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P R O C E E D I N G S

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Good morning, everyone. Welcome to the Board of Public Works. Today is March 21, 2012. Do we have any opening thoughts? Comptroller? Treasurer?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Governor, Madam Treasurer.

TREASURER KOPP: Good morning.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Monday I attended the American Ireland Dinner in Washington. The Governor was there. And I was struck by the eloquence of the Prime Minister of Ireland, who spoke. And he was talking about spring and the equinox, and how that brings light and life and an end to the dark days of winter in the northern, etcetera. Only he could be so eloquent, Governor.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: That was good.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: But I was very impressed. And in my own small way I am actually celebrating the fact that Opening Day is only two weeks away. And we're all anticipating, obviously, a great success for the Orioles and for the Nationals.

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I have to psych myself up to say that. And I hope Buck, is it Buck Showalter? Is that the great manager for the Orioles? And but I do note in our area that the Nationals, frankly, in the Washington area frankly are going to end up in the World Series because they've got a great new team that they put together. But hope springs eternal, I guess.

I do want to remind everybody that Opening Day is also right around Tax Day. This year it is April 17th thanks to Emancipation Day in Washington, which postpones it from the 15th. We very much want everybody to take advantage of the electronic filing. You'll get your refund within 72 hours. If you owe money we'll let you pay it at the end of April rather than on the 17th if you file electronically. It's a safe, efficient way. It saves us a lot of money and a lot of paper. 29 million pages of paper are avoided this year because of electronic filing and other technologies.

Last year we had a record number of filers. Our goal this year is to have 75 percent of all returns filed electronically. Think of that. Given

the reluctance of, you know, everybody wants to have a paper copy. But it's very satisfying to my agency to see the public change and in fact now embrace this new way of filing taxes.

We have a website, marylandtaxes.com, where we will prepare your State taxes free of charge if you go to that site. And I know all of you have already filed, but for those of you that are delaying a little bit, like myself, until the end of, until I have to, we're going to be holding an online chat on Monday, April 2nd where we will answer questions. I'll have my tax experts there. It's always fun and informative to hear from people about what their questions and concerns are. So for those of you who, like me, procrastinate a little bit, April 2nd, online, you can ask any questions and we'll get good answers to you.

But thank you, Governor. And I'm delighted that you liked the Prime Minister's comments also.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Yeah.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And I understand you were at the White House --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: We were.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- and all sorts of other great gatherings for, St. Patrick's Day is now a month long celebration.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Well we had a little, we had a, we had a little gig there last night. It was very nice. We, everyone stayed in tune, we succeeded, we did our three songs for fifteen minutes, whichever came first, admirably, and did not embarrass the people of Maryland.

(Laughter)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Madam Treasurer?

TREASURER KOPP: Well I only wish I had been at the White House, but --

(Laughter)

TREASURER KOPP: It has been brought to my attention, Governor and Comptroller, that believe it or not March, among many other things, is Purchasing Month, not buying month, but Purchasing Month, designated by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing to acknowledge the professionals who work tirelessly, and they do, to uphold the cornerstones of good public procurement transparency, integrity,

fairness, and efficiency through competition. And I know we sometimes focus on procurements that are problems but the fact of the matter is that buyers throughout the State, throughout the State government and local governments, do award billions of dollars in contracts each year mostly with little fanfare, with little public notice, but with competition, transparency, and accountability. It's absolutely essential. Of course, the government wouldn't work without them. The government couldn't work without them.

These are the contracts that we use to build roads, build schools, serve the people everyday. So I just would hope that having been notified of this auspicious event, Comptroller and Governor you would join me in having the Board join the National Institute in recognizing the hard work and dedication of all the folks here and throughout the State who do our work well and quietly each day. And I would move that, if a motion is appropriate, I don't know, that that be done. And Sheila, I know as the chief procurement agency of the State that you'll send out -

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SECRETARY MCDONALD: Yes --

TREASURER KOPP: -- on our behalf our
thanks.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: We appreciate that very
much. We will get something out.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Seconded by the
Comptroller. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And the ayes have it.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you all.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I will also point out
that today on the floor of the United States Senate
will be recognized one Barbara A. Mikulski, United
States Senator from Maryland, for being the longest
serving woman in the history of the United States
Congress. And so we all applaud her.

(Applause)

TREASURER KOPP: Governor could I just, I'm
sure you were about to say, but not only is Senator

Mikulski the longest serving woman in Congress but she also is one of the very best. And the fact that she has lasted is testimony to the fact that she has accomplished a great deal. So it's not only for serving a long time but for serving extraordinarily well. It just makes me a little itchy every time somebody recognizes her for serving a long time, period. She didn't just stay there. She, as you know very well, is doing something, important and worthwhile, for all of us everyday. We are fortunate.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The excellence of many days.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mm-hmm.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And always with a consistent message, fighting for our future. And in this last campaign when everybody else was bumping into each other, trying to figure out how to give voice to the hopes and dreams all you had to do was go back to the 1986 Barbara Mikulski red card. And it was all there. It was all about jobs, opportunity, every family's home is important.

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So all right, there will be plenty of time for that later on today at the United States Senate. We are now going to go to the Secretary's Agenda.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. The Secretary's Agenda comprises ten items this morning. We are withdrawing Item 6. We also have three reports of emergency procurements.

TREASURER KOPP: They are great.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

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

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: We now move on to DNR Real Property Agenda.

MS. WARD: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. For the record, Lisa Ward, Department of Natural Resources. Today we have nine items for your approval.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Any questions? Hearing none, the Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Treasurer. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye." All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. We now move on to the Department of Budget and Management.

MS. FOSTER: Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, good morning. There are 11 items on the department's Agenda for today. I'll be happy to answer any questions you have.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

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

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. The University System of Maryland.

MR. EVANS: Good morning.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Any questions?

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MR. EVANS: Good morning. Joe Evans representing the University System of Maryland. We have ten items on the Agenda today. We're here to answer any questions.

TREASURER KOPP: Somebody wanted to speak about something that --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Somebody wanted to speak on this one.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: No, on the Department of Budget Agenda.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: But, I mean, it was --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All right. Anyone have any questions on University System of Maryland? Hearing none, 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 now to the Department of Information Technology.

MR. SCHLANGER: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. Elliot Schlanger, Department of Information Technology. We have three items on the Agenda. We'd like to withdraw Item 3. It will be back next meeting. I'd be happy to answer any questions on the other two items.

TREASURER KOPP: It will be back the next meeting, you said?

MR. SCHLANGER: Correct.

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

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it.

MR. SCHLANGER: Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Now we move on to the Department of Transportation.

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: Good morning. For the record, Beverley Swaim-Staley representing MDOT. We have ten items this morning, as Item 6 has been withdrawn and Item 3 has been revised. We're happy to answer your questions.

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

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. We now move on to the Department of General Services Agenda items.

MR. COLLINS: Alvin Collins, Secretary. Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. The Department of General Services has 11 items on our Agenda and I'd be glad to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: It looks like you may already have up front. With all our able staff, I don't think this has ever happened before. This reminds me of Monsignor James' 6:15 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. He always prided himself on being direct and to the point. 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. Thank you very much. That was a wonderful Agenda. Thank you all for your good work up front.

(Whereupon, at 10:24 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)