

"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: