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ANNOUNCEMENT

At 11.30 a.m., the HONORABLE JOHN HOPE ANDERSON, a member from York County, accompanied by the gentleman from Lackawanna, the HONORABLE JOSEPH G. WARGO, made the following announcement in the hall of the House:

In accordance with the provisions of Article II, section 4, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the members-elect of the House of Representatives will meet this day at 12 o'clock noon in the hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of organization.

CALL TO ORDER

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Honorable Charles F. Mebus, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, called the members-elect to order and announced:

This being the day and the hour fixed by Article II, section 4, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania for the meeting of the General Assembly, the members-elect of the House of Representatives will now come to order.

Prayer will be offered by Father George F. Riley, vice president of Villanova University, who is the guest of the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Ryan.

PRAYER

FATHER GEORGE F. RILEY, vice president of Villanova University, offered the following prayer:

O God, our common Father, we ask your blessing of love on the Governor of this great Commonwealth, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and on us all here present.

More than 200 years ago a handful of courageous men and women, in a time of danger, pledged their lives and hopes for God and country. More than 200 years of human history have a "long" eye and some bitter memories. More than 200 years have proven to us that the more we outwardly master the world about us, the more we are overwhelmed by your wisdom, power and glory, O Heavenly Father.

Today we ask for the virtue of courage....

Courage to appreciate what others have done for us and before us.

Courage to realize that push-button solutions are often an illusion and delusion.

Courage to stand up for our convictions no matter what the cost.

Courage to temper our lives with balance, wisdom, and good common sense.

Then, and then only, will we truly understand the meaning of unity, truth, and charity, which tells us that this republic called America can be united when the unity is based on your truth, O Lord, and experienced in our love for one another.

So, O Lord, we have been doubly blessed indeed. You have given each of us a faith in thee, and you have permitted us to live in the most favored country on the face of the earth. May your opulent blessings be forever the inheritance and patrimony of this great Commonwealth and be upon us all as proud American people. Amen.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR TABLED

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

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Chief Clerk, the deputy counsel to His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Richard S. Glanton, deputy counsel to His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth.

HONORABLE RICHARD S. GLANTON. Mr. Chief Clerk, I have the honor to present a message from His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Honorable Dick Thornburgh.

The CHIEF CLERK. The communication from the Governor will be laid upon the table.

The Chair extends the thanks of the House to the Honorable Richard S. Glanton, deputy counsel to the Governor of the Commonwealth.

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

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

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Chief Clerk, the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the Honorable William Davis, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HONORABLE WILLIAM DAVIS, Mr. Chief Clerk, I have the honor of presenting the returns of the general election held November 4, 1980. The following have received the highest number of votes in their respective districts and were duly elected members of the House of Representatives of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair extends the thanks of the House to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED AND ADOPTED ELECTION RETURNS READ

Mr. L. E. SMITH, a member-elect, offered the following resolution, which was read, considered and adopted:

In the House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, That the returns for the election of members of the House of Representatives, held Tuesday, November 4th, 1980, be now opened and read.

The following election returns were read:

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

To the Speaker 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 4, 1980. 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	VOTES
Bernard J. Dombrowski	1st	14,486
Italo S. Cappabianca	2d	13,718
Karl Boyes	3d	16,171
Harry E. Bowser	4th	13,936
Jim Merry	5th	13,262
Tom Swift	6th	13,234
Mike Gruitza	7th	11,676
Roy W. Wilt	8th	15,960
Thomas J. Fee	9th	15,382
Ralph D. Pratt	10th	12,116
Joseph A. Steighner	11th	13,884
James M. Burd	12th	14,409
Earl H. Smith	13th	12,572
Joseph P. Kolter	14th	19,966
Nick Colafella	15th	15,764
Charles Laughlin	16th	18,494
Thomas J. Murphy	17th	11,986
Edward F. Burns, Jr.	18th	18,003
K. Leroy Irvis	19th	12,048
Stephen S. Grabowski	20th	15,642
Frank J. Pistella	21st	13,094
Steve Seventy	22d	15,250
Ivan Itkin	23d	16,165
Bill Pendleton	24th	13,627
Lee C. Taddonio	25th	17,068
Michael M. Dawida	26th	15,579
Thomas Petrone	27th	12,200
George Pott	28th	19,775
Lori Heiser	29th	14,271
Richard J. Cessar	30th	17,154
Brian D. Clark	31st	13,600

Albert Rasco	32d	12,060
Roger F. Duffy	33d	11,630
Ronald R. Cowell	34th	13,646
Tom Michlovic	35th	13,288
Robert P. Horgos	36th	13,497
Emil Mrkonic	37th	18,476
Richard D. Olasz	38th	11,984
George Miscevic	39th	12,553
Frank J. Duke Marmion, Jr.	40th	17,228
Robert F. Frazier	41st	14,197
Terry McVerry	42d	23,729
Dan Fleck	43d	13,027
Ron Gamble	44th	13,972
Fred A. Trello	45th	15,721
Victor John Lescovitz	46th	15,086
Roger Raymond Fischer	47th	16,023
David W. Sweet	48th	15,938
A. J. DeMedio	49th	15,892
Bill DeWeese	50th	19,726
Fred Taylor	51st	16,954
Harry Young Cochran	52d	15,313
Bert C. Daikeler	53d	17,287
Terry E. Van Horne	54th	13,715
Joseph A. Petrarca	55th	13,462
Allen G. Kukovich	56th	11,293
Amos K. Hutchinson	57th	12,161
James J. Manderino	58th	12,175
Jess Stairs	59th	16,579
Henry Livengood	60th	14,599
Joseph M. Gladeck, Jr.	61st	15,159
Paul Wass	62d	11,783
David R. Wright	63d	13,901
Joseph Levi, II	64th	18,257
John E. Peterson	65th	16,123
L. Eugene Smith	66th	14,046
William D. Mackowski	67th	12,616
Warren H. Spencer	68th	19,987
William R. Lloyd, Jr.	69th	11,470
William Telek	70th	13,043
John N. Wozniak	71st	11,147
William J. Stewart	72d	12,715
Edward J. Haluska	73d	10,103
Camille George	74th	14,971
Bill Wachob	75th	20,111
Russell P. Letterman	76th	11,282
Gregg L. Cunningham	77th	13,863
Clarence E. Dietz	78th	15,062
Richard A. Geist	79th	11,478
Edwin G. Johnson	80th	13,577
Samuel E. Hayes, Jr.	81st	19,020
Walter F. DeVerter	82d	10,846
Anthony J. Cimini	83d	12,367
Joseph V. Grieco	84th	14,328
John Showers	85th	11,122
Fred C. Noye	86th	23,140
Hal Mowery	87th	18,001
John Kennedy	88th	15,194
R. Harry Bittle	89th	19,530
Terry Punt	90th	13,772
Kenneth J. Cole	91st	11,189
Bruce Smith	92d	13,834
A. Carville Foster, Jr.	93d	18,012
John Hope Anderson	94th	15,593
Stanford I. Lehr	95th	8,164
Marvin E. Miller, Jr.	96th	9,428
June N. Honaman	97th	21,424
Kenneth E. Brandt	98th	16,029
Noah W. Wenger	99th	14,889
Gibson E. Armstrong	100th	18,420
George W. Jackson	101st	11,903

Nicholas B. Moehlmann	102d	16,778	John M. Perzel	172d	15,057
Pete Wambach, Jr.	103d	5,589	Frances Weston	173d	12,546
Jeffrey E. Piccola	104th	14,682	Max Pievsky	174th	15,094
Joseph C. Manmiller	105th	23,196	Robert A. Borski, Jr.	175th	12,699
Rudy Dininni	106th	19,806	Christopher R. Wogan	176th	13,691
Robert E. Belfanti, Jr.	107th	13,497	Gerald F. McMonagle	177th	11,851
Merle H. Phillips	108th	12,696	James M. McIntyre	178th	8,261
Ted Stuban	109th	14,307	William W. Rieger	179th	8,812
Roger A. Madigan	110th	17,350	Clifford Gray, Jr.	180th	8,510
Carmel Sirianni	111th	19,050	Alphonso Deal	181st	9,658
Fred Belardi	112th	11,472	Samuel Rappaport	182d	12,081
Gaynor Cawley	113th	17,862	Nicholas J. Maiale	183d	9,596
Frank A. Serafini	114th	16,408	Leland M. Beloff	184th	9,010
Joseph G. Wargo	115th	13,867	Robert C. Donatucci	185th	9,957
Correale F. Stevens	116th	10,587	Edward A. Wiggins	186th	10,217
George C. Hasay	117th	15,772	Norman S. Berson	187th	11,885
Thomas M. Tighe	118th	18,011	James D. Williams	188th	11,027
Fred J. Shupnik	119th	12,143	Martin P. Mullen	189th	9,004
Franklin Coslett	120th	14,953	James D. Barber	190th	10,881
Kevin Blaum	121st	13,326	Hardy Williams	191st	14,894
Thomas J. McCall	122d	12,658	Nicholas A. Pucciarelli	192d	11,733
Edward J. Lucyk	123d	13,750	Donald W. Dorr	193d	14,407
William K. Klingaman, Sr.	124th	17,331	Stephen E. Levin	194th	12,416
William D. Hutchinson	125th	14,558	Frank L. Oliver	195th	9,727
Harold L. Brown	126th	14,177	Ruth B. Harper	196th	12,091
Thomas R. Caltagirone	127th	11,118	Junius M. Emerson	197th	8,600
James J. Gallen	128th	15,850	Robert W. O'Donnell	198th	9,781
John S. Davies	129th	16,335	M. Joseph Rocks	199th	17,471
Lester K. Fryer	130th	9,268	John F. White, Jr.	200th	17,420
James P. Ritter	131st	11,012	David P. Richardson, Jr.	201st	13,675
Kurt D. Zwikl	132d	17,449	Mark B. Cohen	202d	18,561
George J. Kanuck, Jr.	133d	13,128	Dwight Evans	203d	13,457
Donald W. Snyder	134th	15,667			
William C. Rybak	135th	10,066			
Edmund J. Sieminski	136th	8,800			
Leonard Q. Gruppo	137th	13,681			
Russell Kowalshyn	138th	11,962			
William W. Foster	139th	15,731			
John F. Cordisco	140th	10,665			
James J. A. Gallagher	141st	9,461			
James L. Wright, Jr.	142d	15,876			
Jim Greenwood	143d	18,662			
Benjamin H. Wilson	144th	16,641			
Paul I. Clymer	145th	11,736			
Robert D. Reber, Jr.	146th	10,110			
Marilyn S. Lewis	147th	14,519			
Lois S. Hagarty	148th	15,847			
Richard A. McClatchy, Jr.	149th	16,780			
Joseph Lashinger, Jr.	150th	14,595			
George E. Saurman	151st	16,954			
Roy W. Cornell	152d	17,652			
Joseph M. Hoeffel	153d	14,483			
Charles F. Nahill, Jr.	154th	16,354			
Samuel W. Morris	155th	11,933			
Elinor Z. Taylor	156th	18,641			
Peter R. Vroon	157th	16,989			
Joseph R. Pitts	158th	19,731			
Arthur F. Earley	159th	7,365			
Kathrynann Durham	160th	12,981			
Thomas Gannon	161st	13,692			
Gerald J. Spitz	162d	12,969			
Nicholas A. Micozzie	163d	13,646			
Mario J. Civera, Jr.	164th	14,725			
Maryann Arty	165th	17,645			
Stephen F. Freind	166th	19,672			
John Alden	167th	18,323			
Matthew J. Ryan	168th	20,701			
John J. Swaim	169th	12,471			
Frank A. Salvatore	170th	18,127			
Roland Greenfield	171st	13,453			

WILLIAM R. DAVIS

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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

CERTIFICATE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

Department of State
Office of the Secretary
of the Commonwealth
Harrisburg, January 6, 1981

Pennsylvania, ss:

I, William R. Davis, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, custodian of the Great Seal of Pennsylvania

DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That pursuant to the provisions of section 1632 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, all duly-elected members of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have complied with the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code pertaining to primary and election expenses.

(SEAL)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, the day and year above written.

William R. Davis
Secretary of the Commonwealth

ROLL CALL

The CHIEF CLERK. The roll will now be taken, and the members-elect will vote "aye."

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

YEAS—203

Alden	Fee	Livengood	Rybak
Anderson	Fischer	Lloyd	Salvatore
Armstrong	Fleck	Lucyk	Saurman
Arty	Foster, W. W.	McCall	Serafini
Barber	Foster, Jr., A.	McClatchy	Seventy
Belardi	Frazier	McIntyre	Showers
Belfanti	Freind	McMonagle	Shupnik
Beloff	Fryer	McVerry	Sieminski
Berson	Gallagher	Mackowski	Sirianni
Bittle	Gallen	Madigan	Smith, B.
Blaum	Gamble	Maiale	Smith, E. H.
Borski	Gannon	Manderino	Smith, L. E.
Bowser	Geist	Manmiller	Snyder
Boyes	George	Marmion	Spencer
Brandt	Gladeck	Merry	Spitz
Brown	Grabowski	Michlovic	Stairs
Burd	Gray	Micozzie	Steighner
Burns	Greenfield	Miller	Stevens
Caltagirone	Greenwood	Miscevich	Stewart
Cappabianca	Grieco	Moehlmann	Stuban
Cawley	Gruitza	Morris	Swaim
Cessar	Gruppo	Mowery	Sweet
Cimini	Hagarty	Mrkonic	Swift
Civera	Haluska	Mullen	Taddonio
Clark	Harper	Murphy	Taylor, E. Z.
Clymer	Hasay	Nahill	Taylor, F. E.
Cochran	Hayes	Noye	Telek
Cohen	Heiser	O'Donnell	Tigue
Colafella	Hoeffel	Olasz	Trello
Cole	Honaman	Oliver	Van Horne
Cordisco	Horgos	Pendleton	Vroon
Cornell	Hutchinson, A.	Perzel	Wachob
Coslett	Hutchinson, W.	Peterson	Wambach
Cowell	Irvis	Petrarca	Wargo
Cunningham	Itkin	Petrone	Wass
DeMedio	Jackson	Phillips	Wenger
DeVerter	Johnson	Piccola	Weston
DeWeese	Kanuck	Pievsy	White
Daikeler	Kennedy	Pistella	Wiggins
Davies	Klingaman	Pitts	Williams, H.
Dawida	Kolter	Pott	Williams, J. D.
Deal	Kowalyshyn	Pratt	Wilson
Dietz	Kukovich	Pucciarelli	Wilt
Dininni	Lashinger	Punt	Wogan
Dombrowski	Laughlin	Rappaport	Wozniak
Donatucci	Lehr	Rasco	Wright, D. R.
Dorr	Lescovitz	Reber	Wright, J. L.
Duffy	Letterman	Richardson	Zwikl
Durham	Levi	Rieger	
Earley	Levin	Ritter	Ryan,
Emerson	Lewis	Rocks	Speaker
Evans			

NAYS—0**NOT VOTING—0****EXCUSED—0**

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

RESOLUTION

**JUDGE ANTHONY J. SCIRICA
REQUESTED TO
ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE**

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

In the House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, That the Honorable Anthony J. Scirica, a Judge learned in the law, of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, be requested to administer the oath of office required by Article VI, Section 3, of the Constitution, to be taken by the members and officers of the House of Representatives.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT
HONORABLE ANTHONY J. SCIRICA**

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair appoints the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. McClatchy, and the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Mullen, to escort His Honor, Judge Scirica, to the rostrum.

The Chair recognizes the chairman of the committee.

Mr. McCLATCHY. Mr. Chief Clerk, I have the extreme honor and pleasure to present the Honorable Anthony J. Scirica, a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County and a former distinguished member of this House and, to add my own words, a very good friend, and I am delighted to have him with us here today.

The CHIEF CLERK. The committee is discharged with the thanks of the House.

A Bible has been placed on the desk of each member for those who swear by the Bible.

Members-elect will rise, place your left hand on the Bible, raise your right hand, and remain standing at your desks during the administration of the oath to which each member will swear or affirm.

(Members-elect stood.)

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED
TO MEMBERS-ELECT**

HONORABLE ANTHONY J. SCIRICA. Do you, the members-elect of the House of Representatives, 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 the office with fidelity? If so, answer "I do."

(Members asserted oaths.)

HONORABLE ANTHONY J. SCIRICA. Let me be the first to congratulate you on being sworn in as members of the House of Representatives.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The CHIEF CLERK. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

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

Mr. CESSAR. We have no requests for leaves of absence today.

The CHIEF CLERK. Are there any leaves of absence from the Democratic side?

The Chair recognizes Mr. Manderino.

Mr. MANDERINO. Mr. Chief Clerk, the Democratic caucus, 100 members strong, are all present here today ready to do business and request no leaves of absence.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Westmoreland.

RESOLUTION ELECTION OF SPEAKER

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

In the House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

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 Tioga, Mr. Spencer.

Mr. SPENCER. Mr. Chief Clerk, as a personal aside, this is a real significant moment for me. Eight years ago I had the honor to nominate a great guy and Speaker, Kenneth B. Lee, and also today marks the first time since 1962 that a Republican Speaker will succeed a Republican Speaker, another great guy who just preceded us, H. Jack Seltzer, who served us so well and is here today also.

Ladies and gentlemen of the House, Matthew J. Ryan was 6 years of age when Ellwood J. Turner became the last member from Delaware County to be elected Speaker of this House of Representatives. In the intervening 42 years, Matt Ryan has served his state and country well. He became an attorney, which instilled in him the principles of justice and equality. He became the father of five delightful children, which exposed him to the joys and tribulations of life. He became a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, which honed his discipline and solidified his patriotism. He became an avid deep-sea fisherman, which whetted his appreciation of nature.

Eighteen years ago Matthew J. Ryan along with one other Republican member here present took their oath of office for their initial term in this great body. Matt's dedication and talents were soon recognized, and his progress was sure and steady - from policy chairman to minority whip, to majority whip, and finally to majority leader. These years of experience molded his character and firmed his qualifications. As a leader, when there were cries for retribution, he urged forbearance. When bigotry surfaced,

he counseled tolerance. When impetuosity gained momentum, he stalled it with reason and patience. Yet he was tenacious, determined, and very Irish when the occasion demanded. Still his credentials, his real credentials, lie in his strength, effectiveness and compassion, all of which commend him to the highest office this House can bestow. His past dictates that he will moderate with fairness, rule with firmness, and maintain the decorum this House has every right to expect.

Mr. Chief Clerk, as that other Republican who was with Matt 18 years ago, it is with a deep sense of pride and humility that I place in nomination for the office of Speaker my good and personal friend, the gentleman from Delaware, Matthew J. Ryan.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from Tioga County, Mr. Spencer, places in nomination for the office of Speaker the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Ryan.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from York County, Mr. Anderson, who seconds the nomination of Mr. Ryan.

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. Chief Clerk, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to second the nomination of Mr. Ryan.

After the remarks by the gentleman from Tioga, Mr. Spencer, I do not think that there is anything that I can add other than to say that it is a distinct honor to be able to second this nomination. Thank you.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair thanks the gentleman from York.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Freind, for a further second.

Mr. FREIND. Mr. Chief Clerk, first, on a personal note, I was delighted today to see one of the guests who gave the invocation, Father George Riley, whom I have known for years, and who, almost 13 years ago, married my wife and me, and I have almost forgiven him. I can say that; my wife is not here today.

It is my pleasure and honor to second the nomination of Matt Ryan. We all know his ability as a legislator and as a public servant, so I would like to just briefly touch on three characteristics that not only will make him a great Speaker but also make him a great human being. The first is the ability to disagree without being disagreeable, or without being too disagreeable. I know this firsthand, Mr. Chief Clerk, since any number of times Matt and I have disagreed, but we have done it as rational adults, standing 15 inches away from each other, screaming, questioning each other's parentage, but when we were done, it was over, and it never affected our working relationship and, more importantly, it never affected our friendship.

Secondly, he has a delightful, although sometimes irritating, sense of humor and the ability never to take himself too seriously, characteristics that are absolutely essential to succeed in his position.

And thirdly is his understanding of the words, at least in my mind, the words that are really important, words like "trust" and "loyalty" and "friendship." He understands those words and he also lives them.

So it is my honor and my pleasure to second the nomination for Speaker of the House of Representatives, a great man and a good friend, Matthew J. Ryan of Delaware County.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair thanks the gentleman from Delaware.

Are there any other nominations?

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

Mr. IRVIS. Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk.

The Democratic Party will not place any name in nomination in opposition to Matthew Ryan. I had the high honor 4 years ago of standing where he now stands and the ultimate honor of being unanimously elected Speaker of this House, and Matthew deserves exactly the same honor.

Matthew Ryan and I have been friends for many years. Politically we do not necessarily agree, but as human beings we have always agreed as to the importance of the governance of man. It is so important for us on this side of the aisle to reestablish what was a tradition in this House of the minority party not offering simply an opposition to be in opposition that we have decided that we will place no name in nomination against Mr. Ryan. We urge the majority party to remember this, because we believe if you will recall it 2 years from now, you will agree with us that the minority ought not to be filing opposition.

Mr. Chief Clerk, I now move that the nominations for the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives be closed.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

The CHIEF CLERK. Those in favor of Matthew J. Ryan from Delaware County for the office of Speaker of the House will vote "aye" by pressing the button at your desks, and those opposed will vote "no."

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—202

Alden	Evans	Lewis	Ritter
Anderson	Fee	Livengood	Rocks
Armstrong	Fischer	Lloyd	Rybak
Arty	Fleck	Lucyk	Salvatore
Barber	Foster, W. W.	McCall	Saurman
Belardi	Foster, Jr., A.	McClatchy	Serafini
Belfanti	Frazier	McIntyre	Seventy
Beloff	Freind	McMonagle	Showers
Berson	Fryer	McVerry	Shupnik
Bittle	Gallagher	Mackowski	Sieminski
Blaum	Gallen	Madigan	Sirianni
Borski	Gamble	Maiale	Smith, B.
Bowser	Gannon	Manderino	Smith, E. H.
Boyes	Geist	Manmiller	Smith, L. E.
Brandt	George	Marmion	Snyder
Brown	Gladeck	Merry	Spencer
Burd	Grabowski	Michlovic	Spitz
Burns	Gray	Micozzie	Stairs
Caltagirone	Greenfield	Miller	Steighner
Cappabianca	Greenwood	Miscevich	Stevens
Cawley	Grieco	Moehlmann	Stewart
Cessar	Gruitza	Morris	Stuban
Cimini	Gruppo	Mowery	Swaim
Civera	Hagarty	Mrkonic	Sweet
Clark	Haluska	Mullen	Swift

Clymer	Harper	Murphy	Taddonio
Cochran	Hasay	Nahill	Taylor, E. Z.
Cohen	Hayes	Noye	Taylor, F. E.
Colafella	Heiser	O'Donnell	Telek
Cole	Hoeffel	Olasz	Tigue
Cordisco	Honaman	Oliver	Trello
Cornell	Horgos	Pendleton	Van Horne
Coslett	Hutchinson, A.	Perzel	Vroon
Cowell	Hutchinson, W.	Peterson	Wachob
Cunningham	Irvis	Petrarca	Wambach
DeMedio	Itkin	Petrone	Wargo
DeVerter	Jackson	Phillips	Wass
DeWeese	Johnson	Piccola	Wenger
Daikeler	Kanuck	Pievsky	Weston
Davies	Kennedy	Pistella	White
Dawida	Klingaman	Pitts	Wiggins
Deal	Kolter	Pott	Williams, H.
Dietz	Kowalshyn	Pratt	Williams, J. D.
Dininni	Kukovich	Pucciarelli	Wilson
Dombrowski	Lashinger	Punt	Wilt
Donatucci	Laughlin	Rappaport	Wogan
Dorr	Lehr	Rasco	Wozniak
Duffy	Lescovitz	Reber	Wright, D. R.
Durham	Letterman	Richardson	Wright, J. L.
Earley	Levi	Rieger	Zwilk
Emerson	Levin		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Ryan,
Speaker

EXCUSED—0

The CHIEF CLERK. The "ayes" have it, and Matthew J. Ryan from Delaware County, having received 202 votes, is elected Speaker.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT SPEAKER-ELECT TO THE ROSTRUM

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair appoints the gentleman from Huntingdon County, Mr. Hayes, and the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Irvis, to escort Speaker-elect Ryan to the rostrum.

The Chair recognizes the chairman of the committee.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Chief Clerk, it is an honor to present a great Pennsylvanian, the gentleman from Delaware County, the Honorable Matthew Ryan, Speaker-elect of this House of Representatives.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO SPEAKER-ELECT RYAN

The oath of office was administered to the Honorable Matthew J. Ryan, Speaker-elect of the House of Representatives, by the Honorable Anthony J. Scirica.

The CHIEF CLERK. The committee is discharged with the thanks of the House.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the Honorable H. Jack Seltzer, former Speaker of the House, to take the Chair for the purpose of presenting the gavel to Speaker Ryan.

HONORABLE H. JACK SELTZER. Mr. Chief Clerk, Speaker-elect Matt, friends, I am most grateful and honored for the opportunity to participate once again in this most impressive ceremony. It has been a long-established tradition of this House that the outgoing Speaker pass the gavel of the presiding officer to the newly elected Speaker. The gavel is the symbol of the dignity, the tradition, and the authority of this honorable body. It is the symbol of the power and the trust that has been given to you by your fellow members.

Mr. Speaker, when you accept this gavel, you will have obligated yourself to preside with dignity and fairness at all times and to discharge the responsibilities of your office with firmness but also compassion. Matt, you are going to learn that the buck stops here. Congratulations.

THE SPEAKER (MATTHEW J. RYAN)
IN THE CHAIR

ACKNOWLEDGMENT SPEECH

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Jack, and thank each and every one of you.

Three hundred years ago a man dared to dream the impossible dream - a dream where each citizen could choose his own work or calling, where each could worship in his own way, where each could be free to choose his own representative to make the laws in a self-government under which no one would be above the law or outside its jurisdiction.

He called this dream a commonwealth, but the idea was so strange and alien that only in a faraway uninhabited country was this impossible dream allowed to be tested, in a land of forests, streams, and mountains that would take its name after the dreamer, "Penn's Woods" or "Pennsylvania."

The dream of William Penn came true—and there is no greater proof of that truth than the solemn oath you have taken today—to protect and support the Commonwealth he created. For you are not only the legislators of that dream, but its trustees. Three centuries later, you, the duly elected legislators, are not only the donees but the defenders of that dream.

We gather today in this historic chamber to swear our oaths and to begin our tasks, an occasion made joyous by the presence of our friends and our families, and made sacred by reason of our unique history and tradition. No legislature—not the House of Commons in London, nor even the United States Congress in Washington—could boast of a more singular tradition than this, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

What Penn proposed was unique - not just freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly by a society under a constitution, but an organized document that could be amended by the people in the course of time. Such a concept of a living charter, an amendable constitution, was untried in the pages of history and untested in the annals of the world at that time.

As members of the Pennsylvania House, you are not only the legal successors but also the preservers of that government of Penn.

The Pennsylvania House! What a glorious tradition and a splendid heritage it holds!

What is the first and real name of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, that you see portrayed in this mural to my rear? It was the Pennsylvania State House. Who purchased and installed what we now know as the Liberty Bell, in the tower of that Independence Hall? It was the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The inscription reads "proclaim freedom unto all the lands and to the inhabitants thereof."

Was it a description of what was to happen four decades later in 1776?

It was perhaps a summation of the role the Pennsylvania House has played in history. For it was the Pennsylvania House in 1774 who leased its chamber to the First Continental Congress and then to the Second Continental Congress, who in 1776 drafted the Declaration of Independence.

And it was from the tower of the Pennsylvania House that the Liberty Bell was rung on July 4, 1776. And then it was the Pennsylvania House in 1787 that made its facilities available to the Constitutional Conference where our Federal Constitution was drafted in rough.

And, so, it is this Pennsylvania House—even though it has been moved from Philadelphia to Harrisburg where we sit today—that in a unique way is the special guardian of these traditions and the legal guardian of this heritage.

Today we assemble to commence our service. It is more than an inauguration; it is a celebration, a celebration like a civic Mass—a celebration of democracy—a celebration of representative government, a celebration of free assembly, a celebration of the contract of the people and its legislators, whose antecedent was framed by the Pennsylvania House centuries ago.

The Quaker, William Penn, was once asked by an Anglican or Episcopalian companion of his if Penn would take him to the worship service at the Society of Friends Meeting. The visitor sat with Penn on a bench in the rear of the congregation. Ten minutes passed and nothing happened and all the Episcopalian could hear was the silence unbroken by even a solitary hymn or prayer. So confused by the specter of quiet at this service, the Episcopalian tugged on Penn's sleeve and whispered, "William, when does the service begin?" The founder of our Commonwealth replied, "Friend, the service begins when this meeting ends."

And, so, we Representatives of the Pennsylvania House, honored by our special heritage and enabled by our unique tradition, have sworn our pledges to serve our constituency, to serve our Commonwealth, to serve our Country, and to save the dream of William Penn, and this service begins when this day's meeting ends. Thank you.

The House will be momentarily at ease.

I have requested the pleasure of meeting the wife of Leroy Irvis and at this moment I would appreciate your allowing me a moment's recess for that purpose.

PRESENTATION OF COMMEMORATIVE GAVEL

The SPEAKER. I would at this time ask that the former Speaker of the House, the distinguished H. Jack Seltzer, come to the rostrum.

In keeping with tradition—and I think it is important that we do it—I would like to, on behalf of all of us, present and former members of this great body, give this commemorative gavel to Jack Seltzer, our friend; Jack Seltzer, a great speaker, and a friend of all of us and a friend of the people of the Commonwealth.

HONORABLE H. JACK SELTZER. Mr. Speaker, distinguished guests, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this beautiful commemorative gavel.

As I look around this splendid chamber, I cannot help but take notice that there are only two members still here who were present when I took my first oath of office, January 1, 1957 - Joe Wargo and Marty Mullen. At the same time, taking the same oath of office for the first time, was another former Speaker of the House, who I would like to have the opportunity to introduce to you, Ken "K. B." Lee.

Now, when I came here 24 years ago, I never expected nor was it my intention to devote the major portion of my adult life to serving in this House. I certainly had not planned it this way, but it happened, and I never have regretted a moment of it.

In the short span of this one generation, this House has changed considerably, and that is as it should be, because each generation must have its opportunity to govern. Each generation has its own commitments to keep, and each generation has its own goals and dreams to fulfill. In the last 24 years I have witnessed an almost unprecedented growth in both the scope and the complexity of public issues. Each year we were faced with many new and trying challenges just as you will be in this coming session and for the years to come.

I think Roy Irvis, the minority leader, put it very well when back in 1977 he said, and I quote: "I caution those of you who are young and eager and new that the flowers will wither, the guests will disappear and the ceremonies will be over, but you and I together will still face the problems of this land." This Commonwealth will always need legislators who will face issues rather than duck them, legislators who will act rather than react. There will be problems which you will solve and problems without an easy solution and perhaps problems with no solutions. But you will never know what can be done until you put your talents to work, not as individuals but as a House of Representatives.

I want to assure the new members that they are embarking upon what can be one of the most challenging and at times most frustrating undertakings of their lives, but something which will always be interesting. Work hard for what you want to accomplish; fight for what you believe in, but never permit personal or political differences to deprive you of the warm associations you should enjoy with your 202 colleagues and the lifelong friendships which you will treasure.

It has been a constant joy to enter this chamber. I have never been to a place so many times over so many years that I have enjoyed as much, all of the accoutrements in it - the paintings, the marble, the chandeliers - but, most important, those people who sit in the seats and the staff that has supported us over the years.

Yes, there are differences between our two great political parties, and these differences should always be debated fully and openly but never in a manner that will bring shame upon any legislator or this body of legislators. Over the years partisan politics has been excessive, but when courage was needed, there has always been a majority of the members of this House who were willing to run the political risks and stand up for what was right.

In 1963, Davey Lawrence, Governor Lawrence, a Democrat, in his final address, I think gave some of the best remarks when he said this constitution mandates that the administration is obligated to maintain fiscal integrity in government, but more than anything else, it is the moral duty of a government devoted to the people it serves. He went on to say: "Unglamorous though budget balancing may be, it is the cornerstone of good State government."

For the past 2 years this General Assembly stood up for what was right in the passage of a budget on time and in balance, and it occurred because Democrats and Republicans, House and Senate, decided it was the proper way to go.

Now I am no longer privy to what the Governor intends doing, I am no longer privy to what the Republicans intend doing, and I have never been privy as to what the Democratic position will be. So this year I am just one of those 11 1/2 million taxpayers wondering what you politicians are going to conjure up for us. Are you going to continue the partisan cooperation of the past 2 years or are you going to revert to the partisan bickering of years past? As a former hardnosed partisan politician, it would not be proper for me to suggest which way you should go, but since I am no longer a partisan politician but an elder statesman, I will gladly tell you where to go.

What you did in 1979 and 1980 was good for Pennsylvania, and that means it was good for Democrats and that means it was good for Republicans. Yes, the 1979 and the 1980 appropriation acts were not perfect, but remember, there are no, nor will there ever be any, perfect laws.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to be with all of you once again, and although I am no longer a member of this House, the House will always be a part of me. The traditions of this House are rich, and these traditions have been enriched through serving the people of this state and not by blind partisanship.

Governor Scranton in his final days came in and addressed a joint session of the General Assembly. He was a friend of the General Assembly and he was concerned about its future and he said, and I quote: "You have done well—and you will do more. The best years for Pennsylvania lie before us. Make the most of them! The people of Pennsylvania depend on you." Thank you.

SPEAKER PRESENTS FAMILY

The SPEAKER. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you my five children, two of whom just ran out the back door, Katie, Terri, Jane here—Frank is not my child but he should be—Maureen, and my son Matt, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJORITY FLOOR LEADERS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perry, Mr. Noye, for the purpose of making an announcement.

Mr. NOYE. Mr. Speaker, as chairman 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 Huntingdon County, Mr. Samuel E. Hayes, Jr., has been elected Majority Leader by the Republican Caucus, and that the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. Richard Cessar, has been elected Majority Whip.

Furthermore, the gentleman from York County, Mr. Anderson, has been elected Caucus Secretary; the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Kenneth E. Brandt, has been elected Policy Committee Chairman; the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Frank Salvatore, Caucus Administrator; and the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Richard A. McClatchy, Appropriations Committee Chairman.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, the Honorable Sam Hayes, Huntingdon County.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, first I would like to welcome all guests of those who have been elected to this House of Representatives, and I make this the first part of my remarks because not only are you somehow close to those of us who have been elected but you represent today the citizen politic of this Commonwealth, all of those men, women, and children who will look to us the next 2 years as their representatives. I welcome every man, woman, and child who has come from all parts of this great Commonwealth to be with us here today and to celebrate this grand occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate you. I congratulate you as a fellow lawmaker. I congratulate you as a friend. As your friend, I offer you my cooperation and I promise you the cooperation of those fine men and women I have been elected to lead.

To the leader, Leroy Irvis: When I first came to this Assembly just a few years ago, Leroy, you were the majority leader. I respected your leadership then, and as we begin the second 300 years of this Commonwealth, I proudly offer you my hand so that we can lead together those who have elected you and those who have elected me.

To all the leaders on both sides of the aisle, I offer my hand of friendship. To all the Representatives who were

elected just a few weeks ago by the people of Pennsylvania, I offer you my friendship. There will be difficult days; agree we will and disagree we will, but together we must govern Pennsylvania.

I would ask everyone for just a moment—and I know you already have; you have on other days, and those who are here for the first time have today, but could we all for just one moment—to please look about this grand chamber and see the beauty of this chamber - the marble, the glass, the brass, the bronze, the gold, the paintings, the magnificent wood. Probably there is not a grander sight in all the world. The material beauty of this chamber is unmatched. When you leave here and as you tell others of this House of Representatives, I am sure that all will talk about the beauty of this chamber.

Mr. Speaker, there is yet another possession of all Pennsylvanians in this chamber, and I respectfully submit that it is more precious than the gold and the marble, the wood, the glass, the chandeliers or paintings. It is a possession known to few but enjoyed by all Pennsylvanians. It is freedom. Take away the marble; take away the gold, the chandeliers, the glass, the paintings, the wood, and we would still be rich people indeed, richer than teaming millions around the world, because we as Pennsylvanians enjoy freedom.

All nations have some measure of gold, some measure of marble and those other precious things which we surround ourselves with as human beings. But on this day not all citizens of this world are free. Freedom is the most precious of all things here on earth. Yes, it was in this colony that Pennsylvania began as the Athens of America. And let us be like the first Athenian, filled with the spirit of freedom, and let us always be like those who served in this Commonwealth's first Assembly, filled with the spirit to serve the principles of liberty.

Others have talked about this day as a celebration, and a celebration it is. Let us enjoy this day, but let us also as we leave here be sober to our purpose. Athens. Remember Athens, the first democracy. People go to Athens today and see the remains of a destroyed democracy. May people always assemble in this chamber as free people. May it never be a ruin. Long live Pennsylvania, forever. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS BY MAJORITY WHIP

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority whip.

Mr. CESSAR. I also would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your stewardship of this General Assembly. For the new members who may not know Matthew Ryan too well, I would just say that the pearls of wisdom that will come from the rostrum on those long, hot nights will be worthwhile listening to. He has always had the wit, the charm, and the ability to be able to say the right things at the right time and to take the strain and the stress from those times that we are embroiled in the political controversies. Mr. Ryan, I look forward to serving with you and working with you.

To my majority leader, Sam Hayes, I pledge to be an extension of you and to do your bidding to make sure that this General Assembly runs as you as the majority leader has deemed it. To the other leaders on this side of the aisle, I know there will be great cooperation.

To my good friend, Leroy Irvis from Allegheny County, probably one of the most gifted speakers that this chamber has ever seen, I look forward to working with you.

To Jim Manderino: Jim, I can beat you physically. I welcome the opportunity to be here and work with you as the whip for the minority.

To the other leaders who were elected on the Democratic side, I look forward to us sharing this experience. To the new members, likewise, it will be an experience you will never forget.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, as the whip, my door will be open for each and every member, whether they be Republican or Democrat, to work for the good of the Commonwealth and for the good of all of our citizens. God bless you and thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MINORITY FLOOR LEADERS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. O'Donnell.

Mr. O'DONNELL. Mr. Speaker, having been elected chairman of the Democratic Caucus I have the privilege of announcing for the information of the members of the House and for the record, that the gentleman from Allegheny County, Mr. K. Leroy Irvis, has been elected Minority Leader by the Democratic Caucus, and that the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Mr. James J. Manderino, has been elected Minority Whip; that the gentleman from Lackawanna County, Mr. Joseph Wargo, has been elected Caucus Secretary; the gentleman from Lehigh County, Mr. James Ritter, has been elected Policy Committee Chairman, and the gentleman from Luzerne County, Mr. Fred Shupnik, has been elected Caucus Administrator. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS BY MINORITY LEADER

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority leader.

Mr. IRVIS. First, Mr. Speaker, let me congratulate you as a personal congratulation and not just a leadership congratulation. There is no finer person elected in this Commonwealth than Matthew Ryan, and there is no one serving on the floor of this House who could do the job that you are going to do better than you. I am honored to work with you, as I have been in the past, and I think you know you can count on my cooperation in the future.

I accept the offer of friendship from my good friend, Sam Hayes. We shall have no problems in working together.

I congratulate the incoming class, but I do not want you to take for granted what the other speakers have talked

about, and that is freedom. Freedom is never granted and freedom is never complete. Think for a moment with me over the centuries, and I promise not to go century by century so do not worry about that. But I was talking to a young person on my staff yesterday and recalled to that young person that the Egyptians that had government for over 3,500 years and of those 3,500 all of them were years under monarchs, kings, pharaohs, emperors. And the Romans had government for over 700 years and almost all of those 700 years were under kings or monarchs or emperors; a few under a republic.

In the Far East the civilization of China traces its ancestry back for 4,500 years. And of those 4,500 no more than 50 can be counted as the years of the people. So when we talk about freedom in Pennsylvania and the United States of America, and democracy, you and I are talking about something which is ongoing in the struggle. It is not something achieved. There is great danger in this country if we assume that we have achieved freedom. We have not.

I quote a great Republican President—and there have been one or two. I cannot think of the second—a tall, raw-boned, lank, and worried man who stood very near where we are today, almost 120 years ago, and said to his audience, not just in front of him that afternoon but for all time ahead, how this country was started and “dedicated to a proposition that all men are created equal.” And Mr. Lincoln knew then, as you must know today, in his words we are still “engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure.”

This country has endured only 200 years as a republic; Egypt, 3,500 as a monarchy; China, 4,500 as a monarchy; and we as a republic 200 years. Our tenure on a republic life is very tenuous indeed. It is not guaranteed unless we guarantee it by our efforts, in bodies such as this. We will push forward the frontiers of freedom for white people, black people, male people, female people, and all people, only to the degree that we recognize our responsibility in governance, and that responsibility is to be morally right and not just politically wise.

The greatness of our people in this land is measured by the degree to which they rise to the test of self-governance, and they have chosen you as their representatives of that self-governance. The road will be rocky for you; there will be little thanks and less gratitude and much less understanding of your problems, but you have been chosen and you have accepted the choice, and it is your responsibility and mine to lead our people closer to the goal of freedom than we are now. Let there be a time when all men are free throughout the world, but that time is not yet, and your duty and mine is to bring it closer.

Congratulations again, and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REMARKS BY MINORITY WHIP

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland, the minority whip, Mr. Manderino.

Mr. MANDERINO. Matthew Ryan, you son-of-a-gun, you made it. Congratulations, Matt.

When the gentleman from Tioga, Mr. Spencer, introduced and nominated for the Speaker of this House, Matthew Ryan, he said that Matthew had demonstrated certain traits and characteristics as he led his party on the floor of this House in the General Assembly over the years. He said that he had demonstrated firmness and would demonstrate firmness in the use of the gavel and in his tenure at the rostrum, and when you demonstrate that firmness on behalf of the Speaker's chair, and on behalf of your party, we will recognize that firmness and respond appropriately. And when you demonstrate your fairness, we will respect it. And when you demonstrate your compassion, as a party we will join you and work for the betterment of the Commonwealth. Congratulations, Matt.

If Mr. Irvis, my leader, accepts the extension of the hand of friendship of his counterpart, the majority leader, Mr. Hayes, I guess I will accept the extension of whatever it was Mr. Cessar offered and I will accept that challenge. But in the view that we are all here in a noble calling, the older members, the leaders-elect, the new members, and, I am sure, the older members have heard some majority leader or minority leader, some speaker on Inauguration Day speak words similar to those that this is a noble calling. We all here, we all here represent the hopes and aspirations of the people who elected us. Their hope, yes, for freedom, Mr. Leader, but their hope more specifically for better roads and better schools and better communities and better social programs and a better life. And in that noble calling we are all here expected by them who elected us to do the very best job we can and apply all of the God-given talents that each of us has in his individual capacity to the betterment of life in the Commonwealth for the people. And that is a noble calling, and I congratulate you for entering that calling, the new members, and I congratulate the families.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

PLACING OF MACE

The SPEAKER. The oath of office having been taken by the members of the House, and a Speaker elected, the Chair instructs the sergeant at arms to now place the mace on the rostrum. The mace is the symbol of authority of the House. When the mace is at the Speaker's right, the House is in session.

(Mace was placed on rostrum.)

The Chair at this time wants to extend its thanks and the thanks of the House to the Chief Clerk, Mr. Mebus, for the efficient manner in which he has presided over the organization of the House.

CITATION PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. At this time, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Mr. Nahill, who will approach the rostrum.

Mr. NAHILL. Mr. Speaker, fellow members, honored guests, I have had the pleasure and the honor of knowing the gentleman for whom the citation I carried has been issued. I have known this gentleman the entire length of his public service, 14 years as a member of this General Assembly and 2 years as our Chief Clerk. He has been a mentor and a guide to me during my entire career in public service, but, most important, he is a friend. He is a friend to me; he is a friend to you, and I would now like to read the citation which we have had drafted for him. (Reading:)

WHEREAS, Charles F. Mebus has contributed many years of dedicated service to this Commonwealth as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1965 to 1978 and most recently as Chief Clerk of the House from January 1979 to January 1981; and

WHEREAS, in these days of transition when there is an ever constant flow of ideas and suggestions to improve the functions of government in serving its citizens, Mr. Mebus has been a great asset in guiding the office of Chief Clerk from a partisan to a nonpartisan office, bringing together people of both parties, all of them working harmoniously toward the same goals, the good of the people; and

WHEREAS, Charles F. Mebus, a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University served as a captain in the Army Reserve from 1949 to 1962. He is a registered professional civil engineer and was president of George B. Mebus Incorporated, consulting engineers. He is a member of numerous organizations including the American Society of Professional Engineers, American Water Works Association, American Society of Testing Materials, the Franklin Institute, a charter member of the National Society of State Legislators and he has been actively involved with the Cheltenham Township Young Republican Club.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pays tribute to Charles F. Mebus for his outstanding contributions and sincere dedication as a member of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and as Chief Clerk of the House. He has served with dignity and is respected and admired by all those who have come to know him; and wishes him the best in future endeavors; and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Charles F. Mebus, 214 Maple Avenue, Wyncote, Pennsylvania.

The citation has been signed by myself as sponsor, Samuel E. Hayes, Jr. as majority leader, K. Leroy Irvis as minority leader, and Matthew J. Ryan as Speaker of the House. And I would like at this time to ask Charles Mebus to please come up.

Mr. Mebus, I also would like to present you with something else. You opened today's session and you used a gavel to bang the House to order, and I would now like to present this to you as a memento of what we in the House think of you and the job that you have done as a legislator and as Chief Clerk. And I would like to add the congratulations of all the constituents of the 154th district, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the House of

Representatives. Thank you very much, Mr. Mebus, for your service. We appreciate it.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Mebus.

Mr. MEBUS. This, I can assure you, will take less time than the reading of the citation.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank you, Mr. Nahill. In keeping with some of the remarks made by Mr. Seltzer earlier, I started to review this morning how many people are still sitting here today who were here when I was sworn in as a member 16 years ago, and there are 14 of us left. Fourteen not including me; I am the fifteenth. I am outside this thing now.

In those 16 years that I have worked with those 14 people and others, I think I have developed a rapport that—not just simply because we sat together, but because we submitted ourselves to similar torments—being a public servant is not all skittles and beer as the expression goes. There is a lot of work and a lot of other things that go into it as well. But it does kind of make something of a relationship that cannot otherwise exist when you have all gone through the same things. And this is true whether these people be Republicans or Democrats; this transcends anything. It is a deep, deep friendship.

To give you an idea of how fast things move, just 2 years ago today there were 203 people sworn in and there are only 150 members left today who were sworn in at that time. This kind of change is sort of dumbfounding, but change itself is often healthy and should not be feared. After today I shall move on to other challenges just as most of you members here today are moving into positions with different demands. When I became Chief Clerk in 1979 I made two commitments to the members of this House. I believe I have fulfilled both of them to my credit and to the honor of the House of Representatives.

Thank you, Mr. Nahill. I thank my fellow Montgomery Countians, fellow Republicans, and fellow Pennsylvanians. I wish you all good fortune, good health and Godspeed.

COMMITTEE ON THE PART OF THE SENATE RECOGNIZED

The SPEAKER. I notice the presence in the hall of the House of a committee from the Senate. I would ask the sergeant at arms to escort the Senate committee to the well of the House.

The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, a committee on the part of the Senate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the chairman of the Senate committee, Senator Helfrick.

Senator HELFRICK. Mr. Speaker, 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, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the committee on the part of the Senate.

CITATION PRESENTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill, Mr. Hutchinson.

Mr. W. D. HUTCHINSON. Members of the House, Mr. Speaker, guests, 8 years ago when I came to this House I already had a friend and mentor in a constituent of mine whom I have known all my adult life. Bob Scheipe was then creating something of a precedent by becoming, I believe, the first non-member to become the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives. And during my first term, 1973 to 1974, Bob was of inestimable help to me and the other members from my area in teaching us the ropes. And, indeed, Mr. Speaker, I think it was Bob Scheipe who basically introduced me to you and through his good offices that I became the close friend that I am of the Speaker.

Bob, in honor of your accomplishments, the House of Representatives has authorized this citation which I will now read. (Reading:)

WHEREAS, Robert M. Scheipe has contributed many years of dedicated service to this Commonwealth as House Caucus Clerk, 1966; Assistant Chief Clerk from 1967 to 1968; Administrative Assistant to the Minority Leader, from 1969 to 1972; Chief Clerk from 1973 to 1974; Minority Administrator from 1975 to 1978; and most recently as Secretary of the House from January 1978 to January 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scheipe's service during these years to the House from 1966 to the present encompassed a period of great change and transition through all of which his efforts, perseverance, and good sense were of inestimable value to this House and the people of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Robert M. Scheipe, a graduate of Muhlenberg college gave dedicated service as a member of the Pottsville City Council and has been active throughout his life in civic and community activities.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pays tribute to Robert M. Scheipe for his outstanding contributions and sincere dedication as Secretary of the House. He has served with dignity and is respected and admired by all those who have come to know him; and wishes him the best in future endeavors; and further directs that a copy of this citation be delivered to Robert M. Scheipe, 208 A South Centre Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Scheipe.

Mr. ROBERT M. SCHEIPE. Mr. Speaker, my good friend, Mr. Hutchinson, and my other friends and members of this great body, I want to thank you for the citation which has been presented to me. I consider personally the greatest day of my life was February 15, 1965, when I came to work in the House of Representatives. And I consider it an honor that you people have honored me by electing me Chief Clerk and Secretary of this body. And to all of you,

my friends on both sides of the aisle, a heartwarming thank you very much, and I hope I can serve you and this body in the future. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Richardson. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to know whether or not we would be in order, before the Senate came in, to introduce a piece of legislation.

The SPEAKER. I would prefer, Mr. Richardson, if the legislation were introduced after the joint session.

Mr. RICHARDSON. I will do that then. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. For the information of the visitors, there will be a joint session. It is expected that the Governor of the Commonwealth will address the session and welcome the members. I would ask that the members now be seated and the guests be seated, so that we can proceed with the business of the day.

RESOLUTION

OATH OF OFFICE TO THE CHIEF CLERK AND COMPTROLLER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. JAMES L. WRIGHT offered the following resolution, which was read, considered and adopted:

In the House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, That the oath of office be administered to the Chief Clerk and the Comptroller of the House of Representatives.

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT CHIEF CLERK-ELECT AND COMPTROLLER-ELECT TO BAR OF HOUSE

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints the gentleman from Perry County, Mr. Noye, and the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. O'Donnell, to escort the Chief Clerk-elect and the Comptroller-elect of the House to the bar of the House.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO CHIEF CLERK AND COMPTROLLER

The SPEAKER. The oath of office required by the constitution will now be administered to the Chief Clerk-elect and the Comptroller of the House by the Honorable Anthony J. Scirica of Montgomery County.

(The oath of office was administered to Mr. John Zubeck, Chief Clerk-elect, and Ms. Ann Santinoceto, Comptroller-elect, by the Honorable Anthony J. Scirica.)

COMMITTEE TO ESCORT CHIEF CLERK AND COMPTROLLER TO ROSTRUM

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks that Mr. Mebus escort the new Chief Clerk to the rostrum and Mr. Scheipe escort the Comptroller to her seat.

(The escort committee performed its duty.)

RESOLUTION THANKING JUDGE ANTHONY J. SCIRICA

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

In the House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, That the members of the House of Representatives do hereby extend their thanks to the Honorable Anthony J. Scirica, a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, for his services in administering the oath of office to its members and officers.

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

REMARKS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Speaker of the House, on behalf of both leaderships and all the members, thanks our good friend Tony Scirica, now Judge Scirica, for being with us here today.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE SENATE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS ORGANIZED

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

In the House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, That a committee of three members be appointed by the Speaker to wait upon the Senate and inform that body that the House of Representatives is organized and ready to proceed with the business of the session.

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as a committee to notify the Senate that the House is organized, the gentleman from Bucks, Mr. Wilson; the gentleman from York, Mr. Lehr, and the gentleman from Luzerne, Mr. Shupnik.

The committee will now proceed in the performance of its duties.

RESOLUTION**COMMITTEE TO INFORM THE GOVERNOR
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
IS ORGANIZED**

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

In the House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, That a committee of three members be appointed by the Speaker to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, and inform him that the House of Representatives is organized and ready to receive any communications he may wish to make.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

Resolution was adopted.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as a committee to wait upon the Governor and notify him that the House is organized, the lady from Montgomery County, Mrs. Lewis; the lady from Delaware, Mrs. Durham, and the lady from Philadelphia, Mrs. Harper.

The committee will now proceed with the performance of its duties.

RESOLUTION**ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULES**

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

House Resolution No. 1

In the House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, That the Standing Rules of the House of Representatives for the 1979 and 1980 Sessions be and the same are hereby adopted as the temporary rules of this House for the Session beginning January 6, 1981 until the adoption of permanent rules with the exception of Rule 14, Members' and Employees' Expenses, which is amended to read as follows:

RULE 14**Members' and Employees' Expenses**

A member who attends a duly called meeting of a standing or special committee of which he is a member when the House is not in session or who is summoned to the State Capitol or elsewhere by the Speaker, or the Majority or Minority Leader of the House, to perform legislative services when the House is not in session shall be reimbursed per day for each day of service, plus mileage to and from his residence, at such rates as are established from time to time by the Committee on Rules but not in excess of the applicable maximum per diem and mileage rate authorized by the Federal Government for travel. These expenses shall be paid by the Chief Clerk from appropriation accounts under his exclusive control and jurisdiction, upon a written request approved by the Speaker of the House, or the Majority or the Minority Leader of the House.

An employee of the House summoned by the Speaker or the Majority or Minority Leader of the House to perform legislative services outside of Harrisburg shall be reimbursed for actual expenses and mileage to and from his residence. Such expenses may be paid by the Speaker, Majority or Minority

Leader, if they agree to do so, or shall be paid by the Chief Clerk from appropriation accounts under his exclusive control and jurisdiction, upon a written request approved by the Speaker of the House, or the Majority or the Minority Leader of the House.

Members and employees traveling outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who receive any reimbursement for expenses or travel which reimbursement is from public funds shall file with the Chief Clerk a statement containing his name and the name, place, date and the purpose of the function.

Money appropriated specifically to and allocated under a specific symbol number for allowable expenses of members of the House of Representatives shall be reimbursed to each member upon submission of vouchers and any required documentation by each member on forms prepared by the Chief Clerk of the House. No reimbursement shall be made from this account where a member receives reimbursement for the same purpose from any other appropriation account.

Such allowable expenses of members may be used for any legislative purpose or function, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Travel expense on legislative business.

(a) Mileage on session or nonsession days at a rate as may be approved from time to time by the Committee on Rules, but not in excess of the maximum mileage rate authorized by the Federal Government for travel; voucher only.

(b) Miscellaneous transportation on legislative business (taxi, airport limousine parking, tolls), and expenses of a similar nature; voucher only for any single expense not in excess of ten dollars (\$10).

(c) Travel on legislative business by common carrier other than taxi and airport limousine; voucher and receipt from common carrier.

(d) Car rental; voucher and receipt from rental agency but reimbursement not to exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) in any month. Any amount in excess of the said amount shall be paid by the person renting the car. In no event shall other than American manufactured cars be rented.

(e) Lodging, restaurant charges and other miscellaneous and incidental expenses while away from home. Vouchers only for per diem allowance approved from time to time by the Committee on Rules, but not in excess of the applicable maximum per diem rate authorized by the Federal Government or for actual expenses not in excess of such per diem rate.

(2) Administrative, clerical and professional services for legislative business, except for employment of spouses or any relatives, by blood or marriage.

(a) Administrative and clerical services; voucher and receipt from person employed.

(b) Professional services; voucher and receipt and copy of agreement or contract of employment.

(3) Rent for legislative office space; purchase of office supplies; postage; telephone and answering services; printing services and rental only of office equipment; voucher and vendor's receipt, except for postage expense. No reimbursement or expenditure shall be made out of any appropriation account for any mass mailing including a bulk rate mailing made at the direction or on behalf of any member which is mailed or delivered to a postal facility within sixty (60) days immediately preceding any primary or election at which said member is a candidate for public office.

Mass mailing shall mean a newsletter or similar mailing of more than fifty (50) pieces in which the content of the matter is substantially identical. Nothing in this rule shall apply to any mailing which is in direct response to inquiries or requests from persons to whom matter is mailed, which is addressed to colleagues in the General Assembly or other government offi-

cials or which consists entirely of news releases to the communications media.

(4) Official entertainment—restaurant and beverage charges; voucher only for expenses. Receipts for entertainment expenses, together with a statement of the reason for the expense, shall be submitted with the request for reimbursement.

(5) Purchase of flags, plaques, publications, photographic services, books, and other similar items in connection with legislative activities; voucher and vendor's receipt.

(6) Communications and donations in extending congratulations or sympathy of illness or death; voucher only on expenses not in excess of thirty-five dollars (\$35).

No money appropriated for members' and employees' expenses shall be used for contributions to political parties or their affiliated organizations or to charitable organizations or for charitable advertisements.

All disbursements made, debts incurred or advancements paid from any appropriation account made to the House or to a member or non member officer under a General Appropriation Act or any other appropriation act shall be recorded in a monthly report and filed with the Chief Clerk by the person authorized to make such disbursement, incur any debt or receive any advancement on a form prescribed by the Chief Clerk.

The Chief Clerk shall prescribe the form of all such reports and make such forms available to those persons required to file such reports. Such report form shall include:

(1) As to personnel:

(a) The name, home address, social security number, job title, brief description of duties and where they are performed, department or member or members to whom assigned, the name of immediate supervisor and minimum hours of employment per week of each employee.

(b) The appropriation account from which such employee is compensated, the amount of compensation and whether such person is on salary, per diem or contract.

(2) As to all other expenditures:

(a) To whom it was paid, the amount thereof, and the nature of the goods, services or other purpose for which the expenditure was made.

(b) The appropriation account from which the expenditure was made and the name or names of the person or persons requesting and/or authorizing the same.

A copy of each such report shall also be filed with the special committee on internal affairs and House administration for use in the performance of its duties under Rule 47(a).

The reporting requirements as to personnel may be fulfilled by the maintenance in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the House of an alphabetized file containing the current information for each employee as set forth above. In such event, however, the Chief Clerk shall supply annually, on or before February 1, a list of all employees appearing in said file together with the required information as to each as of January 1 of such year to the Special Committee on Internal Affairs and House Administration. The committee shall also be supplied with copies of all payroll changes as they occur.

All monthly reports filed on disbursements made or debts incurred by any officer or member or employee from appropriations made to the House under any General Appropriation Act shall be public information and shall be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk shall prescribe reasonable rules and regulations for inspection of such reports but in no case shall inspection be denied to any person for a period exceeding forty-eight hours (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) from the time a written request has been submitted to the Chief Clerk. Photocopies of such reports shall be made available upon request to a member at no charge or to the public

for a duplication fee as may be fixed by the Chief Clerk. Such reports shall be made available to a member or to the public on or before the last day of the month next succeeding the month in which the report was filed.

All requests for reimbursement out of any appropriation shall be accompanied by a voucher, or other documents where required, evidencing payment or approval. The voucher form shall be approved and supplied by the Chief Clerk. Receipts or documentation of every expenditure or disbursement which is in excess of the maximum amount as set forth herein shall be attached to the voucher. Where a request for payment is made in advance of an expense actually incurred, the Chief Clerk, before making such advance payment shall require a description satisfactory to the Chief Clerk of the item or service to be purchased or the expense to be incurred, and a receipt or other documentation shall be given to the Chief Clerk after the item or service has been purchased or expense incurred as evidence that such advancement was in fact expended for such purpose.

All reports, vouchers and receipts from which reports are prepared and filed shall be retained by the Chief Clerk, officer or member, as the case may be, for such period of time as may be necessary to enable the Legislative Audit Advisory Commission created pursuant to the act of June 30, 1970 (P.L.442, No.151), to conduct, through certified public accountants appointed by it, annual audits to assure that such disbursements made or debts incurred were in accordance with Legislative Audit Advisory Commission guidelines and standards as approved by the Committee on Rules, or for a minimum of three years whichever is longer. All annual audit reports shall be available for public inspection. Photo copies of such reports shall be available for a fee established by the Chief Clerk not to exceed the cost of duplication.

All expenditures of funds appropriated to the House or to a member or nonmember officer shall be subject to the expenditure guidelines established by the Rules Committee.

The SPEAKER. Does the minority leader wish to be recognized?

Mr. IRVIS. I support the adoption of the resolution.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

Resolution was adopted.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR

REQUEST FOR JOINT SESSION

The Secretary to the Governor presented the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Governor's Office, Harrisburg

January 5, 1981

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

If it meets with the approval of the General Assembly, I should like to address the Members in Joint Session on Tuesday, January 6, 1981, at a time convenient to the General Assembly.

DICK THORNBURGH
GOVERNOR

**SENATE MESSAGE
JOINT SESSION**

The Senate presented the following resolution for concurrence:

In the Senate, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring, That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session, Tuesday, January 6, 1981 at two-fifteen o'clock P.M. 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 Attorney General, Auditor General and State Treasurer held on Tuesday, November 4, 1980 in the several counties of the Commonwealth; to elect a Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau; and to hear an address by His Excellency, Governor Dick Thornburgh; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate be appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, to the Hall 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.

**COMMITTEE TO ESCORT
THE GOVERNOR APPOINTED**

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair appoints as a committee on the part of the House to escort the Governor to the hall of the House, the lady from Susquehanna, Miss Sirianni, the lady from Chester, Mrs. Taylor, the gentleman from Berks, Mr. Fryer.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Richardson. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. **RICHARDSON**. Mr. Speaker, while we have a period of ease, maybe it would just take a few minutes to do what I have to do and then we will not have to do it after the joint session, since the Senate is not here.

The **SPEAKER**. If the gentleman will yield, we are trying to get to that point right now. We are working our way through the housekeeping chores.

**RESOLUTION
APPOINTMENT OF TELLER**

Mr. **W. W. FOSTER** offered the following resolution, which was read, considered and adopted:

In the House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, That the gentleman from Bucks County, Mr. Burns, be appointed Teller on the part of the House of Representatives to open and compute the vote for Attorney General, Auditor General, State Treasurer, and Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau in a Joint Session of the Senate and House at a time to be fixed by Concurrent Resolution.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO
WAIT UPON THE GOVERNOR**

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The **SERGEANT AT ARMS**. Mr. Speaker, I wish to announce the chairperson of the committee to inform the Governor.

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair recognizes the chairperson of the committee to inform the Governor, Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. **LEWIS**. Mr. Speaker, your committee appointed to inform His Excellency, the Governor, that the House has organized has performed that duty.

The **SPEAKER**. The committee is discharged with the thanks of the Chair.

SENATE MESSAGE

**ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION
FOR CONCURRENCE**

The Senate presented the following resolution for concurrence:

In the Senate, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, January 26, 1981 unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week it reconvene on Monday, January 19, 1981 unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns the week of January 19, 1981 it reconvene on Monday, January 26, 1981 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.

**RESOLUTION
COMMITTEE TO ESCORT THE SENATE**

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

In the House Representatives, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, That the Speaker appoint a committee of two to escort the members and officers of the Senate to the Hall of the House for the purpose of attending the Joint Session of the General Assembly.

**COMMITTEE TO WAIT UPON
THE SENATE**

The **SPEAKER**. The Chair appoints as a committee to wait upon the Senate, and notify them the House is orga-

nized, the lady from Lancaster, Mrs. Honaman, the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Gamble.

The committee will now proceed with the performance of its duties.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House will be at ease awaiting the notification of the committees that the Senate and the Governor are prepared to come to the House Chamber.

AFTER RECESS

The time of recess having expired, the House was called to order.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO WAIT UPON THE SENATE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, the chairman of the committee on the part of the House.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the chairman of the committee, the gentleman from Bucks, Mr. Wilson.

Mr. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, the committee instructed to inform the Senate that the House is organized and ready to proceed with the business of the session has done its duty and performed that duty, and we thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The committee is discharged with the thanks of the House and the thanks of the Chair.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ESCORTING SENATE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Mr. Speaker, the committee of the House escorting the Senate to the hall of the House.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the chairperson of the committee of the House escorting the Senate, Mrs. Honaman.

Mrs. HONAMAN. Mr. Speaker, your committee appointed to wait upon the Senate has completed its duties and the members of the Senate are in the hall of the House.

The SPEAKER. The committee is discharged with the thanks of the House.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WILLIAM W. SCRANTON III REQUESTED TO PRESIDE

The SPEAKER. The Chair requests the Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable William W. Scranton III, to preside over the proceedings of the Joint Session of the General Assembly.

The President pro tempore of the Senate, the Honorable Henry G. Hager, is invited to be seated on the rostrum. The members of the Senate will please be seated.

**JOINT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WILLIAM W. SCRANTON III PRESIDING
ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED**

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. This being the day and the time agreed upon by a concurrent resolution of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, and in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth for the opening and computing of the official returns of the election of Attorney General, Auditor General and State Treasurer held on Tuesday, November 4, 1980, in the several counties of this Commonwealth, the returns will now be opened and read.

The Teller on the part of the Senate is the Senator from Delaware County, Senator Bell, and the Teller on the part of the House of Representatives is the gentleman from Bucks County, Mr. Burns. The Tellers will please come to the desks assigned to them by the Chief Clerk of the House and proceed in the performance of their duties.

The clerk will proceed with the reading of the election returns for the Attorney General.

The following election returns were read:

**STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL
General Election November 4, 1980**

COUNTIES	Republican	Democratic	Libertarian
	LeRoy S. Zimmerman	Michael A. O'Pake	Richard D. Fuerle
Adams	13,757	7,782	276
Allegheny	248,685	313,461	5,148
Armstrong	12,809	13,603	269
Beaver	29,871	47,331	1,081
Bedford	10,502	5,679	138
Berks	41,796	62,543	680
Blair	27,699	17,704	438
Bradford	13,564	6,121	237
Bucks	96,222	72,771	1,714
Butler	26,458	22,437	390
Cambria	30,147	40,440	647
Cameron	1,828	1,110	31
Carbon	9,173	8,770	67
Centre	23,218	16,493	869
Chester	76,064	38,156	1,276
Clarion	8,233	6,394	168
Clearfield	14,859	12,407	182
Clinton	6,385	4,986	94
Columbia	12,557	10,128	211
Crawford	16,856	11,626	256
Cumberland	45,026	18,429	380
Dauphin	52,353	22,071	334
Delaware	140,134	96,093	1,521

Elk	6,708	6,665	108
Erie	43,824	49,826	774
Fayette	16,443	28,699	206
Forest	1,292	802	18
Franklin	22,895	12,237	311
Fulton	2,283	1,588	40
Greene	4,998	8,600	159
Huntingdon	8,545	4,823	166
Indiana	16,220	14,062	366
Jefferson	9,751	6,690	190
Juniata	4,427	2,648	31
Lackawanna	40,472	47,093	252
Lancaster	80,565	33,115	810
Lawrence	16,768	21,173	371
Lebanon	22,862	10,879	202
Lehigh	46,832	41,283	747
Luzerne	57,068	63,796	486
Lycoming	22,564	15,578	280
McKean	9,391	4,616	98
Mercer	20,614	19,101	485
Mifflin	7,806	4,905	59
Monroe	11,674	8,856	237
Montgomery	161,380	92,614	2,066
Montour	3,413	2,463	46
Northampton	32,524	36,384	636
Northumberland	18,548	14,425	168
Perry	8,544	3,695	118
Philadelphia	221,098	384,499	5,296
Pike	4,980	2,441	72
Potter	4,252	2,088	82
Schuylkill	33,869	29,587	626
Snyder	7,602	2,550	102
Somerset	16,675	12,970	211
Sullivan	1,654	1,158	21
Susquehanna	9,185	4,780	134
Tioga	9,104	4,115	179
Union	7,021	2,804	155
Venango	12,444	7,657	224
Warren	9,422	5,268	131
Washington	30,902	47,658	712
Wayne	7,716	3,830	55
Westmoreland	55,968	72,752	915
Wyoming	6,016	2,787	56
York	60,957	35,838	937
TOTAL	2,155,472	2,035,933	35,745

TELLERS' REPORT

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair recognizes the Teller on the part of the Senate, the gentleman from Delaware County, Senator Bell.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, the Tellers agree in their count and submit their report of the votes cast for the office of Attorney General:

Leroy S. Zimmerman, Republican	2,155,472
Michael A. O'Pake, Democratic	2,035,933
Richard D. Fuerle, Libertarian	35,745

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Leroy S. Zimmerman, having received the highest number of votes, is duly elected Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years from the third Tuesday of January 1981.

ELECTION RETURNS FOR AUDITOR GENERAL

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The clerk will proceed with the reading of the election returns for Auditor General.

The following election returns were read:

**STATE AUDITOR GENERAL
General Election November 4, 1980**

COUNTIES	Republican	Democratic	Consumer	Libertarian
	James W. Knepper, Jr	Al Benedict	Darcy Richardson	Brian Sayago
Adams	12,454	8,598	242	255
Allegheny	230,895	310,481	7,846	3,727
Armstrong	11,923	14,015	270	196
Beaver	25,843	49,634	1,204	775
Bedford	10,162	5,827	85	100
Berks	45,273	50,786	854	770
Blair	26,697	17,596	480	418
Bradford	12,268	7,082	219	213
Bucks	92,005	72,106	1,525	1,550
Butler	24,070	23,803	562	299
Cambria	28,604	40,772	650	537
Cameron	1,523	1,387	19	24
Carbon	8,178	9,254	86	65
Centre	21,542	16,047	1,413	581
Chester	73,540	38,087	1,057	1,186
Clarion	6,955	7,479	150	130
Clearfield	13,234	13,254	194	166
Clinton	5,784	5,155	155	81
Columbia	10,701	11,636	211	172
Crawford	13,785	14,243	266	208
Cumberland	41,433	20,124	440	371
Dauphin	41,748	27,900	453	364
Delaware	136,642	92,214	1,620	1,371
Elk	5,611	7,409	100	114
Erie	28,629	67,714	832	492
Fayette	13,784	29,922	305	203
Forest	1,067	961	22	21
Franklin	20,927	14,117	292	226
Fulton	2,300	1,618	31	20
Greene	4,025	9,192	165	143
Huntingdon	8,085	4,913	118	135
Indiana	14,567	14,875	397	293
Jefferson	8,631	7,558	139	143
Juniata	3,821	3,041	25	37
Lackawanna	33,986	48,375	327	290
Lancaster	77,729	33,639	674	816
Lawrence	15,589	21,640	419	334
Lebanon	21,612	10,940	205	195
Lehigh	45,709	39,315	725	697

Luzerne	49,950	65,684	762	451
Lycoming	22,803	16,345	403	269
McKean	8,641	5,110	73	90
Mercer	18,737	20,711	286	283
Mifflin	7,269	4,969	65	47
Monroe	10,954	8,863	216	221
Montgomery	153,611	91,882	2,918	1,971
Montour	3,133	2,670	52	41
Northampton	30,415	35,868	827	681
Northumberland	16,157	15,673	436	139
Perry	7,841	4,066	112	85
Philadelphia	191,765	384,034	12,880	3,974
Pike	4,887	2,383	54	74
Potter	3,764	2,480	61	67
Schuylkill	31,560	30,477	628	580
Snyder	7,062	2,878	75	91
Somerset	16,802	12,514	187	175
Sullivan	1,453	1,317	14	15
Susquehanna	8,579	5,095	123	126
Tioga	8,816	4,179	145	169
Union	6,315	3,171	156	112
Venango	10,592	9,118	222	185
Warren	8,188	6,270	101	103
Washington	28,059	49,969	1,208	793
Wayne	7,212	3,862	59	57
Westmoreland	51,876	73,474	1,355	648
Wyoming	5,490	3,259	80	66
York	56,332	38,936	508	878
TOTAL	1,979,594	2,077,966	48,783	30,109

TELLERS REPORT

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair recognizes the Teller on the part of the House, the gentleman from Bucks County, Mr. Burns.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, the Tellers agree in their count and submit their report of the votes cast for the office of Auditor General:

James W. Knepper, Jr., Republican ..	1,979,594
Al Benedict, Democratic	2,077,966
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Darcy Richardson, Consumer.....	48,783
Bryan Sayago, Libertarian	30,109

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Al Benedict, having received the highest number of votes, is duly elected Auditor General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years from the third Tuesday of January 1981.

ELECTION RETURNS FOR STATE TREASURER

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The clerk will proceed with the reading of election returns for State Treasurer.

The following election returns were read:

STATE TREASURER					
General Election November 4, 1980					
COUNTIES	Republican	Democratic	Socialist	Consumer	Liber-
			Workers		tarian
	R. Budd	Bob	Tory A.	Thelma	Frank
	Dwyer	Casey	Dunn	Hambright	Bubb
Adams	12,251	8,969	51	232	233
Allegheny	231,077	309,276	5,292	7,884	4,049
Armstrong	12,499	13,524	82	267	183
Beaver	29,193	46,375	312	1,279	748
Bedford	9,688	6,350	18	114	90
Berks	47,251	49,342	349	835	858
Blair	25,608	18,990	99	423	403
Bradford	12,870	6,721	51	197	204
Bucks	94,633	69,932	759	1,316	1,705
Butler	26,555	21,315	332	605	324
Cambria	25,348	44,826	165	524	388
Cameron	1,640	1,289	8	21	23
Carbon	7,983	9,470	105	94	71
Centre	21,353	16,951	181	1,302	515
Chester	74,151	37,638	313	1,119	1,236
Clarion	7,841	6,565	36	169	123
Clearfield	13,414	13,244	71	134	163
Clinton	5,618	5,539	47	142	67
Columbia	10,699	11,690	37	209	172
Crawford	22,946	6,746	112	145	114
Cumberland	40,895	20,805	217	391	479
Dauphin	42,607	26,753	307	561	468
Delaware	137,638	92,782	1,053	1,365	1,684
Elk	5,716	7,521	24	76	89
Erie	54,157	39,073	535	904	611
Fayette	14,861	28,876	372	234	219
Forest	1,207	847	7	21	12
Franklin	20,291	14,569	77	387	237
Fulton	2,112	1,799	19	46	24
Greene	4,192	9,192	55	156	135
Huntingdon	7,685	5,495	33	148	117
Indiana	14,337	15,556	87	308	235
Jefferson	8,915	7,418	29	87	154
Juniata	3,909	2,990	14	26	30
Lackawanna	38,335	46,597	739	319	235
Lancaster	79,728	31,757	352	733	875
Lawrence	17,026	20,363	126	395	310
Lebanon	21,850	10,774	139	245	185
Lehigh	46,413	38,608	400	828	729
Luzerne	53,199	64,063	1,637	520	504
Lycoming	21,528	15,871	144	349	339
McKean	9,035	4,837	56	65	140
Mercer	27,820	13,345	270	207	264
Mifflin	7,226	5,057	64	115	40
Monroe	11,242	8,926	100	188	225
Montgomery	154,937	92,343	855	2,277	2,251
Montour	3,078	2,753	19	46	45
Northampton	32,580	34,182	641	564	582
Northumberland	16,226	15,441	243	328	125
Perry	7,688	4,279	39	104	95
Philadelphia	196,417	382,614	4,506	10,811	4,356

Pike	4,912	2,460	33	45	69
Potter	3,876	2,465	19	51	59
Schuylkill	32,297	29,703	161	593	604
Snyder	7,096	2,896	21	86	73
Somerset	15,242	14,257	51	193	159
Sullivan	1,494	1,288	6	17	16
Susquehanna	8,541	5,293	48	87	123
Tioga	8,821	4,367	33	100	155
Union	6,585	3,006	45	159	104
Venango	12,451	7,517	55	160	157
Warren	9,335	5,199	78	101	104
Washington	22,564	40,062	265	803	635
Wayne	7,874	3,488	61	71	43
Westmoreland	53,122	72,630	1,052	955	686
Wyoming	5,622	3,150	18	91	64
York	59,899	35,107	354	474	1,059
TOTAL	2,055,199	2,003,126	23,879	43,801	31,573

TELLERS REPORT

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair recognizes the Teller on the part of the Senate, the gentleman from Delaware County, Senator Bell.

Senator BELL. Mr. President, the Tellers agree in their count and submit their report for the votes cast for the office of State Treasurer:

R. Budd Dwyer, Republican	2,055,199
Bob Casey, Democratic	2,003,126
Tory A. Dunn, Socialist Workers	23,879
Thelma Hambright, Consumer	43,801
Frank Bubb, Libertarian	31,573

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Budd Dwyer, having received the highest number of votes, is duly elected State Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years starting on the third Tuesday of January 1981.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FILED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The following certificates of election for Attorney General, Auditor General and State Treasurer, having been signed by the officers and the Tellers on the part of the Senate and the House of Representatives, will be filed:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
January 6, 1981

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 sixth day of January, A.D., one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol, open the returns of the election for Attorney General of this Commonwealth, and publish the same in the presence of both Houses of the General Assembly, conformably 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 LeRoy S. Zimmerman had the highest number of votes; whereupon the said LeRoy S.

Zimmerman was declared to have been duly elected Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

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

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON, III
President of the Senate

MATTHEW J. RYAN
Speaker of the
House of Representatives

(Seals)

CLARENCE D. BELL
Teller on the part of the Senate

EDWARD J. BURNS, JR.
Teller on the part of the
House of Representatives

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
January 6, 1981

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 sixth day of January, A.D., one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol, open the returns of the election for Auditor General of this Commonwealth, and publish the same in the presence of both Houses of the General Assembly, conformably 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 Alfred P. Benedict had the highest number of votes; whereupon the said Alfred P. Benedict was declared to have been duly elected Auditor General of the Commonwealth.

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

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON, III
President of the Senate

MATTHEW J. RYAN
Speaker of the
House of Representatives

(Seals)

CLARENCE D. BELL
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January 6, 1981

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 sixth day of January, A.D., one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol, open the returns of the election for Treasurer of this Commonwealth, and publish the same in the presence of both Houses of the General Assembly, conformably 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 R. Budd Dwyer had the highest number of votes; whereupon the said R. Budd Dwyer was declared to have been duly elected Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

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

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON, III
President of the Senate

MATTHEW J. RYAN
Speaker of the
House of Representatives

(Seals)

CLARENCE D. BELL
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ESCORTING GOVERNOR

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair recognizes the chairman of the committee to escort the Governor, the Senator from Crawford County, Senator Dwyer.

Senator DWYER. As chairman of the committee to escort the Governor, I wish to report that His Excellency, the Governor, is present and prepared to address this Joint Session.

ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR DICK THORNBURGH

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Members of the General Assembly, I have the honor and the privilege of presenting His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Dick Thornburgh, who will now address this joint session.

GOVERNOR DICK THORNBURGH. Since the opportunity is so rare, I would like first to direct a few words to the families who are gathered here today.

Those of you who are fathers or mothers, wives or husbands, or sons or daughters are now a part of this great Assembly. You will have a special role in shaping its destiny and that of Pennsylvania and perhaps of the nation as well. How you accept that role may well mean the difference between a legislator who thrives and one who merely survives. It may mean the difference between a lawmaker who has the time to think and reflect and one who merely casts a vote. It may even mean the difference between a leader who rides the wind and a follower who merely creates a draft.

As your favorite members of this body go about the work of the people, I hope you will be tolerant of their hours, for the hours seldom will make sense. I hope you will be understanding of their moods, for the contest of ideas can create hurricanes of emotion, and I hope you will be attentive to their fears as well as their dreams, for they will surely each be reflected in the laws that govern us all.

Advice and support of friends and family are important to any legislative body regardless of time or situation, but this particular time and this particular situation will require something extra from each and every one of us.

For, Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and members of the General Assembly, I believe I welcome you today to one of those special intervals in public life when what follows may never be quite the same as what has gone before. People of this state have joined the people of this nation in demanding that the Federal Government mind its own business better and leave the rest of us to mind our own, and surely we can agree with that. The next President of the

United States and the new majority in the United States Senate seem to believe that we have expected too much too often for too long out of Washington, and surely we can agree with that.

There are those who believe that much of what we have assigned to Washington would be better placed in the hands of those units of government that are closer to the people, and surely we can agree with that. If we can assume, however, that the Federal Government will no longer be riding our backs, we must also assume that federal dollars will no longer be backing our ride.

If we can assume that greater powers are about to be returned to the people—through our state and local governments—we must also assume that greater burdens will be placed on those governments through the growing needs of the people.

And the question we must ask ourselves throughout this session now before you is a serious one indeed: Are we ready in Pennsylvania, really ready, to carry out the awesome responsibilities of a resurgent federalism?

Thanks, in part, to the work of the General Assembly that preceded you, we are in a far better position to cope with this challenge than we might have been. Your predecessors deserve a great deal of credit for helping us to find the path to a state government that is lean and clean and effective, for that is the only kind of government that can survive the test of the difficult years ahead.

But if yesterday's legislature helped turn Pennsylvania government around, today's has the opportunity to turn Pennsylvania itself around, and I hope and believe that you will make the most of it.

I do not intend to burden you with a laundry list of specifics this afternoon. There will be plenty of time for that.

There are, however, some areas of concern I would like to share with you, areas in which a partnership of performance will clearly be in the best interest of us all.

The first is the rise in violent crime. While Pennsylvania's battle against white-collar crime and public corruption has produced encouraging victories over the past 2 years, we are reminded on a daily basis that thugs and hoodlums and other misfits continue to prey on law-abiding Pennsylvanians of every age, race, sex and economic condition. When fear intimidates the citizen more than the criminal, something is very wrong.

I suggest that our system of corrections does not receive the attention it deserves in Pennsylvania, and I suggest, again, that we must upgrade it to a cabinet level department.

I suggest our system of parole has contributed to public distrust of criminal justice in Pennsylvania, and I will be submitting specific proposals to you to change it.

I suggest that the people themselves can be better trained in safe methods of crime prevention, and I suggest we do more than ever to train them.

I suggest that we find out why violent crime has risen, for example, nearly 20 percent in Philadelphia alone, and that we do everything possible that we can to guarantee that

first civil right of all Pennsylvanians - the right to be free from fear on their streets and in their homes.

The second imperative before us now is fiscal integrity. While Pennsylvania's battle against waste, fraud, and budgetary chaos has also produced significant victories in the past 2 years, we have not yet kicked the habit of trying to spend money that is not there. That is why the words of one of my illustrious predecessors, the late Governor David L. Lawrence, have as much meaning today as when they were first uttered in this chamber 18 years ago. "Unglamorous though budget balancing may be," he said, "it is the cornerstone of good state government." Governor Lawrence warned in 1963 that we must avoid appropriation of state funds when there is no money available to foot the bill. Nearly two decades later, we have yet to match our dreams and our means in Pennsylvania.

Two problems, in particular, represent the major legacy of unfinished business left to you by your predecessors - the uncontrolled and financially unsupportable growth of our welfare rolls and the unfinanced and clearly indispensable reconstruction of our highways and bridges. I have suggested answers to these problems in the past and I intend to do so again.

We must develop a consensus on welfare reform that is compassionate but effective, and a strategy for bridge and highway reconstruction that is farreaching but sound. And we must do so as quickly as possible.

For clearing these decks will free us for the task that can make or break this Commonwealth - the preservation and expansion of educational and economic opportunities for all Pennsylvanians.

Our concerns with fiscal integrity, after all, are not some latter day robber baron's fixation with the bottom line. They represent, instead, a passion for jobs and for human dignity. They represent recognition that social progress and fiscal responsibility must go hand in hand in this era of limited resources.

If Pennsylvania falters or fails or loses its jobs and its children to the Sun Belt, people will not ask if it was the East or the West or the Republicans or Democrats or the liberals or conservatives or, for that matter, the Governor or legislature that failed this Commonwealth. They will simply remember that this was the time when it happened and that we were the generation of leaders who allowed it to happen.

Never has it been more important for all of us to work together on problems that know no regional and no partisan bounds.

We share special charges in the era of resurgent federalism that seems to be thrust upon us. They are charges that place a premium on statesmanship and wisdom and require leadership that overcomes the barriers of party, of personality and of region.

I see that kind of leadership on both sides of the aisle today; in Matt Ryan as the Speaker of the House, in Sam Hayes as Majority Leader of the House and in Leroy Irvis as your Minority Leader of the House. I see it in Henry

Hager as President Pro Tem of the Senate, in Bob Jubelirer as Majority Leader, and in Ed Zemprelli as Minority Leader of that house, and in many others of you as well.

I see in this chamber the seeds of a partnership of performance that can overcome the problems we face today, and I see Pennsylvanians in this room who are dedicated to turning things around for themselves, our Commonwealth, and our people.

It is with honor, with pleasure, and, above all, with hope that I welcome you to what may well become the most important work of your lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to extend my greetings. Please accept my congratulations, Godspeed and good luck. Thank you.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR THANKS GOVERNOR

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. On behalf of the members of the General Assembly, we thank you, Governor, for your excellent message and we appreciate your coming to us to deliver it today.

The committee on the part of the Senate and House will now escort the Governor to his chambers.

NOMINATION FOR DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The joint assembly will now proceed to the election of a Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Nominations are now in order.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Huntingdon County, Mr. Hayes.

Mr. HAYES. As you announced, we will at this time proceed with the election of the Director of Legislative Reference Bureau for this session of the General Assembly.

It is my pleasure to offer as that possible nominee the name of Robert L. Cable. All of us who have served in this General Assembly prior to this session I am sure know Bob Cable. Mr. Cable is a lawyer by profession, a graduate of Dickinson Law School. Away from here he is a servant of the people. He has served his nation in Korea. He has provided civic leadership in his community, and by day, while he is here with us, he drafts the laws that we consider for the people of Pennsylvania. The gentleman has already served several years as a distinguished lawyer in the Legislative Reference Bureau. He has helped us in one way or another in this General Assembly since the year 1958.

It is a pleasure to offer the name of Robert Cable as Director of Legislative Reference Bureau. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Blair County, Senator Jubelirer.

Senator JUBELIRER. Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the House and the Senate, it is indeed an honor for me to second the nomination of my colleague and co-majority leader from this General Assembly, Mr. Hayes, on the nomination of Robert L. Cable to be Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

One of the unique things that came to my mind, Mr. President, when Bob Cable was to be nominated, I learned for the first time that he shares the birthplace with my former predecessor, Stanley G. Stroup, of Schellsburg in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. So at one time at least he was a resident of the 30th senatorial district. As Mr. Hayes has so well said, he is a graduate of Dickinson Law School and he has served in state government since 1958 with the Joint State Government Commission and of course a long tenure with the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Surely, Mr. President, no one comes to this job more prepared with more professional expertise than does Robert L. Cable. It is indeed a historic occasion that we place in nomination not someone who might be accused of coming back here for a reward for service in the past to this body, but rather someone who has served so well and who has earned the respect of all Pennsylvanians for the performance in his job over the last several decades.

Mr. President, it is an honor and a privilege for me to second the nomination of Robert L. Cable to be Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Are there any further nominations? The Chair hears none.

The Chair declares the nominations closed.

Those in favor of Robert L. Cable for the office of director of the Legislative Reference Bureau will say "aye"; those opposed, "no." The "ayes" have it, and Robert L. Cable is declared unanimously elected Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

COMMITTEE TO ESCORT DIRECTOR-ELECT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Senator from Blair County, Senator Jubelirer, and the gentleman from Mifflin County, Representative DeVerter, will escort Mr. Cable to the front of the rostrum for the purpose of taking the oath of office.

The Chair will at this time call upon Judge Scirica for the purpose of administering that oath.

Senator JUBELIRER. Mr. President, I have the honor to present the Director-elect of the Legislative Reference Bureau, Robert L. Cable, Esq.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Robert L. Cable, Director-elect of the Legislative Reference Bureau, by the Honorable Anthony J. Scirica.

REMARKS BY DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair now recognizes the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, Robert Cable.

Mr. CABLE. Governor Scranton, Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, distinguished members of the General Assembly, I

greatly appreciate your expression of confidence in electing me to this office. All of us in the bureau will strive to give you the best possible service, and to the extent that I have any success, it will depend upon the dedicated and loyal staff of the bureau. With their backing I look forward to serving you in this capacity. Thank you very much.

JOINT SESSION ADJOURNED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. On behalf of the members of the Senate, the Chair would like to thank the Speaker of the House and the members of the House of Representatives for their hospitality. We would ask that the members of the House and the visitors remain seated for just a moment while the members of the Senate leave the hall of the House.

Members of the Senate will please reassemble immediately in the Senate chamber 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 (MATTHEW J. RYAN)
IN THE CHAIR

RESOLUTION

PRINTING PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT SESSION

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

In the House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives held this 6th day of January 1981 be printed in full in this day's Legislative Journal.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

Resolution was adopted.

STATEMENT ON LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Richardson. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a bill and I do it, Mr. Speaker, because there has been a lot of controversy concerning the Dr. Martin Luther King bill, and I would at this time indicate to you very seriously that this is a very serious matter, which is the only reason why I am breaking through the tradition that is normally necessary, and while there is no order, I am trying to make sure that I get everything in.

One, I would like to put on the record that in 1978 HB 163 was introduced into this House. It was passed and signed into law on November 26, 1978. At that time the act read: "An Act amending the Act of May 31, 1893...entitled

'An act designating the days and half days to be observed as legal holidays, and for the payment, acceptance and protesting of bills, notes, drafts, checks and other negotiable paper on such days,' providing that the fifteenth day of January shall be known as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and observed as a holiday; and providing for Presidents' Day and its observance as a holiday.'" That bill was then passed, Mr. Speaker.

I ask now that we introduce a bill clarifying the language, because the Governor of this State of Pennsylvania has indicated that he has to sign an executive order every January 15 when there is already a law on the books. We have now changed the law to say this: "The act of May 31, 1893...entitled 'An act designating the days and half days to be observed as legal holidays, and for the payment, acceptance and protesting of bills, notes, drafts, checks and other negotiable paper on such days,' is amended by adding a section to read: ...The fifteenth day of January, known as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, shall be an official paid holiday for State employes, but shall not be an additional holiday for said employes...This act shall take effect immediately."

I so submit this document and also ask, Mr. Speaker, that this bill be left on the table for other members to sign if they so wish to do so. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will send his bill to the desk.

SENATE MESSAGE

INAUGURAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FOR CONCURRENCE

The Senate presented the following resolution for concurrence:

In the Senate, January 6, 1981

WHEREAS, On January 20, 1981 the Honorable Ronald Reagan will be inaugurated as the President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that a delegation represent the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at said ceremonies to be held in Washington, D.C.; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President Pro Tempore of the Senate is hereby authorized to appoint twenty-six Republican Members of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives is hereby authorized to appoint one hundred and three Republican Members of the House of Representatives who, together, shall constitute a Joint Committee to represent the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the inaugural ceremonies of the Honorable Ronald Reagan.

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.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. The following members have been selected to serve on the Committee on Committees: The gentleman from York, Mr. Anderson; the gentleman from Dauphin, Mr. Dininni; the gentleman from Berks, Mr. Gallen; the gentleman from Montgomery, Mr. McClatchy; the lady from Susquehanna, Miss Sirianni; the gentleman from Jefferson, Mr. Smith; the gentleman from Westmoreland, Mr. Taddonio; the gentleman from Huntingdon, Mr. Hayes; the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Cessar; the gentleman from Perry, Mr. Noye; the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. White; the gentleman from Allegheny, Mr. Itkin; the gentleman from Erie, Mr. Dombrowski; the gentleman from Beaver, Mr. Kolter, and the gentleman from Carbon, Mr. McCall.

RULES COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House rule 46, the Chair appoints the following members of the majority party to the Rules Committee: The gentleman from Perry, Mr. Noye; the gentleman from York, Mr. Anderson; the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. Salvatore; the gentleman from Lancaster, Mr. Brandt; the gentleman from Tioga, Mr. Spencer, and the gentleman from Jefferson, Mr. Smith.

The Chair recognizes the minority leader for his appointments to the Rules Committee.

Mr. IRVIS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House rule 46, the following members of the minority party are appointed to the Rules Committee: The gentleman from Lackawanna, Mr. Wargo; the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. O'Donnell; the gentleman from Lehigh, Mr. Ritter; and the gentleman from Philadelphia, Mr. White.

PARLIAMENTARIAN APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. In compliance with the laws of this Commonwealth authorizing the Speaker to appoint a Parliamentarian, the Chair appoints as Parliamentarian W. H. Clay Keen of the Dauphin County Bar.

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, just one announcement. After we adjourn, I would like to have a brief meeting of the Rules Committee in my office. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MINORITY WHIP

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority whip.
Mr. MANDERINO. Mr. Speaker, we have no further business to come before the House, but with the Speaker's

indulgence we would like anyone within the sound of our voices who has an interest in the private swearing-in of Mr. Dwight Evans, Mr. James Williams and Mr. Alphonso Deal, to come to the floor of the House immediately upon the adjournment of this session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR
REMOVED FROM TABLE
REASONS FOR PARDONS**

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the communication from the Governor which was laid on the table earlier in the day, will be removed from the table. The Chair hears none.

The Deputy Counsel to the Governor presented the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Governor's Office, Harrisburg

January 6, 1981

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

I have the honor to present herewith, the reasons for Pardons and Commutations granted by me from January 20, 1979, to date.

DICK THORNBURGH
GOVERNOR

(For reasons, see Appendix.)

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. *The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Perry, Mr. Noye.*

Mr. NOYE. I think I have the most popular speech of the day.

Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do now adjourn until Monday, January 19, 1981, 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 3:17 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.