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The members of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Eighteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana assembled in the House Chambers in the State House in the City of Indianapolis on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of November, 2015, A.D., at 1:00 p.m., being the day fixed by law for the convening of the second regular session of the General Assembly, viz:

“...the second regular session of each term of the general assembly shall convene on the third Tuesday after the first Monday of November of each odd-numbered year...”

The invocation was offered by Pastor Kevin Roth of Grace Church Fishers Campus.

The House was called to order by Speaker Brian C. Bosma.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Representative Randy Lyness.

## FILLING VACANT LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

### District 68

September 29, 2015

The Honorable Brian C. Bosma  
Speaker of the House  
Indiana House of Representatives  
200 W. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Speaker Bosma,

Effectively immediately, I resign my seat as State Representative for House District 68.

Sincerely,

Jud McMillan  
House Majority Floor Leader

### CERTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT TO A VACANT STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN C. BOSMA  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS, A vacancy occurred in the office of Indiana State Representative, District 868 on September 30, 2015, due to the resignation of the Honorable Jud McMillan, who was elected to office as a candidate of the Indiana Republican Party;

WHEREAS, The duly elected and acting state chairman of the Indiana Republican Party set the place, date and time of a caucus comprised of the eligible precinct committeemen from Indiana House District 68 and sent a notice by first class mail to all precinct committeemen in the caucus at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting setting forth the purpose, place, date and time of the meeting;

WHEREAS, The duly appointed designee of the state chairman presided over the aforesaid caucus, which was conducted on October 22, 2015, this date being not later than thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurred;

WHEREAS, The caucus, voting by secret ballot, and a majority vote of those casting a vote for a candidate, selected an individual who resides within House District 68 to fill this vacancy;

WHEREAS, The individual selected to fill the aforesaid vacancy had filed a declaration of candidacy with the chairman of the caucus, and had previously filed a statement of economic interests under Indiana Code 2-2.1-3-2 with the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives, at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time fixed for the caucus, all as required by Indiana Code 3-13-5-3;

WHEREAS, Under Indiana Code 3-13-5-6, the state chairman is required to certify the name of the individual selected under Indiana Code 3-13-5-1 to fill this vacancy to the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Under Indiana Code 3-13-5-6, the Speaker of the House of Representatives is required to acknowledge receipt of this certification, submit a copy of the certificate to be included in the Journal of the House of Representatives on the day when the individual is seated, (or if this certificate is received after the adjournment *sine die* of the General Assembly, on the first day that the House of Representatives is in session following receipt of this certificate), and immediately forward the certificate to the Secretary of the State of Indiana: NOW, THEREFORE,

### AS THE DULY ELECTED AND ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE INDIANA REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE,

- (1) I certify that Randall J. Lyness was selected by the aforesaid caucus to fill the vacancy existing in the Office of Indiana House of Representatives, District 68;
- (2) I request that the Speaker of the House of Representatives acknowledge receipt of this Certificate by his signature below as provided for by Indiana Code 3-13-5-6;
- (3) I request that the Speaker of the House of Representatives include a copy of this Certificate in the Journal of the House of Representatives as provided in Indiana Code 3-13-5-6; and
- (4) I request that this Certificate be immediately forwarded to the Secretary of State, as provided by Indiana Code 3-13-5-6.

CERTIFIED, THIS DAY THE 26TH DAY OF  
OCTOBER, 2015:

JEFF CARDWELL,  
Indiana Republican State Chairman

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT BY THE  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I hereby acknowledge receipt of this Certificate by my signature below this 26th day of October, 2015.

Signed: Brian C. Bosma  
Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives

NOTIFICATION TO  
SECRETARY OF STATE

October 26, 2015

The Honorable Connie Lawson  
Indiana Secretary of State  
201 State House  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Secretary Lawson:

This is to officially notify you that this office has received from the Chair of the Indiana Republican Committee, a copy of the certification of the election of Randall J. Lyness to represent State House District 68, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Jud McMillan. Representative Randall J. Lyness was duly elected on October 22, 2015, in a caucus of precinct committee persons in District 68.

Sincerely,  
Brian C. Bosma  
Speaker of the House

CERTIFICATE OF SELECTION  
TO STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN C. BOSMA  
SPEAKER OF THE INDIANA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, A vacancy occurred in the office of Indiana State Representative, District 68, due to the resignation of Jud McMillan, who was elected to that office as a candidate of the Indiana Republican Party;

WHEREAS, On October 22, 2015, a caucus composed of Republican Party precinct committeemen from Indiana House District 68 selected Randall J. Lyness to fill the vacancy in Indiana House District 68;

WHEREAS, Jeff Cardwell, Chairman of the Indiana Republican Party, certified the selection of Randall J. Lyness to fill the vacancy in office of Indiana State Representative, District 68, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Speaker of the House Representatives acknowledged receipt of the certification;

WHEREAS, The Speaker of the House of Representatives forwarded the aforesaid certification to the Secretary of State, in accordance with Indiana Code 3-13-5-6; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Indiana Code 3-13-5-7, the Secretary of State is required to certify the individual selected to fill a vacant legislative office: NOW, THEREFORE,

AS THE DULY ELECTED AND ACTING INDIANA SECRETARY OF STATE, I certify that the Honorable Randall J. Lyness has been selected to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Indiana State Representative, District 68.

*Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this 26th day of*

*October, 2015, being the 240th year of the Independence of the United States, and the 199th year of the Statehood of Indiana.*

CONNIE LAWSON  
Indiana Secretary of State

Representative-elect Randall J. Lyness was sworn into office on November 6, 2015 by Justice Brent E. Dickson. The oath of office is: "I, Randall J. Lyness, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Indiana, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as a member of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana to the best of my skill and ability, so help me God."

*Sworn before me, Justice Brent E. Dickson, this 6th day of November, 2015.*

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

The Secretary of State directed that the roll be called and the following members-elect answered to their names:

Lloyd Arnold (District 74, Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry, Spencer Counties)

Terri Jo Austin (District 36, Madison County)

Mike Aylesworth (District 11, Lake and Porter Counties)

Ronald A. Bacon (District 75, Pike, Spencer, and Warrick Counties)

James R. Baird (District 44, Clay, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam Counties)

John L. Bartlett (District 95, Marion County)

B. Patrick Bauer (District 6, St. Joseph County)

Robert W. Behning (District 91, Hendricks and Marion Counties)

Greg R. Beumer (District 33, Delaware, Jay and Randolph Counties)

Bruce Borders (District 45, Daviess, Greene, Knox, Sullivan and Vigo Counties)

Mike Braun (District 63, Daviess, Dubois, Martin and Pike Counties)

Charlie Brown (District 3, Lake County)

Timothy N. Brown (District 41, Boone, Montgomery, and Tippecanoe Counties).

Charles W. "Woody" Burton (District 58, Johnson County)

Martin Carbaugh (District 81, Allen County)

Robert W. Cherry (District 53, Hancock and Madison Counties)

Edward D. Clere (District 72, Floyd County)

Tony J. Cook (District 32, Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Howard, Madison and Tipton Counties)

Casey B. Cox (District 85, Allen and Dekalb County)

Wesley H. Culver (District 49, Elkhart County)

Steven J. Davisson (District 73, Clark, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties)

Edward O. DeLaney (District 86, Marion County)

Thomas P. Dermody (District 20, LaPorte and Starke Counties)

Dale R. DeVon (District 5, St. Joseph County)

Ryan M. Dvorak (District 8, LaPorte and St. Joseph Counties)

Sean R. Eberhart (District 57, Bartholomew, Hancock and Shelby Counties)

Sue Errington (District 34, Delaware County)

Bill Fine (District 12, Lake County)

William C. Friend (District 23, Cass, Fulton, and Miami Counties)

David N. Frizzell (District 93, Johnson and Marion Counties)

Randall L. Frye (District 67, Dearborn, Decatur, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties)

Philip K. GiaQuinta (District 80, Allen County)

Terry A. Goodin (District 66, Clark, Jefferson, and Scott Counties)

Douglas L. Gutwein (District 16, Fulton, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski, and Starke Counties)

Christina E. Hale (District 87, Marion County)

Richard L. Hamm (District 56, Wayne County)

Timothy P. Harman (District 17, Fulton and Marshall Counties)

Donna J. Harris (District 2, Lake County)

Bob A. Heaton (District 46, Clay, Monroe, Owen, and Vigo Counties)

Todd M. Huston (District 37, Hamilton County)

Christopher N. Judy (District 83, Allen and Whitley)

Michael H. Karickhoff (District 30, Grant and Howard Counties)

Clyde Kersey (District 43, Vigo County)

Cynthia L. Kirchofer (District 89, Marion County)

Sheila A. Klinker (District 27, Tippecanoe County)

Eric A. Koch (District 65, Brown, Jackson, Johnson, Lawrence, and Monroe Counties)

Linda C. Lawson (District 1, Lake County)

Donald J. Lehe (District 25, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Tippecanoe, and White Counties)

Matt Lehman (District 79, Adams, Allen, and Wells Counties)

Daniel J. Leonard (District 50, Allen, Huntington and Wells Counties)

Jim Lucas (District 69, Bartholomew, Jackson, Jefferson, and Jennings Counties)

Randall J. Lyness (District 68, Dearborn, Franklin and Union Counties)

Karlee D. Macer (District 92, Marion County)

Kevin A. Mahan (District 31, Blackford, Delaware, Grant, and Wells Counties)

Peggy Mayfield (District 60, Monroe and Morgan Counties)

Wendy M. McNamara (District 76, Posey and Vanderburgh Counties)

Doug Miller (District 48, Elkhart County)

Justin Moed (District 97, Marion County)

Robert D. Morris (District 84, Allen County)

Alan P. Morrison (District 42, Clay, Fountain, Parke, Vermillion, Vigo, and Warren Counties)

Charles "Chuck" A. Moseley (District 10, Porter County)

Sharon Negele (District 13, Benton, Fountain, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White Counties)

David L. Niezgodski (District 7, St. Joseph County)

Curt Nisly (District 22, Elkhart and Kosciusko Counties)

David L. Ober (District 82, Allen, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble, and Whitley Counties)

Julie Olthoff (District 19, Lake and Porter Counties)

Scott D. Pelath (District 9, LaPorte and Porter Counties)

Gregory W. Porter (District 96, Marion County)

John L. Price (District 47, Johnson and Morgan Counties)

Cherrish S. Pryor (District 94, Marion County)

Rhonda J. Rhoads (District 70, Clark, Floyd, and Harrison Counties)

Kathy Kreag Richardson (District 29, Hamilton County)

Gail C. Riecken (District 77, Vanderburgh County)

Thomas E. Saunders (District 54, Henry, Rush, and Wayne Counties)

Donna Schaibley (District 24, Boone and Hamilton Counties)

Robin Shackelford (District 98, Marion County)

Harold Slager (District 15, Lake County)

Benjamin C. Smaltz (District 52, Allen, Dekalb, and Steuben Counties)

Milo E. Smith (District 59, Bartholomew County)

Edmond L. Soliday (District 4, Porter County)

Michael R. Speedy (District 90, Marion County)

Gregory E. Steuerwald (District 40, Hendricks County)

Holli Anne Sullivan (District 78, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties)

Vanessa J. Summers (District 99, Marion County)

Jeffrey A. Thompson (District 28, Boone and Hendricks Counties)

Jerry Torr (District 39, Hamilton County)

Randolph P. Truitt (District 26, Tippecanoe County)

Matthew A. Ubelhor (District 62, Daviess, Greene, Martin, and Monroe Counties)

Heath R. VanNatter (District 38, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, and Howard Counties)

Thomas W. Washburne (District 64, Gibson, Knox, Pike, Posey, and Vanderburgh Counties)

Timothy C. Wesco (District 21, Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties)

David A. Wolkins (District 18, Grant, Kosciusko, Miami, and Wabash Counties)

Melanie Wright (District 35, Delaware and Madison Counties)

Dennis J. Zent (District 51, LaGrange and Steuben Counties)

Cindy M. Ziemke (District 55, Decatur, Fayette, Franklin, Ripley, and Rush Counties):

Roll Call 1: 96 present; 4 excused [Dan P. Forestal (District 100, Marion County), Matt Pierce (District 61, Monroe County), Vernon G. Smith (District 14, Lake County) and Steven R. Stemler (District 71, Clark County).] The Speaker announced a quorum in attendance.

### **OPENING REMARKS BY SPEAKER BRIAN C. BOSMA**

First, I want to welcome each and every one of you, but more importantly I want to recognize the families that are here – a lot of spouses, significant others and family members. To my wife Cheryl and to your family, we give a special, extended welcome. It is very clear to me that public service is a team sport. Cheryl is the head of “team Bosma,” and I know that many of you can say the same, so thank you to all of you that are here today. Let’s recognize them.

This session has the potential to be quite unique – one of the fastest and possibly one of the toughest of my career. Now it won’t be the Boonville Death March, which a few of us remember from 1992, where we met every calendar day including many Saturdays, no Sundays, and we adjourned our business on Feb. 14 with very little to show for it. But, it will be 10 quick weeks. In fact, if you look at the calendar that we circulated today, if a bill has not passed the first chamber four weeks from the day we return, it’s not likely to see the light of day for the rest of the session.

It is unique for another reason as well, and that is there are some mid-season changes that sometimes we are accustomed to, but not quite as many as we are having at the onset of this session. There are three particular ones I would like to note, but then there will be more announced in the days ahead regarding committee assignments and chairmanships.

First, congratulations to new representative Randy Lyness of House District 68. Thank you for joining us, Randy.

Second, I would like to extend congratulations and occasional condolences to our new Floor Leader. Having held the position, I know there are good days and bad days, so Matt Lehman, we are very pleased as a voice of integrity and reason that you are joining the front row. We were more than enthused about your wife, Joy, being here with us as well, so welcome to Matt in his new role.

It is also unusual that some people have announced they are leaving before the next election. We also had one you have been talking about all summer, due to work pressures that became public yesterday, and to Matt Ubelhor, our best wishes to you. Thank you Matt, for your service and for your many years of dedicated service to your district and this chamber. So, Matt, we really appreciate all you have done here and wish you the best in your life.

Each of us have had to delve through the delicate balance of public life in this chamber, workplace and family, and it is just another example of the pressures of trying to be a part of public service and still maintain a balance with those. Now, to the matters that lie before us.

Our state is in an extraordinary position today – one that really makes us the envy of much of the rest of the nation. Just 10 short years ago, together, we were dragging the nation in job

creation and leading the nation in job loss. We had a questionable fiscal position, and we had a long way to go to bring our state to the position it is in today.

Today, we have the lowest unemployment rate, 4.5 percent, in the last decade, and the second largest financial reserves of any state in the nation, which speaks directly to our envied AAA bond rating and is our buffer against both funding cuts and tax increases.

We just got done making the early payments of the federal unemployment fund loan which will avoid \$327 million in penalties in the coming calendar year to Hoosier workers and employers. We have been rated number one in the Midwest and the top handful in the country by more than a dozen rating agencies including the Tax Foundation, Area Development Magazine. We just worked our way into Forbes list for best states to do business, which we have been trying to get on for a decade.

In July, the Pacific Research Institute ranked us first in the nation for small business regulatory environment, and just this last week, the Pollina Foundation moved us from eighth in the nation to third in the rankings of the best places to do business.

For those of you who were not paying attention to some of these statistics, we just blew by Texas and Ohio and are now number two in the nation in manufacturing, right behind the state of Michigan. I have already told my friend, the Speaker in Michigan, to watch out because we are coming.

In short, our state’s economy is hitting on all cylinders, and those who claim we have been irrevocably damaged by the actions of the last session are sorely mistaken. But, despite those successes, many challenges lie ahead.

In particular, continued investment in our state’s infrastructure; continued investment in our classrooms; dealing with the rampage of meth and heroine throughout our state and a very delicate discussion that has to transpire regarding discrimination and personal liabilities, all lie ahead in the next ten weeks after the first of the year.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that bothers to pay attention to what I have to say that roads and infrastructure investment will be the top priority in this chamber this coming session. I have frequently said that you cannot claim to be the Crossroads of America with a crumbling infrastructure, and over the last decade, we have put our money where our mouth is. Despite some criticisms, we have invested more than \$11 billion in state and local roads, bridges and infrastructure over the last decade, with \$1.3 billion being invested in just the last three years.

I am proud to say House Republicans led that charge, frequently by ourselves. But, we also appreciate the fact that Representative Pelath and the governor as well, have placed options on the table for discussion. We will take a look at them, but I can tell you that it is my hope that we can have more of a long-term vision of our needs and what is required.

So today, publically, and I have already done privately, I am charging our Roads and Transportation Committee and our Ways and Means Committee to make their top priority a discussion about infrastructure funding this session; it has to be a data-driven assessment. I suspect, while convenient, the need is not just \$1 billion or \$2 billion. Those are nice, even, round figures, easy to calculate, but we need to know exactly what the need is both for state and local roads and bridges in the foreseeable future.

We have to assess all of the options to provide adequate funds for those needs both at the state and local level. We need

to examine flexible options for local communities to spend their own local option income taxes that may be restricted now to certain expenditures, and also participate in matching grant programs that the state can fund. The goal is to forward a plan that is responsible, that is comprehensive and that is sustainable for our infrastructure needs, and from my perspective, nothing is off the table.

The determination will be by this body after our committees work it over hard and participate thoroughly on both sides. This body will make the decision as to the direction we need to go in this regard. We will work with our Senate colleagues, the governor and other interested parties to make it happen.

So, it is going to be House Bill 1001. It will be carried by chairman Soliday, co-authored by chairman Brown, and the roads committee will work its magic, and then onto the Ways and Means Committee because it is a fiscal matter as much as it is anything else.

Representative Pelath and I participated in a number of discussions over the last week, some in person, some virtual. I disagreed with a few things that Scott has said along the way, but he said something yesterday that I thoroughly agree with: the roads and transportation funding solution that we come up with this year will be the job discussion of 2016. Thank you, Scott. It is worth something if even you have to clap when I am quoting you.

There has been a lot of other discussion on some other important issues that I want to highlight, another one, and that is the need for more outstanding teachers in our Hoosier classrooms.

With 12 teachers in Cheryl's and my family, some extremely retired like our mothers, we understand that the teacher is the most important –effective teachers in the classroom is most important ingredient for every student's education. Like 40 other states, we are dealing with a shortage. Not just a shortage with certified personnel, because apparently we have plenty of those in the state, but certified personnel in the classroom. There, like 40 other states, we have a shortage, especially in hard to fill urban and rural spots and most poignant in tough to fill positions like STEM, language arts and special education.

We have done a lot. I'm not going to take your time to go through the many provisions that we have adopted here, Republicans and Democrats alike, to attract and retain the best and brightest, but we have more to do. There will be a lot of efforts, and I'm going to talk about one in particular that Representative Tony Cook, Chairman Behning and I are going to co-author under House Bill 1002.

We will be advocating for a program that was first brought to me by a Democrat member of the State Board of Education, Gordon Henry, many of you know his wife, Jennifer. She and I talked about this again last Friday. It is our goal to attract the top students in Indiana high school graduating classes to the teaching professionals by giving to them a full-ride scholarship to enter the teaching profession and to remain in those classrooms for five years. Statistics will show us if we can get those people to stay in the classroom for five years they will be hooked on teaching, and they will consider it more of a career than a vocation.

We also have to learn to look to attract the best and brightest from other states that are having difficulty determining what the requirements are to be a certified teacher in Indiana. We also have to have a smooth pathway for those who have outstanding, real-world experience and have the proper training and mentoring can go an alternative path to our classrooms. Those folks are needed and wanted in our classrooms and

Representative Behning and the Education Committee are going to work on those issues this year to try and make that transition a smooth one.

We also have to look to other means of compensating teachers correctly as well. Despite all of our efforts, less than 58 percent of the billions of dollars – 52 percent of our budget that we allocate towards K-12 schools – less than 58 percent makes its way to teachers' salaries. Administration, overhead costs still eat way too much of those dollars, and of the dollars that remain in the classroom, most schools back-end them so that those with many years of seniority receive the vast majority of those increases and not for entry level individuals.

The Education Committee is going to take a hard look at these issues as well and work together with Democrats who are nodding their heads because they have been saying the same thing; that we need to address this issue, and get Indiana's best and brightest to the classroom, retain them as we have, but continue to retain them - our children's future literally depends on it.

On the next two topics –what I've just talked about, I'm fully authorized by my Caucus to speak on behalf of the Republicans in the room; there may be a person that disagrees with it, a point or two, but I've been commissioned to speak on behalf of our team on these issues. On the next two issues, I am going to speak as Speaker of the House, but I'm speaking on my own behalf, and not on behalf of any other person here.

There are two more issues that I think are going to be of importance this session that we need to have adult conversations about. The first one is something we have been dabbling around the edges on for the better part of a decade, and it is time to take action. We have quickly become the methamphetamine cooking capitol of the country, and at the end of this year, we will hold that notoriety for the third year in a row.

There is no silver bullet about this or the heroin rampage that we are experiencing in our state, but I believe we can reach an agreement on a few facts. We are losing our young people to methamphetamine and heroin, and we are losing much more workforce in the same way. There were nearly 15,000 clandestine labs that were discovered since 2001, just right here in Indiana. We lead the nation in 2013, 2014 and now 2015 in the number of lab busts that have occurred in the nation.

Chief Justice Loretta Rush yesterday in the Law School for Legislators, for the few of us that were there, shocked the crowd when she indicated that the record number of CHINS that are occurring in this state, she believes, something close to 90 percent of those can be traced directly to substance abuse or related affects. There are 5,000 children on the waiting list for a court-appointed special advocate or a guardian ad litem, and again, Chief Justice Rush says most of that is related to drug-related offenses.

One step was advocated yesterday by the Coalition Against Meth, and that is to recognize our current tracking mechanism, which we have worked on for three or four years now, is simply not getting the job done. Representative Ben Smaltz will be introducing legislation to make pseudoephedrine drugs available only by prescription. I know that is an inconvenience, it is an inconvenience for the Bosma family because there are a couple of folks in our household that use pseudoephedrine, but we are losing precious resources, human resources in our state to this scourge, and if that bill makes it to the floor, I am not going to ask you to, but I, personally, am going to vote for it.

Chairman Steuerwald has also committed to take a hard look at the sentencing for the worst of these offenders, those who are deeply entrenched in the sale of these terrible substances, and

ensure that, despite all of the work that has happened over the past several years on sentence reform, for those folks the punishment fits the crime.

Now, there is one more difficult issue that it just would be just absurd for me not to address today, so I am going to. After a summer of meeting with people from all walks of life, with all kinds of views, right here from Indiana and elsewhere, it is clear that there are some pretty strong feelings about the next step after the RFRA events of last year. I have drawn a few personal conclusions.

The first one is I think we may have the most difficult legislative job that I have seen in 29 of service in this chamber. It is the balancing of two deeply held and sincere beliefs by Hoosiers. The first is, as my friend says, "Hoosiers do not cotton to discrimination." We do not like it in any form, and the second is that we place a very high premium on freedom of conscience and religious liberty. In fact, we place a higher premium on it in our State Constitution than it appears in the Federal Constitution, so this is nothing new.

There is no simple conclusion here: "four words and a comma" leaves half of those in the state out of the discussion and doing nothing leaves the other half of the state out of the discussion.

Doing nothing is always an option, as I have shared with a group on Saturday, but I suspect we need to have a conversation, if nothing else. And about that conversation, to the extent I have the ability to control it in here, and I do, it will be a civil conversation, and I will challenge each of us to not say, to say rather, what we think and what we feel, and not express opinions about what we think somebody else thinks and feels. That has led to some difficulties here. So, share your heart, but make it about your heart.

The other thing I have publicly stated is we should not be bullied into a decision here. We need to put the interests of Hoosiers first, not out of state interest groups, regardless of which side they are on, and each do what we believe is in the best interests of our constituents and our state.

Well, that was all pretty serious. I am going to leave you with a story I have only shared one time on this floor, about 15 years ago, and as I was sharing it, a member of the second row over here felt I was off topic and stood and objected and that raised a point of order because the story was, he felt, inappropriate, and then Speaker John Gregg ruled the point not well taken because he wanted to hear the end of the story. And it is one that comes from White House lore, and I say "lore" because if you Google it, you are going to find different opinions on whether it really happened or not, but the person who runs the LBJ Library likes to tell the story, and it is about a speech writer that was on LBJ's staff. It was Peter Benchley, if you recognize that name he went on to write the book, "Jaws" and the screenplay.

The story is that he was asked to leave by Joe Califano, the Chief of Staff for LBJ, and he agreed, and on his last day he prepared routine remarks for LBJ to offer in the Rose Garden. As was his custom, there was no teleprompter; there was no practice. He was handed a stack of notecards. He proceeded to the podium and began to deliver.

He read the first card, and it is said – I'm not going to do my LBJ imitation although I do have one – it is said, "We cannot fight the war in Vietnam 'I will do that one' and pay for all my great society programs, but I say we can and today I'm going to tell you how."

Second card he read, he said, "They say that you cannot eliminate poverty and provide health insurance to all our elders, but I say we can, and today I'm going to tell you how."

Then he took the third card and he said, "And they say we cannot end decades of racial hatred and discrimination and live in harmony as brothers and sisters; white, black and brown, but I say we can, and today I'm going to tell you about it."

Then, he went to the fourth card and the fourth card said, "So long, Lyndon, you are on your own."

So, the point of that story for me today, is I have read you some notecards, but I am not going to leave you on your own. We are going to work through these difficult issues together, in 10 short weeks and each of us do what we believe is best for our districts and for all Hoosiers. I just pray that God will bless our efforts and through us that He will bless every Hoosier that we represent. Thank you very much.

## ORGANIZATION OF SECOND REGULAR SESSION

### HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that a committee of four (4) members of this House be appointed by the Speaker to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives has met, formed a quorum, and is now prepared to proceed with the legislative business and to receive any communications which the Senate may transmit.

LEHMAN

Motion prevailed. The Speaker appointed Representatives Friend, Lehe, D. Harris and DeLaney.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your committee which was appointed by the Speaker to notify the Senate that the House has met, has formed a quorum, and is prepared to proceed with the legislative business and to receive any communications which the Senate may transmit, respectfully reports that it has performed the duties assigned.

FRIEND  
LEHE

HARRIS, D.  
DELANEY

Report adopted.

### HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that a committee of four (4) members of this House be appointed by the Speaker to act with a like committee of the Senate to wait upon the Governor and to notify him of the organization of both Houses of the General Assembly and to inform him that the General assembly is ready for the transaction of legislative business.

LEHMAN

Motion prevailed. The Speaker appointed Representatives Steuerwald, Cherry, Austin and C. Brown.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your committee which was appointed to act with a like committee of the Senate to wait upon the Governor, to notify him of the organization of both Houses of the General Assembly, and to inform him that they are ready for the transaction of legislative business, begs leave to report that it has performed the duties assigned.

STEUERWALD  
CHERRY

AUSTIN  
BROWN C.

Report adopted.

### 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 Perfect, Glick, Taylor and Tallian be appointed as a committee of four members of the Senate to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate has met, has formed a quorum, and is now prepared to proceed with legislative business and to receive any communications which the House of Representatives may transmit. Senator Perfect shall serve as chair of the committee.”

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 Steele, Charbonneau, Broden and Rogers be appointed as a committee of four members of the Senate to act with a like committee of the House of Representatives to wait upon the Governor and to notify him of the convening of both Houses of the General Assembly and to inform him that they are ready for the transaction of legislative business and to learn from him when it will suit his convenience to submit whatever communication he may have to offer to the General Assembly.

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 Resolution 1, and the same is herewith returned to the House.

JENNIFER L. MERTZ  
Principal Secretary of the Senate

#### HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that when we do adjourn, we adjourn until Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

LEHMAN

The motion was adopted by a constitutional majority.

### RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

#### House Concurrent Resolution 1

Representatives Bosma and Pelath introduced House Concurrent Resolution 2:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to allow the House of Representatives and the Senate of the 119th General Assembly to adjourn and recess separately throughout the Second Regular Session for periods in excess of three consecutive days as the need, in the judgment of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, respectively, may arise.

*Whereas, The Indiana House of Representatives and the Senate met for the purpose of organization of each House to conduct the public business of the people of the State of Indiana;*

*Whereas, The House of Representatives and the Senate operate on their own respective schedules, having been separated from each other under IC 2-2.1-1-3(a)(2);*

*Whereas, During the consideration of legislative business, each House may, in the respective judgment of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, deem it necessary to adjourn and recess for periods in excess of three (3) consecutive days and to operate on a schedule different from the other House;*

*Whereas, Article 4, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana states that neither House shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three (3) consecutive days;*

*Whereas, Each House desires to consent to any adjournment or recess by the other House that might last more than three (3) days during the Second Regular Session of the 119th Indiana General Assembly; and*

*Whereas, The House of Representatives and the Senate intend to recess after November 17, 2015, to conduct legislative business: Therefore,*

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

SECTION 1. That each House of the 119th Indiana General Assembly hereby consents to any adjournment or recess of the other House during the Second Regular Session of the 119th Indiana General Assembly for a period in excess of three (3) days, if such recess or adjournment is approved, in the case of the House of Representatives, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or, in the case of the Senate, by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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 sponsors: Senators Long and Lanane.

#### HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that when we do adjourn, we adjourn until Lehman, January 5, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

LEHMAN

The motion was adopted by a constitutional majority.

On the motion of Representative Ubelhor and, the House adjourned at 1:30 p.m., this seventeenth day of November, 2015, until Monday, January 5, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

BRIAN C. BOSMA  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

M. CAROLINE SPOTTS  
Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives