HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 1 p.m., e.s.t.

THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI)
PRESIDING

PRAYER

The SPEAKER. The prayer will be offered today by Rev. Bob Bronkema. He is with First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg in Strasburg, Pennsylvania, of Lancaster County. He is the guest of our colleague and friend, Representative Greiner.

REV. BOB BRONKEMA, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:
Loving God, we do come before You today asking You to be present in a powerful and tangible way. Fill every single Representative here with a spirit of wisdom and cooperation as they deliberate. As leaders in this government and examples in the society, help them to know that they have been called to a life apart.

We lift up their families, their spouses, and children, who during this legislative season may see their mother or their father less. Bind their households, deliver them from temptation, and allow them the strength that they need to view their work as a calling that comes directly from You. Thank You for their work and their sacrifice.

And now today allow a true spirit of unity to be built, not around any principle, but rather finding its foundation on that which this country was founded: peace and justice and liberty for all. We pray this in the name of the one who said that if you would be the greatest of these, you would become the least. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER. Reverend, thank you so much.

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Thursday, February 26, 2015, will be postponed until printed.

COMMUNICATION FROM INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker acknowledges receipt of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department's Annual Report of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for 2014, submitted pursuant to section 2311(g)(4) of the Insurance Department Act of 1921.

(Copy of communication is on file with the Journal clerk.)

HOUSE BILLS

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 647  By Representatives HARHAI, O'BRIEN, KOTIK, THOMAS, MILLARD, BISHOP, HARKINS, DEASY, COHEN, DeLUCA, KORTZ, MAHONEY, MURT, QUINN and MOUL
An Act amending the act of November 6, 1987 (P.L.381, No.79), known as the Older Adults Protective Services Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in reporting suspected abuse by employees, providing for financial abuse.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, February 27, 2015.

No. 658  By Representatives HARHAI, HEFFLEY, MULLERY, COHEN, MILLARD, READSHAW, KINSEY, THOMAS, MATZIE, KORTZ, BROWNLEE, GOODMAN, SNYDER, MURT and MOUL
An Act relating to the rights of purchasers and lessees of defective recreational vehicles.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, February 27, 2015.

No. 659  By Representatives FREEMAN, HARPER, JAMES, CALTAGIRONE, COHEN, DAVIDSON, DRISCOLL, GIBBONS, GINGRICH, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, MATZIE, McCARTER, McNEILL, MURT, O'BRIEN, ONEILL, READSHAW, ROZZI, SAINATO, SAMUELSON, SCHLOSSBERG, SCHWEYER, SIMMONS and THOMAS
An Act amending the act of April 23, 2002 (P.L.298, No.39), known as the Main Street Act, further providing for the duration of grants.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 27, 2015.
An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in city revitalization and improvement zones, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 27, 2015.

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time, further providing for exceptions to sovereign immunity and governmental immunity.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, February 27, 2015.

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further providing for short title of chapter, for definitions, for restricted account, for registration of dealers, for registration or snowmobile or ATV, for limited registration snowmobile or ATV, for certificate of title for snowmobile or ATV, for transfer to or from dealer, for transfer of snowmobile or ATV by operation of law, for issuance of new certificate following transfer, for suspension and cancellation of certificate of title, for application for certificate of title by agent, for perfection of security interest in a snowmobile or ATV, for satisfaction of security interest, for release of security interest, for assignment by secured party of security interest, for snowmobile or ATV purchased from dealer, for fees, for records, for snowmobile and ATV Advisory Committee, for operation on streets and highways, for designation of snowmobile or ATV roads, for special snowmobile or ATV events, for operation on private or State property, for operation by persons under age sixteen, for operation in safe manner, for additional limitations on operation, for accidents and accident reports, for liability of owner for negligence, for liability insurance, for head lamps and tail lamps, for breaks, for mufflers and noise control, for enforcement personnel and procedures and for penalties for violation of chapter; and making editorial changes.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 2, 2015.

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in offenses in general, prohibiting persons from smoking in motor vehicles occupied by minors; and prescribing a penalty.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 2, 2015.

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of attorney, further providing for general provisions.

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for equipment donation tax credit.

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in offenses in general, prohibiting persons from smoking in motor vehicles occupied by minors; and prescribing a penalty.

An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in support matters generally, further providing for support guidelines.
Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, March 2, 2015.

**No. 670** By Representatives HANNA, THOMAS, McNEILL, D. COSTA and DeLUCA

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in special vehicles and pedestrians, providing for operation of kei class light duty trucks; and, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 2, 2015.

**No. 671** By Representatives HANNA, FARINA, McNEILL, D. COSTA, DeLUCA, GODSHALL, COHEN, MURT and GOODMAN

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers and duties of commission; and establishing the Antlerless Deer Harvest Committee.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 2, 2015.

**No. 672** By Representatives HANNA, HARKINS, D. COSTA, BAKER, TRUITT, READSHAW, SCHWEYER, McNEILL, DRISCOLL, V. BROWN, BROWNLEE, ROZZI, GODSHALL, HELM, O'BRIEN, TALLMAN, CALTAGIRONE, KINSEY, THOMAS, ONEILL, SCHLOSSBERG, HARRAI, KIRKLAND, COHEN, MAHONEY, M. K. KELLER, MURT and MOUL

An Act amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, in procedure, further providing for exceptions for public records.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, March 2, 2015.

**No. 673** By Representatives HANNA, MULLERY, FARINA, DeLUCA, D. COSTA and ROZZI

An Act amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of waterways conservation officers and deputies.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 2, 2015.

**No. 674** By Representatives HANNA, MULLERY, FARINA, COHEN, MOUL, D. COSTA and MURT

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 2, 2015.

**No. 678** By Representatives HANNA, THOMAS, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, V. BROWN, SANKEY, BROWNLEE, HELM, McNEILL, KIRKLAND, COHEN, D. COSTA, MAJOR, MURT and READSHAW

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for period of registration.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 2, 2015.

**No. 679** By Representative HANNA

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for certificate of title and for security interest.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, March 2, 2015.

**No. 680** By Representatives HANNA, McNEILL, D. COSTA and COHEN

An Act amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, further providing for tax collection committees.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 2, 2015.

**No. 681** By Representatives HANNA, THOMAS, McNEILL, DeLUCA, COHEN, BARBIN and GODSHALL

An Act amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing for organization of commission and for powers and duties of commission.

Referred to Committee on GAME AND FISHERIES, March 2, 2015.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

The Chair recognizes the good gentleman, the majority whip, Representative Cutler, who requests leaves of absence for the following: Representative MUSTIO of Allegheny County for the day, and Representative ROSS of Chester County for the day. Without objection, the leaves of absence are granted.

The Chair calls upon the minority whip, Representative Hanna of Clinton County, who requests leaves of absence for Representative O'BRIEN of Philadelphia County for the day, and Representative KOTIK of Allegheny County for the day. Without objection, those leaves of absence are granted.

**MASTER ROLL CALL**

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

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Benninghoff  Farina  Krieger  Regan  Representative Major will be speaking later on that resolution, but if those guests could please rise. Thank you so much for being here with us today.

Bishop  Farry  Lawrence  Roan  Located in the gallery, the Chair welcomes the members of the York County Convention and Visitors Bureau, along with their president, Anne Druck. They are guests of the entire York County delegation. Would you please rise.

Bizzarro  Fee  Lewis  Roeck  BISHOP GUILFOYLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM PRESENTED

Bloom  Flynn  Longietti  Rozzi  The SPEAKER. Representative John McGinnis and Representative Judy Ward are invited to the rostrum for the purpose of presenting a citation to the Bishop Guilfoyle State Champion High School Football Team. Representative Ward, Representative McGinnis, please join us, and the floor is yours.

Boebach  Frankel  Mackenzie  Sabatina  Mrs. WARD. Mr. Speaker, friends, and esteemed colleagues, today I stand before you with Representative John McGinnis to honor the State Class A Football Champions, Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School Marauders.

Brodhead  Gabler  Mahoney  Sainato  The Marauders enjoyed their finest season in football history with a perfect 16-and-0 record and captured the State championship win in the PIAA game at Hersheypark Stadium on December 12. This is the first-ever State championship title for Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School Football Team, and the second team from Blair County to receive a PIAA championship title.

Bridges  Gainey  Major  Samuelson  Their coach, Justin Wheeler, was selected as the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, voted "Coach of the Year" by Altoona Mirror newspaper, and named Pennsylvania Football Writers Association Class A Coach of the Year.

Brown, R.  Galloway  Maloney  Sankey  Do not let this small school from Altoona, Pennsylvania, fool you. It has pulled off the Cinderella season. The seniors on this team have been playing together since fourth grade. Along with help from underclassmen, they managed to pull off a win against Clairton High School under very difficult and challenging circumstances. These young men showed poise and class.

Brown, V.  Gergely  Markosek  Santarsiero  I personally know several of the students on this team, and have actually held one of the freshmen in my arms as a newborn, Charles Patterson.

Brownee  Gibbons  Marshall  Santora  Much of their inspiration comes from a young man, Jordan McClure, who was not able to be here today. He is a young man who is physically challenged and has joined them on and off the sidelines. He is a young man that never has a bad day and is a true inspiration to players, coaches, and fans alike.

Burns  Gillen  Marsico  Saylor  My sons are alumni from Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, and I worked for 2 years as the development director at the school, so their success is extra special to me.

Butler  Ginther  Metzgar  Sonny  Coach Wheeler told me that these young men are not just good athletes, but they are good people. Representative McGinnis and I could not be more proud to have them here with us today and have them represent our community.

Caltagirone  Gillespie  Masser  Schemel  Present here on the rostrum with me are seniors Brandon Chadbourn, who will be attending Villanova University; Sam McCloskey, who will be attending Lehigh University; Owen Wolf, who will be attending John Carroll University; Andrew Berger, who will be attending Gannon; and coach Justin Wheeler. The team is in the back with their spiritual director, Father Raymond Crosser. Please stand. Thank you.

An all-right hand could please take their seats, clear the aisles.

The SPEAKER. One hundred and ninety-eight members having voted on the master roll, a quorum is present.

If all members could please take their seats, clear the aisles. We are going to turn to visitor recognition and we would like to give our guests our attention and warm welcomes.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Turning to visitor recognition, and I know some of these folks may also be introduced by our colleagues when we vote on the resolutions.

Located in the rear of the House, the Chair welcomes guests of Representative Sandy Major, members of the Tri-State Society for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, serving Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey.

EXCUSED–4
The SPEAKER. Thank you very much, Representative Ward, Representative McGinnis.

Sixteen and zero; that is outstanding. We will just take a moment here for photos, and resume.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The SPEAKER. Members, we are about to take up a condoleance resolution on the passing of a former member of this House, so I really would ask that everybody please take their seats. We are going to let the State champs depart. The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House. Members will please take their seats.

Our colleague, Representative Saylor, is recognized to offer the condoleance resolution.

The clerk will read the resolution.

The following resolution was read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania wishes to honor the memory of the Honorable Michael L. Waugh, who passed away at the age of fifty-eight on October 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Born in York on December 17, 1955, Mr. Waugh was a graduate of Chambersburg Area High School and the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy. A former Supervisor of Shrewsbury Township, he was a former Assistant Chief of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Company and served as a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, 93rd Legislative District, from 1993 to 1998. Mr. Waugh served three consecutive terms as a member of the Senate of Pennsylvania, representing the 28th Senatorial District and serving as Majority Caucus Chair. The owner of Glen Ridge Farms, he was appointed to serve as Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January 2014. A Farm Show Commissioner for fifteen years, Mr. Waugh served as Chair of the draft horse departments of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and the York Fair Heavy Horse Hitch Show; and

WHEREAS, An avowed steward of his community, Mr. Waugh was a member of the York County Transportation Coalition, the York County Farm Bureau, the Hopewell Fish and Game Commission and the York County Agricultural Business Council. Active with the United Church of Christ, he further served as a member of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association, the Republican Club of York County, the Chesapeake Bay Commission and Shrewsbury Lodge No. 423, Free and Accepted Masons; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaim with enduring sorrow the passing of the Honorable Michael L. Waugh; and extend heartfelt condolences to his wife, Wanda C. King Waugh; son, Joseph M.; one granddaughter, Camdyn; parents, William E. and Lucille L. Measley Waugh; and many other family members and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, sponsored by Representatives Stanley E. Saylor, Keith Gillespie, Seth M. Grove, Kristin Phillips Hill, Kate A. Klunk, Mike Regan, Kevin J. Schreiber and Will Tallman on January 30, 2015, be transmitted to Wanda C. King Waugh.

Stanley E. Saylor, Sponsor
Mike Turzai, Speaker of the House

ATTEST:
Anthony Frank Barbush, Chief Clerk of the House

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman from York County, Representative Stanley Saylor, is called upon.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I rise today to pay tribute to Mike.

And you know, it is funny, because many of our colleagues have gone to the other side of this building and have become Senators, as Mike did, but Mike would not want me calling him Senator Waugh today; he would want me to call him Mike, because he always remembered where he came from. And that was one of the things that was so great about Mike, and it tells you a little bit about his personality, is he never forgot his grass roots and where he came from as an individual. But more importantly, he was a friend to all.

You heard some of his bio, and I would tell you that Mike and I met originally when he had a construction company and I had a construction company many years ago before we both came here in 1993, and Mike and I had this discussion. At that time we had created a new district in York County, and I do not know how to address him anymore, but Congressman Platts, Judge Platts, Representative Platts sitting over here to my left already announced he was running, and I had announced I was running for the House. Mike was debating whether he wanted to run and he was asking my opinion, and I said to Mike that I really felt it was important that we elect more people who are small business people, people who serve in the community as public servants – and Mike was in EMS (emergency medical services), fire chief, township supervisors – we needed people like that in the General Assembly. And Mike eventually, of course, decided to run for the House.

And it was funny, because in York County back in 1993, Todd and Mike and I became known as the three musketeers, running as freshmen. And we came in in 1993 as a class of 24 members, one of the largest classes to ever come into the House at that time on the Republican side, and we were joined by 13 members of our class who – actually, our new Secretary of Labor, Kathy Manderino, was chairman of the Democratic freshman class.

But we came in, and Mike, one of the things with Mike was that he was always open to have discussions on any number of issues, and he had involvement in so many issues in York, from agriculture to fire and emergency services to business issues. The thing that many of you who may not remember Mike too much but will remember if you saw him around the Capitol, Mike always had his suit on, but he always had his cowboy boots, and of course that big mustache. That was kind of his symbol.

Mike had accomplished many things, and I think Representative, Secretary of Welfare Bev Mackereth really said it best when she said that Mike did a lot of things, he was involved in a lot of things, but Mike never took credit for the things he was involved in or the things he accomplished over the many years.

We passed the gambling and casino bill here at the Capitol. Mike was very much involved in making sure fire and emergency services got a part of those dollars to make sure that the funding was going in their direction.

Mike did – which only Mike could do, I believe, at the time – was he put through the statewide building code. That was a difficult thing to do. There were those who wanted to go way
out there and have permits for everything and all kinds of regulations, and then there were those who really did not want a building code in Pennsylvania. Mike and his calm demeanor and his way of really talking to everybody brought everybody together and passed our statewide building code. Those are some of the things that Mike accomplished.

I remember going to many fire banquets with Mike, and the one thing that he always said and from the bottom of his heart, he would tell everybody at a fire and emergency banquet was "be safe out there," because Mike really valued our emergency service personnel long before 9/11 came, when we all became great believers in supporting our fire and police. So Mike led the way there.

But he really had great civic pride in everything he did; a great love for his family, his granddaughter and son, and of course, his wife and his parents. So today the thing that I think, too, also comes to my mind about Mike was the fact that he was always about bringing people together. He was always about unity, and because of Mike and people like Todd Platts and others, our delegation is York County united.

It started off, it was Mike and Todd and I, Bruce Smith, Steve Stetler, and we would meet on a monthly basis. Then came along Eugene DePasquale, and Eugene joined the group and our delegation kept changing, but Mike always made sure we met on a monthly basis. As a delegation, it was united.

We would have our differences. As a delegation, as you all know, we have different issues that we may face or disagree on, but Mike always made sure we were together as a team, as York County.

And as Senator, he never forgot that. He was still a team player; he was still a part of all of us. He did not say, "Oh, well, you know, I am in the State Senate now, see you guys later. I will do my own thing." He always cared about all of us.

One of the things to show you how humble and how it is unusual with Mike is, there is a story about a newspaper reporter who had come down to his farm for an assignment, and it was a cold and inclement day, and the photographer could not find Mike. And he asked the guy who was in a Carhartt hoodie who was doing farm stuff, you know, where Senator Waugh was. And the man in the hood said, "Jason, it's me." Mike was just a down-to-earth guy, a guy who did not stand out from the point of everyday life but stood out in the job that he did as a Senator and as a Representative, and more importantly, the job he did into his last days, as the executive director of the Farm Show.

There is a quote by Ed Croker, who was chief of the New York City Fire Department from 1899-1911. The quote goes like this, and it really speaks to Mike. It is, "When a man becomes a fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished. What he does after that is all in the line of work." That was Mike.

And last but not least, Winston Churchill said that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. Mike Waugh gave a lot — to his community, to our county, and to our Commonwealth.

FAMILY INTRODUCED

Mr. SAYLOR. Would you please recognize with me, to the left of the Speaker, Mike's wife, Wanda – Wanda, would you please rise – his son, Joe, and granddaughter, Camdyn; Mike's parents, Ed and Lucille Waugh, as well, are here with us today.

Also with us is our former colleague who just retired, Representative Ron Miller, who took Mike's spot here in the House of Representatives, along with his wife, Kitty, who is there as well. But also our former colleague in the House, then went to Congress, and now sits on the York County Court of Common Pleas, the Honorable Todd Platts.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative Saylor.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. Those in favor of the resolution will rise and remain standing as a mark of respect for the deceased former member. Guests, we would ask that you also please rise.

(Whereupon, the members of the House and all visitors stood in a moment of silence in solemn respect to the memory of the Honorable Michael L. Waugh.)

The SPEAKER. The resolution has been unanimously adopted.
The Sergeants at Arms will open the doors of the House. Thank you.

UNCONTESTED CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Mr. PASHINSKI called up HR 44, PN 160, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2015 as "Music in Our Schools Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. PAYNE called up HR 99, PN 574, entitled:

A Resolution designating the month of March 2015 as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. BROWNLEE called up HR 100, PN 575, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 2, 2015, as "Read Across America Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. MAJOR called up HR 115, PN 671, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 8 through 14, 2015, as "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. SCHREIBER called up HR 117, PN 673, entitled:

A Resolution designating March 2, 2015, as "Explore York County Tourism Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. RAVENSTAHL called up **HR 126, PN 705**, entitled:

A Resolution designating the week of March 15 through 21, 2015, as "Poison Prevention Week" in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. FARINA called up **HR 127, PN 706**, entitled:

A Resolution designating February 28, 2015, as "Rare Disease Day" in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. V. BROWN called up **HR 130, PN 709**, entitled:


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Ms. V. BROWN called up **HR 131, PN 710**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing March 10, 2015, as "World Tennis Day" in Pennsylvania.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolutions?

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

The SPEAKER. We have some colleagues who are going to speak on a number of the House resolutions that were just adopted.

**STATEMENT BY MS. MAJOR**

The SPEAKER. The Chair calls upon Representative Sandra Major, the majority caucus chair from Susquehanna County, and she has the floor.

Members, I would ask that all members please take their seats. Our colleagues have the floor. We will begin with Representative Major. Thank you, Representative.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to thank my colleagues for their support of HR 115, which designates the week of March 8 through 14 as "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week" here in Pennsylvania.

Pulmonary disease affects those patients with respiratory health issues. Pulmonary disease is the third leading cause of death in our nation, and the fourth leading cause of death in Pennsylvania.

Pulmonary rehabilitation is a broad program that helps reduce patient symptoms and improve the overall well-being of people who have chronic breathing problems. Rehabilitation does not replace medical therapy; instead, it is used in conjunction with medical therapy and may include exercise training, nutritional counseling, education of a person's disease or condition, energy-conserving techniques, breathing strategies, and psychological counseling.

Those in the medical field who work in this specialty deserve our recognition for the extraordinary work that they do and the educational outreach they perform. The work these individuals do is extremely valuable. Through their efforts, they can improve a patient's quality of life and ability to function.

Several members of the Pennsylvania Tri-State Society for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehab are here in the chamber, and the Speaker did recognize them earlier. They are standing in the back, if you will once again acknowledge their presence. Thank you for joining us today.
Mr. Speaker, they are here to highlight the importance of good health and to draw attention to one of our nation's leading killers. Thank you for joining me in supporting passage of HR 115.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY MR. SCHREIBER

The SPEAKER. Representative Schreiber of York County is recognized to speak on HR 117. Representative.

Mr. SCHREIBER. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to invite any of my colleagues from York County down for this resolution as well, if they would like to.

It seems altogether fitting and appropriate that we have before us this resolution today to support the tourism industry in York County, an industry that our late Senator cherished and worked very hard to develop, from his early days with our York Fairgrounds to taking over the Farm Show Complex here in Dauphin County. I would like to thank my colleagues from York County.

Most importantly, I would like to thank the members of our tourism industry from York County who are seated in the gallery, as was recognized by the Speaker; and Anne Druck, the president and executive director of our York County Convention and Visitors Bureau and all of these great tourism destinations.

Hopefully many of you were able to peruse, wander through the East Wing Rotunda earlier today, as many of these tourism providers were on display to showcase some of the great things that York County tourism has to offer our Commonwealth.

And just to give you a couple quick highlights: The tourism industry in York County accounts for $907 million as an industry, all-encompassing, just shy of a $1 billion industry in York County. It employs over 7,500 people annually throughout our tourism industry.

In many ways, the York County tourism industry is a microcosm of our Commonwealth. We have our agritourism and our farmland and our open space preservation. We have our river towns along the Susquehanna and all of the activities that go along with that. We have our small cities, our large cities. We have Hanover. We have the city of York and all of the great amenities that our urban environments have to offer, and then, of course, all of the great amenities throughout York County, such as our York Revolution Baseball, our Strand-Capitol Performing Arts theater. So in many ways, York County is just a microcosm of the Commonwealth's tourism industry, and it is an impactful one.

So today I want to thank all of my colleagues, all of our delegation for passing and adopting March 2 as Explore York County Tourism Day in Pennsylvania. So thank you all very much.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

STATEMENT BY MS. BROWNLEE

The SPEAKER. The good lady from Philadelphia County, Representative Brownlee, is called to speak on HR 100, Read Across America Day. Representative Brownlee.

Ms. BROWNLEE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I thank you, my colleagues, for your continued support for Read Across America Day, which we are celebrating today, March 2, 2015.

This resolution coincides with the birthday of Dr. Theodor Seuss Geisel, renowned creator of the Dr. Seuss children's books and the National Education Association's "Read Across America" program.

The National Education Association's annual "Read Across America" program continues to be the nation's largest reading event, with millions of readers participating nationwide. The program began in 1998 and was the largest celebration of reading ever held in our nation's history. The "Read Across America" program continues to grow, and this year the program will be supported by over 3.2 million elementary and secondary school teachers, higher education faculty members, educational support professionals, school administrators, retired educators, and students.

I think all of us recognize the fact that music is universal and certainly a powerful means that transcends beyond culture, ethnic, and economic barriers. Music's universal appeal allows students to connect emotionally and intellectually.

When the drum beats and the bass begins to sound, people's toes begin to tap; that is because music is in all of us. Music encourages and cultivates creativity; develops critical-thinking skills; promotes diversity; and requires discipline, serious study, and communication. These tools, these most important tools are needed to be successful in the classroom, in the workforce, and in life itself.

Countless studies have proven that children who participate in quality music programs at an early age are more likely to pursue higher education, have lower high school dropout rates, and score significantly higher on standardized tests than their peers who are not involved in music programs. We use music to break down barriers and to find that common connection. Music helps to express the emotion, every emotion – love, sadness, excitement, patriotism – every emotion that is possible, because music is that common thread, that conduit that connects every human emotion every day.

We must vigorously support a well-designed education curriculum that cultivates a new generation of musicians that will score the next film, compose the next Grammy award-winning song, or continue to write those songs that keep our toes tapping. We as a culture will be greatly served if the minds and hearts of our children are filled with the knowledge, beauty, and understanding of music.

Music is a powerful tool that enhances our lives and our world, and I am grateful to all of my colleagues for recognizing the positive impact a well-designed music curriculum will have on our next generation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you once again to all my colleagues. It is much appreciated.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

STATEMENT BY MR. PASHINSKI

The SPEAKER. Representative Pashinski is now recognized to speak on HR 44, Music in Our Schools Month.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Thanks to all of my colleagues who supported this resolution naming March as our "Music in Our Schools Month."
Further, the work of Dr. Geisel's "Dr. Seuss" series continues to inspire readers of all ages—adults and children alike. However, in promoting reading for our school-age children, these books encourage them to think deeper, to be analytical and imaginative, which undoubtedly positions them for future academic success moving forward.

If you have seen the Cat in the Hat roaming the Capitol today, please thank the Cat in the Hat for "The Cat in the Hat" book, "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish," and all kinds of other entertaining books that we read to our children.

Thank you again for your support for Read Across America Day, and remember, anytime is the right time to share the gift of reading with a child.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

STATEMENT BY MS. BROWN

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the good lady from Philadelphia County, Representative Vanessa Brown, who will be speaking on two resolutions—first HR 130, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, followed by HR 131, World Tennis Day in Pennsylvania. Representative Brown.

Ms. V. BROWN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I am actually going to speak on both HR 130 and 131 at the same time, and you will see how they relate.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all of my colleagues for adopting HR 130 and 131. Both of these resolutions recognize next Tuesday, March 10, as special days in Pennsylvania. The first one, HR 131, recognizes World Tennis Day in Pennsylvania. The second resolution, HR 130, recognizes Women and Girls HIV/AIDS (human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome) Awareness Day in Pennsylvania.

While many struggle to identify a direct tie or correlation between the two subjects, there are in fact multiple intersections between the sport of tennis and the widely known disease of HIV/AIDS—that of which extends beyond the personal narrative of the former great tennis hero, Arthur Ashe.

For instance, tennis is a great sport for all people, especially city residents. It is relatively inexpensive, requiring only a racquet, a ball, and a court. Public courts can be found throughout the Commonwealth in many parks and on school grounds.

In the same vein, last week the PLBC, the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, hosted a forum on the obesity epidemic, a forum which highlighted the need to get regular exercise and closely monitor one’s health and lifestyle choices. Athletics can play a key role in developing a solid sense of self-worth. It would be fair to say that athletics play an integral role in promoting the health and wellness of being both physically and mentally fit.

You could also surmise that a young girl or woman who feels confident about herself, her athletic abilities, and her body would be less likely to give in to peer pressure, and thus less likely to engage in risky behavior that could lead to contracting HIV or AIDS. It is this belief that led me to introduce HR 131.

We need to both curtail the exposure of HIV and AIDS for other women and girls and raise awareness so that those who have been infected can be diagnosed and treated early. A proper treatment regimen can now keep the virus under control in many women stricken with this disease, as well as greatly reduce the spread of the virus.

Before I conclude, I would just like to share a personal note. As a youth, I played tennis, and I was a member of the United States Tennis Association, and I can tell you that the words that I have read here today echo truth in my life. And it was the strict regimen of playing tennis and being fit that kept me in the right way, and it built self-esteem within myself to allow me to make good decisions as I was coming up as a young lady.

And I just want to conclude that Arthur Ashe, even though he had the unfortunate death of dying from HIV and AIDS, was a tennis hero and someone whom I as a young person admired and looked up to and strived to be like in his discipline and his excellence in the sport.

And as I conclude my remarks this afternoon, I would like to thank my colleagues for endorsing both of these resolutions. I truly believe that our collective action of highlighting these subjects today will prove beneficial in further advocating for the overall health and wellness of our girls and our women.

Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO RULE 35

Ms. BOBACK called up HR 129, PN 708, entitled:

A Resolution honoring the legacy of Hannah Callowhill Penn, and designating March 12, 2015, as Hannah Callowhill Penn Day.

On the question,

Will the House adopt the resolution?

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes on the floor the sponsor of the resolution, Representative Boback.

Ms. BOBACK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I ask for the unanimous consent of HR 129, which designates March 12, 2015, as “Hannah Callowhill Penn Day” in Pennsylvania.

William Penn, the founder of the Province of Pennsylvania, married Hannah in 1696. When William Penn became incapacitated by a stroke in 1712, Hannah Penn governed the Province of Pennsylvania in his name and handled all of the financial and legal affairs for the next 6 years until he died in 1718.

Following Penn’s death, Hannah continued to govern Pennsylvania from England for another 8 years. At the time of William Penn’s death, the colony was in financial debt. Hannah Penn, through her strong leadership and financial management, was successful in restoring the fiscal stability to the colony before she died in 1726.

As we honor March 2015 as Women’s History Month, I ask that you join me in recognizing the leadership, achievements, and contributions to this Commonwealth by the first woman who governed Pennsylvania, Hannah Callowhill Penn. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution?
The following roll call was recorded:

**YEAS–198**

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- DeLuca
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- Ward
- Warner
- Waters
- Watson
- Wenling
- Wheatley
- Wheeler
- Youngblood
- Zimmerman
- Turzai
- Speaker

**NAYS–0**

**NOT VOTING–0**

**EXCUSED–4**

- Kotik
- Mustio
- O'Brien
- Ross

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

The SPEAKER. We are going to move to announcements at this time.

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**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The Chair will recognize our majority Appropriations chairman, Representative Adolph of Delaware County, for an announcement.

Mr. ADOLPH. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will be an immediate Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

There will be an immediate Appropriations Committee meeting in the majority caucus room.

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**STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The SPEAKER. The chair of the State Government Committee, Representative Metcalfe of Butler County, is recognized.

Mr. METCALFE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the House State Government Committee at the break, at 2 p.m., in G-50 of the Irvis Office Building, and the subject of the meeting will be HB 472, as well as any other business that would be brought before the committee, Mr. Speaker. So that will be a meeting of the House State Government Committee at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, during the break, in G-50 Irvis Office Building, to consider HB 472.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. There will be a State Government Committee meeting at 2 p.m. in G-50 of the Irvis Office Building.

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**REPUBLICAN CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes our majority caucus chair, Representative Major, for an announcement.

Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to announce Republicans will caucus today at 2:15. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room at 2:15. We would be prepared to come back on the floor, Mr. Speaker, at 3:15. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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**DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker recognizes the good gentleman from Allegheny County, the minority caucus chair, Representative Frankel.

Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will caucus at 2:15. Democrats will caucus at 2:15. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you.

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**RECESS**

The SPEAKER. Members, at this time we will recess until 3:15, unless recalled sooner by the Speaker. Thank you.
AFTER RECESS

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

BILLS REREPOR TED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 73, PN 64

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for counseling of sexually violent predators.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 166, PN 150

By Rep. ADOLPH


APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 186, PN 178

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, further providing for victims' rights.

APPROPRIATIONS.

HB 446, PN 490

By Rep. ADOLPH

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for a mandatory period of probation for certain sexual offenders.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The SPEAKER. Members, will you please take your seats. We are moving to bills on second consideration.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 188, PN 180, entitled:

An Act amending the act of June 30, 1981 (P.L.128, No.43), known as the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for definitions and for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

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

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The House proceeded to second consideration of HB 164, PN 664, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of cruelty to animals.

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

Mr. STEPHENS offered the following amendment No. A00236:

Amend Bill, page 3, line 8, by striking out ", facility, space"

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the good gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Stephens.

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment just clarifies an oversight on my part in drafting the bill, and I would urge the members to vote in support of the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

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

The following roll call was recorded:

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Mr. LONGIETTI offered the following amendment No. A00201:

Amend Bill, page 6, line 18, by striking out "chairman of the State board" and inserting Governor

Amend Bill, page 7, lines 16 through 18, by striking out "chairman of" in line 16, all of line 17 and "members of the State board" in line 18 and inserting Governor

Amend Bill, page 7, lines 27 through 29, by striking out "chairman of the" in line 27, all of line 28 and "members of the State board" in line 29 and inserting Governor

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN TEMPORARILY

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Mr. Longietti.

The amendment, 201, will be temporarily withdrawn, and we will move to the next amendment.

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

Mr. ROEBUCK offered the following amendment No. A00249:

Amend Bill, page 29, lines 18 and 19, by striking out "enrolled in a charter school entity"

Amend Bill, page 29, lines 27 through 29, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 30, lines 6 through 8, by striking out "A parent member appointed under paragraph (1) shall" in line 6, all of line 7 and "remains enrolled in the charter school entity." in line 8

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the good gentleman, Mr. Roebuck.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment would in fact go back to the law as it now exists in terms of the process of appealing the approval of charter schools and reviewing that process. The legislation that is drafted before you would in fact shift the weight of the review committee towards one segment of the community as opposed to another. It would decidedly shift it towards the charter community.

The committee as it now exists works. That committee has, over time, heard a number of cases and has been very evenhanded in its effort to review schools and to approve those schools which are strong and are viable and help our young people to learn. We do not need to tinker with a committee that works. If it is not broke, do not fix it.

The reality is that as it exists, those who have concerns about the failure of a local school district to approve a charter proposal have a fair group of individuals who review that decision and have been evenhanded in the results.
We do not need to change the balance on the committee, and I would urge you to adopt my amendment which keeps things in place that work as they are.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

The good gentleman from Westmoreland County, Mr. Reese.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose this amendment.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment would create language that would eliminate charter school representation on the appeal board while leaving school board representation intact. Mr. Speaker, it is my opinion there is no logical reason to have a parent of a traditional public school student serve on the appeal board rather than the parent of a charter school student with a better understanding of how charter schools should operate.

So I certainly respect the gentleman's opinion. I request a "no" vote on the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The good lady from Philadelphia County, Cherelle Parker, Representative Parker.

Mrs. PARKER. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support Chairman Roebuck's amendment 249 to HB 530, and I do so, Mr. Speaker, from a purely positive economic perspective. And that is via the 2015-16 budget, the School District of Philadelphia is already facing an $80 million shortfall, and just to get us far less than we were adequately funded.

Mr. Speaker, let me just also note that this amendment will help to stop a potential financial disaster for the school district of Philadelphia. And to be quite frank, Mr. Speaker, I support this amendment and think we all should consider supporting it, and it does not matter how you feel about traditional public schools versus charter schools. To me, that is a false argument and surely not the basis or the intent or the spirit of the Roebuck amendment, because ultimately, we support high-achieving academic outcomes for children despite whether or not they attend a traditional public and/or a charter.

So I want to support the Roebuck amendment, again from a positive economic analysis perspective, but also to keep in mind that while ensuring that we have a fair representation via the appeals process that also gives us time, Mr. Speaker, to work on a student-weighted funding formula to work on redressing the issue associated with the charter school reimbursement line item that has been eliminated via the past administration.

In addition to that, Mr. Speaker, I want to note again, for the sake of our Philadelphia School District, I strongly ask members to support amendment A00249 that will delete these changes to the State Charter Appeal Board, assure that there is fairness across the board, and assure that we are making decisions regarding public education, particularly in the city of Philadelphia, from a positive economic analysis perspective and not about whether or not people will consider us to be pro-charter or pro-traditional public. That is not the argument, Mr. Speaker.

I encourage us to vote "yes" for the Roebuck amendment. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, Representative.

The Chair recognizes the majority whip, Representative Cutler, from Lancaster County.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the amendment as the gentleman from Westmoreland County so accurately described.

I believe it upsets the balance between the traditional school boards and the charter school boards. In addition, I think that by removing the charter school parent, it would further complicate the oversight.

And finally, the gentlelady's last remarks regarding the funding for the Philadelphia school system: I would simply point out that the bill, as it currently stands without amendment, would save the school district approximately $4 million, so I think that is a good vote, and also a good vote for funding for the Philadelphia school districts.

Thank you. We urge a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Speaker recognizes the chair for the second time on the amendment. Thank you, sir.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Let us be very clear here. When you are talking about fairness, what the bill as it is now written does not do: it does not preserve fairness, plain and simple.

What it does is that it adds two new members to the appeal board – a charter school trustee, a charter school administrator – and requires that the existing parent on the appeal board be the parent of a charter school student. How can that be fair, Mr. Speaker?

When you take a board that has been evenhanded and deliberative in process, and now you add, in effect, three new people of a particular viewpoint onto the board, that is not fair. It is not just. It is not right. It needs not to be approved by this body.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Kortz.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the amendment, A00249, Dr. Roebuck's.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment is not needed – I am sorry – this amendment is needed to put back what we have. What is proposed by the gentleman is to increase the school board, this appeals board, if you will, and it is going to unfairly skew this board the other way.

Mr. Speaker, the charter school trustee and the administrator obviously will vote to put everything in. It will not be fair. We need to make sure it is fair. There is no reason to do this. There is no reason to change the appeals board the way it is currently set up, because it is working correctly.

So I would ask everybody to support the amendment by Chairman Roebuck.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman, Mr. Reese, Westmoreland County.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As a point of clarification, currently there is a school board member that serves on it, a certified teacher actively employed in a public school, a faculty member or administrative employee of an institution of higher education, a member of the business community, and a member of the State Board of Education.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Delaware County, Mr. Vitali.
Mr. VITALI. I rise in support of the Roebuck amendment.

As I understand this amendment, this is a very important amendment because it deals with two very important issues: local control and property taxes. If the Roebuck amendment fails, the decision of our local school boards with regard to the acceptance of a charter application will be more likely to be overturned. So by voting against this amendment, you are really voting against the authority of your own local school district, who your constituents represented. So local control is a very important concept here.

The second concept I think that is very important to the people I represent in southeastern Pennsylvania is the property tax issue. The number one complaint as I knock on the doors of the people in my district are property taxes, and one thing that drives property taxes are the payments my local school district has to make for schools outside of their school district.

If you vote against the Roebuck amendment, you are putting more pressure, more pressure on your local school boards to raise property taxes. These are two very important things to the people I represent.

I think the Roebuck amendment is a good commonsense amendment if you believe in local control and if you believe in keeping the pressure off of higher property taxes, so I would ask for a "yes" vote on Roebuck.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman from York County, the majority Education chair, Stan Saylor.

Mr. SAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to the gentleman's amendment. The gentleman from Delaware County talked about the fact that now it is more likely that a charter school application appeal will be upheld by the current board. This bill as written, the board's makeup should be one that is fair to all, not just slanted to one side of education or not. I am a big supporter of our traditional public schools, but truthfully and honestly, how are we to assure, without the way this bill is written, to make sure that everybody gets a fair shake when they come to the appeals board? That is all that this bill does. It makes sure that everybody has a fair representation on the appeals board. It does exactly what we as General Assembly members talk about all the time. We all have differences of opinion, but is it not about all of us having equal opportunities to make our case?

This bill is a good bill as it is written. If you vote against the Roebuck amendment, you are putting competition with some of the people that would be applying, and so if a charter application comes up where they would be in direct competition with another charter member who is sitting on the board, it would seem to me that that person would either have to recuse themselves or that they would have a conflict of interest.

So I would support the Roebuck amendment and urge my colleagues to do so.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On the question recurring.

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Mr. LONGIETTI reoffered the following amendment No. A00201:

Amend Bill, page 6, line 18, by striking out "chairman of the State board" and inserting Governor
Amend Bill, page 7, lines 16 through 18, by striking out "chairman of" in line 16, all of line 17 and "members of the State board" in line 18 and inserting Governor
Amend Bill, page 7, lines 27 through 29, by striking out "chairman of the" in line 27, all of line 28 and "members of the State board" in line 29 and inserting Governor

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Mr. Longietti.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my amendment simply restores language which was in the bill that this General Assembly passed last session by a vote of 133 to 62. Specifically, there is a Charter School Funding Advisory Commission that the bill establishes. There are 20 members on that commission, and a number of those members are appointed by different appointing authorities. The language that I would restore is that the Governor, and not the chairman of the State Board of Education, would appoint a number of those folks.

As I indicated last session, this General Assembly saw the wisdom in having the Governor make those appointments. Quite frankly, the State Board of Education really has not had much of a role or played much of a part in charter school matters, and my understanding is that they are not asking to play that role. I think it would be unwise for us— If we want this commission to be viewed seriously, if we want them to come up with a report that has an opportunity, a real opportunity to provide something substantive, we cannot cut the Governor out of that process. I think it would be unwise to do that. And when you look at the appointments that are made on the commission, there are legislative appointments. There are members of the House and the Senate that will be appointed by the Speaker in consultation with the majority and minority leaders and by the pro tem of the Senate in consultation with the majority and minority leaders there.

We would not, for example, say, let us deviate from that process and have the Legislative Reference Bureau make those appointments. Similarly, we should not cut the Governor out and have the State Board of Education make what should be the Governor's appointments and which would have been the Governor's appointments in the legislation that was passed last year.

So in conclusion, Mr. Speaker, we do not want to cut out one branch of government in this process. Although the State Board technically falls under the executive branch, it really is the purview of the Governor to make those appointments. It is not something the State Board is asking us to get involved in, so I would just simply return that language that we found in last year's bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. BARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of this amendment. We have been going through this in the last two sessions, an attempt to try to make charter and cyber schools reform. Now all of a sudden we are here and we are saying what we accepted last year as good for the goose is no longer good for the goose. We do not want the Governor to have an impact. We want to have an unelected chairman of the State Board make those decisions.

This thing is either going to be nonpolitical and it is going to attempt to do what is best with a billion dollars, because that is what the charters and the cybers cost us. Twenty-five percent of them work as high as the public schools; 75 percent do not. And if we keep doing this kind of stuff — trying to get a political advantage on the language of the bill — you cannot expect anybody to accept this as a real reform. So if we are going to do real reform, let us do it, but let us at least let the people speak. They elected a Governor, right or wrong. You may think it is wrong who they elected, but they elected him. He has the obligation to spend the money that we appropriate for public education, including charter and cyber schools.

This is a fairly blatant attempt to politicize this commission, and it should not be in this bill. I ask that this amendment be accepted to keep this in a nonpolitical form.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose this amendment. While I certainly respect my colleague's opinion, I disagree somewhat. The State Board sets education policy throughout the Commonwealth. The State Board is a bipartisan government entity, ensuring that the interests of both parties are represented in the making of commission appointments and helping to ensure a balanced and fair commission.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to note that the Governor makes the appointments to the State Board with confirmation from the Senate. I think this is a bipartisan group. I think it would be very fair, very balanced; therefore, I ask for a "no" vote on the amendment.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. PASHINSKI offered the following amendment No. A00259:

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Mr. Pashinski.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

This is a rather simple amendment. The purpose of this is simply to restore, to restore back what HB 618 had, relative to the evaluation of the teachers in both charter schools, and make it comparable to the same rigors as those in the public school.

Last year, if you recall, we had extensive debates on making sure that all our teachers, regardless of where they were teaching, were being held to rigorous standards so that we then could evaluate on a relatively equal basis. That discussion last year made it clear, once we passed HB 618, that the same standards should apply for the charter school as well as those instructors of the public school. It is important to note that when we talk about the fact that we may have a differentiation there, the governing body is the Department of Education, and although we may find some faults with that particular department, we do recognize the fact that they are highly qualified and have the austere responsibility of making sure that those teachers are being evaluated fairly and being held to the same standards.

At this point I would encourage a positive vote for amendment 00259.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman, Mr. Reese, of Westmoreland County.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to respectfully oppose the amendment. Mr. Speaker, HB 530, the underlying bill, currently requires the authorizer, if it is a brick-and-mortar charter school district, if it is a cyber charter PDE (Pennsylvania Department of Education), to be able to view exactly how they are measuring those teachers in these schools.

So because of that – and if I am going to be honest, I also think sort of the longer term view of this, the fact that we are authorizing this commission to put together a performance matrix that would include the SPP (School Performance Profile) from each school, along with many other items, I just do not think this amendment is necessary.

So with that, Mr. Speaker, I request a "no" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. Representative Pashinski, for the second time.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

All we are doing here is simply asking the Department of Education to approve it. That is it. And again, the Department of Education is the standard, is the responsible party. We had extensive discussion about that last year, and it was the body's intent to make sure that it was a fair evaluation, and as a result, 618 did include the fact that all teachers were to be evaluated on that same standard, and of course, the Department of Education would be that standardized rule of judgment. That is all we are asking for in this amendment is to make sure that it comes back exactly the way we put it in in HB 618.

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The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

Representative Kortz from Allegheny County.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of amendment 259. It just does not make sense to me that we have two separate evaluation systems that are going to go on here. The charter and cyber charters are going to be an offshoot of the public schools. That is what they are, but yet we are going to have two different evaluation systems, an A and a B. One can only conclude from that that the charter and cyber charter evaluation system is maybe going to be less stringent and not be up to par. Well, then you are going to have apples and oranges. We need to have a consistency here. We need to have an evaluation that is fair and level across the board.

This just does not make sense, Mr. Speaker, and I would urge a "yes" vote, 259. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman, Representative Samuelson, on the amendment.

Mr. SAMUELSON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I urge the members of this House to take a look at this amendment that Representative Pashinski is offering. It is just 16 words. I believe the source of this language is former Representative Ryan Aument, who is now over in the Senate, and this language was discussed in the House. It was put in the charter school bill last year. And look at the 16 words. Representative Pashinski is asking that the teacher evaluation system be rigorous, rigorous. I know the gentleman from Westmoreland said that is not necessary, we do not need to put that requirement in the bill. But you know what? This was in the bill last year. Why should not the teacher evaluation system for charter schools be rigorous?

If you go back 3 years, this House actually voted to require the charter schools to have the same teacher evaluation system that all other public schools have. That was in June of 2012, 193 to 7, a bipartisan vote, that we said that charter school teachers should have the same teacher evaluation system as public school teachers. Well, we know what happened back in June of 2012. The Senate took that out, and right now charter schools do not have that same teacher evaluation system.

Now, I realize the bill in chief, even this bill in chief does not go as far as the existing teacher evaluation system we have for public schools – traditional public schools, intermediate units, and vocational-technical schools – so even the language of the bill in chief is not as strong as the high standards that we have set for most public school teachers. But for some reason, we think that public school teachers who work in charter schools or cyber schools should not be subject to those same strong evaluation standards. I realize we cannot change this today in this bill, but what Representative Pashinski is saying is why not have those teacher evaluation standards approved by the Department of Education. If there is going to be a new teacher evaluation standard for a charter school or a cyber charter school, it should be approved by the Department of Education.

And also, Representative Pashinski is asking that you put in the word "rigorous." These charter school evaluation systems should be rigorous. Who could be against that?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

At this time, unless there are any other speakers, I would like to go to the sponsor of the bill, Representative Reese, Westmoreland County.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I hear the concerns, and I certainly respect them, but I disagree. HB 530 does provide for a standardized approach for evaluating teachers. That is in the bill. What you are talking about is you are talking about having the authorizer take a look at what that teacher evaluation is. Well, I am glad to hear you say that, because in the language in HB 530, the authorizer gets to look at that teacher evaluation system.

So currently in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, if you are a brick-and-mortar charter, your authorizer is the local school district. If you are a cyber charter, your authorizer is the Department of Education. If there is going to be a new teacher evaluation system, an A and a B. One can only conclude from this bill that that the charter and cyber charter evaluation system is maybe going to be less stringent and not be up to par. Well, then you are going to have apples and oranges. We need to have a consistency here. We need to have an evaluation that is fair and level across the board.

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The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir. The gentleman from Westmoreland County, Mr. Reese.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, there are times that I certainly agree with the gentleman who offered this amendment, but on this case, I respectfully disagree. As he had mentioned, there is case law on this. It seems as though all parties have agreed to what the Supreme Court ruled on; therefore, I do not think it is necessary.

But just one further point: We were informed by PDE that all schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania currently offer 5-year programs, so it is a moot point at the end of the day. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I request a “no” vote on this amendment. Thank you.

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Mr. STURLA offered the following amendment No. A00264:

Amend Bill, page 48, by inserting between lines 12 and 13

(g) Any paid media advertisement by a charter school entity that refers to the cost of tuition or transportation shall not advertise those expenses as free. Any reference to attendance or transportation costs must stipulate that the cost is borne by taxpayer dollars. Paid media advertisement includes television, radio, movie theater, billboard, bus, poster, newspaper, magazine, the Internet or any other commercial method that may promote enrollment of a charter school entity.

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

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment would prohibit charter school entities from advertising free tuition or transportation, stipulating that they must advertise that these costs are paid for with taxpayer dollars. You have all seen the billboards and TV ads and radio ads that claim that there is free tuition. The reality is that the taxpayers are paying for this. This is simply truth in disclosure of where the dollars are coming from.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman, Mr. Reese.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully rise to oppose this amendment. While I can certainly appreciate the thought process on this amendment, if we required that of all public schools, I believe it would become somewhat problematic. I think most people recognize that public schools are funded by tax dollars. You all have seen the billboards and TV ads and radio ads that claim that there is free tuition. The reality is that the taxpayers are paying for this. This is simply truth in disclosure of where the dollars are coming from.

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Representative Sturla, for the second time on the amendment.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would agree with the prime sponsor's reasoning if public schools actually bought TV ads and radio ads and billboards, but if they did, I think they would get run out of town. The reality is that charter schools in some cases spend a substantial portion of the taxpayers' dollars on that advertising to tell people that it is for free, when in fact it is the taxpayers' dollars.

So when traditional public schools start spending the kind of money on advertising that charters do, I will offer that amendment also, but in the meantime, I think this is simply a commonsense way to get people to understand who is footing the bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman from Westmoreland County, Representative Evankovich.

Mr. EVANKOVICH. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to stand to oppose amendment 00264.

Mr. Speaker, all education systems in Pennsylvania are on a level playing field in terms of running media advertising to sell the goods, the positive things that their school might bring to the table for prospective students. Mr. Speaker, we often hear about charters and cyber charters and how they should not be allowed to use money to advertise. Mr. Speaker, we see educational institutions advertising all the time. We see public higher education systems advertising. In fact, Penn Hills School District, which is located in Allegheny County, routinely runs television advertisements to try to sell the public on why they should be coming and attending school and living in Penn Hills.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we should allow this to continue and that we should oppose amendment 00264.

The SPEAKER. Representative Kortz, the good gentleman from Allegheny County.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of amendment 264. Mr. Speaker, a lot of the members here came in on reform and transparency. All we are doing is asking to put a little disclosure out there that this is paid for with taxpayer dollars. Let everybody do it. Let us have real reform and transparency. We should be doing this so that the good taxpayers of Pennsylvania know who is paying for it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman from Luzerne County, Representative Pashinski.

Mr. PASHINSKI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I, too, rise in support of this amendment. I am having great difficulty trying to understand how we are allowing one education system that is being paid for by the Pennsylvania taxpayers that we say we represent to be able to advertise and to be able to make a statement which is not true. How can they possibly make a statement that says, "this education is for free," when the Pennsylvania taxpayers' property tax, that we are all so concerned about, is paying for, how can they be allowed to say it is for free or their transportation is for free? And you paint a slick picture that this particular institution is better than the schools that they have within their system.

This is inherently false. It is unethical, and it does not belong in this bill. If you want to improve the education, improve the education. If you want to improve the standards, improve the standards. But to mislead the public in believing that a charter school is free is inherently wrong.

I ask people to reconsider what you are doing and make sure that you give an equal playing field for both public and charter. These kids are our kids. These are our Pennsylvania kids. They deserve to have the best. We could not get a rigorous
evaluation, at least make it an honest advertisement so that no one has an unfair advantage. Public schools, public schools are not allowed to advertise, neither should a charter school. And if it does advertise, then it should at least say that it is the dollars coming from your property taxes.

Thank you, sir.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman, the majority whip, from Lancaster County, Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I understand the gentleman's concerns as to why he would have offered the amendment. Unfortunately, I think that it is fatally flawed. As drafted, it only applies to charter entities, and I would simply point that out. And my home county, as I am sure is probably the same case for many of you, our career and technology centers are a public school.

Our seniors can go there. We pay a prorated basis to send our students there to learn valuable life skills. And I believe this would unfairly single out charter schools while allowing our CTC, the career and technology center, to continue advertising. I pulled up the Web site right here on the House floor. Mr. Speaker, both schools are funded by tax dollars. I think it is only appropriate that we allow them to continue advertising the different services that they can offer the students, and we need to ensure that protection is in place.

I would urge a "no" vote on the gentleman's amendment.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative DeLuca.

Mr. DE LUCA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I was not listening to the argument, but then I heard the good gentleman from Westmoreland County mention the fact about Penn Hills advertising, and I just want to put it on the record why they are advertising, because I support the Sturla amendment, and I certainly believe the fact is we should not have this advertising. But the reason they are advertising is because of the charter schools bankrupting the Penn Hills School District, and we cannot sustain it. Our taxpayers, as a bedroom community, are getting killed by raising taxes. That is the only reason we are trying to advertise, to get more people back into the public schools.

So when you mention about the Penn Hills School District, you have to know why they are advertising. It has nothing to do, they certainly— They have not advertised in years, but since you have to know why they are advertising. It has nothing to do, but since one has an unfair advantage. Public schools, public schools are not allowed to advertise, neither should a charter school. And if it does advertise, then it should at least say that it is the dollars coming from your property taxes.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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On the question recurring.

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Mr. LONGIETTI offered the following amendment No. A00254:

Amend Bill, page 48, line 12, by striking out the period after "VI-
A" and inserting or except in the case of a cyber charter school established by a local board of school directors or an intermediate unit under section 1745-A(b.1).

Amend Bill, page 68, line 18, by striking out "1743-A(e)" and inserting 1743-A(a) and (e).

Amend Bill, page 68, line 19, by striking out "is" and inserting are
Amend Bill, page 68, by inserting between lines 21 and 22
(a) Special financial requirements prohibited.—A cyber charter school shall not:
(1) provide discounts to a school district or waive payments under section 1725-A for any student[,] except in the case of a school district identified for financial recovery status under Article VI-A or except in the case of a cyber charter school established by a local board of school directors or an intermediate unit under section 1745-A(b.1);
(2) except as provided for in subsection (e), provide payments to parents or guardians for the purchase of instructional materials; or
(3) except as compensation for the provision of specific services, enter into agreements to provide funds to a school entity.

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

The SPEAKER. The Speaker calls upon Representative Longietti.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This particular amendment deals with a part of the bill that talks about whether or not a cyber charter school can provide a discount on tuition. Right now it is driven out by a formula that looks at school district expenditures, and the only exception currently in the bill that would allow a discount is for those that are in financial recovery, for those school districts.

My amendment would broaden that, and what it would do is it would allow a cyber charter school that is organized—

The SPEAKER. Sir, please suspend for just a second.

Members, please give Representative Longietti an opportunity to explain his amendment, amendment 254.

Proceed, sir.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My amendment would simply allow for a discount to be given, to be offered by a cyber charter school that is organized by a school district or school districts or an intermediate unit. And we have seen this, we have actually had folks from some school districts and intermediate units who have organized a cyber charter school frustrated because they say the cost of them delivering their service is significantly less than what the formula provides for, and they are perplexed because they do not know what to do with the extra money and they want to charge a lower tuition. They would like to refund that money back to the sending school districts, but they are not able to, and this bill actually would specifically prohibit them from doing that. It just seems to me that we should be allowing, in this case, a charter school, to save the taxpayer dollars and have a discount that reflects their true cost.

I would also note that the language of my amendment also picks up an omission that is in the bill in chief. The bill in chief does allow a discount, as I mentioned, for those schools in financial recovery status, but later in the bill, it failed – on page 68 – it failed to pick up that language that is currently in law that prohibits discounts. And so in my amendment it corrects that, and also adds in the discount available for those schools, the cyber charter schools that want to offer a discount that are organized by a school district or an IU.

So it makes an important correction in the underlying bill, and also does what I explained. So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. BARBIN. I rise in support of this amendment. In my city, Johnstown, where we have lost over $2 million over the last 2 years in State funding, they have cybers that they operate inside the schools at a cost of about $3600.

We pay on average now, through our system of allowing whatever money comes in from State and local purposes to a cyber school, it now averages about $14,000. The good gentleman has come up with a way to say, maybe there is a better way to lessen the amount of money that we have to pay out of the $9 billion we have for public education to get it closer to the cost or to allow people to compete that can provide the same services at a lower cost.

There is nothing wrong with this amendment. This is what every taxpayer in Pennsylvania expects us to do. We should support this amendment.

Someday, we are actually going to have the most effective way to provide cyber school services to the public school, and that day will come when the best schools that we have, our State-relateds, put together the cyber curriculums at a cost of one-tenth of what we are spending today. Until that day, I ask everyone to at least allow the IU units to provide cyber curriculum at the lowest possible cost.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
(MATTHEW E. BAKER) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Reese.

Mr. Reese. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the amendment. Mr. Speaker, most school districts and IUs do not operate cyber charter schools. They have cyber charter programs, and I think that is appropriate and fitting, but because of that distinction, I do not believe this amendment to be necessary; therefore, I urge a “no” vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. ROEBUCK offered the following amendment No. A00267:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by striking out "and" where it occurs the first time

Amend Bill, page 1, line 10, by striking out the period after "provisions" and inserting

; and, in reimbursements by Commonwealth and between school districts, further providing for approved reimbursable annual rental for leases of buildings or portions of buildings for charter school use.

Amend Bill, page 5, lines 7 through 14, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

"Educational management service provider" shall mean:

(1) The following:

(i) A for-profit or nonprofit education management organization.

(ii) A school design provider.

(3) An administrator or executive of an organization under subparagraph (i), including the organization's chief executive officer, business manager, or a person with whom a board of trustees of a charter school entity contracts to provide educational design, business services, comprehensive management or personnel functions or to implement a charter.

(2) The term shall not include a charter school foundation.

"Founder" shall mean an individual or entity that has established a charter school under section 1717-A, including one or more teachers who will teach at the proposed charter school, a parent or guardian of a student who will attend the charter school and a nonsectarian corporation not-for-profit.

Amend Bill, page 13, line 14, by striking out before "A"

"(12)"

Amend Bill, page 13, line 14, by inserting before "A"

"Commission."

A founder, a person who serves as an administrator or executive of an educational management service provider or an administrator for a charter school may not receive payment for an approved reimbursable annual rental for a lease of a building or a portion of a building for charter school use under section 2574.3.

(13) A charter school record produced, obtained or maintained by an educational management service provider for a charter school under a contract or agreement with a charter school must be readily available to the auditor and investigator and shall be subject to disclosure under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L. 6, No. 3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

Amend Bill, page 15, line 11, by striking out "1716-A(c)" and inserting

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Amend Bill, page 15, lines 12 and 13, by striking out "and the section is amended by adding subsections"

Amend Bill, page 15, line 14, by striking out all of said line and inserting

Section 1716-A. Powers of Board of Trustees.—(a) The board of trustees of a charter school shall have the authority to decide matters related to the operation of the school, including, but not limited to, budgeting, curriculum and operating procedures, subject to the school's charter. The board shall have the authority to employ, discharge and contract with necessary professional and nonprofessional employees subject to the school's charter and the provisions of this article.

(b) No member of a local board of school directors of a school entity shall serve on the board of trustees of a charter school that is located in the member's district.

Amend Bill, page 17, by inserting between lines 22 and 23

(1) A person who serves as a board of trustees member of a charter school may not receive payment for an approved reimbursable annual rental for a lease of a building or a portion of a building for charter school use under section 2574.3.

Amend Bill, page 30, line 22, by inserting after "Facilities.—(a) "

(1)

Amend Bill, page 30, by inserting between lines 26 and 27

(2) A charter school may not be located in a building owned by the charter school or a related nonprofit organization, charter school foundation or educational management service provider, including the educational management service provider's administrators or executives or family members of the educational management service provider's administrators or executives.

Amend Bill, page 76, by inserting between lines 7 and 8

Section 22. Section 2574.3 of the act, added June 22, 2001 (P.L. 530, No. 35), is amended to read:

Section 2574.3. Approved Reimbursable Annual Rental for Leases of Buildings or Portions of Buildings for Charter School Use.—

(a) For leases of buildings or portions of buildings for charter school use which have been approved by the Secretary of Education on or after July 1, 2001, the Department of Education shall calculate an approved reimbursable annual rental charge. Approved reimbursable annual rental for such approved leases of buildings or portions of
buildings for charter school use shall be the lesser of (i) the annual rental payable under the provisions of the approved lease agreement, or (ii) the product of the enrollment, as determined by the Department of Education, times one hundred sixty dollars ($160) for elementary schools, two hundred twenty dollars ($220) for secondary schools or two hundred seventy dollars ($270) for area vocational-technical schools. The Commonwealth shall pay annually for the school year 2001-2002 and each school year thereafter to each charter school which leases with the approval of the Department of Education buildings or portions of buildings for charter school use under these provisions an amount determined by multiplying the aid ratio of the charter school by the approved reimbursable annual rental.

(b) Nothing in this section shall require a charter school that has been converted from an existing public school under Article XVII-A to make rental payments to a school district.

(c) A charter school shall provide all of the following documentation in the charter school's application for funding under this section:

1. A copy of the signed lease agreement for the leased building.
2. A copy of the deed for the leased building.
3. The names of the board of trustees and administrators of the charter school.
4. If applicable, the names of the administrators or executives of the educational management service provider.
5. If the owner of the leased building is a nonprofit organization or a charter school foundation, the names of the board members of the nonprofit organization or a charter school foundation.
6. Charter schools may not apply for and the department may not authorize a charter lease reimbursement if the reimbursement is for a lease payment to any of the following:
   (1) An administrator of the charter school or a member of his immediate family or a business with which he or his immediate family is associated.
   (2) A trustee of the board of trustees of the charter school or a member of his immediate family or a business with which he or his immediate family is associated.
   (3) A founder or a member of his immediate family or a business with which he or his immediate family is associated.
   (4) An administrator or executive of the educational management service provider or a member of his immediate family or a business with which he or his immediate family is associated.
   (5) Another entity that has a financial interest, as defined in 65 Pa.C.S. § 1102 (relating to definitions), with the charter school entity, except for the lease agreement.

(e) The department shall seek reimbursement from a charter school for each inappropriate lease reimbursement within 60 days of the inappropriate lease reimbursement.

Amend Bill, page 76, line 8, by striking out "22" and inserting 23
Amend Bill, page 76, line 10, by striking out "23" and inserting 24

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the maker of the amendment, Mr. Roebuck, is recognized.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment would make clear that a person who serves as a founder, a trustee board member, or an administrator of a charter school as well as an administrator or executive of the educational management service provider of a charter school would not receive any payments for approved reimbursable annual rental for leases of buildings or portions of buildings for charter school use, and requires the Department of Education to seek reimbursement from any charter school for all inappropriate lease reimbursements.

I introduced legislation similar to this amendment last session in response to the concerns of lease overpayment to charter schools. Since December of 2012, audits by the Department of the Auditor General found that the Department of Education approved and paid $1.8 million in lease reimbursements to seven charter schools, despite questions about whether those reimbursements were allowed under the Public School Code and the Department of Education guidelines, specifically that State lease reimbursements to charter schools are prohibited for facilities owned by individuals or entities related to the school.

So far no corrective action has been taken by the Department of Education on the findings of the Auditor General's report on the $1.8 million in charter school lease overpayments. In fact, according to the Auditor General's Office, no corrective action by the Department of Education on a charter school lease issue related to property ownership has been taken since a charter school in Philadelphia was required to pay $225,000 in 2009-2010. That is 5 years ago.

The importance of clear legislative language regarding charter school lease payments is especially urgent given that lease overpayments are State payments from the same State budget line item that funds approved school construction and renovation projects. Unfortunately, there has been a moratorium on State reimbursements for school district projects, with over 203 approved projects by school districts still awaiting State funding – 203 approved State projects still awaiting State funding.

Unlike these school district projects, lease payments to charter schools must be paid by the department. The Auditor General noted in March 2013 that, and I quote: "If the improper lease reimbursement problem is more widespread among the state's 157 brick-and-mortar charter schools it could be siphoning millions of dollars away from other education priorities."

These education priorities include timely State payment of approved school district projects. If any of my colleagues have projects that have been approved and not paid, understand that the root of the problem is right here. This is the way to address that problem, in part. This is your opportunity to do what is right by your local school district to ensure that they get the money to which they are entitled and it is not allowed to be siphoned off in some nefarious way by those who would cheat the system for their own benefit.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Reese, on the Roebuck amendment.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the Roebuck amendment. The gentleman brings up a lot of concerns. These are things that we should be worried about, and it is a good thing that HB 530 addresses them.

HB 530, with respect to the Ethics Act, specifies that the Ethics Act applies to all charter school entity trustees and administrators and requires annual filings with the State Ethics Commission and the charter school entities authorize.

When dealing with conflicts of interest, HB 530 prohibits a charter school entity, trustee, or administrator from participating in the selection, award, or administration of a contract if the administrator has a conflict of interest subject to penalties imposed by the Ethics Commission.
So I respectfully oppose the amendment because I do not think it is very necessary given the language that is currently in HB 530.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

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

Mr. LONGIETTI offered the following amendment No. A00250:

Amend Bill, page 37, line 10, by inserting after “manner” and shall not be in violation of any applicable Federal or State law, regulation or agreement

Amend Bill, page 38, line 1, by striking out “budgeted” and inserting

actual expenditures at the end of the most recent fiscal year

Amend Bill, page 38, lines 3 and 4, by striking out “budgeted expenditures” and inserting

actual expenditures at the end of the most recent fiscal year

Amend Bill, page 38, line 14, by striking out “budgeted” and inserting

actual expenditures at the end of the most recent fiscal year

Amend Bill, page 38, line 26, by striking out “budgeted” and inserting

actual expenditures at the end of the most recent fiscal year

Amend Bill, page 40, line 14, by striking out the period after "(5)" and inserting

"(5)" and inserting actual expenditures at the end of the most recent fiscal year

but shall not exceed the actual cost of the educational services provided for each special education student. A resident school district may not pay out to charter schools or cyber charter schools an amount greater than it receives for special education in a school year.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Longietti.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment deals with special education tuition to charter schools, and it does a couple things. Number one, perhaps most importantly, is there can be situations, the way the bulk of special education money is now flowing – we did make some reforms in regard to new money through the Special Education Funding Commission, but the bulk of the money still flows according to the old system – there can be situations where a school district could actually pay in total, in aggregate, more money than the school district receives in total from the State for special education. And part of the reason that is is, for the bulk of the money, we assume that in every school district, they have 16 percent of their population is special education. There can be instances where that percentage is actually closer to 20 percent or higher. But when you assume that it is 16 percent, and you look at your overall special
budgeted expenditures, so my budget expenditures obviously the charter school, we base it upon budgeted, budgeted amounts, when we figure out what the school district is going to send to The other main thing that my amendment does is, currently when we figure out what the school district is going to send to the charter school, we base it upon budgeted, budgeted amounts, so my budget expenditures obviously are not, in many cases, what the actual expenditures end up being. And so my legislation would change that to actual expenditures for the most recent fiscal year so that we are dealing with actual numbers.

So those are the two reforms that my amendment would provide, and I think that it would provide a more accurate number by using actual expenditures. And also, it would ensure that there would not be a situation where a school district sends out more money in aggregate to a charter school for special education students than it actually receives from the State by placing that cap.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Reese, on the amendment.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to respectfully oppose the Longietti amendment. While I think I understand the logic and the attempt here, my concern is that we are going to have a funding commission that is going to be looking at this, and ultimately, if we put into statute today the actual expenditure language, we will arbitrarily limit the special education services a charter school or cyber charter school is able to provide.

I think we all know that that ultimately will lead to litigation, because if there is language in an IEP (individualized education program) that calls for certain services, if we try to limit those services that are being offered in the IEP because a family chooses another option for public schools, I think ultimately we will get ourselves into a little bit of trouble.

So because of that, I respectfully request a "no" vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Kortz, on the amendment.

Mr. KORTZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of amendment A00250. The good gentleman explained the case for this, and he is right on point. In my district, we do have a special exception, though, I want to relay to the members. Back in 2008 the Department of Education shut down the Duquesne school, the high school, and they sent most of the children to West Mifflin High School, and some did go to East Allegheny. Of the 170 students that are there, approximately 22 percent have been put into special education. Now, the Department of Ed is giving the West Mifflin School District $10,500 per student currently. And the students that are in special education, they said, "Too bad; you West Mifflin taxpayers have to foot the bill." It is $23,000, roughly, for the special education kids. There are about 35 students that are in that, so you multiply that times the $13,000 that the taxpayers have to put out for the Duquesne kids, and we are talking almost a half a million dollars.

Mr. Speaker, that is unfair. We need this amendment. I would ask the members to please vote for this.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Longietti, for the second time on his amendment.

Mr. LONGIETTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Well, I certainly want to clarify the remarks from the good gentleman, the maker of the bill. The first thing that we do in the amendment is we make it crystal clear that it shall not be in violation of any applicable Federal or State law regulation or agreement. So we have already provided for that unique situation if it were to come up in regard to any IEP.

So given that, I am not sure why we would not want to base the tuition amount on actual expenditures and why we would want school districts to pay more than they receive in total from the State. I am not sure why we would do that would, and so that is why I offer the amendment, and I encourage members to vote for the amendment to address those particular issues.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Reese, for the second time on the amendment.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And, Mr. Speaker, I certainly want to be clear on this point. I know the gentleman's intentions are absolutely the best. My concern still is that there will be litigation if this passes and becomes a part of HB 530; therefore, I respectfully ask for a "no" vote. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

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

Mr. MULLERY offered the following amendment No. A00247:

Amend Bill, page 39, line 8, by striking out “during the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years only,”

Amend Bill, page 76, lines 8 and 9, by striking out all of said lines

Amend Bill, page 76, line 10, by striking out “23” and inserting “22”

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

The SPEAKER pro temore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Mullery, is recognized.

Mr. MULLERY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment simply deletes the sunset date of 2 years for the cyber charter school funding formula change that will reduce school district payments to cyber charter schools. In short, in the current bill for school years 2015-16 and 2016-17, payments made by our school districts for food service costs and cyber charter school tuition for the previous year will be deducted from the school funding formula.

The reason is simple. These are payments for services not rendered by the cyber charter school; in fact, these are services that will never be rendered by the cyber charter school. As such, there is no reason for the sunset. We need to make this funding formula change permanent. And for those reasons I ask support for amendment A00247.

The SPEAKER pro temore. On that question, the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Mr. Reese, on the amendment.

Mr. REESE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the maker of the amendment. Respectfully, I oppose that amendment. HB 530 was carefully negotiated, and ultimately, the sunset provision is necessary to get everybody on the table for the funding commission, bring them there in good faith to actually come up with a formula to fund our cyber schools.

So while I certainly appreciate what the gentleman is offering, at this point I request a “no” vote on the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro temore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

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

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Boyle     DeLuca    Keller, W. Rozzi
Bradford  Dermody   Kim      Sabatina
Briggs    Donatucci Kinsey  Sainato

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—4

Kotik     Mustio    O'Brien  Ross

The SPEAKER pro temore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Roebuck, is recognized.

Mr. ROEBUCK offered the following amendment No. A00266:

Amend Bill, page 38, line 21, by inserting after "services: " athletic funds and school-sponsored extracurricular activities set up in accordance with section 511; nonpublic school programs and services; tuition to Pennsylvania charter schools for educational services provided to students attending the charter school; programs and services to the extent they are funded from Federal funds; programs and services to the extent they are funded from the proceeds of competitive grants from private or public sources or from contributions or donations from private sources;

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

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

The SPEAKER pro temore. On that question, the gentleman, Mr. Roebuck, is recognized.

Mr. ROEBUCK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am withdrawing that amendment.

The SPEAKER pro temore. The Chair thanks the gentleman. The amendment is withdrawn.
service career and technology programs from the calculated tuition payments to a charter school entity.

By coincidence, I believe, my colleague across the aisle, the majority whip, talked about support for career and technology schools—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman please suspend.

There is nothing in order but the taking of the suspension issue, first and foremost.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Thank you, Mr. Sturla.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On the question of suspension, the Chair recognizes the majority leader, Mr. Reed.

Mr. REED. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We would respectfully ask the members to vote "no" on suspending the rules. Thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

Mr. Sturla.

Mr. STURLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I encourage a "yes" vote. Currently school districts spend, in many cases, as we heard in the Education Funding Commission, tens of thousands of dollars extra per student to send them to career and technology schools, something we all should support. But then that should not be used against those school districts when it comes to the calculation for charter school costs, because as the charter schools freely admitted at that hearing, they do not offer career and technology opportunities for their students.

So this is about one school district being charged for something another school entity does not do.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the motion?

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Less than the majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Mr. Sturla, it is my understanding that you would like to make a motion to suspend the rules for consideration of an amendment.

Mr. STURLA. Yes, Mr. Speaker. If I could, I would like to move to suspend the rules for the taking up of amendment 298. This amendment would eliminate additional noninstructional
Less than a majority of the members required by the rules having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the negative and the motion was not agreed to.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is under the understanding that all other amendments have been withdrawn. The Chair thanks the members.

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

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

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

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Kotik Mustio O’Brien Ross
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.

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The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 73, PN 64, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for counseling of sexually violent predators.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

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–198

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NAYS–0
NOT VOTING–0
EXCUSED–0

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 186, PN 178, entitled:

An Act amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.882, No.111), known as the Crime Victims Act, further providing for victims' rights.

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

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

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:

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Emrick Kim Rader Speaker
THE SPEAKER (MIKE TURZAI) PRESIDING

The SPEAKER. They are so submitted.

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to thank my colleagues for their support of HB 186. I would also like to thank Chairman Marsico and committee staff for their assistance drafting and moving this legislation forward.

HB 186 amends the Pennsylvania Crime Victims Act to enhance a victim's right to be present during a criminal trial. Mr. Speaker, this issue was initially brought to my attention by the Delaware County Women Against Rape organization.

HB 186 amends section 201 of the Crime Victims Act to establish that a crime victim has a right to not be excluded from a criminal proceeding unless the court, based on the record before it, determines that the victim's testimony would be considerably altered if the victim heard additional testimony at the proceeding.

I would like to thank the PA Office of the Victim Advocate, the PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the PA District Attorneys Association for their support of this bill.

HB 186 ensures crime victims are granted the justice, healing, and safety they deserve.

Thank you again for your support of this significant piece of legislation.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of HB 446, PN 490, entitled:

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for a mandatory period of probation for certain sexual offenders.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

(Bill analysis was read.)

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

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:

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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.

**BILL REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED FIRST TIME, AND TABLED**

**HB 472, PN 587**  
By Rep. METCALFE

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, providing for spending limitations on the Commonwealth.

**STATE GOVERNMENT.**

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**RULES COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

The SPEAKER. The Speaker submits for the record the following members appointed to the Rules Committee:

Dave Reed, Majority Chairman  
William Adolph  
Matthew Baker  
Bryan Cutler  
Brian Ellis  
Eli Evankovich  
Matt Gabler  
Mauree Gingrich  
Robert Godshall  
Adam Harris  
Lee James  
Rob Kauffman  
John Lawrence  
Tina Pickett  
Mike Reese  
Tarah Toohil  
Mike Turzai  
Kathy Watson  
Frank Dermody, Minority Chairman  
Michael Hanna  
Joseph Markosek  
Dan Frankel  
Rosita Youngblood  
Michael Sturla  
Neal Goodman  
Paul Costa  
Cherelle Parker  
Stephen Kinsey  
Mike Carroll  
Florindo Fabrizio  
John Sabatina  
Dom Costa  
Patrick Harkins

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**BILL RECOMMENDED**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:

HB 140;  
HB 164;  
HB 188; and  
HB 530.

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

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**BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE**

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the majority leader, who moves that the following bills be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar:

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HB  57;
HB  66;
HB  315;
HB  319; and
HB  568.

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

COMMITTEE MEETING POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman from Bucks County, Representative O'Neill, the Finance chair, is called upon.
Mr. O'NEILL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Speaker, tomorrow morning's Finance informational meeting has been canceled and postponed until April 14, just to remind everybody in the Finance Committee that it has been postponed tomorrow morning and we will reconvene on April 14. Thank you.
The SPEAKER. Thank you, sir.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The good lady, the House majority caucus chair, Representative Major, is called upon for an announcement.
Ms. MAJOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
I would like to announce Republicans will caucus tomorrow morning, that is Tuesday morning, at 10. I would ask our Republican members to please report to our caucus room on Tuesday morning at 10. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The SPEAKER. Thank you.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman from Allegheny County, the minority caucus chair, Mr. Frankel.
Mr. FRANKEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Democrats will also caucus at 10 tomorrow morning. Democrats will caucus at 10 tomorrow morning. Thank you.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The good gentleman, Mr. Kaufer, moves that the House be adjourned until Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 11 a.m., e.s.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to, and at 4:47 p.m., e.s.t., the House adjourned.