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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Good morning, everybody.

AUDIENCE: Good morning, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: At our last meeting, after getting no response from Baltimore County for more than eight months, this Board of Public Works supported the local elected officials from Baltimore County, the local school board, the teachers, parents, and students by taking decisive action to force the county to finally address the disgraceful lack of air conditioning in their schools. I want to thank Comptroller Franchot for his leadership on this issue for the past five years. I want to thank all of those who unanimously testified in favor of our action. And I'm pleased that as a result of our actions, after all the years of incompetence, excuses, and procrastination, Baltimore County finally appears willing to take the issue of school air conditioning seriously.

Rather than delaying until 2021, it seems that they may be ready to finally come up with a better plan that will eventually allow them to catch up with the rest of the State. I'm encouraged that as a result of our actions the County Executive has finally agreed to speed up the timeline on installing air conditioning for the tens of thousands of students by four years. It's an encouraging sign that they seem to be finally getting the message. However, so far all we have seen is a

childish press conference and personal attacks and name calling and the promise of a plan. We have yet to receive any plan whatsoever.

We're anxious to move forward but before we can consider releasing State funds we will need to see more than just a press release. We will need to see a plan with a clear schedule and benchmarks for installing air conditioning in all of the schools that need it. We look forward to reviewing the details of Baltimore County's new plan. We have also heard from the new Baltimore City School Superintendent, who is anxious to sit down with us to discuss this matter in detail and we look forward to working with her to resolve the City's air conditioning issues as well.

Finally I read in the paper that we may be receiving a letter from a couple of politically motivated members of the IAC stating that they are refusing to carry out the Board's directives. I would encourage them to stop playing political games and to just do their job. At this point I would like to turn the floor over to my colleagues. Comptroller Franchot?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Madam Treasurer?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Madam Treasurer?

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you, Governor, and happy birthday to you.

I just want to say I think, I think that was sort of a reconstruction of what happened two weeks ago. But I appreciate the attention. I said two weeks

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ago the Governor, the Comptroller had brought the question of air conditioning to the front some years ago and I think it has accomplished a great deal. Of course I know that Baltimore County, had they been allowed to speak two weeks ago, would have presented the plan. They were set to go completely by 2019, not 2021, and if this has brought it up a year to 2018 I think that's a very fine thing.

I think there's a problem, and perhaps not, the resolution that was passed I believe is, actually can't be accomplished and will have to be revisited. But I'm looking forward to seeing how this all works out. And I hope that we will continue to work cooperatively, the local and State governments, the three of us, and that there will be less political theater and more hard work. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, no, I'd love to join everyone and wish you a happy birthday.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And many, many happy returns. And I just want to personally thank you for being a breath of fresh air, and in this State. Why do I say that? I go all over the State. I talk to people all the time. A lot of people are frustrated. They say, what's the matter with you, Democrats and Republicans? You're always squabbling back and forth. And I say to them I think we're on a better course now. Because the Governor has made it very clear that he doesn't really care whether it's a Democratic idea or whether it's a

Republican idea. He wants the ideas that are Maryland ideas and are good for Marylanders.

So I don't have a gift for you on your birthday. I just --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That was a pretty good one.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: You've been giving.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. So, and look, on this air conditioning issue people come up to me and they say, what in God's name are you guys doing? What is the problem? Baltimore City and Baltimore County don't have air conditioning for the kids in their classrooms. How can that possibly be in our State, where every other jurisdiction, without any State money, has managed somehow to air condition every single classroom? Except for Garrett County where it's still snow on the ground and --

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- they tell me they just open the window out there. Okay. That's okay. But we have 40,000-plus kids in the Baltimore region that for some bizarre reason have to go to school in classes that are overheated, where they can't learn, number one, because they put their heads down on the table they're so tired and beaten down by the heat and lack of

circulation. And it's also unhealthy. They go to the emergency room. Their teachers go to the emergency room.

For six years we've brought this issue, I have brought this issue up. The local officials in Baltimore County and Baltimore City have basically dropped the ball and not done the job. So two weeks ago, we did the job. And we're going to do the job. And we're going to finish the job. And it's the right thing, because every elected official in the State of Maryland has air conditioning. And they wouldn't spend one day in weather like today in an un-air-conditioned office. But for some reason, 40,000 kids, that's okay.

Okay, so they said, well, for six years Baltimore County has said, we don't have any money. Gee, all of a sudden it turns out that they have \$40 million sitting off in a, I guess some account that they found, and so now they're presenting a plan. I completely agree with the Governor. Thank you for making some progress and moving in the right direction. But that plan is going to have to be looked at carefully. The commitments are going to have to be in writing. Any interim classrooms that are not air conditioned are going to have to have box air conditioning units put in them. And the job's going to have to be done by Baltimore County.

Baltimore City, a jurisdiction that frankly has received far more money, school money, than any other jurisdiction could even imagine, and then on top of it the Legislature said, oh, we're going to add an extra billion dollars for

new schools. So the complaint that they don't have the resources to fix the problem I think is, you know, obviously we look forward to the meeting and the details. Because my view is trust but verify. In this issue, trust but verify. And it's a bigger issue, frankly, than just air conditioning. It's an issue about how government works.

So I frankly went off script here, Governor. I apologize. Thank you for your leadership and jumping in and helping out on this. And it is absolutely bewildering to me why this has run into such ferocious resistance from the Speaker and the Senate President. It is just incomprehensible to me. And the language that was put in the capital budget, I see Senator Ferguson sitting here, he's on Budget and Tax. Maybe he could tell us who actually drafted that horrendous amendment that supposedly was meant to block us from helping the kids. Nobody seems to 'fess up. There's no perpetrator, no witness. Nobody. Apparently it just dropped from the ceiling.

Anyway, thank you for that. I didn't mean to get into it. I was going to talk about the fact that my agency has received a national award as the, for the State IT Program of the Year, nationally, 2016, for the anti-tax fraud model that my expert staff developed to head off tax fraud. We have put aside 50,000 fraudulent returns thanks to all these sophisticated algorithms that the staff came up with which technologically identifies questionable returns and puts them

off to the side so we're not defrauding the taxpayer and the general fund that Senator Ferguson and others on Budget and Tax are so important for.

So we're taking our effort to combat tax fraud very seriously and I'm delighted that this award from this national group has been received and it was given to me yesterday, and I have it proudly on my desk. And I think that that is a good sign for the State.

And then I'll just end by saying I love playing lacrosse. I played it growing up. I think it's the greatest sport in the world. It's like ice hockey on ground. I loved ice hockey too, but I couldn't skate very well, so I really like lacrosse because it's such a fabulous sport. And if you noticed Towson a couple of weeks ago beat the number, the reigning national champions, Denver, knocked them out of the NCAA tournament. A huge win for Towson. Towson then tried to get into the final four, and who beat them? Loyola. So we got Maryland versus Maryland. And on the other bracket in the final four are the Terps, University of Maryland. So hopefully Loyola will be playing this weekend, up in Philadelphia, will be playing, Maryland will be playing Loyola for the national championship.

You go over to the women's bracket and I mean you have got to see the Lady Terps. They are undefeated. They beat, to get into the final four, UMASS. They beat them 17 to three. I don't know what happened to the mercy rule. But they are the dominant team in national lacrosse Division I. And I just

am very proud of all the great Maryland teams and the fact that this weekend, if you have a chance, watch it on TV. They are up in Philadelphia and really something special.

So anyway, Governor, all of that stuff aside, thank you again for jumping in on the air conditioning issue. Otherwise I would still be a voice crying in the wilderness. And nothing, nothing, zero would have happened. So I don't mean to get exercised, but as the Treasurer notes, we go back a long way. I've worked on this for six long years. And year after year, promise after promise, yes, we're going to take care of it. Nothing, nothing --

TREASURER KOPP: That's simply not true.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- and that is true. Believe me. And I could care less about impugning 188 legislators. Apparently I did that somehow. I could care less.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Actually all the legislators that testified were agreeing with our position.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well yeah. They were. But I was told I'd impugned the motives of 188 legislators. I could care less about them. Really. I care about the kids. And in this, today, the heat today, trust me. It's something we wouldn't put our pets through.

Anyway, I'm supposed to shut up. So I will.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Mr. Comptroller.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Sorry about that.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Now let's get started with the Secretary's Agenda. Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. Excuse me. We have 11 items on the Secretary's Agenda this morning. We are withdrawing Item 7. We also have eight reports of emergency procurements.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on the Secretary's Agenda?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: DBM Item 2? No? This is someone else's? Okay.

TREASURER KOPP: Could I just say something about Item 5? Seriously, Governor. This is, I have no issue with Item 5. It's flood remediation because of a, of the storm drains on Eutaw near the State Office Building simply not being built to be able to contain the increased large storms that we're facing. And this is really for the Secretary of DNR. This whole area of mitigation of the effects of more turbulent climate, greater storms, more frequent storms, etcetera, which I think the commission on which both you and I sit, and which the Governor's Secretary of the Environment chairs, the Climate Change Commission, is seeing these numbers increasing and the infrastructure of

Maryland, just like every other State, is simply not built for it. And I really think that this is a great example.

Of course we have to approve this. Of course we have to act. But we are talking about what sort of mitigation is going to be required. The Secretary chairs the Committee of Mitigation, on Adaptation --

MR. BELTON: And adaptation.

TREASURER KOPP: -- what sort of adaptation and change is going to be required. And I think we've just got to start doing a survey of exactly these sorts of things.

MR. BELTON: Right. As you know, Madam Treasurer, this afternoon you and I are meeting --

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

MR. BELTON: -- on this very topic and we've got a lot to talk about.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. I'm just -- yeah. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on the Secretary's Agenda? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

TREASURER KOPP: Second.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Three-nothing. Now we move on to the DNR Real Property Agenda.

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MR. BELTON: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. There are seven items on the DNR Real Property Agenda for your approval this morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions?

TREASURER KOPP: Could I just point out Item 2A, Josiah Henson Historic Park?

MR. BELTON: Yep.

TREASURER KOPP: Of course it's something of great interest to Montgomery, to the entire State, and to all of our people. Josiah Henson was a native and the model for the slave Uncle Tom who escaped to freedom, escaped to freedom up here.

MR. BELTON: The story *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, yes, ma'am.

TREASURER KOPP: And thank you very much. Governor, this is part of Maryland's ongoing heritage and historic heritage preservation efforts and a very great one. And I look forward to us going and seeing when this is --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great, let's do it.

TREASURER KOPP: -- when this is all done.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any other questions on DNR? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing on DNR. Move on to the DBM Agenda.

MR. BRINKLEY: Good morning, Governor, and happy birthday.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

MR. BRINKLEY: Mr. Comptroller, Madam Treasurer. Before I get into the Agenda I just, Monday I had the honor to represent you, Governor, at the groundbreaking for the Allegany High School. And there's a memento in your front office that they passed along. But to see the oldest high school in the State be replaced, and as I related to the Treasurer, I didn't realize this until I went up there. They are still heating the school with coal and the furnaces are 100 years old. And so there certainly is a big deal there. But they are very, very appreciative of the efforts of you and this Board in moving that forward.

The Department of Budget and Management has 11 items on the Agenda and I have representatives here to address any concerns or issues that you might have.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I'd like to discuss Item 4, please. Is there somebody from DHMH here?

MR. BRINKLEY: Paula Langmead, CEO for Springfield Hospital Center.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MS. LANGMEAD: Good morning, and happy birthday.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. This is a three-year, \$1.4 million contract --

MS. LANGMEAD: Yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- to provide psychiatric services --

MS. LANGMEAD: Yes, sir.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- to patients at Springfield Hospital.

MS. LANGMEAD: Yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: This time last year we had a discussion around a very similar contract at the Eastern Shore Health Center.

MS. LANGMEAD: Yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And at that time we directed the Secretaries of Budget and Management and Health and Mental Hygiene to formulate a plan to recruit staff for these positions, as the cost to the State would be much lower than the contracts.

MS. LANGMEAD: Yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And my understanding is that the Secretaries did devise a creative funding option that allowed the department to offer a competitive package and that two doctors are set to come on board on the Eastern Shore. So my question is, why can't we create a similar framework for Springfield Hospital instead of paying \$468,000 per year?

MS. LANGMEAD: Good question, Governor. Springfield has a number of psychiatrists. The contract we're requesting is really for, to be used on an emergency basis. When we do struggle with hiring somebody, this is only a temporary thing. Although we've asked for \$1.4 million, this bid went out and was constructed in FY '15. At that point it looked like we were using a lot of agency. It turns out in FY '15 we ended up using \$350,000. So far this fiscal year we've used \$162,000. So I think we're on a better road at this point and our Secretary has been very diligent in working with us and mentoring us to do this in a better, more efficient fashion.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well thank you very much. That's an excellent answer.

MS. LANGMEAD: Okay.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We appreciate your efforts and the Secretary's. Thank you very much.

MS. LANGMEAD: You're welcome.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on the DBM Agenda?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Item 2.

MR. BRINKLEY: Item 2, the vehicle leasing agreement with DNR. Secretary Belton and Nita Settina, Superintendent of the Maryland Park Service.

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MR. BELTON: I'd like to introduce Nita Settina, Superintendent of the Park Service, to answer your questions, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Great. Good morning.

MS. SETTINA: Good morning. My name is Nita Settina. I'm the Superintendent of the Maryland Park Service. I'm pleased to be here.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. Thank you for being here. Apparently this is a contract to provide ground transportation for kids with summer jobs at state parks in various parts of Maryland. And under the summer contract with DNR the winning vendor, All Car Leasing, will provide us with 66 passenger vans and 34 mini vans at a cost of \$282,000. The concern I have with the contract is that you went through a competitive bid process and received only one responsive bid, which just happened to be that of the incumbent. So if you could perhaps let me know what the situation is? Because it doesn't seem like a very complicated service that we're receiving bids for. Why did we, why did we have just the lone vendor, who is the incumbent, responding?

MS. SETTINA: Right. All prior procurements for these vehicle rentals have had at least two responsive bids in prior years. We are in the ninth year of managing this program, which takes its inspiration, by the way, from the storied Civilian Conservation Corps, providing summer jobs for underserved youth. And we have provided those jobs in State and city parks for over 200, 2,000 kids, excuse me, since that time.

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In reviewing the bid responses we identified several reasons that we think that there was only one successful bidder. One bidder in particular was deemed non-responsive because the vendor conditioned their bid that they could only provide mini bus type vehicles, not the passenger vans and mini vans that are specified in the bid. These vehicles present a particular problem for us in that they require CDL licensed drivers, which we do not have at that volume.

We also asked the vendors why they did not bid, and we got three responses in email or via the form that we sent them. One said that the scope of work was beyond their present capacity. Another said that they will not be bidding on it or did not have the types of vehicles requested.

We also spoke with some of the vendors and we identified a few unique circumstances this year. Every year this contract can be a challenge because the summer vacation and camp season places a high demand on these types of vehicle rentals. But uniquely this year one of our prior vendors, who has bid in the past, had an outstanding recall on seatbelts on the Ford 2014 passenger vans and did not have the parts in place in time to submit a bid successfully. Also we learned that four previously interested vendors have combined into two vendors. So in effect we have fewer vendors reviewing this RFP.

So just to reiterate, we believe that we had some unique circumstances this year that resulted in one successful bid.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. It's for a good cause. You're a good agency. I'm not going to jump up and down here. But next year would you please make sure that this has at least two competitive bids so that we're not in this situation?

MS. SETTINA: We will certainly do our best. Absolutely.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I don't know whether it's your RFP, or what you have to do. But this is not a, you know, this is not like a software product. This is just a car rental.

MS. SETTINA: Mm-hmm.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So please, if you could?

MS. SETTINA: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

MS. SETTINA: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on the DBM Agenda? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

TREASURER KOPP: Second.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: The vote is three-nothing. We move on to the University System Agenda.

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

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. EVANS: Good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions, University System?

TREASURER KOPP: No.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, Item 5-S.

MR. JOST: Good morning. I'm Steve Jost. I'm the Director of Procurement for Bowie State University.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh, great.

MR. JOST: Good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Good. Well you, what I'm seeking for, seeking is a systemwide analysis of whether these hospitality services should be done in house or contracted out.

MR. JOST: Okay.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And so it's not really Bowie State --

MR. JOST: Okay.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- I'm just raising an issue that I think needs to be looked at. Because there doesn't seem to be any consistency. It's some institutions contract out, some don't. And I need to figure out whether the system can develop something that tells us when you're going to use private vendors and when it's better to use in house nutritionists, dieticians, and others who are on staff.

MR. JOST: I believe in, I think it was several years ago, that the system did do an analysis of which schools do contract out and which schools do provide the services in house. I'm not sure if the same folks that were working for the system at the time are still in that same capacity, but it's possible that we might have some information already that we could go back and rehash and share with you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay.

TREASURER KOPP: Or update.

MR. EVANS: We'll look into the --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. You under -- I've asked this before so, and it's important. Because obviously the students, we want to be competitive with colleges around the country and deliver food that they, you know, they find very attractive. On the other hand there are a lot of public employees that are involved with this hospitality sector that frankly need jobs also. So, and they do a good job. So the question is what's the program? And if

you could, I think the Treasurer is right, if you could update what you have and send it to me and my colleagues that would be great.

MR. JOST: Sure. We can do that.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you.

MR. JOST: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'm happy to vote for it.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Is there a motion on the University System?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

TREASURER KOPP: Second.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Three-oh on University System. We're going to move on to Information Technology.

MR. ESTRADA: Good morning, Governor, Mr. Comptroller, Madam Treasurer. I'm Luis Estrada, Deputy Secretary with the Department of IT. We have nine items on the Agenda today, one of which is supplemental, and we have agency representatives to ask any, answer any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on Information Technology?

TREASURER KOPP: I have a brief, generic question. There are a number of sole source contracts, and the explanation I think is very good. The question is as the industry progresses and we do more things in the cloud and

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there's more interoperability, will we get to a point where we're not essentially hostage to --

MR. ESTRADA: I think, I think you'll have fewer big monolithic systems that we have to pay a gigantic bill on. But we'll still be buying software from vendors that have intellectual property that we'll have to license in a sole source fashion.

TREASURER KOPP: I remember at one time --

MR. ESTRADA: I think it will be smaller and I think it will be better.

TREASURER KOPP: -- it was all IBM. And essentially it was sole source for the world.

MR. ESTRADA: Right. And so instead of buying a large, one large ERP system --

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

MR. ESTRADA: -- for example, from one vendor, we might have services from multiple vendors provided, integrating to provide that service. So --

TREASURER KOPP: And do we look at that from a statewide perspective so that, I mean, each department knows what it's doing, what its history is, and what its need is. But you, I assume, are looking at it statewide to ensure that we have the sort of interoperable but distinct opportunities?

MR. ESTRADA: Absolutely. From an enterprise perspective we're looking at fewer siloed projects. So a project is requested and we deliver that on its own, and we end up having multiple sort of overlapping capabilities.

TREASURER KOPP: Exactly.

MR. ESTRADA: So we're looking at pursuing enterprise initiatives and shared platforms, and some of the architectural guidelines promote open source software and systems that have open APIs, interfaces, with other systems to, so that we can build systems that are not big, giant, monolithic, single vendor, you know, holding us hostage kind of thing, and we have options to sort of modularize the systems and swap out modules instead of --

TREASURER KOPP: Excellent. Yeah. Thank you.

MR. ESTRADA: -- being locked in. Sure.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Could I just thank you, also, for your agency? Because I'm, you're going to hear a lot about this award, because I kind of like it. But it's the Maryland Comptroller Fraud Detection Model got from this national news organization, which is for government information technology officials like yourselves, got what is called the State IT Program of the Year, 2016. So I'm going to send this big thing that they gave me over to your office for a couple of weeks so you can show it to your staff, and I'm sure they shared in it. I'm sure they helped us get it. But I'm pretty proud of that because this is pretty cutting edge stuff.

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MR. ESTRADA: That's great. Congratulations. We've been working very well with your IT staff --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you.

MR. ESTRADA: -- and look forward to actually a closer relationship with both the Treasurer and the Comptroller's IT staff moving forward.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I kind of think of it as the Stanley Cup of IT.

(Laughter.)

MR. ESTRADA: And it's an important, important to note if any program, any agency has a project that they are proud of we, the Department of IT has an ongoing dialogue with these national publications and are always looking for highlighting our successes. So thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Congratulations. Any other questions on DoIT? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

TREASURER KOPP: Favorable.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Three-oh. We'll move on to Department of Transportation.

MR. RAHN: Good morning, members of the Board. Happy birthday, Governor.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

MR. RAHN: You might be interested to know that in a survey of centenarians they asked them what was their favorite age, and the favorite age they gave was 70.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Really? Oh --

MR. RAHN: So that means the best is still to come.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes.

(Laughter.)

MR. RAHN: So Governor, for the record --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- barely remember 60.

(Laughter.)

MR. RAHN: Well one of my friends who had turned 70 said it was because the kids had left and the dog had died. That's what made that a good year.

(Laughter.)

MR. RAHN: So for the record, Pete Rahn, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation. And MDOT is presenting nine items, including supplemental Item 10-M-MOD. Item 8-RP is being withdrawn.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Any questions on MDOT?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I just want to thank the Secretary for the Tacoma Park Bridge that your folks are, it has some real structural

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problems and you're redoing it. But instead of just putting a prefabbed bridge in its place, you preserved the old Victorian architectural design of it and everyone is just over the moon happy that you're able to repair it and also preserve it. Good job.

MR. RAHN: Thank you. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you for pointing that out. And they're doing it all across the State. We're fixing every single one of the structurally deficient State bridges, 65 of them. And they're doing a terrific job. Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, Item 9-GM, it's the brief contract for express and local bus while you're repairing, or while the subway is being repaired. It looks very reasonable. I would be very interested in hearing afterwards how it worked, how smooth it was, maybe from the Senator from the delegation, their perspective of how the service went. Because as you know, we're facing -- this is a, this is the tip of the iceberg, what we're facing in the Washington area with Metro and the attempts to work on it and to provide alternative mass transit at the same time. And there ought to be some lessons learned.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's a good point.

TREASURER KOPP: I trust there will be. And --

MR. RAHN: We are cooperating with WMATA to the greatest extent we can to provide the best ride for Marylanders that we can while they are undergoing --

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

MR. RAHN: -- their critical safety corrections. And they have a very aggressive plan. Frankly I don't see how they have much option to do anything other than what they are having to do. So we need to --

TREASURER KOPP: Well they have a great leader in Mr. Wiedefeld, as we all agree. But to the extent there are lessons learned from this three-week experience, it would be helpful.

MR. RAHN: Absolutely.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

TREASURER KOPP: Second.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Three-nothing. We're going to move on to the DGS Agenda.

MS. BASSETTE: Good morning, Governor. Happy birthday.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MS. BASSETTE: Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, for the record, I'm Gail Bassette, Secretary of General Services. The department has 29

items on our Agenda. We are withdrawing Items 9, 10, and 12. We'd be glad to answer any questions you may have.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great. Well we have a number of speakers that have signed up on Item 24, capital grants and loans. And at the top of the list I have here Mr. Bruce Bereano, representing Merriweather Post Pavilion.

MR. BEREANO: Good morning, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And I think with him is Jean Parker, General Manager, and Brad Canfield, the VP of Operations. Is that correct?

MR. BEREANO: Yes. Good morning, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. BEREANO: And Mr. Comptroller and Madam Treasurer. My love and happy birthday to you, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

MR. BEREANO: And it's a pleasure to be here. I have this cane because of the Lieutenant Governor, who has been bugging me to have my knee replaced, which I did right after the legislative session. And so I'm glad to be standing and to be --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: So you're going to be even harder to keep up with?

MR. BEREANO: Yes. Yes, I will. Yes, I will. Being a lobbyist is a very tough, grueling job. But we just wanted to very briefly, we know your Agenda is moving along, I wanted to introduce Jean Parker and Brad. They are both with the Merriweather Post Pavilion, and also Ian, who is with the Columbia Downtown Arts and Cultural Center. We deeply appreciate this relationship and partnership with the State of Maryland. I know, Mr. Comptroller, you recently visited Merriweather Post, and it is a tremendous cultural and arts center that is going to grow and expand and even further advance the culture and the arts in our beautiful State of Maryland. And we just wanted to thank you very much and personally be here to say it. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you all very much for coming.

MS. PARKER: Thank you very much.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you for all your good work.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: It's an iconic place. Most of my friends tell me they went to their favorite concerts. I said, how could you remember, you were stoned? But that's okay.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: That's, they are now grown up. And Ian, thank you for the leadership that you have shown. And just keep it up. It's a fabulous asset for the State. And it's in need of these, as the Governor, said,

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you know, helping repair bridges, we need to make sure that Merriweather is perfectly up to date. So congratulations. Thank you for the tour. And Bruce, I didn't realize you represented them. I'm --

MR. BEREANO: Well, I'm privileged to do so. And I, I need some art and culture. So I'm very happy --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's definitely true. By the way, I attended, my favorite band is Zac Brown Band, at Merriweather two years ago. But I was not stoned.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Completely sober, had a great time. Thank you very much.

MR. BEREANO: It was a pleasure. Thank you, Governor.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: As Jerry Brown famously said, Governor Moonbeam out in California, even he said on the legalization of marijuana, he said, tell me again how are we going to have a, how is that going to help the economy of California if half of us are stoned all the time? No, I'm kidding. I'm sorry. I apologize. That's a bad --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That never happens at Merriweather.

MR. BEREANO: It's a place of family and children.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's right. Thank you very much.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Bruce, it's good to see you.

MR. BEREANO: Thank you, Governor, very much.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And I like your socks, too.

MR. BEREANO: Thank you very much.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Pull your pant leg up and show everybody.

(Whistle.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yep.

MR. BEREANO: I'm all Maryland.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good luck with your rehabilitation. Don't do any running around.

MR. BEREANO: Thank you. Well, I'm using one of Governor Mandel's canes, so I feel very secure.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's great.

TREASURER KOPP: It looks good on you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's great.

MR. BEREANO: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on the DGS Agenda? Is there a motion?

TREASURER KOPP: Favorable.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Second.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We have a three-nothing on DGS and we are now adjourned. Thank you all very much for joining us. That's a record.

(Whereupon, at 10:46 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)