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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well, good morning everyone.

AUDIENCE: Good morning, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Welcome. Thank you for joining us today. The Treasurer is taking a well deserved and long planned vacation, I think cruising in Alaska or something exciting like that. So she's not going to be joining us this morning. We pushed a few things off the Agenda to make sure that she could be here with us for the next meeting. But we've still got a full Agenda and lots of things to take care of. I was wondering if maybe we could have the Lieutenant Governor sit in for the Treasurer, but they didn't think that was a good idea.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You know we've been, we've been asking some of our agencies to take a haircut and we've been asking them to streamline. I decided to lead by example. So I've got a new look today.

(Laughter.)

(Applause.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I know that the Comptroller has some exciting news he's been all over the State talking about. And without further ado I'm going to turn the floor over to our distinguished Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Governor. And it's great to be with you. And I mentioned to you personally that when I go around the State and I say to people that I have a positive and constructive relationship with you, the response I get from them is just overwhelming. And they are all in your corner. And, well, you know, it's good for me to indicate that because they, they obviously look at me more favorably. But I think they're basically --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It's bipartisanship.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. I mean, it's extraordinary, the response that I get out there. And I think you obviously deserve it because you're conducting yourself in such a brave fashion.

But it is that time of the year when counties all across Maryland will give us a chance to come and enjoy a good time at the county fair. If you guys have not been to the fair in your county, you should make an effort to do it. In the coming days I'll be visiting the Howard County Fair, the Maryland State Fair, and the Agricultural Center and Museum up in Washington County.

Last week I had the chance to stop by the Cecil and Harford County Fairs and I was once again reminded just how important agriculture is to Maryland. And this is news for my constituents often in Montgomery and Prince George's and Baltimore City and some of the more urban areas of the State, just what an unbelievable contribution to the State's economy agriculture is.

At the fairs you can see firsthand just how these events directly inspire the next generation of agricultural leaders and the impact of organizations and programs like 4H, Future Farmers of America, and the Ag Discovery Program at the University of Maryland cannot be understated. They are critical for the future of our rural communities and yet the impact of agriculture doesn't end there. Each year the agriculture industry in Maryland accounts for over \$8 billion of economic impact. And for every 50 jobs we create in agriculture, we also create nearly eight jobs in the business sector, five jobs in retail, three jobs in transportation.

Sometimes we tend to forget about how our food gets on the table and about the hardworking men and women around Maryland who safeguard the strong foundation of agriculture in our economy, and about the impact of that foundation on our families, our children, our future and our State. They deserve our thanks and the continued support of our local and State governments.

Governor, thank you very much. And I'm happy to talk about Tax Free Shopping Week, which is starting next, starting this Sunday.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Please.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And if you don't think I'm a happy Comptroller when I see all those license plates from Pennsylvania, Delaware, D.C., Northern Virginia in our shopping malls all over the State, taking advantage of the six percent sales tax exemption on clothing and shoes, boy, it

makes me, well you know generally we're talking about the reverse of that, Governor. So I'm very pleased to see our State step up and do this.

People say, well, don't we lose a lot of sales tax revenue? Yeah, we do. But guess what? We pick up a lot of other sales tax revenue because people are out shopping. So in the dog days of August, we have created a week which is the second most popular shopping week of the year. And it's not just back to school, it's all of us. I was trying to find a pair of shoes. Well, then I realized it didn't start until Sunday.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: But, but it's a great opportunity to jump start the consumer based economy that we have in Maryland. And so I encourage everybody to spread the word that starting this Sunday and going through next Saturday, a week from Saturday, you can shop for these items and save yourself quite a bit of money. Governor, thank you. I know that's --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Mr. Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Maybe we can go out together.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Maybe next year we could make it a month instead of a week, of course. Or all year long.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well that, now there's, I get that sometimes.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. I get that. They say, well, if it's so great for your tax revenues why don't we just do it year round? But

--

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I'm not trying to put you on the spot. I know you need some revenue.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: One thing I want to point out here. There's a couple of gentlemen sitting here to my right. Roy McGrath, who's on two seats over, and Mark Newgent, who is sitting directly next to me. Roy has been handling all of our Board of Public Works stuff for six months. He's done an incredible job for us. And he worked so hard that he worked himself out of that job and we're promoting him to Deputy Chief of Staff. So I want to thank him for all his --

(Applause.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: He's got big shoes to fill but he's taken under his wing another fine gentleman here to my right, and that's, he's been our Deputy Policy Director Mark Newgent. He's going to continue to work with us on policy stuff but he's going to take the brunt of the Public Works load with some I think assistance from Roy along the way. So I want to welcome Mark as our new member of our team.

(Applause.)

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Now before we get started with the Agenda, is Dr. Lever here? Dr. Lever, could you join us just for a second? We want to thank you for being here this morning.

DR. LEVER: Good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Making State government more efficient and making better use of our tax dollars is something that the Comptroller and I talk about just about every single week. We've got a billion dollar backlog in school construction and, as you well know. And we struggled to try to fully fund school construction, \$318 million this year. It's not enough to meet the complete need. But we would like to find a way to make those dollars go further. And we would like you to, and the IAC, to study the innovative methods and the partnership model that Monarch Global Academy in Anne Arundel County used to construct their world class facility for a fraction of the cost of the construction of public schools. I think the Comptroller, the Treasurer, and many members of my staff visited Global Academy and were very impressed. I believe they built the school for one-third of the cost, or something along those lines, of what it typically costs you to build a school. Which means if we could actually find ways to do that we could do all the billion dollars worth of schools for the \$318 million we have. We would like you and your group to study this and report back to us by November 1, about how we might be able to incorporate some of the methods that they utilized to build this incredible school for so little money.

DR. LEVER: Governor, if I could mention I have been to the school twice on tour with members of the IAC, with members of your staff, the Comptroller's staff, the Treasurer was there as well, elected officials. And the Stadium Authority organized the second tour, which also visited a school in Baltimore, a renovation of an old Pepsi Cola factory.

The Stadium Authority has just initiated a study of the kind that you are talking about. They are going to be looking, the consultants will be looking broadly across the State at charter schools. They intend to narrow the field to five or six good candidates that are comparable to public schools and then do a side by side comparison with the goal of extracting best practices that can be used in public school construction. Their focus is on the schools in Baltimore. But I've talked to Mr. McGuigan about this and the results are going to be applicable across the State. We'll be participating in that study. And I think that's an 11-week study, if I remember correctly. So the time frame really does correspond to what you mention, November 1st. We'll have input. If that would be satisfactory for us to work with them?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Actually in addition to what the Stadium Authority is doing with all the schools in Baltimore I'd like you specifically to do a report on the Global Monarch Academy and report back to us by November 1.

DR. LEVER: I'll be glad to.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

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DR. LEVER: You're welcome.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, could I just chime in?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Sure.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Because this is exactly what the State needs right now, which is how to figure out to do, how to do more and better with less. Because that's the reality that the Governor just mentioned. Monarch Academy that we toured was, it was not just an equivalent school to what the State is building with the counties. It was a better school from a facility standpoint. And I think I want to thank the Lieutenant Governor for asking me to join him on a tour. It was a real eye opener. And you know where I am politically on prevailing wage. I always thought it was the prevailing wage that was the deciding factor in the different costs of these buildings that the charter schools and others could be built. No, that's just a little, that's a few percentage points. The vast majority of the savings comes from using steel rather than concrete and building them to commercial standards, not the standards that we normally abide by. And boy, if there's anyone that can lead us to the Promise Land, it's you, Dr. Lever.

DR. LEVER: Sir, I --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Because you, no, yeah --

DR. LEVER: -- accept that?

(Laughter.)

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, you're the keeper of the key as far as, you know, this is the old system where we have to build them to last 100 years and you know. What if we built them to last 40 years? Forty years? And why don't we really figure out based on what the Governor says how to do this rather than why we can't do it?

DR. LEVER: These are complex issues and I'll be glad to undertake the report, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: That's what I was afraid you were going to say. Yeah. Seriously, this is a major, I think it's one of the most important issues the Governor has raised. Because we need to pick up our game and get a better product for the taxpayers' money.

DR. LEVER: We're all interested in finding ways to cut costs. And if we can deliver the same quality of product, then we're all ears. We want to learn about this. So hopefully the study will show that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great.

DR. LEVER: Okay?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

DR. LEVER: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Let's get started with the Secretary's Agenda.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Governor, Mr. Comptroller.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: We have 27 items on the Secretary's Agenda. There are two reports of emergency procurement. We are ready for your questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: First on Item 5, could the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority please join us?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Yes. Mr. Frederick Thayer, the Chairman of the Canal Place Authority, is here. And I think with him is the Executive Director of the Canal Place Authority Deidra Ritchie.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Good morning.

MR. THAYER: Governor --

MS. RITCHIE: Good morning.

MR. THAYER: -- I like your haircut, sir.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You like it? Yours looks very nice too, thank you. One of my favorite comments was, there's been a lot of comments about my new hairstyle, and somebody said, not only is he a great Governor, but he has a full line of cleaning products.

(Laughter.)

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Because I look like Mr. Clean. So.

MR. THAYER: Governor, Comptroller, also with us today is Paul Cucuzzella, our representative from the Office of the Attorney General; and Michael Joy, representative of the proposed developer tenant of the project.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. I just wanted to get a quick overview from you about, and let people know about the great work that you are doing there.

MR. THAYER: Yes, sir. The Footer's Dye Work building is the last remaining building of the Footer's Dye Works, which at the time in the early 1900s was the largest dry cleaner in the world. The four-story brick building is in need of repair. That is a portion of our request today, is to approve a contract for repair work to the roof and other items. We also are fortunate to have a lease for your approval with Footer Development, LLC, Mr. Joy, who will undertake a complete redevelopment of the building into a mixed use property consisting of most likely a brew pub brewing beer on the first floor, office space on the second floor, and then residential on the third and fourth floors.

The \$1.15 million that we will be, are requesting, will result in about a \$7.5 million project. So approximately 15 percent of the total project cost comes directly from the State's capital budget. So we're able to leverage up that money fairly nicely.

The benefit from the project and the justification for the project is, it's economic development. We have a study from the Regional Economic Studies Institute at Towson University that shows approximately 94 jobs being created during construction, let me refer to my notes, 120 jobs during operation. And we're looking at about \$686,000 in incremental tax revenue to the State. Comptroller, we're not selling clothes or shoes so I don't have to back that off for a week. But it is going to generate, according to the study, good employment, good tax revenue. And it brings back a building which is registered on the Historic Register both in Maryland and nationally back into productive use.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well, thank you very much. I know that we've had RFPs, three or four of them, going back ten or 15 years. And I for one am just happy to see that this, this part of the State desperately needs economic development and I'm happy to see it finally coming to fruition. So thank everybody for their efforts.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Is the developer here?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Mr. Joy.

MS. RITCHIE: Mr. Joy.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

MR. THAYER: Michael Joy, Footer Development, LLC.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

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MR. JOY: I've been interested in this building for ten years. I've been going up to Cumberland. I've done other historic renovations in Cumberland and Frostburg, and I've always been interested in this building. And when this RFP came out we were one of two people, two groups who responded to it. And fortunately they chose ours. We think it's going to be a great, and it's an iconic building. You go down Route 68, that's the first thing you see. And this building has been languishing for 20 years and people say this must not be a real vibrant community. Well, it is. And when people, 80,000 bicycles a year go by on the C&O Canal, they need to see an active building so they have reason to stay in Cumberland for that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Thank you, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So you are Michael Joy?

MR. JOY: I am.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. I'm going to give you one of my much coveted Comptroller Medallions.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Do you want to go around that way? Do you want to go around the other way?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Come over here. Yep.

MR. JOY: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Because you are doing something great for the State.

MR. JOY: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. JOY: Governor, I neglected to bring, I have at home a campaign button for your father when he ran for Congress --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Oh wow, that's a collector's item.

MR. JOY: -- Prince George's County. And I wanted to bring it and give it to you, but I neglected to so I'll mail it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you very much.

MR. THAYER: Other questions, sir?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions, Mr. Comptroller? Thank you very much.

MR. THAYER: Thank you, sir.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I also just want to point out Appendix items A1 and A2, and ask the MEMA representative to come forward.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Ms. Kelly is here. Who is going to --

MS. KELLY: Mr. McDonough from MEMA --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: All right. If you can introduce yourself for the record, please?

MR. MCDONOUGH: Good morning, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning. Maybe just give us a quick overview of these items?

MR. MCDONOUGH: I can give you an overview --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Could you please introduce yourself for the record and who you represent?

MR. MCDONOUGH: Oh, I'm sorry. Dave McDonough, I'm the Director of Administration for the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and I was the SEOC Commander during the Baltimore demonstrations or --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well, great job.

MR. MCDONOUGH: Thank you. We requested assistance from the New Jersey State Police. They sent about 100 New Jersey State Troopers and a command vehicle down to Maryland. We had in our original request, which I have here if you would like to see it, in our logistics we noted that we would provide housing for those individuals. Initially it was planned to house them at Camp Fretterd at the barracks, and then we were required to call up additional National Guardsmen. And so we had 100 New Jersey State Troopers on I95 in Maryland and no place to go. And so we quickly called several hotels, found a hotel, the Comfort Inn in Towson, close to 695, easy access to downtown from there, and we booked it. It was the only one we could find that could house all of the troopers for the five original nights that we requested and they ended up staying for seven nights.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Right. Well, I just wanted to bring it up. Well, thank you for all of your efforts during the unrest in Baltimore.

MR. MCDONOUGH: Thank you, sir.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And I wanted to specifically give a shout out to New Jersey and to thank my friend Governor Chris Christie. When I finished declaring the state of emergency I walked off the press conference floor and my cell phone rang and it was the Governor of New Jersey, who said, what can I do to help? And I said, we desperately need help. And he said, I'm going to send you, I think it was 150 of our best troopers --

MR. MCDONOUGH: Sorry.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- that we have, including the ones that are fully trained in riots and this type of effort. A couple of hours later, the whole command staff showed up, that same night. And by early the next morning, before the sun came up, the guys were waiting on 95 looking for a hotel room. So we want to thank you for your efforts. And of course, putting them up for the night was the least we can do. They did a tremendous job helping us bring peace to the city and I want to thank them for it.

MR. MCDONOUGH: Absolutely. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: So thank you very much. While we're on that topic, I, we had some disappointing news this week I'll just touch on. The federal government apparently decided that this situation was not an emergency in

Baltimore. I can't imagine how that decision could be made. Four hundred businesses were destroyed. Our largest city was on fire. Lawlessness was ruling the streets. We had 170 police and fire officers injured. We spent an extra \$20 million that week trying to keep the city safe. And FEMA decided that it did not qualify as an emergency. I just want to throw that out there. I'm still outraged at the federal government and their decision. But we're going to have to move on.

Other questions on the Secretary's Agenda?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No, I'm good.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second. Two-nothing.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I like this. It goes very smoothly with two of us. As long as he and I agree --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Let's move on to the DNR Agenda.

MS. WILSON: Good morning, Governor and Mr. Comptroller.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MS. WILSON: Emily Wilson with Maryland Department of Natural Resources. We have 12 items on our Agenda today. Of note is Item 5-A, which is the annual Rural Legacy Grants. So these are 14 Rural Legacy Areas

from across the State receiving just over \$10 million to permanently preserve working farms and forests across our State. And we do have a number of sponsors and local elected officials here to support that item today. I believe they are sort of cordoned off outside at this point. But just know that they are here in full support of that item. And we work very closely and cooperatively with them.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well I understand tradition is that we have I think a picture with these recipients.

MS. WILSON: Right.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: The Comptroller and I would love to do that at this point, if you want to. As long as you don't mind the extra glare that comes off of here?

MS. WILSON: That would be great.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Do you want to do that?

MS. WILSON: I think, I think --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Should we do it now?

MS. WILSON: I think Sheila might be going out there now to try to bring them in.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Rural Legacy Fund.

MS. WILSON: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We want to be seen with these guys. They're doing great work.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh, nice to see you. Yeah, absolutely.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Okay, how are we going to squeeze them in here?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I don't know. Who is taking the photograph? I guess we'll get everybody in and then figure out how to.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: How are we going to get the picture? We'll have to turn sideways.

Thank you very much, everybody.

MS. WILSON: Thank you.

(Applause.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's going to be a collector's item, that thing. Thank you. Thank you.

MS. WILSON: Thank you, sir. I apologize for the disruption but really do appreciate it, and I know they very much appreciate it. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you. I want to thank all of the recipients and participants. And it's a wonderful program. That picture, by the way, is going to be a collector's item. It's the very first post-cancer bald photo, group photo, I've taken. So --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- it might be worth something when I have hair again. Any questions on the DNR Agenda?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: On Item 4A.

MS. WILSON: Yes, sir?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Obviously I'm supportive of this. Apparently there's, this is for the Prince, you're going to acquire a number of acres over in Prince George's County?

MS. WILSON: Right, the county is, yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. So there apparently is already 23 acres of existing parkland, and I know that you make these acquisitions, this one I think is for \$3.8 million for 29 acres of additional parkland. My question is obviously you do it because these are ecologically sensitive lands. I'm frankly very supportive of that. But I'm actually more interested in making them useful to the public.

MS. WILSON: Yes, absolutely.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Is that the scenario here? That we're going to look at picnic areas and boat ramps and playground spaces and ball fields as well as Mother Nature?

MS. WILSON: As the county has described it to us this is going to be a passive recreation park consistent with the parcel that's existing next door to include public access to the Potomac River. And we just have this dearth of

public access sites to water across the State, even though we have this jewel of the Chesapeake Bay. And so this is a fantastic acquisition to provide additional water access, also consistent with the Chesapeake Bay Agreement goal to open up 300 additional public water access sites across the Bay watershed. So yes, they do certainly plan to provide for public access in this area.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. Could you get back to us? Because passive recreation is great.

MS. WILSON: Sure.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'm interested in active recreation.

MS. WILSON: Sure. I'll speak with the county and we'll be back in touch.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Great. Thanks very much.

MS. WILSON: Mm-hmm.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Is there a motion on the --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second. We'll move on to the DBM --

MS. WILSON: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- Agenda.

MR. BRINKLEY: Governor, Mr. Comptroller, DBM has submitted ten items on today's Agenda. Items 7-S-MOD and 10-GM are being withdrawn, leaving eight items for your approval today. And I have representatives here to answer any questions you might have on the remaining items.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions, Mr. Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes, Item 4-S.

MR. BRINKLEY: Item 4-S, DHR, Greg James, Deputy Secretary of Operations; Audrey Davis, Director, Maryland Legal Services Program; and Teminka Rawlings, Deputy Director, MLSP.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. JAMES: Good morning, Governor, Treasurer -- Comptroller, excuse me, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Nice to see you.

MR. JAMES: Greg James, Deputy Secretary for Operations from DHR.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you. And I understand this proposal is for eight different contracts with organizations to provide legal advocacy services for abused and neglected children in the State of Maryland, and that you are asking for time so that you can resolve outstanding bid protests that were filed in response to the RFP that was issued in April. You are requesting a

base extension of six months, with two options of three months apiece which sounds like it's about a year for the incumbent vendors. And I guess my question is bottom line why didn't we do this solicitation process sooner given the long and contentious history that the Board has had with these contracts? And apparently everybody is very litigious with these things. And why did we wait to start the procurement? Why didn't we start it sooner, given the history? Protests, appeals, all this --

MR. JAMES: So I think there was a great attempt at the start of this process to try and make sure that when we put the RFP out on the street we had done as much as we could to ensure that we had addressed any concerns that the provider community might have, but also that we had incorporated recommendations from the committee, the State's Committee on Procurement for Human Services, and their recommendations. And that process took I think longer than any of us anticipated or desired.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay.

MR. JAMES: But at this point we are moving as expeditiously as possible to complete this procurement.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. Well, Governor anything I can do to work with you and the Lieutenant Governor to improve the procurement process. I'm not even sure these --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- ancillary procurement groups that are set up all around. But I'm, I will consider anything you bring forward to -
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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well we're going to work together to try to fix this. Because it's a serious problem. I mean, this is an important program. It's a federally mandated program to provide these services. This modification is an increase over the original contract of 50 percent. But I, it's my understanding that the current incumbents' protest is what's holding up the entire process of awarding new bids. And quite frankly, it makes no sense to me that somebody who is not the best bidder, who is in some cases not doing a good job, can simply protest the bid and put everything on hold. So you are rewarded for protesting and holding up the process. It's contrary to common sense. And we in our review of the procurement process are going to do away with this process. The game of protesting bids intentionally to essentially create a monopoly on State contracts is not going to continue under our administration. So we're going to find a way to get to the bottom of this. The Comptroller and the Lieutenant Governor are focused on working on this procurement problem and we're going to address the issue.

MR. JAMES: Well Governor, Treasurer, we would welcome any improvements to this process.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah. Great.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Comptroller.

MR. JAMES: Comptroller, I --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, that's okay. Don't worry about it.

MR. JAMES: I am so sorry.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: It happens all the time.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- give him both positions.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Could you, when you bring it back to us, or when you are going through this, the second concern, and the Governor correctly brought it up, in addition to the procurement process, how do we get information about how these vendors are actually doing their job? I mean, this contract, let's assume it had a proper procurement process, still what we get is just a grocery list of names of organizations going down the left side and on the right side there's a column on how much money we're going to, what the dollar figure is that they are going to get. And there's nothing in there about do they do a good job. So maybe we need to expand the background material.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's a good idea.

MR. JAMES: So we can certainly work on getting you that background material, Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Good.

MR. JAMES: And one of the features of the new RFP is increased oversight --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great.

MR. JAMES: -- over our vendors.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Good.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Any questions on the DBM Agenda? Any questions of them? Thank you, guys.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

MR. JAMES: Thank you, Governor, Comptroller.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second. Move on to the University System Agenda. Any questions? I guess we've got to hear what they've got on their Agenda first before we decide if we have any questions. Good morning.

MR. EVANS: Good morning. Joe Evans representing the University System of Maryland.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I'm really rushing.

MR. EVANS: We have five items on the Agenda, here to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions, Mr. Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second. How was that?

MR. EVANS: Thank you.

(Laughter.)

MR. EVANS: It was quick.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: The University System, no questions.
Congratulations.

MR. EVANS: Thank you, sir.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Let's move on to Information
Technology, the DoIT Agenda.

MR. GARCIA: Good morning, Governor --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. GARCIA: -- Mr. Comptroller. David Garcia with the
Department of Information Technology. Today we have three items on the
Agenda and we have agency representatives to answer any questions on their
items.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. On Item 2, is there a
representative of ESRI, or ESRI here?

MR. GARCIA: Deputy Estrada, is Barney Krucoff here? They
are both DoIT.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: So I understand that this company is
paying a lot of money to the former Governor to make speeches. I just wanted to
point that out. I don't think, I'm not being paid, I just want to make it very clear,

for any speeches by this organization. Are you being paid to make speeches by this organization?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We want to make sure that that's not, has anything, doesn't have anything to do with our decision making in this process. We think it's a good provider that's doing a good service, but we want to make sure people don't think there's a conflict of interest because of the recent unsavory publicity that the company received. We want to make sure that we don't want to have any kind of situations where there's an appearance of a conflict of interest with our administration.

MR. GARCIA: There is no such appearance.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well what does the contract do?

MR. GARCIA: Mr. Krucoff?

MR. KRUCOFF: For years, for example today two of your Agenda items, one was a MEMA related item with the incident in Baltimore. During that the software that was purchased under this contract mapped lots of activities in Baltimore, including where the various friendly forces were. The DNR item that came up earlier, when you are purchasing park land, where is that park land? How is it described? The boundaries and the maps? This is the software that we use to manage that State's geographic data.

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Historically this was the dominant company within the State but each agency purchased software separately. Five years ago, four years ago, we joined that into one giant contract. It was already the software we were using but we were able to achieve some economies of scale in our negotiations. We're getting it for less than the total sum of the parts if bought individually. We are also able to have an inventory of the software that we didn't have before. We've made some efficiency improvements. There are still efficiency improvements to make. It's not deployed ideally, but we believe we are being much more efficient through this process.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Our reports are that the mapping technology is excellent, that we are very happy with the service that is being provided, and that we're getting it at a better cost, I think, than the federal government is. I just wanted to make sure when we make this decision people know that we're making the decision based on the facts and based on the service that you are providing. So thank you very much.

The second item is number three. Would the Administrator of the Board of Elections please join us?

MS. LAMONE: I will be more than happy to.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MS. LAMONE: Good morning. Linda Lamone, State Board of Elections.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning. Do you want to give us a run down on this item, and --

MS. LAMONE: Yes. I think first of all I'd like to point out, Governor, that this is a \$900,000 item over six years split between the State and the counties, so on a \$28 million contract just to put into perspective.

We are asking you all to do several things. The first item is something called the express pass printers. And when we initially put the RFP on the street for this voting system we didn't know what the vendors were going to propose. And the winning vendor proposed a system that we hadn't anticipated, and that is called an express vote unit. And that's a voting unit that's similar to what we have now using a touch screen type of interface but it produces a paper ballot that is then scanned.

We had originally thought for early voting that we would be using on demand printers and the study that was done for the General Assembly a number of years ago estimated a cost of them to be around \$14 million. So when ES&S proposed this other, newer, better way of voting, early voting, with these express votes, touch screen thing, we jumped on that. And then we discovered that they had a very unique solution to dealing with the multitude of ballot styles that you have at an early voting center. For example in Prince George's County in a gubernatorial general election, it can be well over 100, for a primary. And that is this express pass printer. And it prints a, when the voter checks in on the

electronic poll books it then tells this express pass printer what ballot style the voter should get. And it prints this little code up here on the top of what we call the ballot access card. And you then put this into the express vote and it brings the right ballot up for the voter so your election workers are not having to try to figure out what is the proper ballot for that particular voter. So it's a very efficient, error free way of getting, delivering the ballot style, the correct ballot style on Election Day. So that's the first item that we're asking for are additional printers because we didn't get enough of them in the original contract to cover all of the voting units that will be used across our 69 early voting centers across the State.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Now you're not going to be back again for paper and ink, are you?

MS. LAMONE: No.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I mean, this is all included with the printers that we forgot to add the first time?

MS. LAMONE: Well, we have to buy paper. I'm not sure where we are on that contract. Whitney?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: So it will be another request?

MS. LAMONE: Yes.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Paper doesn't, won't probably come back to the Board of Public Works.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Okay.

MS. LAMONE: Yeah, probably. And I think it goes through Department of General --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: I think, yeah, Secretary Bassette probably approves --

MS. LAMONE: Yes.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: -- the purchase of paper.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Can you explain to us a little bit about, there's been a lot of concern that I've been hearing from different places about apparently a unique situation in Montgomery and Prince George's County? And explain to us how you will ensure the security of the USB drives from Montgomery and Prince George's?

MS. LAMONE: Right. And that was actually the next item on my list to talk to you about. We're asking for additional thumb drives. And the reason why, several. Montgomery, Prince George's, Baltimore, there may be one other, they want to set up regional centers for reporting election night results so that we're not waiting, the world is not waiting, for people to drive all the way from one end of the county to the other to deliver the unofficial election results election night. So they want to set up these regional centers.

Well the original contract only called for one thumb drive per voting unit. And we felt that it was way too risky to only have, especially for

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those regional reporting centers, one evidence of the vote. So we want to have two thumb drives per voting unit that will be reported on election night to this regional center. One will be driven to the regional reporting center and report the results, and the other one will be kept in the custody of the chief election judges to physically carry into the local board of elections. So, and we also have of course the paper ballots should anything happen to the thumb drives so that we can rescan them. So we have in essence a triple assurance of being able to preserve the election night results.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I have a concern about the, as I understand it there's just a small piece of plastic? That's the only protection for the paper ballots. And that they could be opened and tallied over and over again?

MS. LAMONE: Well that's my next item I was going to talk about.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Let's talk about that one.

MS. LAMONE: We're doing really well here. These are what I call the blue ballot bins. And if I may show you a picture of them? If you could share, I would appreciate it. There's two different pictures. These I call our blue ballot bins. And we are asking for money to purchase these. They weren't in the original RFP because we thought we didn't need to buy them from our current vendor. And it, as it turns out they really solve a very significant problem, or potential issue, or perception. And that is by having these inside the ballot boxes

themselves collecting the voted ballots, you never have your poll workers having to handle the voted ballots. So at the end of the, when this thing fills up or at the end of the day, the poll worker simply pulls them out, seals them, and they never have to touch the ballots. So this solves a huge problem. If you use something else it may fit into the ballot box, but the experience in New York City was that the paper jammed because it wasn't custom made to fit into this particular ballot box. If you don't have something in the box to collect the ballots the poll workers have to open it up, gather the ballots together, and then put them in something to carry back to the election office. And we really don't want poll workers to be handling voted ballots. So this solves a significant problem.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Do you have any questions at all, Mr. Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. I remember my first election to Comptroller, I was running against the former Governor from Baltimore City and --

MS. LAMONE: I remember that well, yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- and the County Executive from Anne Arundel County. And I was from Montgomery County. And there was something that happened the morning of the election. I can't quite recall it. But it was only Montgomery County? Apparently people couldn't vote?

MS. LAMONE: Yeah. With the existing system you need to have voter access cards. When you check in you get a little plastic white card and you put it into the touch screen unit. Montgomery County forgot to send those out to the polling places and therefore you couldn't, you couldn't activate your ballot.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, that was a really --

MS. LAMONE: It was a fun --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- interesting morning because, gee, it only happened in one county.

MS. LAMONE: Yeah, it was a fun morning for me, too.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Just dumb luck, I guess.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, it was just, I guess it was just the luck of the draw that my county --

MS. LAMONE: Well they had, we gave them a checklist of everything they were supposed to pack to send to the polling places. And they decided to write their own and they neglected to put this particular item on their checklist. And, you know, it was an honest mistake but it caused a significant amount of angst.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: During the previous gubernatorial election there were thousands of instances where somebody pressed to vote for this candidate named Hogan and their vote was registered for the other guy named Brown. And frankly it, the integrity of our election system was called into

question. The explanation was it was simply fat fingers and long fingernails. And apparently I cornered the market because not a single vote for Brown switched to me. So nobody with fat fingers or long fingernails ever voted for Anthony Brown. I want to know, has that issue with these touch screens been fixed? Because we don't want to have that situation again, where people question the integrity of our election.

MS. LAMONE: Absolutely. It won't happen with this existing system. And the problem with the other system, the legacy system, is the calibration issue. And we were able to identify 35, I believe, of the 18,000 voting units we used and 11 of them in fact we could replicate the issue. So Governor, yes, we looked into it thoroughly and --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I think at the time you said we would be able to make up for it if I won because I would be on top and the votes always go up.

MS. LAMONE: Right.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: But now we fixed it so I'm not going to get the extra votes going up?

MS. LAMONE: No, sorry.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Okay.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on the DoIT Agenda or any questions of the Board of Elections?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, no, I would like to hold up the environmental contract because I don't understand what the mapping or etcetera was doing and I'd like to take a look at it, hold it till the next meeting.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: The ESRI?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Number two.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Okay. I'll second that and hold it up until the next meeting.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions of Linda Lamone, Board of Elections? Are we done with her?

MS. LAMONE: Done with her?

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I think we're --

MS. LAMONE: Thank you, Governor, so much. Thank you for your support.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Thank you. Any other questions on the DoIT Agenda?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So I move approval except --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Of one and three.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We're going to --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, one and three.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We're going to hold one and three?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: You're deferring two and you want to vote on one and three?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We're going to move forward on the other two? Motion --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Great. Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- to approve the others? Second. Approved. Thank you.

MR. GARCIA: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Department of Transportation?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Mr. Reigrut is here this morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. REIGRUT: Good morning, Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot. For the record, Kevin Reigrut, Assistant Secretary of Operations, representing MDOT. Today we're presenting 19 items for your consideration. We are withdrawing Items 13-E, 18-RP, and 19-RP to be presented to the Board of Public Works at a future date. We have staff here that would be happy to answer questions on the proposals.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Mr. Comptroller, any comments on Transportation?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No, move --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I just want to point out, you know, there are several items, one, 21, and 22, dealing with the Port of Baltimore. The Port is a dynamic economic engine for Baltimore and for our State. And I want to congratulate the folks at the Port on doing a terrific job by breaking all kinds of records. Shipping giant Maersk just returned, which is a great thing for our State. The Port is the number one facility in the nation for handling auto exports and imports. And these projects send a message to those looking to do business here that we're open for business. And I don't have any other questions. I just wanted to point out that the Port is doing a great job and I'm happy to approve these items. So --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Could I ask Mr. White to come up and say a word? Because --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I didn't even see Mr. White. Let's congratulate him on the great job he's done at the Port.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. Yeah. Fabulous.

(Applause.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: A group came in, Governor, and was lobbying me on some other issue. I think it was the tolls that they have set up

over in Virginia, and how great they are. And one of the people from the company happened to be an appointee to the Virginia Port Authority. And she started off the meeting by saying, boy, you are just knocking us in Virginia right out of the ballpark. We are not even competing with you guys in Baltimore, that's how well you're doing. So --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Man, I love to hear that.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, it was like music to my ears. Is that the Maersk deal? Or is that another, what is the reason for them being so upset down in Hampton Roads? And thank you for that.

MR. WHITE: Macy's doesn't tell Gimbel's, so we want to keep some of that stuff to ourselves. But you know --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: But maybe just brag on yourself for a little bit.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Because I didn't hit all the highlights. But just for the benefit of audience here today, and all the kind of records and the things that are going so well at the Port.

MR. WHITE: Governor, we have been on a tear, really. The Port is doing exceptionally well. And we were just mentioned in the *Journal of Commerce* as a top ten port in the world, and you can imagine how many ports there are around the world, in productivity.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Aren't you the only U.S. port?

MR. WHITE: Yes, sir, we are.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: On that list?

MR. WHITE: The only U.S. port that got mentioned in the article.

Actually today we got some more good news. We were the second port in container growth in the nation for the first half of the year. We had a 12.2 percent growth in the first half of the year. And last year we broke ten percent. So the container business is great. It's our biggest job generator. And automobiles, you know, we have in our sights for being the largest port in the nation for import and export of automobiles. Last year we did a little under 800,000 cars, we did 793,000. Our goal was 800, so we didn't get it. We are pushing this year and I think we're going to get there. That will give us five consecutive years of being the number one port in the country for import and export of automobiles.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Well, congratulations and thank you for all your efforts.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Any chance we could get some kind of special trade agreements so that the Port's success can be spread all through the City of Baltimore? Employment, growth?

MR. WHITE: I'm not sure --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I mean, you are the economic engine. And don't other ports have relationships with other countries and trade

agreements where we can, you know, use your economic success for the entire City and region?

MR. WHITE: Our main focus is getting ship owners to put ships here.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I know. But I'm talking about, you know, it's fabulous what you are doing. But aren't you the kind of engine we could build a recovery for Baltimore City around?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: No question.

MR. WHITE: Sure.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: They are leading the recovery.

MR. WHITE: Yeah. As a matter of fact, it's been noted that we don't have a, we've grown so quickly that there's not enough warehouse space or cargo holding areas for the cargo that's coming through the Port. So we're working very closely with Mike Gill and his staff in identifying locations where we can do transshipment of loads that come in from foreign ports. Rather than the containers go all the way into the heartland, we can transload them here and move them by rail. So, you know, the future is bright. We've got a great team. We're working very closely with DBED. And everything is looking up for us.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I want to thank the Governor for bringing up the subject. I didn't, I saw the contracts and they were, you know,

outside the procurement process. So normally I'd be all over that. But not for you guys. Because just get the job done. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Jim.

MR. WHITE: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on the MDOT Agenda?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Nope. Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second. Move on to the Department of General Services.

MS. BASSETTE: Good morning, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning, Madam Secretary.

MS. BASSETTE: Good morning, Mr. Comptroller. For the record, my name is Gail Bassette, and the Secretary of General Services. We have 43 items on our Agenda. We are withdrawing Items 19, 21, and 25. And we'll be glad to answer any questions you may have.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions, Mr. Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well I had a few questions.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh, I'm sorry.

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(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I was just being, letting you go first.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, go.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Maybe I should just skip it all.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, no, keep going.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I mean, I don't want to ruin the chances of getting everything approved. I just wanted to point out Items 37 and 38. Would the UMMS representatives please join us? If anybody is here from the University of Maryland Medical System? Well, if not let me just brag about them a little bit. I've been spending quite a bit of time at the University of Maryland Medical System lately. And it's a terrific facility. We're lucky to be in this area where we have the best medical facilities in the world. And we're, we've got a \$13 million item on our Agenda here for UMMS and I wanted to make sure that they heard about that before I go in on Friday for my next --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- my next chemo session. Maybe they'll take it easy on me. But --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Maybe I can cut the, maybe I can cut the check and you can hand deliver it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Hand deliver it?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's a good idea.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's a great idea. I'll get terrific support. I'll probably get more attention down there. The other item I wanted to point out, and are MHEC, is anybody from MHEC here? I just wanted to point out this Southern Maryland, you know, it's a small item, \$198,000. But it's really important about we're putting in a job training into Southern Maryland and investing in innovative programs in an area that really needs it. And I just wanted to congratulate you and say it's the kind of thing we want to invest more money in. I don't have any questions on the Agenda. But I wanted to point out the Southern Maryland and the fact that we're focused on job training. And it's the kind of thing we really want to spend more time focused on and invest more time and money into. So thank you very much.

MR. MASON: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Now, Mr. Comptroller, any, would you like to --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I just, I wanted to if I could, Governor, recognize Delegate Anderton, who is back there.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Delegate?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good to see you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Come on up. Because the Delegate used to be the Mayor of Delmar.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: That's right. Oh, yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And I think I have to mention that Delmar recently won the Maryland State Little League Championship.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: That's right.

(Laughter.)

DELEGATE ANDERTON: That's right.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And has won, I guess you're close to getting into the Little League World Series.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: We're on our way. We're on our way. It's going to be a good time.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So that's a very impressive accomplishment by Manager Roger Waters. And you should be proud of those young players.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: Absolutely. Those boys are out there practicing all the time. They love playing ball. So I will definitely pass your congratulations on to them when we get back across the Bridge.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Excellent.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: So this is also my first meeting. It's very cool seeing how the machine works. It's great.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: I think the Delegate was here in support of a project that the Board already passed.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: Yes. Absolutely. That was easy. It was great.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Item 2 on the Budget Agenda, which is a demo project.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: Yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: If we had known that, we might have, it might have changed our vote.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Thank you, Delegate.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: So that's why we told him to stay back until you get the vote and then you come up.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah, better to be quiet until after the vote. That's good. Well thank you very much for everything you are doing.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: We'll do that. Yep. Thank you, guys. No, thank you very much. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any other questions on the DGS Agenda?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Move approval, seconded. That's it. Two-nothing. That's the conclusion. With that, ladies and gentlemen, we are adjourned. Thank you very much.

MS. BASSETTE: Thank you.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Thank you, Governor.

(Whereupon, at 11:00 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)