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P R O C E E D I N G S

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: It's February 20, 2013, for the Board of Public Works, Madam Treasurer, Nancy Kopp.

TREASURER KOPP: Good morning. Good morning. It's a pleasure to be here, Governor.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Any opening thoughts?

TREASURER KOPP: Always a pleasure. No, that's my thought.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. Mr. Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes. Thank you, Governor. And I read an article in the *Post*, and I'm sure some of you in the audience might have looked at, and it brought to light one of the most serious economic challenges facing our country. Which is that a majority of Americans are heading into retirement completely unprepared. With the economic consequences of the last several years, for the first time in recent history Americans who go into retirement are going to have a less prosperous retirement than their parents. Just think about it for a moment. Forty

percent of Americans' personal wealth has been lost in the last six years. And the stock market is booming. But most of those Americans aren't benefitting at all from that, not a bit. It's mostly the well to do Americans, who are totally taken care of as far as retirement, that are benefitting from the record stock market increases.

So the average 401K for Americans 55 to 65 will give them on their retirement an average \$500 a month. So frankly, all of this has been presented in the *Post* and other papers as absolutely great news because, you know, supposedly it represents some kind of recovery. But for many of our citizens, it's not good news. And I happen to think it's an issue that's not attributable mostly to the dysfunction of Washington. Yes, that does contribute to it. But we can control our own destiny. It's true that we can be taking more time to educate people on the fundamentals of responsible investing, the need to begin saving early and regularly, the importance of living within our means. A lot of people think saving one or two percent of your salary is going to give them a good

retirement. It won't. Save at least ten percent of your salary, and you have to start doing it early.

So I'm going to continue to push for a serious commitment to financial education in our public schools. And later on this Spring, hopefully with the participation of a lot of people in this room, we are going to hold a Savings Summit. Madam Treasurer, I'd love to work with you, Governor, on all of the different initiatives where we can bring in leaders from the College Savings Plan, Maryland Supplemental Retirement, leaders from the banking and financial sector, to share with us the real story behind the dismally low average U.S. 401K balances and household savings reserves, and to give feedback on what we can do to reestablish a culture of saving, investment, and sound financial planning here in Maryland.

The fiscal decisions we make here today on the, you know, everything, State Retirement, Board of Revenue Estimates, other capacities, are truly important to our State's fiscal health. But without a serious conversation with individual Marylanders about their financial decisions, and the hardships that many

Marylanders are facing, we can't, frankly, fully address the State's long term fiscal health.

Madam Treasurer, and Governor, it's great to be with you today. And I understand you were in District 20 over the weekend?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I was at the reception when they were down here, I think.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Uh-huh.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: What do you mean, District 20?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Sheila Hixson, District 20.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Oh, they had their legislative night. And so I was over there, and I also stopped through at the Legislative District 17 --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mm-hmm.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- was in the same place. So they were here --

TREASURER KOPP: The Comptroller used to take a particular interest in District 20.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: That was --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: That was always a big deal.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Everyone was asking about you.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All right. Let's go to the Secretary's Agenda.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. We have 16 items on the Secretary's Agenda this morning. There is one report of an emergency procurement. Morgan State University is withdrawing Items 9 and 10. We have one special item, Item 11 is, the Secretary of Natural Resources is here.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Secretary Griffin?

MR. GRIFFIN: Governor, good morning, members of the Board of Public Works.

TREASURER KOPP: It's good to see you, Mr. Secretary. We don't see you too often.

MR. GRIFFIN: Thank you, Madam Treasurer, it's good to see you, and Mr. Comptroller. Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to be here and present an item on behalf of our department and a very

dedicated 32-year employee who sadly passed away last November, Gene Piotrowski. His wife Mary and son Nick are here with us this morning. And as you will note in the Agenda item which we are asking for your approval, it is to designate the St. Mary's River State Park Wildland in St. Mary's County in Gene's memory.

And as you may know, Wildlands are the State of Maryland equivalent of the federal wilderness designations. They all occur on DNR properties that qualify. And I just wanted to highlight for you that Gene was someone that all institutions need, as a real journeyman who would take on tasks big and large, always very agreeably and always done very well. Some of the highlights of his career included a very major step forward back in the nineties and working diligently with others in the department and a whole committee, the Wildlands Committee, of outside people interested in the designation of Wildlands to create thousands and thousands of acres of Wildlands on our State lands. So we now have approximately 44,000

acres of DNR's public estate that are designated as Wildlands.

Gene was also very instrumental in drafting and in the enactment of the Forest Conservation Act. He created the PLANT program, which was enacted by us back then to recognize communities for tree planting and reforestation. He was also very actively involved in helping to set up the Tree-Mendous program years ago.

So for all these and many other reasons, we think Gene is very deserving of this recognition and we hope you will agree. We have a, I don't know, just a little map there of the, if you want to point out the Wildlands?

MS. WILSON: This whole area actually is Wildland and this part down here will be known as the Eugene Piotrowski Wildland Area area of St. Mary's River State Park.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: That's great.

MR. GRIFFIN: So we also have as has been customary here with our proposals to you a preliminary sign that you may want to, if you so choose, use, and present to Mary and her son Nick, who are here.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay, where are Mary and Nick?

MR. GRIFFIN: They are right here.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Hey, thanks so very, very much for being here today. And thank you for, and thank you for supporting your dad and your husband in the really important work that he did for our State, in touching so many things about our State that makes us proud to be Marylanders. Especially our stewardship of the wild spaces we have left here. So thank you.

MR. GRIFFIN: With the Board's indulgence, I found out this morning that someone I think you all know well, Ajax Eastman, if you have the time would like to address the Board?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Sure. Ajax?

MR. GRIFFIN: Ajax? Thank you very much, Board members.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Thank you, John.

MS. EASTMAN: Good morning Governor, and Treasurer, and Comptroller. It's good to be here. And I feel honored to be able to speak in support of

naming the St. Mary's River Wildland after Gene Piotrowski. For those of you who aren't familiar with the Wildlands, a brief history is in order. My mentor, Beth Hartline, envisioned a program similar to the national Wilderness program. In 1973 he got Senator Porter Hopkins to sponsor the bill to begin setting aside areas within already owned State lands suitable for preservation in perpetuity. The bill passed and Maryland Wildlands was codified.

Establishing Wildlands is not an easy process. Because as I like to say, nobody doesn't like to tinker with the land. Two negatives, but that says it all. Be it for minerals, wildlife, forestry, etcetera. Once the approval of the State administrative agencies and the local politicians is obtained, each proposed Wildland still has to be approved by the General Assembly. It took 25 years to eke out the first 14,000 acres of Wildlands. But in the mid-nineties under the leadership of Governor Glendening, and his Secretary John Griffin, Secretary of DNR, and he really was a champion of it too, we managed to triple the amount of lands to the 44,000

acres he already mentioned, representing diverse ecosystems across the State.

Today Maryland has a system of ecological treasures throughout all provinces, from the Appalachian Mountains to the Coastal Plains, that will be preserved so that they can evolve without tinkering. And, as Aldo Leopold said, to keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of an intelligent tinkerer. These preserved areas hold the tapestries and the mosaics of our rich natural heritage. They are the libraries and the museums of our natural world. They hold the reservoirs of living and genetic information that help us to unlock the mysteries of our evolutionary past and are vital to our understanding of the future.

Gene Piotrowski was extremely helpful to the Maryland Wildlands Committee and the Maryland Conservation Council by guiding us through the process at DNR. The St. Mary's River Wildland is especially appropriate because at one time DNR was proposing to build a lake there. It's hard to imagine a lake in a county surrounded by water. The area contains a rich

variety of typical Southern Maryland flora and fauna. It's also an important spawning area for anadromous fish. Because the area is important bottom land forested non-tidal wetlands, environmentalists were able to cuttle the dam through the Army Corps of Engineers. It was a sweet reward to have it become a Wildland with Gene giving us such great support.

Folks walking through the lovely bottom land forest along St. Mary's River will know the important role Gene played in helping to get it into the Wildland system. Thank you for allowing me to honor him.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Thank you, Ajax. Is that navigable, that river right there? I mean --

MS. EASTMAN: You said what?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Can you get a kayak up in there?

MS. EASTMAN: I don't think so. It's bottom land --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Uh-huh.

MS. EASTMAN: -- wetlands. So it's only periodically inundated.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Got you.

MS. EASTMAN: Yeah.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Well, it's beautiful.

MS. EASTMAN: It's pretty safe for anything but walking, I think, I hope.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Well thank you, Ajax.

MS. EASTMAN: Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. Is there a, this is on Item, what is this? Item 11 on the Secretary's Agenda.

TREASURER KOPP: You know it's, could I just say --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Sure.

TREASURER KOPP: Ajax, what you said, and what Mr. Piotrowski did makes me think, rephrasing something that was said before, truly in Wildlands is the preservation of the world. Truly, not just in a poetic sense. And that really brings it home. And that we in Maryland may be preserving the very essence of biological life. It's fascinating.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Ajax, do you have, I wonder if we could incorporate, if those remarks are

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written out I wonder if we can make them a part of the record here?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: The record? Well we do send, follow up with the remarks to the families.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: We also have a photographer here, if you'd like the family to come up for a photograph?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Good. Yeah, we'll do that. I wonder, Kevin, do you have a picture of Gene you can pull up on the --

MR. LARGE: I do not, sir.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. All right. Well that's on Griffin for not bringing that. Well let's have family come on up and we'll do -- well, first let's take care of the business. The Treasurer moves approval of Item 11 in honor of Gene, seconded by the Comptroller. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: It's unanimous. Come on down. Come on up.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: And maybe Mrs. Eastman and Secretary Griffin could go up?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Sure. John? Ajax? Let's push our chairs back.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: And we also acknowledge their daughter Ginny, who was not able to be here. So, and her name will be in the remarks as well.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: You can Photoshop her in.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I'm very sorry for your loss.

MRS. PIOTROWSKI: Oh, thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Thank you for all your family has done for us.

MRS. PIOTROWSKI: Well, the DNR people helped tremendously.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Yeah, they are good. They're a good group of people.

MRS. PIOTROWSKI: And we've met before.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Where did we meet before?

MRS. PIOTROWSKI: Wade ins with Bernie Fowler.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Wade ins with Bernie Fowler?

MRS. PIOTROWSKI: Yeah, you were on crutches the last time, or the one time I saw you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Yeah, probably because Bernie was breaking my knee.

MR. NICK PIOTROWSKI: Very nice to meet you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Good to meet you, too. Here's our sign.

MRS. PIOTROWSKI: Oh, wow.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All right. John, Ajax, everybody squeeze in. Come on. It will feel unnatural, it will look good.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Oops, are you okay, Peter? Here, let's move up to the chair. Here we go. Here we go. Got more room, now?

MRS. PIOTROWSKI: Thank you, sir.

(Applause.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Thank you.

MR. GRIFFIN: Here's a picture.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Oh, good. See, there's Gene. Probably give that to the family. Do you guys want to take --

TREASURER KOPP: Yes.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- your own commemorative copy? Thank you. We have a lot of good people that work in this State government. And Mrs. Piotrowski was saying how grateful she was that their fellow employees at DNR took such good care of her husband through his illness, as well.

John, I was with some of your people in Western Maryland this weekend. Watched them tag a mother bear who had decided to take up a den underneath a family's porch with very little regard for the latticework.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And your DNR employees were terrific. The care they took with the mom and, you know, sedating her, moving her, taking care of the four cubs, and then putting her in a safe den that they had built off in the middle of the woods. It's not easy dragging a 320-pound sedated bear.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: When they are asleep, and in a sled, and up a hill.

MR. GRIFFIN: I'm glad you finally got up there.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Yeah, that was good. That was fun. For everybody except the bear, I suppose.

TREASURER KOPP: The bear was asleep.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All right. Are there any questions on the balance of the Secretary's Agenda?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: There was another item, Item 12, Dr. Langley from the --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Dr. Langley? Is it that time already?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: -- Maritime Archaeology --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Dr. Langley, are --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: She has a special presentation as well --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And it looks like you are joined by a couple of young assistants from your department. Who would they be?

DR. LANGLEY: I am. This is Cole and Wyatt Greene and they are volunteers of the year this year. And they can't be here for our other presentation, so we very kindly set this up through your office to do it today.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Good. And who are they? I'm sorry. Stand up, guys.

DR. LANGLEY: Stand up, guys. Wyatt and Cole Greene.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Wyatt and Cole Greene. You all must be related.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And you are volunteers of the year? Come on up to the podium here with Dr. Langley.

DR. LANGLEY: Well what I was thrilled about is the enormous initiative the guys showed. Not only, and they can tell you this part, about the dead of winter, running barefoot in shorts, through a blow out

in Herring Bay. But they actually found the remains of, we're still investigating, but at the time they did the research and thought it might be part of the *Levin J. Marvel*. They went back to the car and got a tape measure and a camera and recorded it, and went to the trouble of researching it and finding out who they should report it to. If I could get adults to do this, I would be over the moon but I mean --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: This was a blow out, where?

DR. LANGLEY: It was in Herring Bay and when was it? Last January, right? February? Okay.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And tell us, boys, what you saw? So where is Herring Bay?

MR. GREENE: Herring Bay is near --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Get right up to the microphone, there.

MR. GREENE: Herring Bay is near Deale.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Near Deale? Okay. And so the weather came up and took the water out of the Bay?

MR. GREENE: Yeah, the north, well we had north wind which blew, well which was blowing the

water out of the Bay. And it made a very low tide. Where normally it would be six feet deep it was a foot deep. So it was, uncovered a shipwreck. And we measured it and it was 129 feet long and 25 feet wide.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Wow.

TREASURER KOPP: Huh.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And so where did we, did we determine what ship it actually was?

MR. GREENE: We think it is the Levin J. Marvel, which is a ship that crashed near, in Herring Bay, that was mapped, was 123 1/2 feet wide and 125 feet long. Which, so, and which it also matched the length very similar.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Hm. And when did it crash?

MR. GREENE: It crashed in 1955.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Hm. Wow. Pretty cool. And you live down there? Do you live nearby there?

MR. GREENE: Yes, like 15 minutes.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. So you know that Bay pretty well, huh?

MR. GREENE: Yes.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Cool. Well, and so you guys are being honored as what? You are the volunteers of the year?

MR. GREENE: Yes.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Wow. That's terrific. The volunteers of the year, Dr. Langley, for what?

DR. LANGLEY: For the Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland Maritime Archaeology program. We're very pleased that the young gentlemen here, you know, just for the initiative they took. They did all the right things. They did the right reporting. We are going to go back. They went out and did some side scan with us over their site. We went out and ran over the reported site of the Marvel, last looked at by the Coast Guard in 1987. And it's substantially far apart. So it may or may not be. Or it might be part of it, or it might be something entirely different. So that's why we're going to do more investigation this summer.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Interesting. Well good job, boys.

DR. LANGLEY: Yeah, so we're really happy. And we managed to set up, a couple of days at the

local deli at the marina so we could set up a display and have folks come in and hear about it. And just ask questions and visit, before we started the survey and one at the end. And we'll do it again this summer.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Terrific.

DR. LANGLEY: So we're so pleased. And there are a couple of plaques we normally give. But because they are going to be in Florida in March when we do it, I was hoping you might do the honors?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Sure. We'll do the plaques. So we have any other business to do, or do you want to do the plaques now?

DR. LANGLEY: We do. I have other things to tell you, if you want.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay.

DR. LANGLEY: But do you want me to --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Yeah.

DR. LANGLEY: All right. And --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Boys, we'll do the plaques as soon as Dr. Langley is done.

DR. LANGLEY: I will. We have, this summer we are proposing to, we have volunteers and students who are interested in perhaps looking at the fort site off of, they call it Fort Lincoln, it was never called that, off of Point Lookout. It was last looked at prior to the existence of my program and they actually found remaining parts of the sod walls. So we'd like to go and have a look at that this summer. It's, you know, an easy shore dive. I'll have to get with DNR. Or we can take our boats in.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And where does it date from?

DR. LANGLEY: Pardon me?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Where does it date from?

DR. LANGLEY: Very end of the Civil War. So right before, there were three forts on the site. And the one that we see --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And the site is where? And I'm sorry, are we, do we have an Agenda item here?

TREASURER KOPP: Yes, Item 12.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Item 12, all right.

DR. LANGLEY: In Point Lookout State Park. There's part of the restored last fort that was there.

But there were actually three built very quickly toward the end of the War. It was, let me get the right date on it for you. It was built, the last three were built between 1864 and 1865. So the one that is now out in the water, and even farther off shore since the eighties since it was last looked at, would be one of the earlier ones. And so we'd like to go back. It was never properly surveyed because we didn't really have the people or the equipment back in '84, '83 and '84 when it was last looked at. So we thought we'd take a look at that this summer.

Oh, and I did want to thank you for working with the Secretary of DBM and the Secretary, too, for supporting our request for replacing our sonar equipment. That is part of the reason we are having to limit where we go. So when that comes through we will get more fieldwork. So we are just waiting for that, the session to finish, and hopefully it will all go through, and we will get the paperwork done on that.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Great.

DR. LANGLEY: We will go back to the *Levin J. Marvel*. We want to initiate some research on Slaughter Creek, which is off of Little Choptank. And we have one reference, it was one British officer to another in 1814 who commented that they chased five schooners up there and sank them. And so --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: In what Creek? I'm sorry.

DR. LANGLEY: Slaughter Creek. It's off of Little Choptank. And to our knowledge nothing has ever been researched there.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Wow.

DR. LANGLEY: So that would be very interesting to look at. It's a deep site, as our creeks go. It's about 20 feet. So we're hoping to do some remote sensing and investigate that. It's going to take more research. I mean, one sentence in one officer's letter to another, we need to do a little bit more documentary research.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Slaughter Creek off the Choptank. Kevin, can you pull that up on --

DR. LANGLEY: Little Choptank, if you can find it.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Little Choptank on Google Earth. Slaughter Creek, huh?

DR. LANGLEY: Yeah. So we're interested in that.

TREASURER KOPP: Was it --

DR. LANGLEY: I'm sorry?

TREASURER KOPP: When was it named Slaughter Creek?

DR. LANGLEY: I don't know that, and I don't think it pertains to this. I think it's prior. It probably either will, it may relate to wildlife or something. I asked someone that right before I came in and no one could give me an answer. So it may even go back to pre-contact times, I'm not positive. It didn't relate to this War.

We're continuing to work with the Institute for Maritime History, who turned in this past year 26 site reports with us, site forms, reported sites. And they reported about 30 more targets we are going to look at. They have been continuing to deploy and retrieve the buoy for us on the U-1105. And we had some nifty floating keychains and I forgot to bring

them, I will send some over, that we are using as incentive for people to give us feedback on our website. They are screaming yellow so you can't lose them, and they float. And there is an image of the U-Boat with the web link to our safety standards for the site. So those have been quite popular.

We're working with the Maritime Archaeology and Historical Society on their field school this year. We worked with them last year on recording two sites off Bodkin Creek. And there is a third one just south of the Creek that the landowners have been very cooperative. It's right off their pier. And it shows up during blow outs, too. And we think we have an identification even on that. But it's kind of their baby, so they are very excited about it. But I said I would come out and do their field school with them.

We are working with the Ph.D. student on what may be a site. It may just be ballast, we're not sure. He's learning the painful process of being an adult and getting permits and funding, and he keeps trying to come in and just sort of, "I want to go out and dig." And we're like, "No." So St. Mary's City is working with him and we're working with him to show

him the proper process and helping with that site as well. And that's right off St. Mary's City.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And what is it? It's another shipwreck?

DR. LANGLEY: It might be the earliest one in the State, if it's a shipwreck. It may just be a ballast pile. And that's why we want him to do everything right, and get the right permits. And we'll maybe do a trench across and see if there's any extent wood. Because where it's located would have been fairly close to the shoreline of the historic City at the time when it was founded. So it's offshore now, but there are artifacts in and around the ballast. But I keep telling him you can't, just because they are early and the right date doesn't mean that they originally could have washed in or eroded in. So we are working with him to get him through the process. But Henry Miller is very excited. He wants it to be the earliest wreck in the State. So would we, but you know, you have to do it correctly so we don't know that yet.

We've been working a lot with the Aquiculture Review Board, the Bureau of Energy Management, under It's Smart From the Start. Just making sure that everybody is aware of, you know, if you run a cable through State waters you have to be aware there may be something there culturally. And they have all been very, very good about, you know, cooperating, and you know, seriously taking this stuff into account.

We were hoping to do some work out in Washington County, because we don't get out west very often, and do a survey, a preliminary survey in the Williamsport/Falling Waters area because it was crossed three times during the Civil War. That was when we lost our equipment. But the National Park Service is interested, I mean lost as in the side scan went down. So we couldn't finish that. But the National Park Service's American Battlefields Protection Program is interested in funding it but they want it to be much larger. Which means we have to, and they want it to look at the corridor. Which means we have to contact all the landowners and get written concurrence that they don't mind us doing this

sort of thing, as well as the water. So it will become a much larger partnership project. So that may have to wait a little bit.

We, I think, that's actually the majority. We still have a lot of other things. I'm the Co-Chair of the Geographic Working Group with Homeland Security and the Coast Guard for our emergency response to make sure that we are looking at all sections of the Bay, quad map by quad map. And we meet a lot with them. And this year we have got a full prep exercise for spill response.

They do have us on the Maritime Security Committee but it's I think more polite than anything. I said if there's a terrorist incident you really aren't going to worry about a shipwreck. But we like to attend because the presentations and speakers often give us insight for planning down the road. And they will say, "Well we were going to do this or this." And we'll have to say, "Well, did you think about, you know," for putting up security cameras or something. And they have been very, very welcoming, and very good at giving us feedback. And we revisited the safety

plans for the U-11 recently. And we move our meetings from county to county. And the St. Mary's Emergency Management Center were very helpful in helping us update all of that. And we're having a meeting down there I think on Thursday. So we do move these around a lot. So we're involved with all of these exercises as well.

So busy as usual. I just thought you would be interested in knowing what's up.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Great.

DR. LANGLEY: Oh, and I did, you have a draft of our annual workshop is March 23rd. It's just the one page from the program. It will be posted on our website shortly, but I had to beat someone up to get this one because I'm a little earlier than usual in this presentation.

TREASURER KOPP: Could I just ask one related question?

DR. LANGLEY: Yes, ma'am.

TREASURER KOPP: Do you sense any greater interest on the part of students or the universities or folks because of the, I mean, we haven't really

started even building up to the huge crescendo on the War of 1812.

DR. LANGLEY: Right.

TREASURER KOPP: But is there, can you sense anything?

DR. LANGLEY: It depends where you are and which universities. Right now, you know, a lot of folks, if they don't have a program headed that way they hire adjuncts. And I do a lot of adjunct work and it's been very lean for about three years. I am -
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TREASURER KOPP: Because they haven't had money?

DR. LANGLEY: They haven't had money. I'm doing something for Johns Hopkins right now but it's on history of piracy in a grad program. And you know, pirates are always popular. And I have been, I actually have about five lectures coming up through the speakers bureau on the War of 1812. But a lot of them are lecture series more than full academic programs. Certainly the interest is there. But it has to be, because this is going to come and go --

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

DR. LANGLEY: -- it has to be incorporated with other things. We're already looking seriously at what we're going to do to commemorate World War I. I mean, the U.S. didn't come till 1917. But for the rest of the world if you want to be in on the kickoff, it's coming next year. And NOAA has an interest in this. And we do have Mallows Bay. And Ben Cardin has been very interested in this as well and has had us up to the office a couple times. And DNR, and there is a study that was done a number of years ago for that whole corridor. So those are things we have to also have in our hip pocket for what's coming up.

It really, as I say, depends on which college. You look at Washington College has their whole Chesapeake Environmental, like a big overarching program that looks at environment and history and archaeology. St. Mary's has always had a very good, you know, Maryland in the wider world archaeology program as well as the historic city. But I don't think any of them can focus specifically on one era. I still get a lot of students, but not quite as many as I'd like up this way. You know. It depends. It's

going to come and go. But as I say, adjuncts have been very thin on the ground.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

DR. LANGLEY: So.

TREASURER KOPP: That's something to aim for.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And how about the *Scorpion*?

DR. LANGLEY: *Scorpion*? What we did is, because I didn't get to present last year to give you the update on this. The last field session, which was two years ago, we did determine that the vessel is pointing upstream, not downstream as had been reported earlier. And one of the interesting things was that it appears, there is a sketch that Barney did, almost like the cocktail napkin sketch, and everybody said, "Well, that's what he thought. That's not how they were built." It's looking like it may well have been how it was built. And that's very interesting. But the unfortunate part is, or fortunate, is it's in pristine condition and it's almost fully decked. And there is a little hull in the back which was initially interpreted as the damage. Well there is damage, but

it's also I think the only entry inside. So it's

chock full. So this gave us a real crossroads and an eye opener.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: What do you mean chock full?

DR. LANGLEY: Well it's going to be full of anything that was left in it as well as the mud. Because we thought, we were anticipating a large open hull area which would probably be perhaps deteriorated from the last incursions or from just the age itself. And we didn't find that. We found solid planking across. So this means --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Wow.

DR. LANGLEY: -- how do you open this? And this, and should you? And what should you do? And this drives the cost and time. And so there were a lot of meetings. And you know, we had to raise our eyebrows quite a bit and go, "Oh my goodness, you know, this is significant." And is the Navy going to really, this is the one time in, I hate to have this on public record because Rodney will poke me with a stick. Because I've always said, no, I don't want to raise vessels. This is the one time I would argue for

raising the whole thing and doing it right but there's just not that money.

So we talked with the Navy. They put in various proposals for how we might do it. And we said, you know, and we all came to the conclusion if you can't do it right you should really think about whether you can do it. And the President's Advisory Council weighed in with pretty much the same opinion. And so the Navy at this point I think made a very --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Which was what? If you can't do it right, don't do it?

DR. LANGLEY: Well the Navy isn't going to come up with tens of millions of dollars to do it right. So, and the only threat to the site at this point would be us. Because they said well there's not enough money to, and the hull to me is more important than the artifacts in it. We can look at an 18, 19th century catalog and know what was there. We can go to a dozen museums and see the artifacts. Artifacts were raised, some of them. But the hull is the most significant structure and the only way to do it would be literally to rip it apart. And not preserve it.

And then the Navy proposed to put it all back in the water, and not monitor it, and just rebury it. And I'm like, I'm not happy with that. So at this point they, it's not a closed book. But they, you know, the Navy as the owner had to take the lead after the last field season. Because we have to oversee the compliance. And I said I can't basically write your work plan and then say, rubber stamp it that it's okay and give you a permit. That has to go through our compliance process. So the Navy had to take the lead. And at this point they are stepping back a little bit and looking at it. It doesn't mean it won't happen down the road, but at this point they said they think they are going to work with the data in hand and the information to, you know, to do some education outreach and interpretation with it. Because it has to come --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Kevin, you are looking up a different scorpion. This was not what Joshua Barney was in.

(Laughter.)

DR. LANGLEY: So we are having a meeting next month on, you know, what is proceeding with it. But at this point they, it's a real crossroads and --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Type in Joshua Barney and *Scorpion* and Chesapeake Flotilla and you might get a pic.

DR. LANGLEY: I could have brought slides, sorry.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: You usually do.

DR. LANGLEY: They didn't ask me to.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Oh, you don't need to be asked, Dr. Langley.

DR. LANGLEY: Oh, okay.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: My goodness, you know we look forward to your visit every year.

DR. LANGLEY: Well I could have, we have a lot on the go.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: There's Joshua Barney.

DR. LANGLEY: That's not him. That looks like the *Philadelphia*. Oh, it is? They say it's the *Scorpion*? It didn't, well maybe it did. I thought

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somebody had put some pictures of it. Well, the Navy is getting excited. This is something --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: There's that, that's the napkin sketch you were talking about, right?

DR. LANGLEY: That, you know, what, yes, I think it is. You're right. And if you see, there's the gun mount in the front which we, and there's no evidence for that, of anything like that. And see, that's what I would want to see. Because he took this sloop and rebuilt it several times. And one of the things he did was strengthen it to take the gun. So to me, the hull is far more valuable than the contents. And at the back you can barely see where there is, there is sort of a little hatch with a tiller in it. No, go down, please. No, no, not that. Down, down, down. In there. That little open area at the back. That may be the only entree underneath. So there is probably belongings. I mean, they took as much as they could but not everything. And there could be some very interesting items. And some of the ones we have have told some very interesting stories. But the hull itself is such a valuable artifact I would hate to see it basically pulled apart, not

conserved, and just put back in the river higgledy-piggledy and buried, than conserved and put somewhere.

And they are saying, well it would cost too much --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Could you repeat more slowly --

DR. LANGLEY: Oh, sorry.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- higgledy-piggledy?

DR. LANGLEY: It's a technical term.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Just for the court reporter.

DR. LANGLEY: But, well it wouldn't be higgledy-piggledy. They would put it back inside the hull. But it is, it's a concern that something that significant wouldn't be reconstructed and put on display. And they said, you know, after the Hunley, and they weren't sure that they could get the support for it internally. And it may come around. But everybody is, you know, being asked, called to account on their spending. So the Navy at this point is stepping back a little bit, I think.

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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Mm-hmm. Sounds like it needs to be brought to the attention of the Secretary of the Navy.

DR. LANGLEY: I think it's a prudent decision. I've seen the plans for some of the, the cofferdam wasn't going to be large enough. It wasn't going to be double walled. They weren't going to be able to keep it dry. It was only going to have five feet around the wreck. The one in Texas was, it was overly large but it was a much smaller vessel and a much larger cofferdam. And five feet around it is not, that's as tall as I am. I mean, that's not enough to get sumps and pumps and people working and equipment. And I said, "You've got to make it much larger." And they said, "Well, we don't have enough money." And I said, "Well you do the project right. You don't do the project to fit the money you have. You get the money to do the project properly." So if you can make the Secretary of the Navy give more money, that would be terrific.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I'll bump that up to the Chair of Appropriations, too. Okay. Anything else?

DR. LANGLEY: That's everything, except honoring our volunteers.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Right. Gentlemen, why don't you come up? We've got plaques. We'll do one more picture around here. This is picture day at the Board of Public Works. Sure. Boys, do you have parents? Do you want to bring them up?

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Come on up. That was a silly question, wasn't it? And how old are you guys?

MR. GREENE: Twelve.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Twelve? See, when they are 15 the question really is, do you have parents you will admit to?

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Squeeze on in.

TREASURER KOPP: We need more archaeologists.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Thank you. Takirra, could you tell me, and you're dad? Mr. Greene? Mrs. Greene? Good to see you. You guys, why don't you go with Ms. Takirra here and she'll let you

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take a look at the Governor's Office. And you can sit in the chair. You can go with them.

MRS. GREENE: And Susan did great to include the boys. Because once they found it it was so nice that she didn't just take over, but included them --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Oh, that's very cool.

MRS. GREENE: There was lots of going back and forth with them doing their research and her weighing in, and it was a really nice working relationship. We appreciate the State.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Good. Well Dr. Langley is one of our stars. Dr. Langley, do you want to go back there with those future governors and their parents? Yeah, you can come back and we'll have your business all approved when you come back. And we'll have a record of it, too. And we'll do it in a careful and deliberate way, not higgledy-piggledy.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Really? You are welcome to set up more hives. Dr. Langley is a beekeeper, too.

TREASURER KOPP: Oh, right. Right.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: She won the, she won the, she helps us raise our bees over there in Government House backyard, where we won a blue ribbon at the State Fair. It was a blind blue ribbon, too. They didn't know they were doing it for Government House. All right. Any questions on the balance of the Secretary's Agenda, including the items that Dr. Langley just described?

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, let me just point out one Item 16, the Treasurer's Office is bringing to the Board the March 2013 Tax-Exempt Equipment Lease Purchase Financing. We put out bids and got a large number of folks that want to help us finance at a very low rate the leases that go into IT and other important short term capital investments to the State. But the reason I am mentioning it actually is that sitting right there, Kina Johnson-Malcolm, can you, Kina is the head of the lease debt management program. And you mentioned outstanding public servants a little while ago. And I just want you to know that this is the lady who is leading us through all of this. Is doing not only the actual leasing and everything, but

the accounting, the reporting, and doing it
extraordinarily well.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Great. Ms. Malcolm,
thank you.

MS. JOHNSON-MALCOLM: Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Thanks for your good
work. Anything else? Mr. Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes. Item 8, please?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Item 8?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Item 8 is the
Department of Housing and Community Development and
Neighborhood BusinessWorks program grant, no loan, of
\$250,000. I think we have with us Carol?

MS. GILBERT: Good morning. Carol Gilbert
here from DHCD. I'm happy to answer any questions
about --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Why don't you say a
little bit about what the project is, and then the
Comptroller can ask you --

MS. GILBERT: Oh, okay. Great. This is one
of two projects in Cambridge to which we are asking,
for which we are asking the Board's approval. One is
in the Main Street area. This one is on Route 50 and

is part of a series of vacant buildings that the town is looking to have reoccupied. And the other vacant buildings are slated for demolition so this will help a two-block area along the Route 50 corridor that is very near the gateway to the town's Main Street. And the business will become a Popeye's. It is a pad site. It's been vacant for about 18 months. And the reoccupied site will provide about 30 entry level businesses and some assistant management businesses.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. There are two loans that are being talked about today. One is the loan you mentioned and the other is a \$500,000 loan for restoration of the aged mixed use property on Race Street.

MS. GILBERT: Right.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Which is right in the heart of the city, the Town of Cambridge's historic district. And that restored property will feature several apartments along with a pair of small independent businesses, local bakery, butcher shop, etcetera. It seems to fit directly within the

neighborhood business development program.

Like the Governor, I've been down to Cambridge on many occasions over the last few years. Frankly what they are doing in downtown Cambridge is very impressive. Race Street and Poplar Streets have been spearheaded by a core of civic minded merchants who take enormous chances, frankly, given the economy, invest it in small businesses in an economically depressed business district that had been written off, frankly, but a lot of folks. But Cambridge is doing well, at least the downtown part is, because of people like Carol Levy and Joy Staniforth and Stef Malkus, and even Ricky Travers at Center Market. You know, it's in the face of steep odds. They help bring a historic Maryland community back, get it on its feet.

And so I think that's totally consistent, that loan. It's the second one that you reference which I'm not particularly enthusiastic about. I mean, to be investing \$250,000 to turn an old Wendy's fast food restaurant on Route 50 into a Popeye's seems to be completely out of the mission statement of revitalizing downtown business development areas. And

your own website says that you provide financing for new or expanding small businesses and nonprofit organizations in sustainable communities throughout the State. And then you have a bunch of photographs of downtown Cumberland and other communities like that.

So it's pretty clear that the program wasn't designed initially to finance the renovation of a national fast food chain restaurant that is situated on an interstate highway. I mean, Popeye's is not a local business. Route 50 is not anyone's reasonable idea of a downtown commercial center.

So I assume that the intent and guidelines can somehow be adjusted. But it's a contortion, if it is possible. And how can it possibly, how can this loan possibly be compatible with the true spirit of this program? Or the original spirit of the program?

MS. GILBERT: Mr. Comptroller, you are absolutely correct that the majority of the projects in which we invest are located within more historic and traditional business districts. However, on a few occasions, and we believe this is one, it is important

to help revitalize what is really kind of the gateway to certain towns and bring back sites that would otherwise remain vacant. The ownership group of four individuals who are Maryland based folks are locally based business owners and have experience in various enterprises that make it, we think, possible for this to be a success in Cambridge. And the area is really in need of jobs, even at an entry level. The ownership group also approached three other banks looking for private financing, and that is of course, you know, an important precursor to our consideration is that a private bank won't provide full financing.

We do believe that bringing back to activity, while a modest structure, not a historic structure, rather than letting it stay vacant is good for the Town. And they are also very supportive of the project.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well it just reminds last October this Board approved a half a million dollar grant for a new Hampton Inn on Route 395 in Prince George's. And obviously those two investments stick out. I have no problem with the State investing in interstate, large hotel chains and fast food

restaurants like Popeye's. But I just think it should be done through DBED or some program that doesn't purport to be about the restoration of aging downtown communities. So I'd just suggest that you maybe go back and reexamine what pot this money is coming out of. Because it sure doesn't strike me as compatible with the spirit. If it does meet the letter of the law, I assume it does, but it certainly doesn't meet the spirit of that program. Thank you.

Is the Mayor of Cambridge here? Or not?

MS. GILBERT: I don't believe so. But we do have a local resolution.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Great. Well, I'm a big fan of hers. So I'm sure she's only mildly in support of the Popeye's and is much more in favor of the other part of it. And thank you for your leadership, Madam Mayor, on the revitalization of Cambridge. It's a true accomplishment.

TREASURER KOPP: Just to make sure, the resolution is in support of this project as well as the other? Is that right?

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MS. GILBERT: The second resolution is still pending, but it's on the Cambridge Council's agenda for February 25th.

TREASURER KOPP: For this project?

MS. GILBERT: Not for this project --

TREASURER KOPP: For the other project?

MS. GILBERT: -- for the downtown project.

TREASURER KOPP: Okay. So this is the project that it has actually approved?

MS. GILBERT: There is already a resolution in place.

TREASURER KOPP: Thanks. Could we get a copy of the resolution?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: You can be in contact with me, Carol, and we'll make sure it gets in the record. Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Do you want to defer this one until next week, the next meeting?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, that would be great for me. Just so long as we don't have --

TREASURER KOPP: I'm --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Item 8 is the one that is for the Popeye's Chicken --

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah, I just want a copy of it.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: -- and Item 8 is the one that Ms. Gilbert said there is a resolution in effect now. The earlier one, Item 7, on Race Street, that the Comptroller does not have a problem with, that's the one that she said that the resolution is pending on February 25.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well, I'm fine on the earlier one. The later one, I would love to at least hear from the Town at some point that we're not going to see a McDonald's proposal, and then a Hardee's proposal, and a, you know, a Big Whopper Restaurant proposal, or something coming out. I mean, it's just standing the program on its head. And but I'm happy to vote against it, I guess, if you want to move forward. I'd love to hear from the Town, frankly, as to why this is not invested down on Race Street and Poplar Street.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Madam Mayor, do you want to be heard?

MS. STANLEY: Actually I represent, I'm Victoria Jackson Stanley. I'm representing the Department of Social Services today.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Oh, okay.

MS. STANLEY: And not the City of Cambridge. You can invite us back. Unless you just really want me to say something.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I give you permission to come out of your State role, if you want to --

(Laughter.)

MS. STANLEY: Good morning. Victoria Jackson Stanley, and for this purpose the Mayor of the beautiful city of Cambridge, Maryland. First of all, thank you Mr. Comptroller for pointing out the two differences in the resolutions that are being presented for the City of Cambridge. We are very, very anxious in Cambridge to do whatever it takes to revitalize our Town. And downtown, as you know, is really coming back. Slowly but surely we are working forward on that. As it relates to the Popeye's Southern Kitchen, or whatever the new name for Popeye's might be, we were also as a Council looking

at how does it match with the particular proposal that is being set forth to you today. And we had to discuss it. But we were of the one accord that whatever will bring life back to Cambridge on that major corridor, because we want something to make people slow down and stop in Cambridge, and then come downtown. And the presenters of the Popeye's were very creative, I think, in bringing it to DHCD versus DBED. But who am I to say that they don't know what they are talking about? I usually do, but this time I didn't challenge them.

We are very anxious to do whatever it takes to help bring positive attention to Cambridge. And if revitalizing Route 50, that building had been vacant for I think almost two years. And that's sort of a black eye that we're trying to take off Route 50 as it relates to our Town. When you come off the bridge we want you to look at Cambridge in a new light. And if this is one building that can maybe help for that particular goal, we are supportive of that. And by the way, one of our commissioners did have your exact same message. And we told her, well, Commissioner,

this will bring up to 30 jobs to the City of Cambridge, which is also one of the things that we try to always enforce. That whatever is good for Cambridge, I'm in. So I'm really quite nervous, and you know I'm very seldom nervous speaking, but I'm very nervous in coming before you all today. This is my first time with the Board of Public Works and this is a very important speech or message I'm trying to give today. And forgive me if I feel a little schizophrenic because I really feel that way. It's like my boss back here is saying, "Go ahead, it's okay to speak." And my boss here is like, "Come on, let's speak." So here I am.

(Laughter.)

MS. STANLEY: So I appreciate you giving me an opportunity and thank you for your attention.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. I'm satisfied with this one. It's, any other items on the Secretary's Agenda? Okay. Let's, let's handle, I think the Comptroller wants to be able to vote against the Item 8. So let's handle Item 8 by itself. The Treasurer moves approval --

TREASURER KOPP: I would move approval. I think the project is probably a good one for the reasons that the Mayor said. I do think it's more appropriate, as the Comptroller said, in the DBED economic development projects. I do hope that this chicken franchise will work where others have not. I would hate to see us start in the business of going down all the streets, putting up fried chicken and other franchises of the like. But Cambridge does need the jobs. It is in the entry point. It does have the support of the local government. And it is, not that it's something that State and its citizens shouldn't be interested in, it's just that it's not, it wasn't clear to me in reading it that this was the appropriate program either. But it's legal. I mean it's, that's not the question. So I would move favorable.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. Seconded by yours truly. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye." Aye.

TREASURER KOPP: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No.

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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The Comptroller votes no, for reasons aforesated. Now on the balance of the Agenda, the Comptroller moves approval, seconded by, the Secretary's Agenda, the Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Treasurer. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. Now we move on to DNR Real Property?

MS. WILSON: Thank you. Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Can I ask, just interrupt for a second, Governor, if I could?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Sure.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Could I ask the Board how many items were withdrawn from this Agenda total?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: There are a total, from the entire Agenda today there will be one, two, three, four, five, six, six items withdrawn.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And is that, in your opinion is that something that is just unusual for this Agenda? Or is it --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: It's more than, it's more than, it's definitely more than usual. But it's not that it's never happened before. But it's very rare. I don't remember six items --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And are people, are these items unprepared? Or what is the cause of this? Or is it just something aberrational?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Well the Transportation Secretary, I think he intends to withdraw two items and I don't know the reasons for them. There were, one item that I think the Budget Secretary is going to withdraw that the Legislature asked just that it be held for two weeks and will come back. The three items that I would be responsible for I was told that the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs had questions about them and were only raised very recently, as in yesterday, which is why I only got the word to you yesterday because I only found out yesterday, or this morning.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you.

MS. WILSON: Okay?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Sorry.

MS. WILSON: Sure. Emily Wilson with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. We have four items on our Agenda today. I'd like to point out Item 4A, which we did in cooperation with the Conservation Fund. It's the Rowland acquisition that was acquired at a substantial discount. But it also shares several boundaries with Salem State Forest, which is located in St. Mary's County very near St. Mary's River State Park which is what Item 11A on the Secretary's Agenda was about this morning.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Any questions on the DNR? And it scored a 105.

MS. WILSON: Indeed.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. Any questions? The Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Treasurer. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. We move on now -- thank you.

MS. WILSON: Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: To the University System, I'm sorry, to Department of Budget and Management.

MS. FOSTER: Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, good morning. There are seven items on the Department of Budget and Management's Agenda for today. I am withdrawing Item 3. As Secretary McDonald indicated, this is being withdrawn at the request of the Baltimore County delegation. I hope to bring this back within the next couple of weeks. With that, I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Any questions? The Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Treasurer. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it.

University System of Maryland?

MR. STIRLING: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. Jim Stirling for the University System. We have seven items on the published Agenda. We're withdrawing Item 5-C.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I suppose this is the closest I've come to being able to find a good segue here. I just got word that Maryland students are number one in AP success for the seventh consecutive year in a row according to the new report by the College Board. Last year nearly 30 percent of Maryland's graduates scored a three or higher on their AP exams. That would be 52 percent higher than the national average.

TREASURER KOPP: Hm.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: So how about your State and your kids?

TREASURER KOPP: That's very impressive.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All of whom --

MR. STIRLING: We'd like to send them all to College Park.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: Or some other fine campus of the University System of Maryland.

MR. STIRLING: True.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Maryland also leads --

TREASURER KOPP: Or Morgan, St. Mary's, or the great community colleges of Maryland.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Maryland leads the nation on AP science and math participation. Last year all 24 Maryland school systems had at least 20 percent participation rate among high school seniors, 16 districts had 30 percent or greater. Over the decade we've more than doubled the number of Maryland students taking an AP exam. That's pretty good progress. Since 2007 we've increased the number of Maryland students taking an AP exam by nearly one-third. Over the decade we've nearly doubled the number of Maryland students scoring a three or higher.

So with all of that, the Treasurer moves approval of University System of Maryland --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Can I just ask a quick question?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I'm sorry.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I should have kept
reading.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Item 5, is that still on
the Agenda?

MR. STIRLING: We withdrew that item.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And why did you do
that?

MR. STIRLING: It was at the request of the
Governor's Office of Minority Affairs. We have some
issues with the way the subgoals were set for minority
business participation.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So the 26 percent of
MBE participation is something that you --

MR. STIRLING: That's only part of the
consideration. There are subgoals for other groups
that have to be addressed, and our item did not
properly address them.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well it certainly
seemed like a good project and it got awarded to the

lowest bidder, and had 26 percent MBE, in a part of the State where that, I assume, is not easy.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Which item is this? I'm sorry.

MR. STIRLING: 5-C.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Item 5. So I hope Bobcat Stadium press box survives the review and gets back in front of us.

MR. STIRLING: And just for the record, we are in agreement with the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs that we should go back and review that.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Good. Keep me in the loop, please. It's a good project. It looks like it got a good bid. And I'm not quite sure, obviously, of the details you are talking about. But hopefully it will get, you know, resubmitted.

MR. STIRLING: Will do.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you. That's not something we could resolve now at the Board level?

MR. STIRLING: No. There is some work that we need to do to document minority business participation for the subgroups.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. So University System of Maryland Agenda items. The Treasurer moves approval, seconded by the Comptroller. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. We move on now to Department of Information, I'm sorry, Department of -- yes. Information Technology?

MR. SCHLANGER: We have no items.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: No items? Perfect. Nothing gets nothing.

MR. SCHLANGER: Nothing to withdraw.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: What's that, *King Lear*? I think it's *King Lear*. And we move on now to the Department of Transportation.

MR. MOBLEY: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, and Mr. Comptroller. For the record,

Acting Secretary Darrell Mobley representing the department. MDOT is presenting 18 items. Items 18-PR and 19-RP have been withdrawn. The reason those two items have been withdrawn is we are waiting on signatures from Amtrak.

TREASURER KOPP: Okey-dokey.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

TREASURER KOPP: I would move favorably.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The Treasurer moves favorably, seconded by the Comptroller. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. We now move to the Department of General Services. Doing Good Service.

MR. COLLINS: Yes, sir.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Doing Green Service.

MR. COLLINS: Green Service and Great Service.

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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And Great Service, done greenly.

MR. COLLINS: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. Just for the record, Al Collins, Secretary of the Department of General Services. The department has 25 items on our Agenda. We'd be glad to answer any questions you have at this time. Governor, may I also commend you on your George Washington speech on Monday night?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Oh, thanks for coming in for it, Mr. Secretary. You get the award of all the secretaries.

MR. COLLINS: You hear that?

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The rare speech where I get to use the phrase, "spirit of hedonism."

(Laughter.)

MR. COLLINS: It was a great speech.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The Comptroller moves approval, not of the hedonism but on the DGS Agenda items, seconded by the Treasurer. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it and
that concludes our Agenda. Thank you all very much.

(Whereupon, at 11:11 a.m., the meeting
was concluded.)

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