell	Moul	Sonney
Cutler	Hohenstein	Mullery	Staats
Daley	Howard	Mullins	Stephens
Davidson	Innamorato	Murt	Struzzi
Davidson Davis, A.	Irvin	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, A. Davis, T.	Isaacson	Nelson	Thomas
Davis, 1. Dawkins	James	Nesbit	Tobash
Day	Jones	O'Mara	Toepel
Day	Jozwiak	O'Neal	Toohil
DeLissio	Kail	Oberlander	
Delloso	Kaufer		Topper Ullman
		Ortitay	
Delozier	Kauffman Keefer	Otten Owlett	Vitali Walsh
DeLuca			
Dermody	Keller, F.	Pashinski	Warner
Diamond	Keller, M.K.	Peifer	Warren
Donatucci	Kenyatta	Petrarca	Webster
Dowling	Kim	Pickett	Wentling
Driscoll	Kinsey	Polinchock	Wheatley
Dunbar	Kirkland	Puskaric	Wheeland
Dush	Klunk	Pyle	White
Ecker	Knowles	Quinn	Williams
Emrick	Kortz	Rabb	Youngblood
Evans	Krueger	Rader	Zabel
Farry	Kulik	Rapp	.
Fee	Lawrence	Ravenstahl	Turzai,
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NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Barrar Ellis Masser Zimmerman DiGirolamo Everett

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

The SPEAKER. Members, the practice this session, as it has been the last session, speaking on the uncontested resolutions will always be at the end of the session day. They will always be at the end of the session day. Today we are going to take those now, but once we are significantly into voting session, the remarks on the uncontested House resolutions will always be at the end of the day.

These will be the members that are speaking on uncontested resolutions – there is not a hard-and-fast rule in our rules on a time limit with respect to uncontested resolutions, but I think, as a matter of protocol, we would suggest that a 3-minute time limit, self-imposed, would be appropriate with respect to uncontested House resolutions. Nobody is going to call anybody on it. The Chair will not call anybody on it, but we just think it would be an appropriate practice if you could limit your remarks on uncontested House resolutions to 3 minutes.

This will be the order: Representative Gainey on HR 31, Representative Isaacson on HR 26, Representative Mackenzie on HR 27, Representative Thomas on HR 22, and Representative Ryan on HR 7. I would ask all those members who are going to speak to please come up to the well of the House now, and as soon as the next person is done, I will call on you. Anybody who is speaking on a House resolution, please come up to the well of the House now so that you will be immediately prepared to speak: Representatives Gainey, Isaacson, Mackenzie, Thomas, and Ryan.

STATEMENT BY MR. GAINEY

The SPEAKER. Representative Gainey, you may begin. Mr. GAINEY. Good morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats. The gentleman is entitled to be heard. All members should take their seats. Please close the doors of the House.

Representative Gainey, you may proceed.

Mr. GAINEY. Good morning.

Can I call up the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus to join me, and anybody here that believes in King's dream, can you come to the front and join me. I would appreciate it. Can you come to the front. Anybody that believes in King's dream, come to the front.

The SPEAKER. Representative Gainey, you will get a little more than 3 minutes.

Mr. GAINEY. The reason why I—

The SPEAKER. Members, please take your seats. Please take your seats. Everybody that is up here, you are fine. I just mean with respect to those who are not up here in the well. Please take your seats. Staff members, please take your seats.

Representative Gainey, you may proceed.

Mr. GAINEY. The reason why I asked people to come to the front is because a lot of times we forget about King's dream and what it meant to the movement of America and how we came out of civil rights and how far we have got to go. And sometimes people just think it was a dream, but to me it was a prophetic message, one that allowed us to be able to dream larger than we could see back then in the day. And when you look around the country and you see just how diverse America is becoming, when you see all that is going on, it just reconfirms what we already knew: that King was a visionary whose dream was for all people. When you see what is going on in the political sector, how diverse we are becoming, how many more people in our sector that were

not here 10 years ago, it is a part of King's dream that he said would come to be.

And so when I asked all these people to come up here to respect King's dream, it is to give the prophet one message: that we thank you for what you have done to move America forward and we appreciate it, and as long as we work together to continue to move America and humanity forward, we will always live up to the definition, the meaning, and the creed of what King meant.

So as we go forward, I want to thank my colleagues for joining me, and for those that are in the audience that are in this great chamber, just remember one thing: as Americans, we cannot move America forward unless we move together. So today, for those that join us, thank you, and for you all that stayed in your seat, remember, be a part of King's dream and join the team in moving America forward. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Gainey.

As many of you know, Dr. King was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement, from 1954 until his tragic death in 1968, and born in Atlanta, he advanced civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience. There is a reason there is a Federal holiday named after this great man.

Thank you very much, Representative Gainey.

STATEMENT BY MRS. ISAACSON

The SPEAKER. Representative Mary Isaacson is recognized to speak on HR 26.

Please proceed.

Mrs. ISAACSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Today we are, obviously, honoring those wonderful people who had visions that came before us, as my resolution is honoring my predecessor, Ben Franklin. For on his birthday for tomorrow, as we both represent historic Independence Hall, let us remember the many titles that Speaker Franklin had as Speaker of this House, as our Founding Father, as an innovator, and I look forward, Mr. Speaker, for all of us to find innovative ways in his honor to move this Commonwealth forward in the coming year. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Members, at the end of this session we are going to be doing a quiz on all the famous Pennsylvanians in the Apotheosis, but amongst them, of course, is Ben Franklin here to our front left. William Penn is center and Franklin is to his left.

STATEMENT BY MR. MACKENZIE

The SPEAKER. Representative Mackenzie is recognized to speak on HR 27.

Representatives Thomas and Ryan, please be in the well of the House.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to—

The SPEAKER. Please just give me a moment.

All members, please take your seats. All members, please take your seats. The gentleman is entitled to be heard. All members, please take your seats.

Representative Mackenzie, please proceed.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today in recognition of HR 27, which recognizes January 23, 2019, as "Maternal Health Awareness Day" here in Pennsylvania. In 1986 the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention created a pregnancy mortality surveillance system to find the cause of maternal death in the United States. This system found that despite declines in maternal deaths in other parts of the world, the United States reported much higher pregnancy-related deaths. We went from a low of 7.2 deaths per year per 100,000 live births in 1987 to 15.9 in 2012; 17.3 in 2013; and 18 in 2014. So this resolution will also promote the other initiatives to reduce maternal mortality in Pennsylvania, such as the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, which was created last session.

I would like to thank and recognize all the support from the members who were here last session who helped in the creation of that committee. This committee will address the increasing maternal mortality and develop strategies to prevent future maternal deaths.

And so, again, I do want to thank all of my colleagues for the resolution that recognizes "Maternal Health Awareness Day" here in the Commonwealth.

Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Thomas is speaking on HR 22. Representative Thomas, please wait.

The Sergeants at Arms may open the doors of the House to let members on and off, but I would ask all members to please be seated. All members, please be seated.

STATEMENT BY MRS. THOMAS

The SPEAKER. Representative Wendi Thomas.

Mrs. THOMAS. I did offer for any cosponsors who are interested to come and stand with me. Please feel free to join me if you would like.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, for the opportunity to speak to you all today regarding HR 22, which recognizes January 2019 as "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" here in Pennsylvania.

Human trafficking continues to be one of the greatest human rights issues of modern times. The exploitation of men, women, and children is ranked by the FBI as the third largest criminal activity in the world. It has become a \$150 billion industry, destroying the lives of victims of all ages and genders, but disproportionally impacting women and young girls, especially between the ages of 12 and 14. This is a global threat that affects people of all nations, including the United States. In fact, human trafficking occurs across the country in every State. According to the Pennsylvania National Human Trafficking Hotline, there were 127 reports of human trafficking in Pennsylvania in 2018. Just last year a New Jersey man was convicted of sex trafficking by a Lancaster County court in our own Pennsylvania. The perpetrator used illegal drugs as a means of controlling his victims, whom he was housing and trafficking through several motels along Route 30.

Various studies have indicated many victims of sex and labor trafficking are our most vulnerable citizens: runaways, those in foster care, those who have aged out of foster care, and others who have been left homeless or to fend for themselves. However, anyone can become a victim. The Internet and its social networking Web sites are full of predators looking for their next victim. It is our duty and our moral obligation as leaders of this State to do everything we can to protect those who have been victimized and to work diligently to prevent men, women, and children – especially children – from being victimized.

Raising awareness is only the first step, but an important one. I would also like to recognize Representative Grove's upcoming proposed legislation to help address this horrific crime.

Thank you for your support of HR 22. Remember January, Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Pennsylvania. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. RYAN

The SPEAKER. Representative Frank Ryan, on President George H.W. Bush, HR 7.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, members, thank you very much for allowing us to speak about our late President, George Herbert Walker Bush.

On August 2, 1990, I was an infantry battalion commander and I received a message early in the morning to report to headquarters and I was told that Iraq invaded Kuwait, and I thought, what does that have to do with us? We are reservists. At that point in time, President Bush, who was President at the time, let folks know that for the first time since the Korean war, Reserve and National Guard forces were going to be mobilized in numbers of unparalleled proportions. And during that time of service I had an opportunity to see the man. I had an opportunity to see the compassion, the genuine concern that he had for the families of those who were deployed. So I would encourage you to recognize many people know a great deal about him, but let us talk for a second about what makes him him.

In September 1944 he was shot down. Two of his fellow crew members were killed. He spent 4 hours on a raft waiting to be rescued and he was rescued by the USS *Finn* and spent 30 days on a submarine. But what you need to be aware of is at this point in time his family would not have known that he survived. His family would not have known how he was. It would have been completely unknown, unlike what we have today where we have relatively instantaneous communications. With four deployed members in the military, we did not have that at the time. That takes a toll on a family, and it makes you a little bit more subdued. There is a comment that we make in the military, that many of us are reluctant warriors. Those are the kinds of experiences that lead to that kind of behavior.

He lost a daughter who was 4 years old, the same year that his fourth child was born. As someone who has lost a child, I can tell you that can take the wind out of your sails or it could define the type of person you will be. It helped define his character.

This gentleman, this President, this leader, had a compassion and an understanding and a love for those who worked for him. He was the epitome of servant leadership. In the evenings when he would see his Secret Service detail, he made sure they were taken care of and he knew every one of them by name. He knew their families. He cared about them.

So as we celebrate his life and I am so thankful for the unanimous resolution that you gave today honoring his life, I would ask that we reflect upon a very great Marine Corps expression that we use when someone leaves us and it is said: I wish, Mr. President, that you have fair winds and following seas, and as a retired Marine colonel, Mr. President, I salute you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

LEGISLATIVE DATA PROCESSING CENTER HONORED ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

BRENT McCLINTOCK PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Legislative Data Processing Center was created on December 10, 1968. It was developed and operated to have a customized payroll and financial system used by the thousands of employees within the General Assembly. It provided a full suite of information technology support to 11 legislative service agencies, managed hundreds of devices across 20 legislative networks, developed and maintained more than 80 custom data-input applications, and hosted more than 20 Web sites to provide real-time information to the General Assembly and the citizens of this Commonwealth. LDP works with the Legislative Reference Bureau to provide support for the legislative drafting system used to create bills and amendments and a system to maintain and publish the statutes of Pennsylvania.

I would ask the leadership teams for both the House Republicans and the House Democrats to take all freshman members and any other members up to see both the LDP Center, in addition to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

We are, today, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Legislative Data Processing Center, and I have with me here today, for presentation of this citation, Brent McClintock of the Legislative Data Processing Center. Brent, will you please come up for a second. Please, let us give him a standing ovation here for the work that they do up in LDP. They are part of the team.

Brent is going to tell you where LDP is located, the number of employees, and a little bit more layperson description of exactly what LDP does not only for this General Assembly but for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Brent, please.

Members, please be seated.

And you may proceed, sir.

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes; LDP currently has 28 staff members. We are located in the North Office Building. We do provide technical support for the House and the Senate and different service agencies. We have programming teams and support the financial system. Yes; it is our pleasure to serve the General Assembly.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Brent.

WRITS OF SPECIAL ELECTION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker submits for the record writs of election for the 114th and the 190th Legislative Districts. The elections for the 114th and the 190th Legislative Districts will be March 12; Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

The following writs of special election were submitted:

WRIT OF ELECTION

TO ROBERT TORRES, ACTING SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND TO LACKAWANNA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PATRICK M. O'MALLEY, JERRY NOTARIANNI, AND LAUREEN A. CUMMINGS.

GREETINGS: WHEREAS, A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA, CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF SID MICHAELS KAVULICH, THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN, AND HIS SUBSEQUENT RE-ELECTION TO SAID OFFICE ON THE SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE TURZAI, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND BY THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED, DO HEREBY COMMAND:

THAT YOU CAUSE AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE SAID COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA, ON THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO REPRESENT SAID LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 30TH, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY, AND THAT YOU GIVE DUE AND PUBLIC NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION THROUGHOUT SAID DISTRICT, IN THE FORM AND MANNER DIRECTED BY LAW.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, THIS 2D DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.

MIKE TURZAI SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (SEAL) ATTEST: DAVID L. REDDECLIFF CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WRIT OF ELECTION

TO ROBERT TORRES, ACTING SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND TO PHILADELPHIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LISA M. DEELEY (CHAIRWOMAN), AL SCHMIDT (VICE-CHAIRMAN), AND ANTHONY CLARK.

GREETINGS: WHEREAS, A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE ONE HUNDRED NINETIETH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF VANESSA LOWERY BROWN, THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE TURZAI, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND BY THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED, DO HEREBY COMMAND:

THAT YOU CAUSE AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE SAID COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA, ON THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO REPRESENT SAID LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 30TH, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY, AND THAT YOU GIVE DUE AND PUBLIC NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION THROUGHOUT SAID DISTRICT, IN THE FORM AND MANNER DIRECTED BY LAW.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, THIS 2D DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.

MIKE TURZAI
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
(SEAL)
ATTEST:
DAVID L. REDDECLIFF
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMUNICATION FROM PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the 2017 9-1-1 Annual Report from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency 9-1-1 Office.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM PENNSYLVANIA SUPREME COURT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the annual report of the Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, 18 Pa.C.S. § 5723(d), from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of a study on the feasibility of acquiring and developing a State park in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the requirement of Act 40 of 2017 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the Fiscal Year 2018 Audit Report from the Philadelphia Parking Authority.

Members from that illustrious city should review that report. All members should review it, but in particular the members from Philadelphia.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM OFFICE OF STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the Annual Report Fiscal Year 2017-18 from the Pennsylvania Office of State Inspector General.

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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The Speaker appoints the members of the Committee on Committees.

The members are, from the majority caucus, chairman, the chair of the committee as he was last session, Stan Saylor; Representative Cutler; Representative Benninghoff; Representative Toepel; Representative Oberlander; Representative Masser; Representative Turzai, Speaker Turzai; Representative Reese; Representative Topper; Representative Lawrence; Representative Pickett.

And the minority chair, Representative Davidson, will be the chair, the minority chair; and also on it Representative Kinsey, Representative Snyder, Representative Mullins, and Representative Merski.

That is set forth in the rules. The way it works is the Committee on Committees with respect to the minority party picks its committee members and the majority party picks its committee members. So in essence, the Committee on Committees, the Democrats' members will pick the Democratic members, the Republican members pick the Republican members. And those are the members on the Committee on Committees.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Republican members of the Committee on Committees will meet an hour after the session comes to an end, the Republican members.

We had hoped to actually have reorganization today. It is my understanding the majority caucus will be submitting all of its committee memberships today. When we are back on Monday, January 28 – Monday, January 28 – that will be reorganization day. Monday, January 28, will be reorganization day with respect to the committees.

The majority caucus will be, I believe, pronouncing its committee membership today. I do not yet know what the date and time will be for the minority party for this chamber. But once we know it, we will let you know.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MS. McCLINTON

The SPEAKER. Representative Joanna McClinton has an announcement. Representative Joanna McClinton has an announcement. I should say Caucus Chair Joanna McClinton has an announcement. Chair, please proceed.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Immediately after the conclusion of our session today, there will be a budget briefing for all of the House Democratic freshmen in the Democratic caucus room but all of our House Democrats are welcome and invited to attend.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

There is no further business.

Does anybody else wish to be recognized?

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MS. BOBACK

The SPEAKER. Representative Karen Boback is recognized on unanimous consent.

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

At the conclusion of session, I would ask that all the ladies of the House report to the well of the chamber; ladies of the House, to the well of the chamber.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Yes; the good lady, Chair Karen Boback, has requested all of our lady members of this body if you could please meet at the well of the House at the close of the session.

In addition, we will be meeting – again, I want to repeat the Committee on Committees – the Republicans will be meeting 1 hour after the end of the session, and the meeting will be in the majority leader's office, the majority leader's conference room.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Representative Dan Moul moves that the House be adjourned until Monday, January 28, 2019, at 1 p.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 11:44 a.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.