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The invocation was offered by Reverend Kenneth Allen of the First Baptist Church in Indianapolis, a guest of Representative Vernon G. Smith.

The House convened at 1:30 p.m. with Speaker Brian C. Bosma in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Representative Vernon G. Smith.

The Speaker ordered the roll of the House to be called:

Arnold	Klinker
Austin	Koch
Aylesworth	Lawson
Bacon	Lehe
Baird	Lehman
Bartlett	Leonard
Bauer	Lucas
Behning	Macer
Beumer	Mahan
Borders	Mayfield
Braun	McMillin
C. Brown	McNamara
T. Brown	D. Miller
Burton	Moed
Carbaugh	Morris
Cherry	Morrison
Clere	Moseley
Cook	Negele
Cox	Niezgodski
Culver	Nisly
Davisson	Ober
DeLaney	Olthoff
Dermody	Pelath
DeVon	Pierce ☐
Dvorak	Porter
Eberhart	Price
Errington	Pryor
Fine	Rhoads
Forestal	Richardson
Friend	Riecken
Frizzell	Saunders
Frye	Schaibley
GiaQuinta	Shackleford
Goodin	Slager
Gutwein	Smaltz
Hale	M. Smith
Hamm	V. Smith
Harman	Soliday
Harris	Speedy
Heaton	Stemler
Huston	Steuerwald
Judy	Sullivan
Karickhoff	Summers
Kersey	Thompson
Kirchhofer	Torr

Truitt
Ubelhor
VanNatter
Washburne
Wesco

Wolkins
Wright
Zent
Ziemke
Mr. Speaker

Roll Call 5: 99 present; 1 excused. The Speaker announced a quorum in attendance. [NOTE: ☐ indicates those who were excused.]

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that when we do adjourn, we adjourn until Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

FRIEND

The motion was adopted by a constitutional majority.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill 1050, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1050 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0.

STEUERWALD, Chair

Report adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1068, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, after line 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 20-26-5-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.121-2009, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 10. (a) A school corporation, including a charter school and an accredited nonpublic school, shall adopt a policy concerning criminal history information for individuals who:

(1) apply for:

(A) employment with the school corporation; or
(B) employment with an entity with which the school corporation contracts for services;

(2) seek to enter into a contract to provide services to the school corporation; or

(3) are employed by an entity that seeks to enter into a contract to provide services to the school corporation;

if the individuals are likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children within the scope of the individuals' employment.

(b) Beginning after June 30, 2015, a school corporation, including a charter school and an accredited nonpublic school, shall adopt a policy requiring employees of the school corporation who are likely to have direct, ongoing contact with children to obtain an expanded criminal history check every five (5) years.

(b) (c) A school corporation, including a charter school and

an accredited nonpublic school, shall administer a policy adopted under this section uniformly for all individuals to whom the policy applies. A policy adopted under ~~this section~~ **subsection (a)** must require that the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school conduct an expanded criminal history check concerning each applicant for noncertificated employment or certificated employment before or not later than three (3) months after the applicant's employment by the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school. Each individual hired for noncertificated employment or certificated employment may be required to provide a written consent for the school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school to request an expanded criminal history check concerning the individual before or not later than three (3) months after the individual's employment by the school corporation.

(d) The school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school may require the individual to provide a set of fingerprints and pay any fees required for the expanded criminal history check. Each applicant for noncertificated employment or certificated employment **described in subsection (a) or an employee described in subsection (b)** may be required at the time the individual applies **under subsection (a) or renews an expanded criminal history check under subsection (b)** to answer questions concerning the individual's expanded criminal history check. The failure to answer honestly questions asked under this subsection is grounds for termination of the employee's employment.

(e) The applicant **described in subsection (a)** is responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the expanded criminal history check.

(f) An applicant **or employee** may not be required by a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school to obtain an expanded criminal history check more than one (1) time during a five (5) year period.

(~~e~~) (g) Information obtained under this section must be used in accordance with law."

(Reference is to HB 1068 as introduced.)
and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

BEHNING, Chair

Report adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

With consent of the members, the following bills and joint resolutions on Bill Lists 5 and 6 were read a first time by title and referred to the respective committees:

HB 1199 — McNamara, Zent, Bacon
Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

HB 1200 — Arnold L
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation and to make an appropriation.

HB 1201 — Arnold L
Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1202 — Arnold L
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

HB 1203 — Arnold L
Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

HB 1204 — Arnold L
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1205 — Arnold L, Braun M
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1206 — Arnold L
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

HB 1207 — Arnold L
Committee on Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning business and other associations.

HB 1208 — Arnold L
Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

HB 1209 — Arnold L
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1210 — Errington
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation and to make an appropriation.

HB 1211 — Errington
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1212 — Friend, Uebelhor
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1213 — Culver
Committee on Public Health

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

HB 1214 — Kirchhofer, Davisson
Committee on Insurance

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

HB 1215 — Truitt
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning transportation and to make an appropriation.

HB 1216 — Truitt
Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

HB 1217 — Truitt
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code

concerning transportation and to make an appropriation.

HB 1218 — Truitt

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1219 — Truitt, Dermody

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1220 — Friend, McMillin, Riecken, Karickhoff

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1221 — Clere, Negele, Soliday, Dvorak

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1222 — Truitt, Huston

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

HB 1223 — Harman, Dvorak

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1224 — Harman, Wolkins, Bauer

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1225 — Price, Riecken

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning public safety.

HB 1226 — Slager

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning Medicaid.

HB 1227 — Wesco

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1228 — Wesco

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

HB 1229 — Bacon

Committee on Public Health

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

HB 1230 — Bacon, Hale

Committee on Public Health

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

HB 1231 — Huston

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education and to make an appropriation.

HB 1232 — Huston

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

HB 1233 — DeLaney

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1234 — DeLaney

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning taxation.

HB 1236 — Slager, Olthoff

Committee on Elections and Apportionment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

HB 1237 — GiaQuinta

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1238 — GiaQuinta

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

HB 1239 — GiaQuinta

Committee on Local Government

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

HB 1240 — Braun M

Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

HB 1241 — Braun M, Brown T, Heaton

Committee on Public Health

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

HB 1242 — Leonard

Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

HB 1243 — Judy

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1244 — Lucas, VanNatter

Committee on Public Policy

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning civil procedure.

HB 1245 — Fine

Committee on Elections and Apportionment

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

HB 1246 — Harman

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1248 — Moed, Arnold L, Shackleford

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

- HB 1250** — Moed, Zent, Price, Shackelford
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.
- HB 1251** — Moed
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.
- HB 1252** — Moed
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.
- HB 1253** — Moed
Committee on Local Government
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.
- HB 1255** — Lehe
Committee on Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.
- HB 1256** — Shackelford
Committee on Commerce, Small Business and Economic Development
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1257** — Shackelford
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1258** — Shackelford
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1259** — Shackelford
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.
- HB 1260** — Culver, McMillin, Morrison, Moed
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1261** — Slager
Committee on Judiciary
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.
- HB 1262** — Dermody, Cox
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.
- HB 1263** — Smith M
Committee on Local Government
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning business and other associations.
- HB 1264** — Koch
Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.
- HB 1265** — Zent, Clere
Committee on Public Health
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.
- HB 1266** — Smith M
Committee on Local Government
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.
- HB 1267** — Cherry
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.
- HB 1268** — Cherry, Negele, Pryor, Riecken
Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.
- HB 1269** — Clere, Steuerwald, Brown C, Pierce
Committee on Public Health
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning mental health and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1270** — Cherry, Lehe, Friend
Committee on Public Policy
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning gaming.
- HB 1271** — Karickhoff
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.
- HB 1272** — Huston
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.
- HB 1273** — Huston
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.
- HB 1274** — Huston
Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.
- HB 1275** — Huston
Committee on Public Policy
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning gaming.
- HB 1276** — Huston
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1277** — Negele
Committee on Public Policy
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning gaming.
- HB 1279** — Lehman, Eberhart, Moed
Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code

concerning pensions.

HB 1280 — Truitt

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1281 — Soliday

Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

HB 1282 — Frizzell, Shackelford

Committee on Public Health

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

HB 1283 — Pryor, Smith M

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1284 — Pryor

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

HB 1285 — Burton

Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

HB 1286 — Burton

Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.

HB 1287 — Burton, Moed, Riecken

Committee on Financial Institutions

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning financial institutions.

HB 1288 — Smith M

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1289 — Smith M

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1290 — Judy, Heaton

Committee on Environmental Affairs

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law.

HB 1291 — Price

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1292 — Aylesworth

Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

HB 1293 — Aylesworth

Committee on Local Government

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

HB 1294 — Aylesworth

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

HB 1295 — Wesco

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1296 — Wesco

Committee on Education

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1297 — Torr

Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1298 — Torr

Committee on Insurance

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

HB 1299 — Olthoff

Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services and to make an appropriation.

HB 1300 — McMillin

Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

HB 1301 — McMillin

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1302 — McMillin

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1303 — McMillin

Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

HB 1304 — McMillin

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

HB 1305 — McMillin

Committee on Roads and Transportation

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1306 — Fine

Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning local government.

HB 1307 — Fine

Committee on Courts and Criminal Code

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

HB 1308 — Harman

Committee on Elections and Apportionment

- A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.
- HB 1309** — Ziemke
Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.
- HB 1310** — Frizzell, Shackelford, Bacon, Davisson
Committee on Public Health
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.
- HB 1311** — Clere, Dermody, Forestal, Macer
Committee on Public Policy
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.
- HB 1312** — Zent
Committee on Public Policy
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.
- HB 1313** — Riecken
Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.
- HB 1314** — Riecken, Burton, Moed
Committee on Local Government
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.
- HB 1315** — Frye R
Committee on Public Health
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.
- HB 1316** — Frye R
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning transportation and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1317** — Koch
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.
- HB 1318** — Koch
Committee on Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.
- HB 1319** — Koch
Committee on Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.
- HB 1320** — Koch
Committee on Utilities, Energy and Telecommunications
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.
- HB 1321** — Koch
Committee on Natural Resources
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.
- HB 1322** — Ubelhor, Heaton, Arnold L
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.
- HB 1323** — Brown T
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.
- HB 1324** — Brown T
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.
- HB 1325** — Shackelford
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.
- HB 1326** — Shackelford
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1327** — Shackelford
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.
- HB 1328** — Slager
Committee on Judiciary
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning property.
- HB 1329** — Porter
Committee on Public Health
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.
- HB 1330** — Porter
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.
- HB 1331** — Kirchhofer, Davisson
Committee on Insurance
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.
- HB 1332** — Truitt
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.
- HB 1333** — Truitt
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.
- HB 1334** — Stemler
Statutory Committee on Interstate and International Cooperation
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.
- HB 1335** — Stemler
Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.
- HB 1336** — Stemler, Rhoads
Committee on Government and Regulatory Reform
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1337 — Moseley
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1338 — Beumer
Committee on Roads and Transportation
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

HB 1339 — Cook
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1341 — Lehman, Hale
Committee on Insurance
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning insurance.

HB 1342 — Macer
Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning domestic violence.

HB 1343 — Macer
Committee on Courts and Criminal Code
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning corrections.

HB 1344 — Macer
Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

HB 1345 — Rhoads
Committee on Education
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

HB 1346 — Judy
Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

HB 1347 — Leonard
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

HB 1348 — Kirchhofer
Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and safety.

HB 1349 — Huston
Committee on Ways and Means
A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

House Concurrent Resolution 4

Representatives Davisson and Arnold introduced House Concurrent Resolution 4:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename that part of Indiana State Road 56 and U.S. Highway 150 that converge as a single roadway between Paoli and French Lick as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

Whereas, The war in Vietnam was our nation's longest war;
Whereas, The state of Indiana had 187,600 men and women who served in the Vietnam war;

Whereas, 1,534 men and women from Indiana were killed in action during the war in Vietnam;

Whereas, The veterans of the war in Vietnam fought in an unpopular war and have become our country's unknown veterans, often receiving very little respect for the sacrifices they have made for their country;

Whereas, When the veterans returned home, they often did not receive the welcome they deserved;

Whereas, The Vietnam veterans deserve our respect and admiration for the duties they performed during the war in Vietnam;

Whereas, These veterans served their state and country well, sometimes making the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their county;

Whereas, Since America has relied upon her veterans in times of war to protect our way of life, it seems only just and proper that America honor the veterans of all her wars; and

Whereas, Many states, including Indiana, have designated and named parts of a state or federal highway as a memorial to those who served our nation in time of war: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename that part of Indiana State Road 56 and U.S. Highway 150 that converge as a single roadway between Paoli and French Lick as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Orange County Veterans service office.

The resolution was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Roads and Transportation.

House Concurrent Resolution 5

Representatives Gutwein and Negele introduced House Concurrent Resolution 5:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Rensselaer Central High School on its Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 2A state football championship.

Whereas, Playing in its first state championship game in any sport, Rensselaer Central High School defeated Evansville Mater Dei by a score of 45 - 21 to become the 2014 - 2015 Class 2A State Football Champions;

Whereas, The strong running attack of the Bombers helped ensure their first state championship;

Whereas, Rensselaer ran for a record 383 rushing yards in its championship game, breaking the previous Class 2A championship mark of 380 team rushing yards set by Jimtown in 1997;

Whereas, On its way to the championship Rensselaer Central High School had 24 first downs and controlled the ball for 32 1/2 minutes;

Whereas, Rensselaer also set records for most rushing attempts with 67 and most first downs rushing with 22;

Whereas, Rylan Arihood was named the Class 2A Mental Attitude Award winner by the Indiana High School Athletic Association's Executive Committee;

Whereas, Rylan, who participates in wrestling and baseball, ranks among the top in his 129 member senior class and is a member of the National Honor Society and a tireless volunteer for school and community projects;

Whereas, The son of Chris and Trissa Arihood, Rylan plans to major in Business Administration at either Purdue University or Indiana State University; and

Whereas, The team's state championship and great 15-0 season are the result of a total team effort, with each team member, manager, and coach deserving of praise for superior performance and great team spirit: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly, on behalf of the people of Indiana, congratulate the Rensselaer Central High School team, players, managers, and coaches on their outstanding 2014 season topped off by winning the 2014 Class 2A State Football Championship.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to each team member, manager, and trainer, Assistant Coaches Brian Zacher, Eric Nowlin, Jeff Phillips, Matt Stevens, and Doug Hannon, Head Coach Chris Meeks, Athletic Director Ken Hickman, Principal Bill Zimmer, and superintendent Ned Speicher.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Charbonneau.

House Concurrent Resolution 6

Representative McMillin introduced House Concurrent Resolution 6:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to convene a Joint Session of the One Hundred Nineteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That a joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives be convened, to meet in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, to receive the Chief Justice's message which will be given in compliance with Article 7, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana and the Speaker is directed to appoint a committee of four members of this House to transmit this resolution to the Senate and report to this House such action as the Senate may take.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Long.

House Concurrent Resolution 7

Representative McMillin introduced House Concurrent Resolution 7:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to convene a Joint Session of the One Hundred Nineteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

SECTION 1. That a joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives be convened, to meet in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday,

January 13, 2015, to receive the Governor's message that will be given in compliance with Article 5, Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana and the Speaker is directed to appoint a committee of four members of this House to transmit this resolution to the Senate and report to this House such actions as the Senate may take.

The resolution was read a first time and adopted by voice vote. The Clerk was directed to inform the Senate of the passage of the resolution. Senate sponsor: Senator Long.

OTHER BUSINESS ON THE SPEAKER'S TABLE

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that a committee of four members of this House be appointed by the Speaker to act with a like committee of the Senate to wait upon the Governor of the State of Indiana and escort him to the Chambers of the House of Representatives to deliver his message to the General Assembly.

FRIEND

Motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed Representatives T. Brown, Richardson, Klinker and Wright.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that a committee of four members of this House be appointed by the Speaker to act with a like committee of the Senate to wait upon the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Indiana and to escort her to the Chambers of the House of Representatives to deliver her message to the General Assembly.

FRIEND

Motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed Representatives McMillin, Fine, Pierce and Bartlett.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Bosma be added as coauthor of House Bill 1032.

M. SMITH

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Wolkins and Heaton be added as coauthors of House Bill 1046.

BEUMER

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Clere be added as coauthor of House Bill 1065.

CULVER

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Mayfield be added as coauthor of House Bill 1093.

BACON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Klinker be added as coauthor of House Bill 1104.

LEHMAN

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Stemler be added as coauthor of House Bill 1105.

GOODIN

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Wright and Schaibley be added as coauthors of House Bill 1125.

CHERRY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Beumer be added as coauthor of House Bill 1126.

CHERRY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Mahan be added as coauthor of House Bill 1129.

ERRINGTON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Cox be added as coauthor of House Bill 1136.

JUDY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Beumer be added as coauthor of House Bill 1140.

RICHARDSON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Frizzell be added as coauthor of House Bill 1157.

BACON

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Friend be added as coauthor of House Bill 1170.

UBELHOR

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Wesco be added as coauthor of House Bill 1182.

FRYE R.

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Koch be added as coauthor of House Bill 1200.

ARNOLD

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Kirchhofer be

removed as 1stt author and Representative Davisson be substituted therefor and Representative Davisson be removed as coauthor of House Bill 1214.

KIRCHHOFER

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Ubelhor be added as coauthor of House Bill 1290.

JUDY

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative DeVon be added as coauthor of House Bill 1295.

WESCO

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Eberhart be added as coauthor of House Bill 1300.

MCMILLIN

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representatives Carbaugh and Mahan be added as coauthors of House Bill 1301.

MCMILLIN

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Torr be added as coauthor of House Bill 1303.

MCMILLIN

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Clere be added as coauthor of House Bill 1333.

TRUITT

Motion prevailed.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Representative Clere be added as cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 2.

KOCH

Motion prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the following motion:

“I move that Senators Eckerty, Leising, Tallian and Broden be appointed to act with a like committee of the House of Representatives to wait upon the Governor and to escort him to the Chambers of the House of Representatives to deliver his message to the General Assembly on January 13, 2015.”

JENNIFER L. MERTZ
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the following motion:

“I move that Senators Glick, Zakas, Taylor and Rogers be

appointed to act with a like committee of the House of Representatives to wait upon the Chief Justice and to escort her to the Chambers of the House of Representatives to deliver her message to the General Assembly on January 14, 2015.”

JENNIFER L. MERTZ
Principal Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed House Concurrent Resolutions 6 and 7 and the same are herewith returned to the House.

JENNIFER L. MERTZ
Principal Secretary of the Senate

The House recessed until the fall of the gavel.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 6:45 p.m. with the Speaker in the Chair.

JOINT CONVENTION

The members of the 119th General Assembly, meeting in Joint Convention, were called to order at 6:45 p.m. by the Speaker who introduced the Senate leadership, President Pro Tempore David C. Long, Majority Floor Leader Brandt Hershman, Majority Caucus Chair James W. Merritt, Jr., Minority Floor Leader Timothy Lanane, Assistant Minority Floor Leader Jean Breaux, and Minority Caucus Chair James R. Arnold; the House leadership, Majority Floor Leader Judson G. McMillin, Majority Caucus Chair Kathy Kreag Richardson, Speaker Pro Tempore William C. Friend, Minority Leader Scott D. Pelath, Minority Floor Leader Linda C. Lawson, and Minority Caucus Chair John L. Bartlett; and the honored guests as follows: First Lady Karen Pence, wife of Governor Mike Pence; Mrs. Nancy Pence-Fritsch, mother of Governor Mike Pence; Mr. Bernie Barcio, step father of Mrs. Pence; Mrs. Cheryl Bosma, my wife; Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann and husband Jim; The Honorable Connie Lawson, Secretary of State; The Honorable Suzanne Crouch, State Auditor; The Honorable Kelly Mitchell, Treasurer; The Honorable Greg Zoeller, Attorney General and his wife Kerrie; The Honorable Glenda Ritz, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and her husband Gary; Chief Justice Loretta Rush, Indiana Supreme Court and her husband Jim; Justice Brent Dickson, Indiana Supreme Court and his wife Jan; Justice Steven David, Indiana Supreme Court; Justice Mark Massa, Indiana Supreme Court and his wife Maureen; Chief Judge Nancy Vaidik, Chief Judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals; Judge Melissa May, Indiana Court of Appeals; Judge Margret Robb, Indiana Court of Appeals; Judge Michael Barnes, Indiana Court of Appeals; Judge Terry Crone, Indiana Court of Appeals; Judge Cale Bradford, Indiana Court of Appeals; Judge Elaine Brown, Indiana Court of Appeals; Judge Rudolph Pyle III, Indiana Court of Appeals; The Honorable Greg Ballard, Mayor of Indianapolis and his wife Winnie; The Honorable Lloyd Winnecke, Mayor of Evansville; The Honorable Bob Hall, Mayor of Charlestown; The Honorable Shawna Girgis, Mayor of Bedford; The Honorable Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor of Gary; The Honorable Chuck Fewell, Mayor of Greenfield; Special Guests of Governor Pence: General R. Martin Umbarger, the Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard and his wife Rowana; Col. Pat Renwick, Commanding Officer of the 122nd Fighter Wing from Fort Wayne; Staff Sergeant Erin Donovan with the 122nd, spouse of Tech Sergeant Brian Donovan; Mrs. Lynn Renn, spouse of IMPD Officer Perry Renn killed in the line of duty on July 5, 2014; IMPD Detective Andrew Troxell, his wife Tracy, and their two sons Jacen and Ben; and Mrs. Audra Peterson, Indiana Career and Technical Director of the Year from LaPorte County.

The Speaker introduced Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann, President of the Senate, and yielded the gavel to

her.

Lieutenant Governor Ellspermann convened the joint session and presented the Governor as follows:

"Pursuant to Section 13 of Article 5 of the Indiana Constitution, the Indiana General Assembly is convened for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House and Senate, distinguished guests, I have the high honor and privilege of presenting to you the Governor, the Honorable Mike Pence."

Governor Pence was escorted to the rostrum by Representatives T. Brown, Richardson, Klinker and Wright and Senators Leising, Eckerty Tallian and Broden.

STATE OF THE STATE

Speaker Bosma, President Pro Tem Long, Lt. Governor Ellspermann, Senator Lanane, Representative Pelath, members of the General Assembly, distinguished guests, my fellow Hoosiers.

Tonight, on the eve of our bicentennial year, I stand before you as your governor to proudly report that the state of our State has never been stronger. And, if we keep faith with the character of our people, together there is no limit to what we can accomplish in our third century.

Our state is on a roll. (And I'm not just talking about the Colts!)

Seriously, Indiana is blessed. We have the best state legislature in America.

Together we've made Indiana the fiscal envy of the country. We've balanced budgets, funded our priorities, maintained strong reserves, and still passed the largest state tax cut in Indiana history.

And here in the state that works, Hoosiers are going back to work.

Unemployment has fallen faster here than almost anywhere in America. When I was elected Governor, unemployment was over 8 percent. Today it's 5.7 and falling.

We added more than 100,000 private sector jobs in the past two years, and we are on track to have more Hoosiers working than ever before.

And while we have maintained a strong balance sheet, we've also invested in education and building the roads of the future.

We've increased support for schools, approved the first-ever state funding for quality pre-K, and invested more than \$800 million in new funding for roads.

The result?

Graduation rates are up. Test scores are up, the doors of our pre-K program are already open to disadvantaged kids, and Indiana now is home to the largest educational voucher program in America.

Tonight, there are 49 other governors across this country who wish they could be me!

But let's be clear, our state has never been stronger not because of her government, but because of her people.

They just don't come any better than Hoosiers: hardworking, patriotic, modest, and generous to those in need. Everyone knows the story of Officer Perry Renn, a courageous police officer who squared his shoulders in the face of deadly force to protect our capital city, and paid with his life. What you may not know is the story of two little heroes—Jacen and Ben Troxell, ages eight and five, the sons of Officer Renn's partner, who were inspired by that tragedy to raise money to outfit the Indianapolis Police Department with better body armor. Those

two boys raised more than \$20,000 and are with us here tonight. Join me in thanking Lynn Renn and our two young heroes for showing the courage and kindness that make Indiana great.

Nowhere is the character of our people more evident than in those who wear the uniform.

The evil that came to the streets of Paris last week may seem far removed, but the brutal murder of our own Peter Kassig, a courageous aid worker killed by ISIS terrorists, is a stark reminder that we are all part of a global war of civilization against barbarism.

Tonight, Hoosiers will be proud to know that on the front lines of that war are some 300 airmen with our 122nd Fighter Wing out of Fort Wayne—the largest deployment of the Indiana Air National Guard in the past ten years.

To them and their families, some of whom are with us tonight, we thank you for your service. You are in our prayers. Please join with me in showing our gratitude to all those who serve at home and abroad in these uncertain times.

More than thirty years ago, at this very podium, President Ronald Reagan said the federal government was “still operating on the outdated and arrogant assumption that the states can’t manage their own affairs.”

That day he predicted it would be states like ours that would come to America’s rescue. States like ours that would “offer the most creative solutions and most promising hopes for our nation.”

Well, Reagan was right.

At a time when public confidence in our federal government is at an all-time low, states have emerged as a source of inspiration on fiscal policy, economic growth, education and health care reform.

And Indiana is leading the way, proving every day that we can balance our budgets, run our schools, choose our health care and serve our people far better than “a little intellectual elite in a far distant capitol” ever could.

But to whom much is given, much will be required. Ladies and gentlemen, we have work to do.

Last week, I submitted my recommended budget to the General Assembly. It’s an honestly balanced budget that holds the line on spending, maintains strong reserves, and funds our priorities with no new debt.

Fiscal discipline has been the hallmark of the past decade of Indiana governance. Our balanced budgets have led to economic growth, lower tax rates and job creation.

Remarkably, Indiana is one of the few states in the country that does not have a balanced budget requirement in its constitution. It is a tribute to the public servants in this room that Indiana has adhered to that practice in recent years even though it is not required.

A balanced budget requirement in the Constitution will assure Hoosiers that today and tomorrow Indiana will spend wisely, protect our state from an economic downturn, and unlike Washington, D.C., we won’t bury our children and grandchildren under mountains of debt.

I commend Senator David Long for his leadership on a federal balanced budget amendment. I call on this General Assembly to begin the process of adding a balanced budget amendment to the Indiana Constitution in this session and send this historic reform to the people of Indiana.

Over the past two years we’ve made great progress cutting taxes. Now let’s simplify the tax code and prevent the rapid increase of property taxes on family farms.

Because low-cost energy is vital to our economy, we need an

all-of-the-above energy strategy, including energy efficiency. But know this, Indiana is a pro-coal state, and we must continue to oppose the overreaching schemes of the EPA until we bring this war on coal to an end.

To remain the crossroads of America, let’s invest another \$300 million in new funding for roads and give our cities and towns new resources to plan regional strategies for growth.

Balanced budgets and the right priorities are the starting point to improving our economy, but the key to unlocking the full potential of our state is not in her factories and her fields. It is in her classrooms.

Let’s agree here and now that this will be an education session dedicated to improving all our schools for all our kids.

Now, my philosophy of executive leadership is pretty simple; you set big goals, offer solutions, but stay open to other ideas about how to achieve them.

With that approach in mind, and with more than 100,000 kids in underperforming or failing schools, we must make it our aim to have 100,000 more students enrolled in high-quality schools by the year 2020.

To achieve this goal, we must fund excellence, expand choices, and ensure that education in Indiana works at the highest levels.

That’s why I proposed more state dollars for K-12 education than ever before, increasing tuition support by \$200 million over the next two years.

And building on the historic first step we took last session, we will invest \$10 million a year to fund scholarships for our new pre-K pilot, because every Hoosier child deserves to start school ready to learn.

Now there are those who think that improving education is just about increasing funding. But money alone isn’t the answer.

Everyone knows that good teachers make the difference. I should know, I’ve been married to a schoolteacher for 30 years this year, and she’s with us tonight. Please join me in recognizing the best First Lady in America, Karen Pence.

So how do you get more good teachers like my wife? You get more good teachers by paying good teachers more.

And that’s just what we have been doing. This year we awarded \$30 million in bonuses to teachers in 1300 schools.

Building on that success, we will provide another \$63 million for performance bonuses and refocus resources on the classroom. More freedom for our schools and more dollars in our classrooms will pay dividends for generations.

And because all honest work is honorable work, let’s continue to make sure our schools work for all our students, regardless of where they want to start in life by making career and vocational education a priority in every high school again.

The General Assembly embraced that vision in a bipartisan fashion two years ago, and together we have begun to improve the career and technical education opportunities for our students.

We’ve distributed millions in grants and seen innovation in schools across our state. Like up in LaPorte County, where the high schools and the local utility are working together preparing students for careers in electronics and energy by creating an Energy Academy. The driving force behind that effort is with us tonight, the Indiana Career and Technical Education Director of the Year, Audra Peterson.

By providing \$20 million a year to create more career and vocational opportunities and improving the way we fund those courses, we will dramatically increase the number of students

who graduate career-ready, and increase—by fivefold—the number of students who graduate with an industry-recognized credential by 2020.

As we open new opportunities within our public schools, let's resolve to give more parents the chance to choose where their kids go to school by expanding our choice and public charter schools program.

Kids like Nathan. Karen and I are friends with Nathan's mom. She's a single mom. He's a wonderful young guy, lives here in Indianapolis. Frankly, at age 15, he was one of those kids who was falling through the cracks. We heard Nathan couldn't quite find a school that worked for him. We all saw the trajectory he was on. So, we came alongside, and talked with his mom about the other choices that are available in our state. My wife managed to point them in the direction of one of our innovative public charter schools.

I'll never forget the day Karen came home and told me that Nathan had visited that school with his mom. After he'd gone in and seen what, in that case, is an individualized learning model where all the kids learn at their own pace, he walked out of the school where his mom was anxiously awaiting him.

She looked at him and said, "Well, what'd you think?" And he looked at her and said, "Mom, if I go here, I'll flourish. If I go here, I can be a leader." He just started there, and this morning, his mom told me he's doing great.

That's what it's all about.

Today some 30,000 low- and middle-income kids are able to attend the school that works best for them because of our choice scholarship program.

Let's open more doors of opportunity to more Hoosier families by lifting the cap on the dollar amount that choice schools receive for students and raise the cap on the choice scholarship tax credit program.

And because public charter schools receive significantly less total funding per pupil than traditional schools, let's adjust funding for charter students to allow more communities to offer more choices for families just like Nathan's.

Nothing is more important than the health and wellbeing of our people.

Hoosiers have long believed that we must care for the needs of our most vulnerable: the aged, infirm, children—born and unborn.

That's why we advanced a tax credit for adoptive parents and fully fund our adoption subsidy going forward.

That's also why we made reducing infant mortality a top health priority in the state.

Thank you, Speaker Brian Bosma, for making this a priority in this session. Tomorrow we will launch the Labor of Love campaign to educate new and expecting moms across our state over the next year.

If you're an expectant mom or have a little one on your lap tonight, help is on the way.

Together, we can and will reduce the heartbreak of infant mortality in Indiana.

There's an old saying that when everyone in your family is healthy you've got lots of problems. When one member of your family is sick you've got one problem.

From the beginning of my tenure as governor, we have been committed to bringing Hoosier solutions to healthcare reform.

We have been saying "No," to ObamaCare in Indiana, "No," to establishing a state-based exchange, and "No," to expanding a broken Medicaid system. Medicaid is not a program we need to expand. It is a program we need to change. And that is just what we've been doing with the Healthy Indiana Plan.

The original program was crafted more than six years ago in this chamber on a bipartisan basis, and our new proposal would offer more low-income Hoosiers the chance to get quality insurance and control their own healthcare.

And we've been working hard to get it done.

To get Washington to say, "Yes," I have gone to our nation's capital, engaged in hours of discussions with federal officials, and I even took our case directly to the president on the tarmac outside Air Force One in Evansville.

As our discussions go forward, know this: I will continue to stand firm for the right to expand access to coverage the Indiana way, based on personal responsibility and empowering Hoosiers to take control of their healthcare choices, but we will not accept terms that relegate low-income Hoosiers to substandard healthcare or jeopardize the fiscal health of our state.

The road ahead will not be easy. But I am confident.

I am confident because Hoosiers have always been willing to do hard things, to embrace change, to build schools of promise and policies that will advance the prosperity, safety and wellbeing of our people.

If we will act with resolve and are bold, we will fulfill Indiana's promise for this generation and the next.

We will have more Hoosiers going to work than ever before and continue to be a model of fiscal responsibility to the nation.

We will have more kids attending high-quality schools than ever before and more kids graduating ready for college or careers.

We will improve the health and wellbeing of our people by empowering individuals to take responsibility for themselves and their families.

And we will do it all the Indiana way: Based on fiscal responsibility, personal responsibility and the values and common sense that are synonymous with the Hoosier state.

And when we do this, we will fulfill the promise, not just of our time, but we will fulfill the promise first forged beneath that constitution elm in Corydon in 1816—the promise of a state built on freedom that would become a beacon of hope and an example to the nation.

With boundless faith in the people of Indiana and faith in God's grace to see us through, I know the best days for Indiana are yet to come.

Let's get to work.

God bless each of you and the great state of Indiana.

The President of the Senate adjourned the joint convention.

The House was called back to order by the Speaker.

The House adjourned at 7:32 p.m., this thirteenth day of January, 2015, until Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

BRIAN C. BOSMA
Speaker of the House of Representatives

M. CAROLINE SPOTTS
Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives