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No. 98

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 11 a.m., e.d.t.

**THE SPEAKER (KEITH R. McCALL)
PRESIDING**

PRAYER

HON. KAREN BOBACK, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we gather here today with open minds and open hearts as we rise to meet the challenges of this great State. Help us to find the path that will lead us to a common ground. Encourage us to work together to meet the needs of those we represent. Enable us to make decisions that will have a positive effect on the workings of our government.

But most of all, remind us that we are instruments of Your peace, and in the words of the great humanitarian, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, that we are pencils in your hand. May the inscriptions we make reflect Your goodness and mercy today and always, we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and visitors.)

JOURNALS APPROVED

The SPEAKER. The Journals of Thursday, July 2; Friday, July 3; Monday, July 6; and Tuesday, July 7 of 2009 are now in print. Will the House approve the Journals?

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Journals are approved.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, approval of the Journal of Monday, September 28, 2009, will be postponed until printed. The Chair hears no objection.

Members will please report to the floor. Members will please report to the floor.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the majority whip, the gentleman from Greene County, Representative DeWeese, who requests leaves of absence for: Representative WAGNER from Allegheny County for the day, Representative PALLONE from Westmoreland County for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

The Chair recognizes the minority whip, the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Turzai, who requests the following leave of absence for: Representative RAPP from Warren County for the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take the master roll. The members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—198

Adolph	Evans, D.	Kula	Reed
Baker	Evans, J.	Lentz	Reese
Barbin	Everett	Levdansky	Reichley
Barrar	Fabrizio	Longietti	Roae
Bear	Fairchild	Maher	Rock
Belfanti	Farry	Mahoney	Roebuck
Benninghoff	Fleck	Major	Rohrer
Beyer	Frankel	Manderino	Ross
Bishop	Freeman	Mann	Sabatina
Boback	Gabig	Markosek	Sainato
Boyd	Gabler	Marshall	Samuelson
Boyle	Galloway	Marsico	Santarsiero
Bradford	Geist	Matzie	Santoni
Brennan	George	McGeehan	Saylor
Briggs	Gerber	McI. Smith	Scavello
Brooks	Gergely	Melio	Schroder
Brown	Gibbons	Mensch	Seip
Burns	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Shapiro
Buxton	Gingrich	Metzgar	Siproth
Caltagirone	Godshall	Micozzie	Smith, K.
Carroll	Goodman	Millard	Smith, M.
Casorio	Grell	Miller	Smith, S.
Causer	Grove	Milne	Solobay
Christiana	Grucela	Mirabito	Sonney
Civera	Haluska	Moul	Staback
Clymer	Hanna	Mundy	Stern
Cohen	Harhai	Murphy	Stevenson
Conklin	Harhart	Murt	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harkins	Mustio	Swanger
Costa, P.	Harper	Myers	Tallman
Cox	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Taylor, J.
Creighton	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, R.

Cruz	Hennessey	O'Neill	Thomas
Curry	Hess	Oberlander	True
Cutler	Hickernell	Oliver	Turzai
Daley	Hornaman	Parker	Vereb
Dally	Houghton	Pashinski	Vitali
Day	Hutchinson	Payne	Vulakovich
Deasy	Johnson	Payton	Walko
Delozier	Josephs	Peifer	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Perzel	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Phillips	White
DeWeese	Killion	Pickett	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Preston	Youngblood
Donatucci	Knowles	Pyle	Yudichak
Drucker	Kortz	Quigley	
Eachus	Kotik	Quinn	McCall,
Ellis	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Miccarelli	Perry	Rapp	Wagner
Pallone			

LEAVES ADDED—3

Godshall	Maher	Micozzie
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LEAVES CANCELED—1

Pallone

The SPEAKER. A quorum being present, the House will proceed to conduct business.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 475 By Representatives DENLINGER, BAKER, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, BROOKS, CHRISTIANA, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, FARRY, FLECK, GEIST, GIBBONS, HARHAI, HESS, HORNAMAN, HUTCHINSON, KAUFFMAN, MAHONEY, MENSCH, OBERLANDER, RAPP, READSHAW, ROAE, ROHRER, SAYLOR, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN and TRUE

A Resolution condemning the Philadelphia Women's Center for providing free abortions in honor of the memory of the late Dr. George Tiller.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 28, 2009.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 1922 By Representatives GIBBONS, BRADFORD, BRENNAN, BRIGGS, CARROLL, D. COSTA, DePASQUALE, FRANKEL, GALLOWAY, GERGELY, GRUCELA, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, KOTIK,

LENTZ, MARSHALL, MATZIE, MURT, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, ROEBUCK, SANTONI, SAYLOR, SOLOBAY, STURLA and WATSON

An Act amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, further providing for definitions and providing for psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialist.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, September 28, 2009.

No. 2007 By Representatives DeLUCA, MICOZZIE, BELFANTI, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, CONKLIN, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, KOTIK, MANDERINO, MATZIE, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, MYERS, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PASHINSKI, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SEIP, SIPTROTH, STABACK, R. TAYLOR, WALKO, WHITE and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act providing for the regulation of senior-specific certifications and professional designations in the sale of life insurance and annuities; and imposing penalties.

Referred to Committee on INSURANCE, September 28, 2009.

No. 2008 By Representatives DENLINGER, BARRAR, BEYER, BOYD, BRIGGS, CLYMER, FLECK, GEIST, GEORGE, GINGRICH, HARKINS, HENNESSEY, HESS, HORNAMAN, KAUFFMAN, LONGIETTI, MAJOR, METZGAR, MUNDY, MURT, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, PETRARCA, PICKETT, PYLE, QUINN, RAPP, REICHLEY, ROHRER, SIPTROTH, TRUE, VULAKOVICH and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act prohibiting certain persons from being vaccinated with vaccines containing mercury or injected with any mercury-containing product; and prescribing a penalty.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, September 28, 2009.

No. 2009 By Representatives DENLINGER, BEAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, BOYD, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, FLECK, GEIST, GINGRICH, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, JOSEPHS, KOTIK, MAJOR, METZGAR, MILLER, MURT, M. O'BRIEN, PARKER, PHILLIPS, RAPP, REICHLEY, ROHRER, STERN, STEVENSON, STURLA, SWANGER, TRUE and YOUNGBLOOD

An Act amending the act of November 13, 1995 (P.L.604, No.61), known as the State Fire Commissioner Act, further providing for Pennsylvania State Fire Academy.

Referred to Committee on VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, September 28, 2009.

No. 2010 By Representatives BEAR, SAYLOR, MILLER, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, CAUSER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DENLINGER, EVERETT, FLECK, GINGRICH,

HICKERNELL, MARSICO, MOUL, QUINN, RAPP, REICHLEY, ROCK, ROHRER, ROSS, SWANGER, TALLMAN, TRUE and WATSON

An Act providing for open contracting by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions and their agencies and authorities.

Referred to Committee on LABOR RELATIONS, September 29, 2009.

No. 2011 By Representatives DENLINGER, ADOLPH, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BOBACK, BOYD, BROOKS, CHRISTIANA, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DAY, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GABLER, GEIST, GINGRICH, GRELL, HARPER, HARRIS, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, KAUFFMAN, KRIEGER, MAJOR, MARSHALL, MARSICO, METCALFE, METZGAR, MILLARD, MILLER, MOUL, MURT, O'NEILL, PICKETT, QUIGLEY, RAPP, REED, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROCK, ROHRER, SAYLOR, SONNEY, STERN, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TRUE and VULAKOVICH

An Act providing for a fraud examination of the Department of Public Welfare.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, September 28, 2009.

No. 2012 By Representatives BOYD, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, FAIRCHILD, GEIST, GINGRICH, HORNAMAN, MILLER, MUNDY, MURT, O'NEILL, PAYTON, PHILLIPS, PYLE, ROCK, SONNEY, VULAKOVICH and WATSON

An Act amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the discontinuance of rate class, schedule or rider and for additional notice requirements.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, September 28, 2009.

No. 2013 By Representatives BOYD, BEAR, BELFANTI, BEYER, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, D. COSTA, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GROVE, HARRIS, HELM, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, HORNAMAN, KAUFFMAN, M. KELLER, KILLION, LENTZ, MAJOR, MARKOSEK, MARSHALL, MELIO, MENSCH, MICOZZIE, MOUL, MURT, MUSTIO, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, RAPP, REICHLEY, SCAVELLO, SONNEY, STERN, STEVENSON, STURLA, SWANGER, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD and HARPER

An Act designating State Route 283, from the PA Turnpike Interchange in Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County, to State Route 30 in Manheim Township, Lancaster County, as the 283rd Field Artillery Battalion Highway.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 28, 2009.

No. 2014 By Representatives MARSICO, BAKER, BEAR, BENNINGHOFF, BOYD, BROOKS, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DALLY, DeLUCA, ELLIS, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GROVE, HELM, HENNESSEY, HUTCHINSON, M. KELLER, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PICKETT, READSHAW, REED, ROAE, ROCK, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STEVENSON, TALLMAN, TRUE, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, GRELL and MOUL

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for timely budgets.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 29, 2009.

BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 1482, PN 1844

By Rep. MUNDY

An Act amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, providing for photo identification tag regulations.

AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES.

BILL REREFERRED

The SPEAKER. The Chair moves, at the request of the majority leader, that HB 1482, PN 1844, be rereferred to the Professional Licensure Committee.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 105, PN 738

By Rep. EACHUS

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2009 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

RULES.

The SPEAKER. That resolution will go to the House supplemental calendar.

BILL ON CONCURRENCE REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 792, PN 2676

By Rep. EACHUS

An Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department of Corrections, to grant and convey to Schuylkill County certain lands situate in Ryan Township, Schuylkill County.

RULES.

The SPEAKER. That bill will go to the House calendar.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. In the balcony, the Chair welcomes Jim and Vicky Olizarowicz and Tom and Sandy Felver from Pocono Manor in Monroe County. They are the guests of Representative Mario Scavello. Will the guests rise. Welcome to the hall of the House.

CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. GIBBONS called up **HR 323, PN 1916**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2009 as "Agent Orange Recognition Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Evans, D.	Kula	Reed
Baker	Evans, J.	Lentz	Reese
Barbin	Everett	Levdansky	Reichley
Barrar	Fabrizio	Longietti	Roae
Bear	Fairchild	Maher	Rock
Belfanti	Farry	Mahoney	Roebuck
Benninghoff	Fleck	Major	Rohrer
Beyer	Frankel	Manderino	Ross
Bishop	Freeman	Mann	Sabatina
Boback	Gabig	Markosek	Sainato
Boyd	Gabler	Marshall	Samuelson
Boyle	Galloway	Marsico	Santarsiero
Bradford	Geist	Matzie	Santoni
Brennan	George	McGeehan	Saylor
Briggs	Gerber	McI. Smith	Scavello
Brooks	Gergely	Melio	Schroder
Brown	Gibbons	Mensch	Seip
Burns	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Shapiro
Buxton	Gingrich	Metzgar	Siptroth
Caltagirone	Godshall	Micozzie	Smith, K.
Carroll	Goodman	Millard	Smith, M.
Casorio	Grell	Miller	Smith, S.
Causar	Grove	Milne	Solobay
Christiana	Grucela	Mirabito	Sonney
Civera	Haluska	Moul	Staback
Clymer	Hanna	Mundy	Stern
Cohen	Harhai	Murphy	Stevenson
Conklin	Harhart	Murt	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harkins	Mustio	Swanger
Costa, P.	Harper	Myers	Tallman
Cox	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Taylor, J.
Creighton	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, R.
Cruz	Hennessey	O'Neill	Thomas
Curry	Hess	Oberlander	True
Cutler	Hickernell	Oliver	Turzai
Daley	Hornaman	Parker	Vereb
Dally	Houghton	Pashinski	Vitali
Day	Hutchinson	Payne	Vulakovich
Deasy	Johnson	Payton	Walko
Delozier	Josephs	Peifer	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Perzel	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Phillips	White
DeWeese	Killion	Pickett	Williams
DiGirolando	Kirkland	Preston	Youngblood
Donatucci	Knowles	Pyle	Yudichak

Drucker	Kortz	Quigley	
Eachus	Kotik	Quinn	McCall,
Ellis	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—5

Miccarelli	Perry	Rapp	Wagner
Pallone			

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. MELIO called up **HR 446, PN 2600**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 26, 2009, as "Worldwide Day of Play" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—198

Adolph	Evans, D.	Kula	Reed
Baker	Evans, J.	Lentz	Reese
Barbin	Everett	Levdansky	Reichley
Barrar	Fabrizio	Longietti	Roae
Bear	Fairchild	Maher	Rock
Belfanti	Farry	Mahoney	Roebuck
Benninghoff	Fleck	Major	Rohrer
Beyer	Frankel	Manderino	Ross
Bishop	Freeman	Mann	Sabatina
Boback	Gabig	Markosek	Sainato
Boyd	Gabler	Marshall	Samuelson
Boyle	Galloway	Marsico	Santarsiero
Bradford	Geist	Matzie	Santoni
Brennan	George	McGeehan	Saylor
Briggs	Gerber	McI. Smith	Scavello
Brooks	Gergely	Melio	Schroder
Brown	Gibbons	Mensch	Seip
Burns	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Shapiro
Buxton	Gingrich	Metzgar	Siptroth
Caltagirone	Godshall	Micozzie	Smith, K.
Carroll	Goodman	Millard	Smith, M.
Casorio	Grell	Miller	Smith, S.
Causar	Grove	Milne	Solobay
Christiana	Grucela	Mirabito	Sonney
Civera	Haluska	Moul	Staback
Clymer	Hanna	Mundy	Stern
Cohen	Harhai	Murphy	Stevenson
Conklin	Harhart	Murt	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harkins	Mustio	Swanger
Costa, P.	Harper	Myers	Tallman
Cox	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Taylor, J.
Creighton	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, R.
Cruz	Hennessey	O'Neill	Thomas
Curry	Hess	Oberlander	True
Cutler	Hickernell	Oliver	Turzai
Daley	Hornaman	Parker	Vereb
Dally	Houghton	Pashinski	Vitali
Day	Hutchinson	Payne	Vulakovich
Deasy	Johnson	Payton	Walko

DeLozier	Josephs	Peifer	Wansacz
DeLuca	Kauffman	Perzel	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
DePasquale	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheatley
Dermody	Kessler	Phillips	White
DeWeese	Killion	Pickett	Williams
DiGirolamo	Kirkland	Preston	Youngblood
Donatucci	Knowles	Pyle	Yudichak
Drucker	Kortz	Quigley	
Eachus	Kotik	Quinn	McCall,
Ellis	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Miccarelli	Perry	Rapp	Wagner
Pallone			

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Ms. HELM called up **HR 447, PN 2601**, entitled:

A Resolution designating September 25, 2009, as "Ataxia Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-198

Adolph	Evans, D.	Kula	Reed
Baker	Evans, J.	Lentz	Reese
Barbin	Everett	Levdansky	Reichley
Barrar	Fabrizio	Longiotti	Roae
Bear	Fairchild	Maher	Rock
Belfanti	Farry	Mahoney	Roebuck
Benninghoff	Fleck	Major	Rohrer
Beyer	Frankel	Manderino	Ross
Bishop	Freeman	Mann	Sabatina
Boback	Gabig	Markosek	Sainato
Boyd	Gabler	Marshall	Samuelson
Boyle	Galloway	Marsico	Santarsiero
Bradford	Geist	Matzie	Santoni
Brennan	George	McGeehan	Saylor
Briggs	Gerber	McI. Smith	Scavello
Brooks	Gergely	Melio	Schroder
Brown	Gibbons	Mensch	Seip
Burns	Gillespie	Metcalfe	Shapiro
Buxton	Gingrich	Metzgar	Siptroth
Caltagirone	Godshall	Micozzie	Smith, K.
Carroll	Goodman	Millard	Smith, M.
Casorio	Grell	Miller	Smith, S.
Causer	Grove	Milne	Solobay
Christiana	Grucela	Mirabito	Sonney
Civera	Haluska	Moul	Staback
Clymer	Hanna	Mundy	Stern
Cohen	Harhai	Murphy	Stevenson
Conklin	Harhart	Murt	Sturla

Costa, D.	Harkins	Mustio	Swanger
Costa, P.	Harper	Myers	Tallman
Cox	Harris	O'Brien, D.	Taylor, J.
Creighton	Helm	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, R.
Cruz	Hennessey	O'Neill	Thomas
Curry	Hess	Oberlander	True
Cutler	Hickernell	Oliver	Turzai
Daley	Hornaman	Parker	Vereb
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Dermody	Kessler	Phillips	White
DeWeese	Killion	Pickett	Williams
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Donatucci	Knowles	Pyle	Yudichak
Drucker	Kortz	Quigley	
Eachus	Kotik	Quinn	McCall,
Ellis	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-5

Miccarelli	Perry	Rapp	Wagner
Pallone			

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Cohen, for the purpose of making an announcement.

Mr. COHEN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Appropriations Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the majority caucus room.

After the Appropriations Committee meets, the Democrats will caucus beginning around 11:45.

We are due to return to the House floor at 1 p.m.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Appropriations Committee will meet at 11:30 in the majority caucus room.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Susquehanna County, Representative Major, for the purpose of an announcement.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce a Republican caucus at 11:45. I would ask Republicans to please report to our caucus room at 11:45. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Preston, for the purpose of an announcement.

Mr. PRESTON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Consumer Affairs Committee will have a committee meeting where a vote will be taken. That time is at 12:15 in G-50. Consumer Affairs in G-50 at 12:15, and I would encourage all members to attend.

The SPEAKER. The Consumer Affairs Committee will meet at 12:15 in room G-50.

Are there any further announcements?

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House now stands in recess until 1 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 1:30 p.m.; further extended until 2 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The time of recess having expired, the House was called to order.

The SPEAKER. Members will please report to the floor of the House.

BILLS REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 117, PN 113 By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act authorizing the Department of Transportation to sell land under certain conditions; and making a related repeal.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 254, PN 1111 By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, providing for veterans.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 1489, PN 2241 By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending Title 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing a tax on the extraction of natural gas; providing for natural gas severance registration certificate, for duties of the Department of Revenue, for tax assessments and tax liens; imposing penalties; providing for service of process, for rulemaking, for cooperation with other governments and for bonds; and making an appropriation.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SB 47, PN 32

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, further providing for establishment of county boards and expenses.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. Those bills will go to the House supplemental calendar.

BILL REREPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 1897, PN 2528

By Rep. D. EVANS

An Act designating the bridge that carries State Route 1008, known as Henry Road, over Bushkill Creek in Bushkill Township, Northampton County, as the William Henry Atherton Bridge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. That bill will go to the House calendar.

**BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEES,
CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

HB 1993, PN 2693

By Rep. MARKOSEK

An Act designating the reconstructed Gay Street Bridge on State Route 113, which crosses French Creek in the Borough of Phoenixville, Chester County, as the Veterans Memorial Gay Street Bridge.

TRANSPORTATION.

SB 973, PN 1447 (Amended)

By Rep. PRESTON

An Act amending the act of October 17, 2008 (P.L.1645, No.132), known as the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act, providing for the definition of "home improvement retailer"; and further providing for procedures for registration as a contractor and for prohibited acts.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

SB 1070, PN 1372

By Rep. MARKOSEK

An Act designating Route 611, from Main Street in the Village of Tobyhanna to Interstate 380 in Coolbaugh Township, Monroe County, as the Trooper Joshua D. Miller Memorial Highway.

TRANSPORTATION.

**RESOLUTIONS REPORTED
FROM COMMITTEE**

HR 420, PN 2723 (Amended)

By Rep. THOMAS

Calling on the United Nations to facilitate the immediate and unconditional release of National League for Democracy leader Dr. Aung San Suu Kyi and other political prisoners from continued detention by the Burmese military government; noting the release of John William Yettaw; and calling on the United States Department of State to impose strict economic sanctions against Burma (Myanmar).

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

HR 441, PN 2584

By Rep. THOMAS

A Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to take legislative action against the practice of international lottery scams and similar deceptive practices, and to work with the governments of those countries where these fraudulent activities originate.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

The SPEAKER. Those resolutions will go to the House calendar.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, the minority whip, Representative Turzai, who requests the following leaves of absence for: the gentleman, Representative MICOZZIE, from Delaware County for the day, and the gentleman, Representative GODSHALL, from Montgomery County for the day. Without objection, the leaves will be granted.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mrs. HARHART called up **HR 467, PN 2677**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of November 2009 as "Patriotic Music Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE CANCELED

The SPEAKER. The Chair notes the presence of the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Representative Pallone, on the floor of the House. His name will be added to the master roll.

CONSIDERATION OF HR 467 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lentz	Reese
Baker	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reichley
Barbin	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Barrar	Fabrizio	Maher	Rock
Bear	Fairchild	Mahoney	Roebuck
Belfanti	Farry	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Fleck	Manderino	Ross
Beyer	Frankel	Mann	Sabatina
Bishop	Freeman	Markosek	Sainato

Boback	Gabig	Marshall	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabler	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boyle	Galloway	Matzie	Santoni
Bradford	Geist	McGeehan	Saylor
Brennan	George	McI. Smith	Scavello
Briggs	Gerber	Melio	Schroder
Brooks	Gergely	Mensch	Seip
Brown	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Shapiro
Burns	Gillespie	Metzgar	Sipthroth
Buxton	Gingrich	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Causer	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Christiana	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Civera	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Clymer	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Cohen	Harhart	Mustio	Sturla
Conklin	Harkins	Myers	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, D.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
Cox	Helm	O'Neill	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Hennessey	Oberlander	Thomas
Cruz	Hess	Oliver	True
Curry	Hickernell	Pallone	Turzai
Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Vereb
Daley	Houghton	Pashinski	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payne	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Payton	Walko
Deasy	Josephs	Peifer	Wansacz
Delozier	Kauffman	Perzel	Waters
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheatley
DePasquale	Kessler	Phillips	White
Dermody	Killion	Pickett	Williams
DeWeese	Kirkland	Preston	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Pyle	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	McCall,
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker
Ellis	Kula	Reed	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Godshall	Micozzie	Rapp	Wagner
Miccarelli	Perry		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 254, PN 1111**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, providing for veterans.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

BILL RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that HB 254 be removed from the supplemental calendar and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. MARSICO called up **HR 470, PN 2679**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing September 27, 2009, as "Lupus Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lentz	Reese
Baker	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reichley
Barbin	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Barrar	Fabrizio	Maher	Rock
Bear	Fairchild	Mahoney	Roebuck
Belfanti	Farry	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Fleck	Manderino	Ross
Beyer	Frankel	Mann	Sabatina
Bishop	Freeman	Markosek	Sainato
Boback	Gabig	Marshall	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabler	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boyle	Galloway	Matzie	Santoni
Bradford	Geist	McGeehan	Saylor
Brennan	George	McI. Smith	Scavello
Briggs	Gerber	Melio	Schroder
Brooks	Gergely	Mensch	Seip
Brown	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Shapiro
Burns	Gillespie	Metzgar	Siptroth
Buxton	Gingrich	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Causar	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Christiana	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Civera	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Clymer	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Cohen	Harhart	Mustio	Sturla
Conklin	Harkins	Myers	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, D.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
Cox	Helm	O'Neill	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Hennessey	Oberlander	Thomas
Cruz	Hess	Oliver	True
Curry	Hickernell	Pallone	Turzai
Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Vereb
Daley	Houghton	Pashinski	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payne	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Payton	Walko
Deasy	Josephs	Peifer	Wansacz
Delozier	Kauffman	Perzel	Waters
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheatley
DePasquale	Kessler	Phillips	White
Dermody	Killion	Pickett	Williams

DeWeese	Kirkland	Preston	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Pyle	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	McCall,
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker
Ellis	Kula	Reed	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Godshall	Micozzie	Rapp	Wagner
Miccarelli	Perry		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. SAYLOR called up **HR 471, PN 2680**, entitled:

A Resolution designating October 10, 2009, as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—197

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lentz	Reese
Baker	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reichley
Barbin	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Barrar	Fabrizio	Maher	Rock
Bear	Fairchild	Mahoney	Roebuck
Belfanti	Farry	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Fleck	Manderino	Ross
Beyer	Frankel	Seip	Sabatina
Bishop	Freeman	Markosek	Sainato
Boback	Gabig	Marshall	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabler	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boyle	Galloway	Matzie	Santoni
Bradford	Geist	McGeehan	Saylor
Brennan	George	McI. Smith	Scavello
Briggs	Gerber	Melio	Schroder
Brooks	Gergely	Mensch	Seip
Brown	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Shapiro
Burns	Gillespie	Metzgar	Siptroth
Buxton	Gingrich	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Causar	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Christiana	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Civera	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Clymer	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Cohen	Harhart	Mustio	Sturla
Conklin	Harkins	Myers	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, D.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
Cox	Helm	O'Neill	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Hennessey	Oberlander	Thomas
Cruz	Hess	Oliver	True
Curry	Hickernell	Pallone	Turzai
Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Vereb
Daley	Houghton	Pashinski	Vitali

Dally	Hutchinson	Payne	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Payton	Walko
Deasy	Josephs	Peifer	Wansacz
Delozier	Kauffman	Perzel	Waters
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheatley
DePasquale	Kessler	Phillips	White
Dermody	Killion	Pickett	Williams
DeWeese	Kirkland	Preston	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Pyle	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	McCall,
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker
Ellis	Kula	Reed	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Godshall	Micozzie	Rapp	Wagner
Miccarelli	Perry		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. FRANKEL called up **HR 473, PN 2688**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the week of October 12 through 16, 2009, as "No Place for Hate Week" in Pennsylvania and commending the Anti-Defamation League for its outstanding efforts to promote peace, brotherhood and goodwill through its "No Place for Hate" program.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-197

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lentz	Reese
Baker	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reichley
Barbin	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Barrar	Fabrizio	Maher	Rock
Bear	Fairchild	Mahoney	Roebuck
Belfanti	Farry	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Fleck	Manderino	Ross
Beyer	Frankel	Mann	Sabatina
Bishop	Freeman	Markosek	Sainato
Boback	Gabig	Marshall	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabler	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boyle	Galloway	Matzie	Santoni
Bradford	Geist	McGeehan	Saylor
Brennan	George	McI. Smith	Scavello
Briggs	Gerber	Melio	Schroder
Brooks	Gergely	Mensch	Seip
Brown	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Shapiro
Burns	Gillespie	Metzgar	Siptroth
Buxton	Gingrich	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Causier	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Christiana	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Civera	Hanna	Murphy	Stern

Clymer	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Cohen	Harhart	Mustio	Sturla
Conklin	Harkins	Myers	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, D.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
Cox	Helm	O'Neill	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Hennessey	Oberlander	Thomas
Cruz	Hess	Oliver	True
Curry	Hickernell	Pallone	Turzai
Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Vereb
Daley	Houghton	Pashinski	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payne	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Payton	Walko
Deasy	Josephs	Peifer	Wansacz
Delozier	Kauffman	Perzel	Waters
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Petri	Wheatley
DePasquale	Kessler	Phillips	White
Dermody	Killion	Pickett	Williams
DeWeese	Kirkland	Preston	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Pyle	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	McCall,
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker
Ellis	Kula	Reed	

NAYS-0

NOT VOTING-0

EXCUSED-6

Godshall	Micozzie	Rapp	Wagner
Miccarelli	Perry		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

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Mr. ROEBUCK called up **HR 474, PN 2705**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of October 2009 as "Parent Involvement Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS-197

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lentz	Reese
Baker	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reichley
Barbin	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Barrar	Fabrizio	Maher	Rock
Bear	Fairchild	Mahoney	Roebuck
Belfanti	Farry	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Fleck	Manderino	Ross
Beyer	Frankel	Mann	Sabatina
Bishop	Freeman	Markosek	Sainato
Boback	Gabig	Marshall	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabler	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boyle	Galloway	Matzie	Santoni
Bradford	Geist	McGeehan	Saylor
Brennan	George	McI. Smith	Scavello
Briggs	Gerber	Melio	Schroder
Brooks	Gergely	Mensch	Seip
Brown	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Shapiro

Burns	Gillespie	Metzgar	Siptroth
Buxton	Gingrich	Millard	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Goodman	Miller	Smith, M.
Carroll	Grell	Milne	Smith, S.
Casorio	Grove	Mirabito	Solobay
Causser	Grucela	Moul	Sonney
Christiana	Haluska	Mundy	Staback
Civera	Hanna	Murphy	Stern
Clymer	Harhai	Murt	Stevenson
Cohen	Harhart	Mustio	Sturla
Conklin	Harkins	Myers	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, D.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Taylor, J.
Cox	Helm	O'Neill	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Hennessey	Oberlander	Thomas
Cruz	Hess	Oliver	True
Curry	Hickernell	Pallone	Turzai
Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Vereb
Daley	Houghton	Pashinski	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payne	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Payton	Walko
Deasy	Josephs	Peifer	Wansacz
Delozier	Kauffman	Perzel	Waters
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Dermody	Killion	Pickett	Williams
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DiGirolamo	Knowles	Pyle	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	McCall,
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	Speaker
Ellis	Kula	Reed	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—6

Godshall	Micozzie	Rapp	Wagner
Miccarelli	Perry		

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

The SPEAKER. The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

REMARKS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Mr. PETRI submitted the following remarks for the Legislative Journal:

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the Speaker and the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives the name of Patrick R. Smith, who has recently been awarded Scouting's highest honor – Eagle Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to the members of the House of Representatives the following citation of merit honoring Patrick R. Smith.

Whereas, Patrick R. Smith has earned the Eagle Award in Scouting. This is the highest award that Boy Scouts can bestow and as such represents great sacrifice and tremendous effort on the part of these young men. He is a member of Troop 280.

Now therefore, Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, it is my privilege to congratulate and place in the Legislative Journal the name of Patrick R. Smith.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR A

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. SIPTROTH called up **HR 105, PN 738**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2009 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

On the question recurring,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe County, Representative Siptroth.

Will the gentleman yield. Will the gentleman yield.

The House will come to order. The members will please take their seats.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Monroe County, Representative Siptroth, on the resolution.

Mr. SIPTROTH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask for support of HR 105, which recognizes October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I am humbled by the support I have received for this resolution in the past week. It is unfortunate that this serious issue, which affects people from all walks of life in all corners of the world, became a public relations pawn.

By offering this resolution, I hope that we can shatter the wall of silence that often surrounds the topic of domestic violence and abuse. I hope to highlight the services a victim can turn to in Pennsylvania such as: We have the 24-hour hotlines; we have counseling; we have court and emergency room assistance; and we have the Crime Victims Compensation Fund, which provides victims financial help for hospital costs and property destruction from domestic violence.

I would like to thank the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence for providing the purple ribbons to the members. I urge the members to wear the ribbons today and for the month of October to bring attention to this important issue.

Now, once again, I ask for support of HR 105. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman from Butler County, Representative Metcalfe.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to rise to more thoroughly explain why I had objected to it being a noncontroversial the way the language was drafted. I had hopes, after talking to one of our colleagues on the same side of the aisle as the sponsor, that the language would have been amended out of the Rules Committee and I would have been able to vote to support it. But on the face of this resolution is something that all of us would support, and that is to ensure that we make a very strong statement against the domestic violence that harms so many women and children across the State and nation.

Mr. Speaker, the problem as it arose, I was reviewing the language of the resolution, and as I reviewed it – I understand that the language, according to the reports that have been put out there, I have not researched to see if the exact language was used in the past, but supposedly, this same exact language has run a couple of years in the past. I am not sure if it was the exact same language. If it was, then I missed that segment of the language as I looked at it, like so many others have, on the face of what it is, and that is a resolution voicing our strong opposition to domestic violence and declaring Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The problem, really, I think the red flag for me was a few years back while we were debating very stringently the constitutional amendment to protect marriage between a man and a woman, that the domestic violence groups, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence actually came out and had a spokesperson speaking on their behalf. They came out opposing protecting marriage between a man and a woman, which at that time I found very, very odd. And as I looked through this resolution, I started noticing that there was language in here about men – not about boys – but about men in a domestic situation being raped. Mr. Speaker, I do not think there are very many of us that have ever read a story of too many men that are being raped by the women in their households. So it is, obviously, language that was inserted for the purpose of recognizing the homosexual community and advancing their agenda. Mr. Speaker, I think it is very few that have ever read a story of a man fleeing in the middle of the night with his children in tow in fear for his life.

I think we do a great disservice to women – so many women have been abused, that need protection, that need a lifeline for protection – I think we do a great disservice to them when you start making this about men and especially allowing a very fringe element of the homosexual community to have a voice through the domestic violence groups and be able to use the domestic violence name to advance their own agenda.

Mr. Speaker, as a Christian, like so many other Christians, we take strong opposition to having the homosexual agenda forced upon us, part of which is trying to make us all accept that their sinful lifestyle choice is something that is normal, and beyond Christianity, there are many others in other religions that also have a problem with having that lifestyle, that sinful choice, forced upon them as the norm when it is not the norm.

Mr. Speaker, one of my colleagues gave me this purple ribbon, and if you read through the purple ribbon brochure that is extended with the ribbon, it is something that we can all agree with, and it mentions that to wear this purple ribbon, you want to raise awareness about domestic violence across the country. The purple ribbon is the most widely recognized symbol of the battered women's movement, the battered women's movement, Mr. Speaker. This movement was about women, extending lifelines for women, protecting women. This resolution, whether the maker denies it or not, has woven into it language that is specifically drafted there for the benefit of the homosexual community, advancing their agenda.

Mr. Speaker, what even more affirms my position is a small amount— As you see this folder, it is not really small. There are many more that I left at my office. I have received over 1,000 e-mails or faxes, Mr. Speaker, of the supporters telling me that this needs to be run as is and to support the maker of this resolution. Mr. Speaker, I have never in my 11 years in office received such profane, lewd, vile, vulgar, disrespectful

communications, even to the point of a phone call hoping that I meet my creator very soon because of my position on wanting this language changed, Mr. Speaker – so contradictory to the surface intent of a resolution that is supposed to discourage violence, Mr. Speaker.

But, Mr. Speaker, when you see that and when you turn the clock back to understand that there has been this fringe element that has infiltrated the anti-domestic violence groups, that they did oppose the protection of marriage between a man and a woman that as recently as 2 weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, on the same day that this resolution advanced, that they, behind the scenes, worked out with both sides of the aisle – although the majority of my side voted against it – a deal to increase the marriage license fee on heterosexual couples by 833 percent, Mr. Speaker. The domestic violence groups advocating for that increase I think speaks directly to this resolution and why there is this fringe element drafted in to support and advocate for the homosexual community, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would challenge anybody with the statistics that they have cited in here that are totally unrealistic statistics for meeting anybody's community except for the homosexual community, the way they drafted it to include men being raped in this resolution that should have been about protecting women, Mr. Speaker – a great disservice to the women of this State and to protecting them and their children from the abuse that they have suffered at so many hands and who so many still suffer with.

And, Mr. Speaker, as I said, I support the surface intent of what this resolution would be put forward as, but I think when you read the language you will understand, for those out there that will review, why I voted against it. And I may be the only vote against it, because I know it is awfully hard for anybody to vote against something that has the title of "domestic violence" on it because we are all against the domestic violence, but I do not want to give another vote to this language. And if it had slipped by in the past, then those were two balls over home plate that I missed, but I did not miss this one, and it is time to have this language corrected. And I hope with the advancing of this language this year, I would hope next year that a resolution would be put forward that has solid language that does not do such a great disservice to women who are abused.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Luzerne County, Representative Mundy.

Ms. MUNDY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of HR 105. This is an important resolution. The goal is to raise awareness of the very serious issue of domestic violence here in Pennsylvania.

In 2007, 121 Pennsylvanians died as a result of a lethal incident of domestic violence. Of them, 95 were victims and 26 were perpetrators who committed suicide or were killed by police. Pennsylvania ranks fourth in the nation in murder-suicides, most of which were incidents of domestic violence.

Yes, men were victims too. Of the 95 victims killed in domestic violence incidents in 1997, 32 were males. Twenty-eight of those males were adults over the age of 18. One was a teenage boy under the age of 18, and three boys were 12 years old or younger. These statistics show the face of an ugly problem, but we cannot just bury our heads in the sand and say this problem does not exist, as the gentleman from Butler would have us do. We have an obligation to do everything in our power to expose this ugly truth, to expose the horrors and

dangers of domestic violence, and to increase awareness of a very serious problem.

The gentleman's rationale for opposing this resolution is twisted. It demonstrates a complete ignorance and insensitivity to the thousands of men, women, and children across the Commonwealth and across the country who have been victims of domestic violence.

I ask for your affirmative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

Will the House adopt the resolution? On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Philadelphia, Representative Josephs.

Ms. JOSEPHS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to respond to the gentleman from Butler.

I think there is a reason why you do not read in the paper about men who are abused, sometimes sexually, in their homes, grown men, and it is because they are ashamed to go for help. That is why we do not read about it, not because it does not happen, and I think the gentleman from Butler has just made this problem worse. I think there are now even more men who will not go for help but will end up being abused or even being killed in their homes, and sometimes by women.

I really hope we can in some way erase the impression that we have given here that men are not valued if they are victims of violence or survivors of violence. They have a right, they have an obligation as well, to go and get help, and I would encourage all of them to do that.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair turns to leaves of absence and recognizes the minority whip, Representative Turzai, who requests the following leave for: the gentleman, Representative MAHER from Allegheny County, for the day. Without objection, the leave will be granted.

CONSIDERATION OF HR 105 CONTINUED

On the question recurring,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Adolph	Evans, D.	Kula	Reese
Baker	Evans, J.	Lentz	Reichley
Barbin	Everett	Levdansky	Roae
Barrar	Fabrizio	Longietti	Rock
Bear	Fairchild	Mahoney	Roebuck
Belfanti	Farry	Major	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Fleck	Manderino	Ross
Beyer	Frankel	Mann	Sabatina
Bishop	Freeman	Markosek	Sainato

Boback	Gabig	Marshall	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabler	Marsico	Santarsiero
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Bradford	Geist	McGeehan	Saylor
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Causer	Grucela	Mundy	Sonney
Christiana	Haluska	Murphy	Staback
Civera	Hanna	Murt	Stern
Clymer	Harhai	Mustio	Stevenson
Cohen	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Conklin	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Cox	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Cruz	Hess	Pallone	True
Curry	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Cutler	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Daley	Houghton	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payton	Vulakovich
Day	Johnson	Peifer	Walko
Deasy	Josephs	Perzel	Wansacz
Delozier	Kauffman	Petrarca	Waters
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Wheatley
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	White
Dermody	Killion	Preston	Williams
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Quigley	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	
Drucker	Kotik	Readshaw	McCall,
Eachus	Krieger	Reed	Speaker
Ellis			

NAYS—1

Metcalf

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Godshall	Miccarelli	Perry	Wagner
Maher	Micozzie	Rapp	

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTAL CALENDAR B CONTINUED

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 117, PN 113**, entitled:

An Act authorizing the Department of Transportation to sell land under certain conditions; and making a related repeal.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. It is the understanding of the Chair that the gentleman, Mr. George, is withdrawing his amendment.

Mr. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, we are withdrawing that amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Ms. HARPER offered the following amendment
No. **A02993**:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 5, by inserting after "including"
, but not limited to,

Amend Bill, page 4, line 5, by inserting after "including"
, but not limited to,

Amend Bill, page 4, line 13, by inserting after "department"
, if the person still retains title to land abutting the land to be sold

On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Montgomery County, Representative Harper.

Ms. HARPER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is an agreed-to, technical amendment to a simple little bill. Thank you.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lentz	Reese
Baker	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reichley
Barbin	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Barrar	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Rock
Bear	Fairchild	Major	Roebuck
Belfanti	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Beyer	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Bishop	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Boback	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyle	Galloway	McGeehan	Santoni
Bradford	Geist	McI. Smith	Saylor
Brennan	George	Melio	Scavello
Briggs	Gerber	Mensch	Schroder
Brooks	Gergely	Metcalf	Seip
Brown	Gibbons	Metzgar	Shapiro
Burns	Gillespie	Millard	Siptroth
Buxton	Gingrich	Miller	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Goodman	Milne	Smith, M.
Carroll	Grell	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Casorio	Grove	Moul	Solobay
Causar	Grucela	Mundy	Sonney
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Clymer	Harhai	Mustio	Stevenson
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Conklin	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
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DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petri	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Phillips	Wheatley
DePasquale	Kessler	Pickett	White
Dermody	Killion	Preston	Williams
DeWeese	Kirkland	Pyle	Youngblood
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Quigley	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	
Drucker	Kotik	Readshaw	McCall,
Eachus	Krieger	Reed	Speaker
Ellis	Kula		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Godshall	Miccarelli	Perry	Wagner
Maher	Micozzie	Rapp	

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?

Bill as amended was agreed to.

(Bill as amended will be reprinted.)

CALENDAR CONTINUED

RESOLUTION

Mr. DRUCKER called up **HR 424, PN 2544**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution ratifying the designation of Valley Forge Military College as the Official Military College of Pennsylvania and endorsing and encouraging participation in the Valley Forge Military College Legislative Appointment Initiative Program.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

Mr. ADOLPH offered the following amendment
No. **A03825**:

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 24, by striking out "appoint" and inserting

establish a committee to select

Amend Resolution, page 3, lines 16 and 17, by striking out "who made the appointment" and inserting

whose committee selected the appointee

Amend Resolution, page 3, lines 20 through 23, by striking out "and urge members of" in line 20, all of lines 21 and 22 and "beginning in Fall 2009" in line 23

Amend Resolution, page 3, lines 24 through 27, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Ethics and Official Conduct of the Senate and the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives develop guidelines to govern local selection committees to help ensure that the selection committees and legislative appointments do not create any conflicts of interest or otherwise violate 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 11 (relating to ethics standards and financial disclosure) or the act of July 10, 1968 (P.L.316, No.154), known as the Legislative Code of Ethics; and be it further

Amend Resolution, page 3, line 29, by striking out "appoint" and inserting

establish

Amend Resolution, page 3, lines 29 and 30, by striking out "assist them in identifying and selecting" and inserting

identify and select

Amend Resolution, page 3, line 30; page 4, lines 1 through 3, by striking out "and to help", in line 30, page 3 and all of lines 1 through 3, page 4 and inserting

in accordance with the guidelines developed pursuant to this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the designation of Valley Forge Military College, located in Wayne, Pennsylvania be ratified and that the college be again designated as the "Official Military College of Pennsylvania."

On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware County, Representative Adolph.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as a strong supporter of HR 424 and the Valley Forge Military College, I believe the generous scholarship program developed by the college offers a wonderful opportunity for young adults from across this Commonwealth to receive the appropriate education to become military officers.

The vote was postponed earlier in order to allow discussion about the need for some additional clarifying language. This program implemented by this resolution must be conducted in a manner that befits the great reputation and honor of the Valley Forge Military College. In order for that to occur, the selection process for the scholarship recipients has to comply with all the ethics laws and the standards which govern the conduct of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and the Pennsylvania Senate.

In addition to the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act, which is currently noted in the resolution, it is important to ensure that the considerations of the Legislative Code of Ethics, a separate law that offers an additional guidance to legislators, are included in this process.

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman yield.

The House will come to order. The gentleman has a right to be heard.

The gentleman may proceed.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

While legislators are all aware of the provisions of the Legislative Code of Ethics, its inclusion in the resolution or development of the guidelines based on its principles would serve to assist any local selection committee in carrying out its role under this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment contains language that would make the following changes: Rather than select a scholarship winner, a legislator would select a committee to determine the winner. The Ethics Committees of both chambers, in the House as well as the Senate, would develop guidelines to govern the

process. In consideration of the Public Official and Employee Act, the guidelines would also consider the Legislative Code of Ethics.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this amendment that will give an excellent idea to developing a program of commissioning officers to Valley Forge Military College, but at the same time keeping the Code of Ethics of both the Pennsylvania House and the Senate and keeping the legislator above the process.

I appreciate a positive vote on this amendment. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the amendment, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester County, Representative Drucker, on the amendment.

Mr. DRUCKER. There is no opposition to the amendment.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Representative Roebuck.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wonder if the maker of the amendment would stand for interrogation?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Representative Adolph, indicates he will stand for interrogation. The gentleman, Mr. Roebuck, is in order.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Mr. Speaker, I am curious, there are already in place procedures that allow those at the Federal level to nominate candidates for military academies, whether it is West Point or the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs or Annapolis or the Coast Guard Academy. Do any of those require that in fact that be an indirect process for nominations?

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

What I have been told is that absent a committee to go over the procedures, this would make sure that the legislator, either the State Senator or the State Representative, would not be in any violation of any of our State ethics.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I have just been advised and reminded that West Point and Annapolis are Federal institutions and Valley Forge is a private institution, and this would be just an added safeguard.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Basically, Mr. Speaker, I am just asking for a clarification.

So as far as you understand it, at least at that level, there is no requirement that there be this kind of indirect process. Am I clear?

Mr. ADOLPH. That is correct.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—195

Adolph	Evans, J.	Lentz	Reese
Baker	Everett	Levdansky	Reichley
Barbin	Fabrizio	Longiatti	Roae
Barrar	Fairchild	Mahoney	Rock
Bear	Farry	Major	Roebuck
Belfanti	Fleck	Manderino	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Frankel	Mann	Ross
Beyer	Freeman	Markosek	Sabatina

Bishop	Gabig	Marshall	Sainato
Boback	Gabler	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyd	Galloway	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyle	Geist	McGeehan	Santoni
Bradford	George	McI. Smith	Saylor
Brennan	Gerber	Melio	Scavello
Briggs	Gergely	Mensch	Schroder
Brooks	Gibbons	Metcalfe	Seip
Brown	Gillespie	Metzgar	Shapiro
Burns	Gingrich	Millard	Siptroth
Buxton	Goodman	Miller	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Grell	Milne	Smith, M.
Casorio	Grove	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Causser	Grucela	Moul	Solobay
Christiana	Haluska	Mundy	Sonney
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Clymer	Harhai	Murt	Stern
Cohen	Harhart	Mustio	Stevenson
Conklin	Harkins	Myers	Sturla
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Cox	Helm	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Creighton	Hennessey	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Cruz	Hess	Oliver	Thomas
Curry	Hickernell	Pallone	True
Cutler	Hornaman	Parker	Turzai
Daley	Houghton	Pashinski	Vereb
Dally	Hutchinson	Payne	Vitali
Day	Johnson	Payton	Vulakovich
Deasy	Josephs	Peifer	Walko
DeLozier	Kauffman	Perzel	Wansacz
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Petrarca	Waters
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Petri	Watson
DePasquale	Kessler	Phillips	Wheatley
Dermody	Killion	Pickett	White
DeWeese	Kirkland	Preston	Williams
DiGirolamo	Knowles	Pyle	Youngblood
Donatucci	Kortz	Quigley	Yudichak
Drucker	Kotik	Quinn	
Eachus	Krieger	Readshaw	McCall,
Ellis	Kula	Reed	Speaker
Evans, D.			

NAYS—1

Carroll

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Godshall	Miccarelli	Perry	Wagner
Maher	Micozzie	Rapp	

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution as amended?

The SPEAKER. On the resolution, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Chester County, Representative Drucker.

Mr. DRUCKER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am here today to ask support from the House of Representatives to approve HR 424. This resolution would create a Legislative Appointment Initiative Program at Valley Forge Military College and encourage participation in that program.

Under the program outlined in my resolution, every Pennsylvania State Senator and State Representative would be authorized to appoint one qualified student to the freshman class of Valley Forge Military College every year. The appointed students will receive a scholarship funded by the college at no additional cost to the taxpayers for each of their 2 years of attendance at the school. The resolution would also designate Valley Forge Military College as the "Official Military College of Pennsylvania."

Founded in 1928, Valley Forge features an all-male college preparatory boarding school and a co-educational 2-year transfer college located in Wayne, Pennsylvania. Valley Forge provides students with an educational experience built on five cornerstones: academic excellence, character development, personal motivation, physical development, and leadership.

Alumni of note include the Honorable Bryan Lentz, the Honorable Robert Mensch, Edward Albee, the Honorable Jan DuBois, Larry Fitzgerald of Super Bowl fame, Warren Rudman, J.D. Salinger, and H. Norman Schwarzkopf.

If adopted, HR 424 would give the opportunity for a well-rounded, quality education at Valley Forge to hundreds of Pennsylvania students at no cost to their families. The resolution has received bipartisan support from legislators representing all corners of the State. It is a joint effort between myself, Valley Forge Military College administrators who approached my office with the idea, State Representative Bryan Lentz who is a graduate of the college, Speaker of the House Keith McCall, and State Representative William Adolph.

I would like to thank those who were involved in drafting this legislation for their hard work. I would also like to thank Chairman Roebuck and members of the House Education Committee for acting swiftly to bring HR 424 to the floor. At a time when Pennsylvania families are struggling to pay for higher education, this program has the potential to help hundreds of deserving students in pursuing their dreams.

I urge you to support HR 424. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,
Will the House adopt the resolution as amended?

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—188

Adolph	Evans, D.	Levdansky	Reichley
Baker	Evans, J.	Longietti	Rock
Barbin	Everett	Mahoney	Roebuck
Barrar	Fabrizio	Major	Rohrer
Bear	Fairchild	Manderino	Ross
Belfanti	Farry	Mann	Sabatina
Benninghoff	Fleck	Markosek	Sainato
Beyer	Frankel	Marshall	Samuelson
Bishop	Freeman	Marsico	Santarsiero
Boback	Gabig	Matzie	Santoni
Boyd	Galloway	McGeehan	Saylor
Boyle	Geist	McI. Smith	Scavello
Bradford	George	Melio	Schroder
Brennan	Gerber	Mensch	Seip
Briggs	Gergely	Metzgar	Shapiro
Brooks	Gibbons	Millard	Siptroth
Brown	Gillespie	Miller	Smith, K.
Burns	Gingrich	Milne	Smith, M.
Buxton	Goodman	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Caltagirone	Grell	Moul	Solobay

Carroll	Grove	Mundy	Sonney
Casorio	Grucela	Murphy	Staback
Christiana	Haluska	Murt	Stern
Civera	Hanna	Mustio	Stevenson
Clymer	Harhai	Myers	Sturla
Cohen	Harhart	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Conklin	Harkins	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harper	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Cox	Harris	Oliver	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Helm	Pallone	Thomas
Cruz	Hennessey	Parker	True
Curry	Hess	Pashinski	Turzai
Cutler	Hickernell	Payne	Vereb
Daley	Hornaman	Payton	Vitali
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Deasy	Josephs	Petrarca	Wansacz
Delozier	Kauffman	Petri	Waters
DeLuca	Keller, M.K.	Phillips	Watson
Denlinger	Keller, W.	Pickett	Wheatley
DePasquale	Kessler	Preston	White
Dermody	Killion	Pyle	Williams
DeWeese	Kirkland	Quigley	Youngblood
DiGirolo	Knowles	Quinn	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Readshaw	
Drucker	Kotik	Reed	McCall,
Eachus	Kula	Reese	Speaker
Ellis	Lentz		

NAYS—8

Causer	Gabler	Krieger	Oberlander
Costa, D.	Hutchinson	Metcalfe	Roae

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Godshall	Miccarelli	Perry	Wagner
Maher	Micozzie	Rapp	

The majority of the members elected to the House having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution was adopted.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 692, PN 2674**, entitled:

An Act designating the bridge on U.S. Route 6 over Potato Creek at Smethport, McKean County, as the POW/MIA Memorial Bridge; designating State Route 120 in the Borough of Emporium as General Joseph T. McNarney Memorial Boulevard; designating the bridge on U.S. Route 6 over Allegheny River at Liberty Township, McKean County, as the Lt. Colonel Richard J. Berrettini Memorial Bridge; designating the Main Street Bridge carrying U.S. Route 6 at Segment 260, offset 0711, over the Allegheny River in Coudersport Borough, Potter County, as the Potter County World War II Veterans Memorial Bridge; and designating the Gay Street Bridge on State Route 113, which crosses French Creek in the Borough of Phoenixville, Chester County, as the Veterans Memorial Gay Street Bridge.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?
Bill was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. This bill has been considered on three different days and agreed to and is now on final passage.

(Bill analysis was read.)

The SPEAKER. The question is, shall the bill pass finally? Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—196

Adolph	Evans, D.	Lentz	Reese
Baker	Evans, J.	Levdansky	Reichley
Barbin	Everett	Longietti	Roae
Barrar	Fabrizio	Mahoney	Rock
Bear	Fairchild	Major	Roebuck
Belfanti	Farry	Manderino	Rohrer
Benninghoff	Fleck	Mann	Ross
Beyer	Frankel	Markosek	Sabatina
Bishop	Freeman	Marshall	Sainato
Boback	Gabig	Marsico	Samuelson
Boyd	Gabler	Matzie	Santarsiero
Boyle	Galloway	McGeehan	Santoni
Bradford	Geist	McI. Smith	Saylor
Brennan	George	Melio	Scavello
Briggs	Gerber	Mensch	Schroder
Brooks	Gergely	Metcalfe	Seip
Brown	Gibbons	Metzgar	Shapiro
Burns	Gillespie	Millard	Sipthoth
Buxton	Gingrich	Miller	Smith, K.
Caltagirone	Goodman	Milne	Smith, M.
Carroll	Grell	Mirabito	Smith, S.
Casorio	Grove	Moul	Solobay
Causer	Grucela	Mundy	Sonney
Christiana	Haluska	Murphy	Staback
Civera	Hanna	Murt	Stern
Clymer	Harhai	Mustio	Stevenson
Cohen	Harhart	Myers	Sturla
Conklin	Harkins	O'Brien, D.	Swanger
Costa, D.	Harper	O'Brien, M.	Tallman
Costa, P.	Harris	O'Neill	Taylor, J.
Cox	Helm	Oberlander	Taylor, R.
Creighton	Hennessey	Oliver	Thomas
Cruz	Hess	Pallone	True
Curry	Hickernell	Parker	Turzai
Cutler	Hornaman	Pashinski	Vereb
Daley	Houghton	Payne	Vitali
Dally	Hutchinson	Payton	Vulakovich
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Dermody	Killion	Preston	Williams
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DiGirolo	Knowles	Quigley	Yudichak
Donatucci	Kortz	Quinn	
Drucker	Kotik	Readshaw	McCall,
Eachus	Krieger	Reed	Speaker
Ellis	Kula		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—7

Godshall	Miccarelli	Perry	Wagner
Maher	Micozzie	Rapp	

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the bill passed finally.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for concurrence.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair at this time would like to congratulate Bob Mensch. As most of the members know, Representative Mensch won a special election yesterday and was elected to the Senate. We are sorry to see you go, Bob, over to that low-key world over in the Senate. Maybe you will get some rest.

STATEMENT BY MR. MENSCH

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes, under unanimous consent, the gentleman from Montgomery County, Representative Mensch.

Mr. MENSCH. First of all, thank you to all of the colleagues for your kind support and your applause there. I do appreciate it very much.

Mr. Speaker, after the last 6 weeks, I can do with a little sleep. So thank you.

STATEMENT BY MRS. WATSON

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Bucks County, Representative Watson, under unanimous consent.

Mrs. WATSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ladies and gentlemen, colleagues, and friends—

The SPEAKER. The gentlelady will yield.

Mrs. WATSON. Yes, sir.

The SPEAKER. Will the House come to order. Representative Watson has a special announcement for the members. The House will come to order.

The Chair recognizes the gentlelady, Representative Watson.

Mrs. WATSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will begin again.

Ladies and gentlemen, colleagues, and friends, I ask for your attention and support in recognizing a member of our House staff, Mr. Kevin Roberts. Could you stand, Mr. Roberts?

Kevin joined the House in January 2008 and has worked as a messenger in the Ryan Office Building and, as you see, in our chamber on session days.

Many of you may not know this, but before Kevin came to Harrisburg, he served in the Reserves for a year in Iraq. This Friday, October 2, Kevin will leave the House to rejoin his Reserve unit – he makes me nervous – and go with them in November to serve for a year's deployment in Afghanistan.

See, I have known Kevin for a long time. His family lives in a section of Warminster Township that I first represented and now is in Representative O'Neill's district. After Kevin's first deployment, he went back to college, and many of you, I know, have seen him studying in the anteroom out there, cramming every minute that he could.

Kevin's mother had given me a charge, and I was to be his Harrisburg mother. I know it is hard to imagine at my tender age that I could do this, but she knew I was a good nag and felt that I was the one to do the job and to look after him. I was told, check on his studying and his grades. I am happy to report I did not have to do very much because Kevin is a good student and indeed his grades are stellar.

It has been my great honor, however, to serve in that capacity and I will continue during his absence from this chamber. I plan to worry about you just as much as your mother is going to do.

So, Mr. Speaker and members of the House, would you please rise and join me in honoring Kevin Roberts with your applause as a sign of our good wishes for his safe return.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentlelady.

STATEMENT BY MINORITY LEADER

Mr. S. SMITH. Mr. Speaker? Just briefly.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the minority leader, Representative Smith.

Mr. S. SMITH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just wanted to echo the comments and to let you know that we are very, very proud of you, Kevin, and thank you for your willingness to go serve this country at such a high level, and we really do appreciate it.

You know, there is a sign like this that can mean a couple of different things. It can mean peace; it can mean victory. You and I know what it also means sitting right there. But we do wish you the best. You will be in our thoughts and prayers, and may God protect you and all that are with you. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

STATEMENT BY MR. PYLE

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Armstrong County, Representative Pyle, under unanimous consent.

Mr. PYLE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the honor we pay to Mr. Roberts and to other members of this chamber, it is with great sorrow that I must report to you that Pennsylvania has lost one of its finest.

This past Monday, His Honor, Robert M. Ravotti, mayor of Freeport Borough for 28 years, Vietnam veteran, highly decorated, succumbed after a 12-month battle with cancer. In Armstrong County, Mayor Ravotti was seen as the dean for all other mayors, the man we all looked to for guidance in tough situations. He is survived by numerous family. The town of Freeport weeps today, Mr. Speaker, and I do too.

Bob would not have appreciated a full formal condolence resolution. Instead, he would have just told us to keep up the good work.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Are there any announcements?

There will be no further votes.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, any remaining bills and resolutions on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until the call of the Chair.