

"When he finally told me what his reasons were, my first inclination was to talk him out of it. But as I listened carefully, it became clear as one would expect of Phillip, that he had thought this through very carefully," said Adams, who is also president and chief executive of Grotech Capital Group, a venture capital firm based in Timonium.

"He likened himself to an entrepreneur with a startup company. He'd gotten it off the ground, gotten it to the point where it's very stable," said Adams, who believes Singerman thought the time right to bring in more of a manager-type executive director to "free him up for another endeavor."

In 1999, Singerman was lured away from the U.S. Commerce Department, where he directed the Economic Development Administration and its \$400 million budget, to become the first executive director of TEDCO, with its seed budget of about \$650,000. Last fiscal year, TEDCO's budget had grown to about \$5.5 million.

Landing Singerman was considered a coup at the time. He has a bachelor's degree from Oberlin College and a master's and doctorate from Yale University, experience in politics and lobbying and was a former chief executive of a technology center in Pennsylvania. He also had spent a couple of years in the Peace Corps; teaching villagers in the Colombian Andes about economic development.

"He made TEDCO from scratch what it is today, the most effective technology development operation in the country," said Richard C. "Mike" Lewin, a former head of the Department of Business and Economic Development and a member of the TEDCO board. "This resignation is a real, and in my opinion, unnecessary, loss. It just didn't have to happen."

Melissaratos said the board is trying to arrange a meeting Monday to discuss how to best find a replacement for Singerman and is likely to approve deputy executive director Winsky as interim director.

"Whenever you have an organizational upheaval like this, the smart thing to do is step back and not rush into anything," said Adams, the chairman. "[I hope] to find a person who can come in with fresh eyes and say, 'You could be this' or 'You could be that' and excite the board with a new sense of vitality. That's the [silver] lining in this dark cloud."•

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 275. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the education curriculum in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

H. Con. Res. 284. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the 2005 presidential and parliamentary elections in Egypt.

H. Con. Res. 326. Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1287. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 312 East North Avenue in Flora, Illinois, as the "Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building".

H.R. 2099. An act to establish the Arabia Mountain Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3179. An act to reauthorize and amend the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

H.R. 4000. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise certain repayment contract with the Bostwick Irrigation District of Nebraska, the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District N. 2, the Frenchmans-Cambridge Irrigation District, and the Webster Irrigation District No.4, all a part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4108. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3000 Homewood Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "State Senator Verda Welcome and Dr. Henry Welcome Post Office Building".

H.R. 4109. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6101 Liberty Road in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "United States Representative Parren J. Mitchell Post Office".

H.R. 4246. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8135 Forest Lane in Dallas, Texas, as the "Dr. Robert E. Price Post Office Building".

H.R. 4510. An act to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth and to display the bust in a suitable location in the Capitol.

H.R. 4515. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4422 West Sciota Street in Scio, New York, as the "Corporal Jason L. Dunham Post Office".

H.R. 4635. An act to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2006, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4636. An act to enact the technical and conforming amendments necessary to implement the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4637. An act to make certain technical corrections in amendments made by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 205) to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish in the State of Louisiana a memorial to honor the Buffalo soldiers, without amendment.

The message further announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 652) to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, without amendment.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1238) to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to provide for the conduct of projects that protect forests, and for other purposes, without amendment.

The message further announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1310) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, to allow certain commercial vehicles to continue to use Route 209 within Delaware

Water Gap National Recreation Area, and to extend the termination date of the National Park System Advisory Board to January 1, 2007, without amendment.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1481) to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to provide for probate reform, without amendment.

The message further announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1892) to amend Public Law 107-153 to modify a certain date, without amendment.

The message also announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1932) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95).

The message further announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2863) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1815) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 467. An act to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

H.R. 358. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 797. An act to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and other Acts to improve housing programs for Indians.

H.R. 2520. An act to provide for the collection and maintenance of human cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 19, 2005, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 467. An act to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5060. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and U.S. individual civilians retained as contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5061. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Italy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5062. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning an amendment to Part 126 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) to reflect clarifications of coverage for the Canadian exemption; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5063. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, a report of draft legislation to authorize improvements to the National Natural Resources Conservation Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5064. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization and Functions; Releasing Information; Privacy Act Regulations; Farm Credit Administration Board Meetings; and Enforcement on Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Conducted by the Farm Credit Administration" (RIN3052-AB82) received on December 5, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5065. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bifenazate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL7746-5) received on December 16, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5066. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Karnal Bunt; Addition and Removal of Regulated Areas in Arizona" (Doc. No. 05-078-1) received on December 16, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5067. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Arizona-Las Vegas Marketing Area—Final Order" (Docket No. DA-03-04-A; AO-271-A37) received on December 05, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5068. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to law, the General Counsel's

Report on Americans with Disabilities Act inspections conducted during the 108th Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5069. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to law, the General Counsel's Report on Occupational Safety and Health Inspections for the 108th Congress; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5070. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5071. A communication from the Acting Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that funding for the State of Tennessee as a result of the emergency conditions resulting from the influx of evacuees from areas struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29, 2005, and continuing, has exceeded \$5,000,000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5072. A communication from the Acting Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that funding for the State of Colorado as a result of the emergency conditions resulting from the influx of evacuees from areas struck by Hurricane Katrina beginning on August 29, 2005, and continuing, has exceeded \$5,000,000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5073. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Community Disaster Loan Program" (RIN1660-AA44) received on December 16, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5074. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Independent Audits and Reporting Requirements (12 CFR Part 363)" (RIN3064-AC91) received on December 16, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-222. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to adopting legislation that would provide funding through the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the form of Community Development Block Grants to investor owned utilities for the restoration of electric and gas service damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION No. 13

Whereas, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, a category four storm with sustained winds of one hundred and forty miles per hour came ashore in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, near Buras, causing unprecedented flooding and devastation in southeastern Louisiana, including the breach of

the levee system and floodwalls of the city of New Orleans, the death of more than a thousand state residents, the displacement and evacuation of hundreds of thousands more, and the widespread loss and destruction of businesses and property; and

Whereas, on September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita, a category three storm with sustained winds of one hundred and twenty-five miles per hour came ashore near the Louisiana/Texas border, causing unprecedented flooding and devastation in southwestern Louisiana and southeastern Texas, and the widespread loss and destruction of life and property; and

Whereas, Entergy Corporation (Entergy), through its subsidiaries Entergy Louisiana (ELI), Entergy Gulf States (EGS), and Entergy New Orleans (ENO), is Louisiana's largest electric and gas utility, and the resulting wind and flooding of Hurricane Katrina significantly damaged major portions of Entergy's utility infrastructure; and

Whereas, in the aftermath of the disaster, Entergy and others worked rapidly to provide emergency and temporary services and is currently working to restore permanent service to all customers in its service territory; and

Whereas, Entergy estimates that the total restoration costs for the repair and/or replacement of Entergy's electric and gas facilities damaged by hurricanes Katrina and Rita and business continuity costs are estimated to be in the range of \$1.1 to \$1.4 billion; with the costs to Entergy New Orleans alone to repair its utility infrastructure exceeding four hundred million dollars, not including potential incremental losses; and

Whereas, safe and reliable electric and gas utility service is vital to the state's post-hurricane recovery efforts, and the state of Louisiana deems it essential to keep Entergy and its subsidiaries as productive and financially viable companies providing safe and reliable electric and gas utility service to the residents and businesses of Louisiana; and

Whereas, the legislature is committed to the protection of Entergy's residential and business customers from the tremendous costs associated with the necessary rebuilding efforts and in assisting Entergy and its subsidiaries, particularly Entergy New Orleans, in regaining their financial strength and stability so that they will be able to continue providing safe, and reliable service to their customers; and

Whereas, following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, which caused catastrophic destruction of life and property, loss of an untold number of jobs, and the displacement of many individuals and businesses, the legislature notes that billions of dollars in funds and other forms of essential assistance was provided to the state of New York, and New York City by the federal government; and

Whereas, the state of Louisiana has suffered similar, if not greater, human and economic losses as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, resulting in devastating loss of life, damage to businesses and property, and destruction of much of Entergy's utility infrastructure in Louisiana; and

Whereas, the legislature notes that Congress, in Public Law 107-206, passed on August 2, 2002, authorized the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide seven hundred and eighty-three million dollars in disaster assistance for damaged properties and businesses, including the restoration of utility infrastructure, and for economic revitalization directly related to the September 11 attacks. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes the Congress of the